

GLOBAL MARKETS

DAILY MARKET NEWS



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Domestic Market Developments

The Kenyan shilling held its poise against the Greenback on Friday, in a session characterized by balanced flows across the demand and supply counters. In the May primary auction, investors bid a total of 106 Bn against 80 Bn worth of treasury bonds, signaling strong investor appetite for government paper.

International News

The dollar weakened on Friday, as investors remained cautiously hopeful that tensions in the Middle East would ease quickly. Sentiment improved after President Donald Trump stated that the ceasefire was still holding, despite renewed clashes between U.S. and Iranian forces. Washington said it anticipated a response from Iran as early as Friday regarding its latest proposal aimed at ending the Gulf conflict, even as hostilities persisted and the United Arab Emirates faced fresh attacks. The dollar index, which tracks the greenback against major currencies, slipped 0.4% to 97.877 after touching 97.623 earlier in the week — its lowest level since February 27, the day before the conflict began.

Eurozone & UK markets

The Euro (EUR) gained ground against the US Dollar (USD) on Friday as the Greenback remained under pressure following mixed labor market data from the United States. Figures released by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) showed that Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) rose by 115,000 in April, surpassing market forecasts of 62,000 but slowing from March's revised increase of 185,000. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.3%, matching analysts' expectations.

The Sterling Pound steadied on Friday despite early results from local elections. Prime Minister Keir Starmer's Labour Party lost control of several local councils, while Nigel Farage's Reform UK continued to post significant gains. However, Starmer said on Friday that he had no intention of stepping down. Support for the pound also came from remarks by BoE Governor Andrew Bailey, who cautioned that the central bank could respond "forcefully" if tensions in the Middle East continue to push up energy prices and inflation.

Japan market

The USD/JPY pair declined on Friday, with the Japanese Yen (JPY) drawing moderate support from safe-haven demand. However, stronger-than-expected US labor market data helped limit broader losses in the US Dollar (USD).

Short-end market Rates

Country				
91 Day T-Bill	8.19%	10.50%	3.83%	8.29%
182 Day T-bill	8.21%	11.00%	5.27%	8.45%
364 Day T-bill	8.51%	12.24%	5.68%	8.83%
Inflation Rate	5.60%	3.00%	4.00%	7.70%
Interbank	8.75%	10.15%	6.29%	7.30%

Quotes on the major currencies.

	Buys	Sells
USD	125.00	133.50
EUR	141.28	162.64
GBP	163.52	184.31
CHF	154.05	174.78
JPY	75.28	86.44
ZAR	6.11	10.49
CAD	87.10	101.85
UGX	0.0269	0.0539
TZS	0.0429	0.0649
AED	30.63	41.80
RWF	0.0511	0.1292

Indicative Deposit rates

Amounts > KES 20 million		Amounts > 100,000	
Tenor	KES	USD	GBP
Call	2.85%	0.70%	0.0%
1 month	4.30%	1.90%	0.00%
3 months	4.60%	1.90%	0.00%
6 months	4.70%	1.90%	0.15%

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