

Daily Market News



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DOMESTIC NEWS

The local currency ceded further ground to close the holiday shorted week a tad weaker versus its American counterpart.

Balanced trades were witnessed across FX counters, as corporates seeking to meet their tax obligations supplied the market with adequate foreign currency that met demand from the telecommunications and manufacturing sectors. The scales were however tilted somewhat in favor of the buck by the close of the session.

Looking ahead, the shilling may continue trading with a weaker bias given the persistent demand for the dollar.

Amounts "100,000"	Today's Opening	
	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	94.50	102.20
GBP/KES	125.00	134.00
EUR/KES	105.50	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	3.96%	4.68%	+72.00
91-Day T-bill	7.397%	7.305%	-9.20
182-Day T-bill	8.090%	8.042%	-4.80
364-Day T-bill	9.371%	9.354%	-1.70
Inflation	4.14%	4.35%	+21.00



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The U.S dollar was little changed against a basket of currencies in thin trading on Monday. The greenback has found support in recent weeks on the back of a gradual rise in U.S. 10-year Treasury yields and signs of strength in the world's top economy, including better-than-expected retail sales in March, printing at 1.6% exceeding markets' forecast for a 0.9 % rise.

The EUR/USD pair fell to 1.1230 levels in the previous trading session on fears that the Eurozone economy is slowing, the concerns were strengthened by weaker-than-expected manufacturing reports from Germany and France. Broad dollar strength further weighed on the Euro.

The GBP/USD pair slipped below the 1.30 lines on Thursday, amid fears that U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May and opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn are unlikely to reach a consensus on a Brexit deal. The Brexit related news dwarfed upbeat UK data, consumer spending, represented by retail sales, rose 1.1 percent in March, smashing expectations of a negative print.

The USD/JPY pair traded flat at 111.80 levels earlier today in Tokyo as stocks in Asia were mixed.

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	1.2100	1.3800
JPY	107.20	117.20
CHF	0.9750	0.9999