

DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenya shilling was stable on Tuesday but dollar demand from the energy and manufacturing sectors were expected to continue exerting weakening pressure on the local unit. Commercial banks quoted the shillings at 115.70/90

In other local news, Investors on the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) have seen their paper wealth decline by Sh51 billion since the start of this month as foreign investors continued to flee the market. The market capitalization opened at Sh2.43 trillion in April and had dropped to Sh2.37 trillion as of Tuesday. Russia's invasion of Ukraine, profit-taking and the upcoming Kenyan General Election are among the factors contributing to the market selloff. Big companies that dominate the NSE in terms of market capitalizations are among the counters that registered significant share price declines over the review period.

Indicative Forex Rates

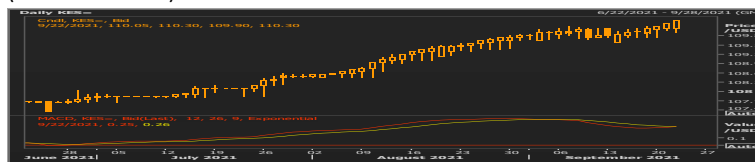
	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	112.25	119.25	113.75	118.75
GBP/KES	141.78	149.78	141.48	150.18
EUR/KES	118.89	126.79	119.69	127.19
AED/KES	30.01	33.01	29.51	33.51

Money Market Rates	Current	Previous	Change
Interbank Rate	4.680%	4.660%	0.020
91-Day T-bill	7.448%	7.424%	0.024
182-Day T-Bill	8.373%	8.315%	0.058
364-Day T-Bill	9.755%	9.745%	0.010
Inflation	5.560%	5.080%	0.480
CBR RATE	7.000%	7.000%	0.000

Source; Central Bank of Kenya)

LIBOR Rates	USD	JPY	GBP
6 Months	1.81871	0.03255	1.66830
12 months	2.55171	-	-

(Source: Reuters)



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar was up on Wednesday morning in Asia, at its highest level since the COVID-19 pandemic began and set for its best month since 2015. The prospect of aggressive interest rate hikes in the U.S., and a move towards safe-haven assets thanks to slowing economic growth in China and Europe, also gave the U.S. currency a boost.

The U.S. Dollar Index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies inched up 0.02% to 102.335 by 11:35 PM ET (3:35 AM GMT). The U.S. currency was near its overnight high of 102.37, its strongest level since March 2020.

The euro, meanwhile, fell below its COVID-19 lows to \$1.0635 in early trade, or a five-year low. Concerns are growing about energy security and economic growth in Europe after Russia's Gazprom said it would halt gas supplies to Poland and Bulgaria later in the day.

In the commodities market, Oil prices extended gains in early Asian trade on Wednesday amid simmering geopolitical tensions as Russia cut gas supplies to Poland, while hopes of Chinese economic stimulus buoyed the demand outlook.

Brent crude futures rose 44 cents, or 0.4%, to \$105.43 a barrel by 0418 GMT. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures gained 12 cents, or 0.1%, to \$101.82 a barrel. Crude prices settled about 3% higher on Tuesday in volatile trade as the market is torn between supply and demand concerns over Russian oil and gas disruption and a worsening global economic outlook.

Gold was down on Wednesday morning in Asia, with the dollar consolidating at its highest level in more than two years and pressuring demand for the greenback-priced yellow metal. Gold futures were down 0.36% to \$1,897.30 by 12:46 AM ET (4:46 AM GMT)

Indicative Profit Rates on Deposits		
	Amounts > 10 million	Amounts >100,000
	KES	USD
2 Weeks	6.55%	0.35%
1 Month	6.75%	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	1.0080	1.1410
GBP/USD	1.2075	1.3380
USD/AED	3.6140	3.6945
USD/JPY	123.50	132.00