

Daily Market News



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DOMESTIC NEWS

The shilling was stronger against its U.S. counterpart on Wednesday as activity ticked up on foreign currency supply counter.

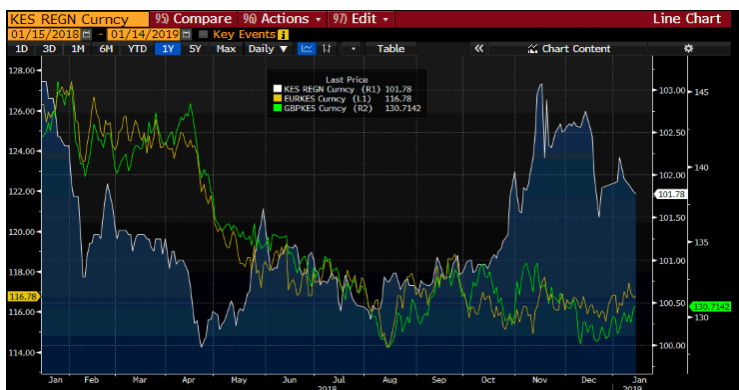
Moderate foreign currency demand failed to stir the local currency scene as market action by importers was outshined by inflows from the retail counter.

We see the local currency holding out within the recent ranges in today's trading as flow on both the demand and supply sides somewhat even out.

Amounts KES 100,000	Today's Opening	
	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	94.50	102.20
GBP/KES	125.00	134.00
EUR/KES	105.00	117.00
JPY/KES	0.83	0.98

Forward Rate(USD)(1 month)	
BUY	98.25
SELL	103.50
3 Months	
Buy	100.15
SELL	105.00

Money Market Rates	Previous	Current	Change bps
Interbank Rate	1.83%	3.72%	189.00
91-Day T-bill	6.886%	6.886%	-0.00
182-Day T-bill	8.317%	8.316%	-0.10
364-Day T-bill	9.476%	9.469%	-0.70
Inflation	4.70%	4.14%	-56.00



Source: Bloomberg

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The U.S. dollar drifted lower on Wednesday as economic data stateside reinforced the Federal Reserve's current neutral stance on interest rates, while currency pairs moved on economic and political news abroad. Producer prices in the U.S. rose only marginally in February, showing a similar increase to the consumer price index and adding to signs that inflationary pressure was muted.

The euro traded higher at \$1.1334 against the greenback after economic data showed stronger-than-expected industrial production for the Eurozone in February.

GBP/USD rose to \$1.3206 as U.K. lawmakers had voted by 312 to 308 for an amendment that ruled out the U.K. leaving the EU without a withdrawal agreement under any circumstances. The vote on the amendment was not legally binding, but lawmakers are expected later today to vote for a delay to Brexit on March 29.

Earlier today, the USD/JPY currency pair was little changed holding around the mid - 111.50 mark, as lack of market news failed to star the Asian market.

Indicative Deposit Rates

Amounts > KES 20 million	Amounts > 100,000	
	USD	EURO
KES		
Call	3.00%	0.00%
1 month	4.00%	0.00%
3 months	5.25%	0.00%
6 months	5.50%	0.00%

Indicative Cross Rates

	Buy	Sell
EUR	1.0850	1.2150
GBP	1.2500	1.3700
JPY	107.20	117.20
CHF	0.9750	1.0100