

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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## **Local Markets:**

Kenya's shilling weakened on Friday due to increased demand for dollars from general goods importers, while inflows from non-governmental organisations cushioned it from easing further.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.00 – 130.25

## **Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:**

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	128.00	130.25			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	165.70	169.60	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.3000	1.2935
<b>EUR/KES</b>	139.10	142.50	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0918	1.0892
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5631	<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6807	0.6792
			<b>USD/INR</b>	83.80	83.84
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2410.85	2407.62
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	85.16	85.54

## **Benchmark Rates:**

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	15.9954%	15.9868%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	16.8221%	16.7951%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	16.8795%	16.8299%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	4.60%	5.1%	31st July 24
<b>KES CBR</b>	13.00%	13.00%	
<b>FED RATE</b>	5.50%	5.50%	
<b>ECB RATE</b>	3.75%	4.00%	
<b>BOE RATE</b>	5.25%	5.25%	
<b>RBI RATE</b>	6.50%	6.50%	

## **Top News**

**Oil:** Oil prices fell for a second day on Monday as the dollar gained ground amid political uncertainty in the U.S. following an attack on U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump while investors eyed the progress of talks for a Gaza ceasefire.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets mostly fell on Monday as China's GDP data missed expectations, while investors also assessed the impact of an assassination attempt on former U.S. President Donald Trump at a rally over the weekend.

## **International Markets**

**USD:** The dollar rose on safety bids on Monday in the wake of the attempted assassination of former U.S. President Donald Trump, news which dominated the cautious market mood and had investors narrowing the odds of a Trump victory come November's U.S. elections.

**GBP:** The GBP/USD pair attracts some selling during the Asian session on Monday and for now, seems to have snapped a three-day winning streak to the 1.3000 neighborhood, or its highest level since July 2023.

**EUR:** The EUR/USD pair attracts some sellers during the early Asian session on Monday. The major pair edges lower amid risk aversion, triggering a fresh bid of the US Dollar (USD).

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) trades flat on Monday despite the recovery of the US Dollar (USD). The rising hopes of rate cuts by the Federal Reserve (Fed), lower US bond yields, and persistent India's foreign inflows might lift the INR. Nonetheless, the extended gains in crude oil prices and the renewed Greenback demand from state-run banks and local importers limit the INR's potential gains.

*Source: Reuters.*

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