



DOMESTIC NEWS

Kenya Shilling slightly eased against the dollar on Tuesday as all sectors of the economy sought dollars to fulfill month end obligations amid a paucity of supply. Commercial banks quoted the shilling at 121.00/20 per dollar same as Fridays close.

In other news, Kenya's tea earnings grew by Sh9 billion in seven months to July helped by higher value per unit and a weak shilling that offset a sharp drop in imports by the country's top buyers of the beverage.

Data from the Tea Directorate shows that earnings in the review period expanded to Sh80 billion when compared with the Sh71 billion recorded in the corresponding season last year.

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Indicative Forex Rates

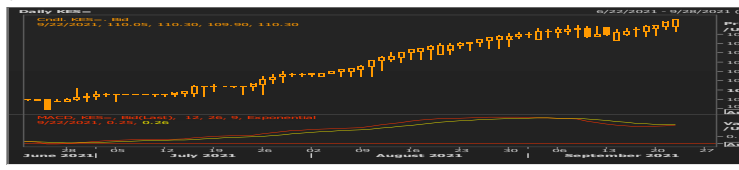
	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	117.75	128.25	117.25	127.75
GBP/KES	134.95	154.45	134.15	148.95
EUR/KES	115.94	141.84	116.24	134.84
AED/KES	29.01	39.01	31.01	38.51

Money Rates	Market	Current	Previous	Change
Interbank Rate		4.960%	5.150%	0.190
91-Day T-bill		9.100%	9.058%	0.042
182-Day T-Bill		9.664%	9.656%	0.008
364-Day T-Bill		9.928%	9.910%	0.018
Inflation		9.200%	8.530%	0.670
CBR RATE		7.500%	8.250%	0.750

Source; Central Bank of Kenya)

LIBOR Rates	USD	JPY	GBP
6 Months	4.87700	0.04761	4.16500
12 months	5.36600	-	-

(Source: Reuters



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sterling rallied to a six-week high on Tuesday on improved risk sentiment as Rishi Sunak became Britain's prime minister, while the dollar fell to a three-week low as weakening U.S. economic data cooled expectations on the pace of future U.S. rate hikes.

The potential for foreign exchange volatility is elevated this week, with central banks in the euro zone and Canada expected to hike rates by 75 basis points, and the Bank of Japan set to maintain ultra-low interest rates to support its fragile economy.

Sterling surged to its strongest level since Sept. 15, and was last up 1.66% at \$1.147, but currency strategists expect the pound's climb to be short-lived.

In the US the Fed is expected to raise rates by 75 basis points for a fourth-straight time at its Nov. 1-2 meeting.

The dollar index, which measures the greenback against six major peers, was down 0.822% at 110.94 at 3:10 p.m. EDT (1910 GMT).

In the commodities market, Oil prices eased on Wednesday after industry data showed U.S. crude stockpiles rose more than expected, but losses were capped by supply worries. Brent crude futures for December fell 72 cents, or 0.8%, to \$92.80 a barrel by 0330 GMT, after settling 26 cents higher in the previous session. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures for December were down 48 cents, or 0.6%, to \$84.84, reversing the previous session's gain.

Gold prices hovered near key support levels on Wednesday, while copper prices fell further as concerns over China and weak economic data soured the demand outlook for the industrial metal. Metal markets took little support from a weakening US Dollar Index, as concerns over a slowdown in most major economies sapped appetite. The prospect of a sharp interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve next month also kept traders on edge.

Spot gold fell 0.1% to \$1,651.76 an ounce, while gold futures fell 0.1% to \$1,655.85 an ounce by 19:37 ET (23:37 GMT). Both instruments rose slightly on Tuesday but were pinned to \$1,650- a closely watched support level.

In the commodities market, Indicative Profit Rates on Deposits

	Amounts > 10 million	Amounts >100,000
	KES	USD
2 Weeks	6.00%	1.00%
1 Month	6.55%	1.75%
3 Months	7.00%	2.25%
6 Months	7.50%	3.00%
1 year	8.00%	3.75%

Indicative Cross Rates

	Bid	Offer
EUR/USD	0.9699	1.0109
GBP/USD	1.1095	1.1490
USD/AED	3.6630	3.6832
USD/JPY	146.75	150.75