



DOMESTIC NEWS

Kenya shilling was a little changed on Wednesday and traders said it was expected to weaken further after hitting a fresh all time low as dollar demand from all sectors outmatched a scarce inflow. Commercial banks quoted the shillings at 116.55/75 per dollar compared to Tuesday's close 116.50/70.

In the local market news on commodities, Millers have snubbed maize imports on the back of high landing cost for the produce and a shorter window provided for shipping the commodity, a move that will likely subject consumers to higher cost of flour.

Processors argue that currently they can only get good stocks of non-Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) maize in Mexico, and it will take at least 45 days for the first consignment to arrive after orders have been placed.

Indicative Forex Rates

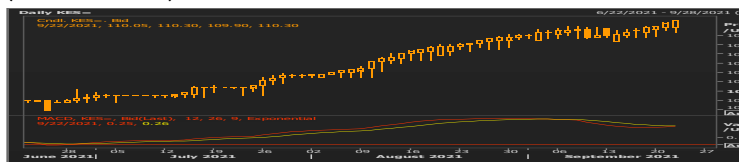
	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	113.15	123.15	114.65	122.65
GBP/KES	142.71	155.71	142.41	152.21
EUR/KES	120.33	134.23	121.13	131.73
AED/KES	30.26	36.26	29.76	37.26

Money Rates	Market	Current	Previous	Change
Interbank Rate		4.64%	4.380%	0.260
91-Day T-bill		7.758%	7.683%	0.075
182-Day T-Bill		8.832%	8.722%	0.110
364-Day T-Bill		9.879%	9.860%	0.019
Inflation		6.500%	5.560%	0.940
CBR RATE		7.000%	7.000%	0.000

Source; Central Bank of Kenya)

LIBOR Rates	USD	JPY	GBP
6 Months	2.07114	0.03281	1.76880
12 months	2.68886	-	-

(Source: Reuters)



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar was down on Thursday morning in Asia, with the safe-haven asset remaining near a one-month low. Investor risk appetite improved after the minutes from the U.S. Federal Reserve's last meeting confirmed the potential for a pause in rate hikes after two more half-point increases in June and July 2022. The U.S. Dollar Index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies inched down 0.06% to 101.83 by 12:39 AM ET (4:39 AM GMT).

The dollar index consolidated around the 102.03 mark after Wednesday's Fed minutes saw a short-lived bounce immediately afterward. However, the bounce died down as the Asian session opened, with some investors saying that there were few surprises in the minutes. U.S. shares climbed overnight, while long-term Treasury yields held steady.

In the commodities Market, Oil prices rose on Thursday, extending a cautious rally this week on signs of tight supply while the European Union (EU) wrangles with Hungary over plans to ban imports from Russia, the world's second-largest crude exporter, after it invaded Ukraine.

Brent crude futures for July settlement gained 40 cents, or 0.35%, to \$114.43 a barrel at 0412 GMT. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures for July delivery climbed 55 cents, or 0.5%, to \$110.88 a barrel.

On the other hand, gold was up on Thursday morning in Asia, while U.S. Treasury yields gained. The Federal Reserve's minutes from its last meeting also showed the central bank was unlikely to be more aggressive on interest rate hikes.

Gold futures edged up 0.14% to \$1,848.96 by 12:15 AM ET (4:15 AM GMT). Gold cut some dollar strength-driven losses after Wednesday's Fed minutes suggested the central bank would raise interest rates by 50 basis points in June and July 2022 to combat inflation, which has become a key threat to the economy's performance.

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	1.0474	1.0879
GBP/USD	1.2362	1.2735
USD/AED	3.6426	3.6926
USD/JPY	125.05	130.05