



DOMESTIC NEWS

Kenya shilling held firm on Wednesday but remained squeezed by dollar demand from fuel importers and the manufacturing sector amid a shortfall in supply from remittances and tea exporters. Commercial banks quoted the shillings at 116.90/117.10 per dollar same as Tuesday close.

In other local news in the market, Day trading, in which people buy and sell shares multiple times in a day, now accounts for two percent of market activity according to the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE).

The service was introduced in November last year to allow investors and speculators to make several trades in a day with the potential to make a profit from price changes.

Previously, shares bought could not be sold on the same day and one had to wait until the transaction is cleared. The introduction of day trading is meant to give more options to traders and investors besides boosting liquidity in the market.

Indicative Forex Rates

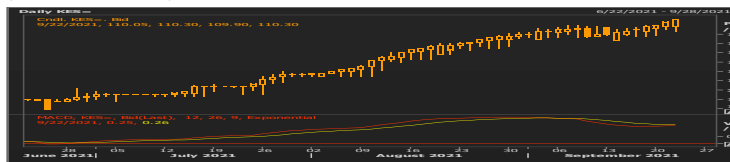
	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	113.55	124.55	114.05	125.05
GBP/KES	142.66	155.66	143.66	157.66
EUR/KES	121.15	135.05	122.55	139.55
AED/KES	30.37	36.37	29.37	37.85

Money Market Rates	Current	Previous	Change
Interbank Rate	4.900%	4.700%	0.200
91-Day T-bill	7.811%	7.758%	0.067
182-Day T-Bill	8.974%	8.901%	0.073
364-Day T-Bill	9.934%	9.881%	0.054
Inflation	7.080%	6.500%	0.580
CBR RATE	7.500%	7.000%	0.500

Source; Central Bank of Kenya)

LIBOR Rates	USD	JPY	GBP
6 Months	2.23843	0.01494	1.92960
12 months	2.88957	-	-

(Source: Reuters)



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar was down on Thursday morning in Asia with the European Central Bank meeting and its policy decisions later in the day remaining the biggest focus of the market.

The U.S. Dollar Index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies inched down 0.09% to 102.45 by 12:29 PM ET (4:29 AM GMT).

Versus the Chinese yuan, the dollar dropped 0.10% with the USD/CNY resting at 6.6768. Also, the GBP/USD pair inched down 0.04% to 1.2535. Government data released earlier in the day showed that China's exports grew 16.9% year-on-year in May as COVID-19 curbs and disruptions to production and logistics eased, beating market expectations. Forecasts prepared by Investing.com predicted a growth of 8.0% while growth of 3.9% was recorded in April.

In the commodities market, Oil prices held firm near 13-week highs on Thursday after China reported stronger-than-expected exports in May, although new Shanghai lockdown restrictions capped gains.

Brent crude futures for August rose 35 cents, or 0.3%, to \$123.93 a barrel at 0404 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude for July was at \$122.35 a barrel, up 24 cents, or 0.2%.

Both benchmarks closed Wednesday at their highest since March 8, matching levels seen in 2008.

On the other hand, Gold was down on Thursday morning in Asia with an advance in U.S. Treasuries Yields denting bullion demand ahead of U.S. jobs and U.S. inflation data.

Gold futures inched down 0.08% to \$1,855.00 by 10:58 PM ET (2:58 AM GMT). The dollar, which normally moves inversely to gold, inched up on Thursday morning.

10-year Treasuries Yields advanced to 3.03%, which restrained gold prices.

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	1.0476	1.0880
GBP/USD	1.2276	1.2683
USD/AED	3.6526	3.6935
USD/JPY	130.29	135.12