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Local Markets

Kenyan shilling is expected to hold steady against the US dollar. The shilling's stability is attributed to support by robust diaspora remittances, healthy foreign exchange reserves and managed import demand.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 129.70/130.10

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD / KES	129.80	130.20			
GBP / KES	171.14	172.00	GBP / USD	1.3241	1.3281
EUR / KES	142.17	143.60	EUR / USD	1.1044	1.1100
INR / KES		1.3925	USD / INR	93.55	93.45
			AUD / USD	0.6774	0.6066
			Commodities		
			Gold	3,839.73	3978.67
			Brent Crude	95.46	91.71

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous
91 Days	8.7448	8.7500
182 Days	8.8372	8.8450
364 Days	9.0098	9.0282
KES Inflation	6.68%	5.59%
Kes CBR	8.75%	8.75%
FED Rate	3.75%	3.75%
ECB Rate	2.25%	2.00%
BOE Rate	3.75%	3.75%
RBI Rate	5.25%	5.25%

Top News

Oil: Oil prices fell on Monday on expectations of a supply surplus as shipments from the Middle East through the Strait of Hormuz have been nearly restored to pre-war levels and the US took steps to support moving fuel cargoes between domestic ports.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asian stocks fell on Monday, led by Taiwan and South Korea, as renewed doubts over the AI trade and Nvidia's leadership unsettled technology shares ahead of the chipmaker's results. Weak Chinese data and Japan's first economic contraction in a year added pressure.

International Markets

Oil: Oil prices extended declines on Wednesday as investors eyed improved Gulf supply after Saudi Arabia restarted operations at a critical pipeline. Hopes for a diplomatic solution to the US-Iran war also weighed on prices.

USD:The U.S. dollar took out a fresh 19-month high on Friday and was headed for its strongest week since mid-September. Greenback's rally has been sparked by a sharp rise in Federal Reserve interest rate expectations.

GBP: Bank of England (BoE) Chief Economist Huw Pill said over the weekend that additional rate hikes are needed to combat inflation. Pill added that he expects further rises to be necessary in 2027, over and above the increase at the next meeting on December 17.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair trades with a negative bias for the fifth straight day, hitting a fresh low since May 2025, around the 1.1015 region, during the Asian session on Monday. Moreover, a strong US Dollar (USD) bullish undertone suggests that the path of least resistance for spot prices is to the downside.

INR: The rupee rose 6 paise to 94.13 against the US dollar in early trade on Monday amid declining crude oil prices and positive domestic markets.

Source: Reuters.

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