



DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenya shilling hit a new all-time low on Tuesday and is expected even to weaken further due to increase in demand from oil companies and general importers. Commercial banks quoted the shilling at 114.40/60 per dollar compared to Monday's close of 114.35/55.

In the consumer commodity markets locally the retail price of sugar remains high despite an increase in local production of the commodity and continued imports to cover the domestic deficit. Sugar prices on the shelves are retailing at between Sh250 and Sh260 for a two-kilogramme packet depending on the brand, which is higher than the Sh230 that the same quantity fetched in December.

Sugar production meanwhile jumped 11.7 percent to 64,839 tonnes in January compared to 58,044 tonnes in the same month last year. Imports in January stood at 18,000 tonnes, helping to supplement the increased local production.

Indicative Forex Rates

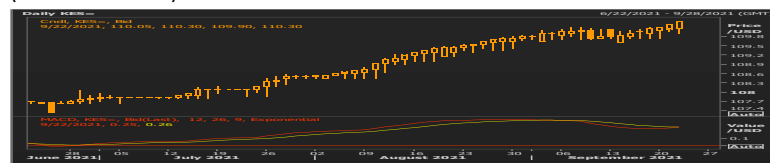
	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	111.05	118.05	112.55	117.55
GBP/KES	148.13	156.13	147.83	156.53
EUR/KES	121.94	129.84	122.74	130.24
AED/KES	29.69	32.69	29.19	33.19

Money Rates	Market	Current	Previous	Change
Interbank Rate		4.22%	4.27%	-0.050
91-Day T-bill		7.252%	7.206%	0.046
182-Day T-Bill		8.093%	8.032%	0.061
364-Day T-Bill		9.763%	9.771%	0.080
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	1.33614	0.04267	1.41330
12 months	1.86814	-	-

(Source: Reuters)



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar was up on Wednesday morning in Asia while the Australian dollar minimized losses with the Japanese yen continuing with its slide, as investors slowly turn to riskier assets and climbing commodity prices continue to drive market movements. The U.S. Dollar Index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies inched up 0.01% to 98.530 by 12:21 AM ET (4:21 AM GMT). The USD/JPY pair was up 0.28% to 121.13.

The Australian dollar hit its highest level since December 2015 versus the yen and has gained 8% in March to date. It hit a four-and-a-half month high in early trade, after gaining 0.95% overnight. The yen fell to as low as 121.4 per dollar, with the greenback gaining 1.1% on the Japanese currency overnight.

In the commodities market Oil prices are up this morning as a reported drop in U.S. crude inventories increased concerns about tight global supplies amid the hit to Russian exports from economic sanctions. Brent crude futures climbed \$1.77, or 1.53%, to \$117.25 a barrel at 0443 GMT, after falling 14 cents in the previous session. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures rose \$1.51, or 1.38%, to \$110.78 a barrel, after losing 36 cents on Tuesday.

The market remains on edge over the prospect of further sanctions on Russia, the world's second-largest crude exporter, after its invasion of Ukraine, actions that Moscow calls a "special operation". Gold was down on Wednesday morning in Asia, holding steady as the ongoing war in Ukraine supported demand for the safe-haven yellow metal. However, calls from U.S. Federal Reserve policymakers to quicken interest rates weighed on market sentiment. Gold futures inched down 0.02% to \$1,921.20 by 1:06 AM ET (5:06 AM GMT)

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	1.0523	1.1333
GBP/USD	1.3011	1.3998
USD/AED	3.6423	3.6333
USD/JPY	114.27	119.27