

DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenyan shilling was stable on Friday after hitting a fresh all-time low a day earlier but was expected weaken due to persisting dollar demand from companies preparing to pay dividends their shareholders outside the country.

Commercial banks quoted the shilling at 114.10/30, the same as Thursday's close. That level is a new record low.

In other news in the market, Majority of large companies comprising the NSE 20 Share Index are undervalued as their earnings growth outpaces their share prices that have stagnated or declined, offering investors potential gains once the market undergoes a correction.

Analysts at Sterling Capital say that the projected earnings jump in the 2021 financial year will push down the average price to earnings (P/E) ratio of the 20 constituent firms to a historic low of 7.1 times, considering the depressed share prices at the bourse.

Indicative Forex Rates

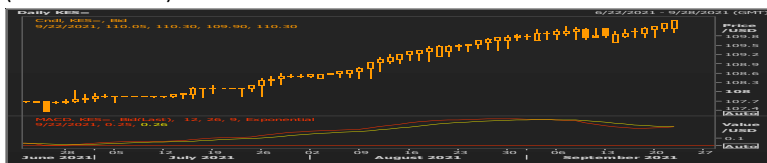
	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	110.70	117.70	112.20	117.20
GBP/KES	144.69	152.69	144.39	153.09
EUR/KES	120.26	128.16	121.06	128.56
AED/KES	29.59	32.59	29.09	33.09

Money Rates	Market	Current	Previous	Change
Interbank Rate		4.480%	4.680%	-0.200
91-Day T-bill		7.206%	7.265%	-0.059
182-Day T-Bill		8.032%	8.063%	-0.031
364-Day T-Bill		9.771%	9.774%	-0.003
Inflation		5.080%	5.390%	-0.310
CBR RATE		7.000%	7.000%	0.000

Source; Central Bank of Kenya)

LIBOR Rates	USD	JPY	GBP
6 Months	1.04486	0.03960	1.49620
12 months	1.48657	-	-

(Source: Reuters)



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar was up on Monday morning in Asia. The Japanese yen hit a fresh five-year low as a slew of central banks prepare to hand down their policy decisions throughout the week.

The U.S. Dollar Index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies inched up 0.06% to 99.245 by 11:21 PM ET (3:21 AM GMT). The dollar index contract rolled over to the June 22 contract on Mar. 13.

The USD/JPY pair gained 0.48% to 117.84.

Elsewhere the yen slid to a new five-year low on Monday, ahead of a bumper week of central bank meetings around the world which will almost certainly reaffirm the Bank of Japan's position as one of the last dovish central banks standing.

Also weighing on the yen and fellow haven the Swiss franc, were hopes for progress in Russian-Ukraine peace talks, after the U.S. Deputy Secretary of State said Russia is showing signs it might be willing to have substantive negotiations over Ukraine.

In the commodities market, Oil prices shed as much as \$4 a barrel on Monday, extending last week's decline as diplomatic efforts to end the war in Ukraine were stepped up and markets braced for higher U.S. rates.

Brent crude futures were last down by \$3.05 or 2.7% at \$109.62 a barrel at 0351 GMT on Monday.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures eased \$3.10 or 2.8% to \$106.23 a barrel.

Both contracts have surged since Russia's Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine and are up roughly 40% for the year to date.

Indicative Profit Rates on Deposits		
	Amounts > 10 million	Amounts >100,000
	KES	USD
2 Weeks	6.00%	0.25%
1 Month	6.25%	0.50%
3 Months	6.50%	0.75%
6 Months	6.75%	1.00%
1 year	7.00%	1.25%

Indicative Cross Rates		
	Bid	Offer
EUR/USD	1.0572	1.1359
GBP/USD	1.3123	1.3949
USD/AED	3.6432	3.6324
USD/JPY	111.21	117.75