



**DOMESTIC NEWS**

Kenya shilling was unchanged against the dollar amid slim trading volumes on Friday. Commercial banks quoted the shillings at 118.50/70 per dollar same as Thursday's close.

In other local news, Economists see Kenya's economy expanding by at least five percent this year, marking the highest growth in an election year since the return of the multi-party-political system more than 30 years ago.

Weeks to the August 9 polls, a monthly consensus outlook from 15 world-leading banks, consultancies and think-tanks has upgraded Kenya's growth forecast by 0.2 percentage points despite cost-of-living crisis.

The economic forecasts, collected between July 12-19 by Barcelona-based Focus Economics, project a consensus growth of 5.4 percent from 5.2 percent a month ago, barring violence from fallout arising from the election outcome.

**Indicative Forex Rates**

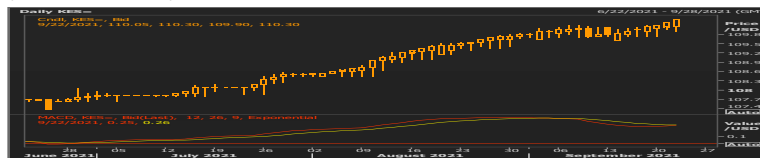
	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	115.20	129.70	115.70	126.70
GBP/KES	138.13	157.63	137.33	152.13
EUR/KES	116.17	142.07	116.47	135.07
AED/KES	28.32	44.32	30.32	37.88

Money Market Rates	Current	Previous	Change
Interbank Rate	5.200%	5.320%	0.120
91-Day T-bill	8.322%	8.248%	0.074
182-Day T-Bill	9.393%	9.305%	0.088
364-Day T-Bill	9.968%	9.986%	0.018
Inflation	7.910%	7.080%	0.830
CBR RATE	7.500%	7.000%	0.500

Source; Central Bank of Kenya)

LIBOR Rates	USD	JPY	GBP
6 Months	3.32286	0.04823	2.45390
12 months	3.81429	-	-

(Source: Reuters)



**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

The dollar was on a firm footing on Monday, as traders braced for a sharp U.S. interest rate hike this week and looked for safety as data points to a weakening global economy.

The greenback was up slightly against most majors in the Asia session, trading at \$1.0208 on the euro and steady Friday losses to buy 136.26 Japanese yen. The U.S. Federal Reserve concludes a two-day meeting on Wednesday and markets are priced for a 75-basis-point (bp) rate hike, with about a 9% chance of a 100 bp hike.

In the commodities market, Oil prices dropped on Monday, extending a recent losing streak on concerns that an expected rise in U.S. interest rates would weaken fuel demand.

Brent crude futures for September settlement had fallen 67 cents, or 0.7%, to \$102.53 a barrel by 0421 GMT, down for a fourth day.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures for September delivery slid 77 cents, or 0.8%, to \$93.93 a barrel, also down for a fourth day. Both gave up early gains.

On the other hand, Gold was down on Monday morning in Asia while investors braced for a 75-basis-point interest rate hike by the U.S. Federal Reserve this week.

Gold futures edged down 0.16% to \$1,724.55 by 12:25 AM ET (4:25 AM GMT). Gold prices have dropped more than \$350, or 16% since scaling above the \$2,000-per-ounce level in early March due to the Fed's aggressive rate hikes and the dollar's rally.

The dollar which normally moves inversely to gold, inched down on Monday morning, while the benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasury yields hovered near eight-week lows.

**Indicative Profit Rates on Deposits**

	Amounts > 10 million	Amounts >100,000
	KES	USD
2 Weeks	6.00%	0.35%
1 Month	6.55%	0.55%
3 Months	7.00%	0.80%
6 Months	7.50%	1.25%
1 year	8.00%	1.75%

**Indicative Cross Rates**

	Bid	Offer
	EUR/USD	0.9989
GBP/USD	1.1761	1.2110
USD/AED	3.6528	3.6931
USD/JPY	134.40	138.25