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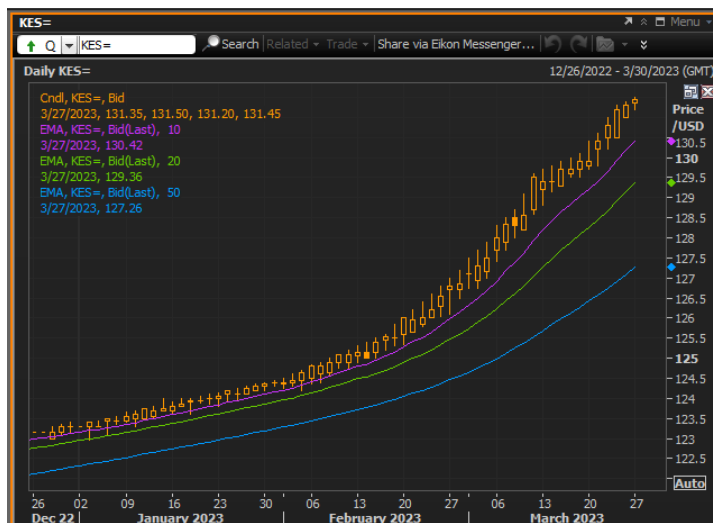
The Kenyan Shilling inched to a new low against the dollar on Tuesday, as oil marketers and other importers sought limited supplies of foreign exchange on the interbank market. Commercial Banks quoted the shilling at 131.60/80, compared to Monday's close of 131.40/60.

Kenya's trade surplus with Africa has risen at the fastest pace in six years, boosting the government's renewed push for the integration of trading blocs on the continent. The gap between exports and imports widened to Sh88.3 billion last year from Sh80.49 billion the year before, marking the highest value since 2016 when it hit Sh94.41 billion. Provisional data by the Central Bank of Kenya shows that traders earned Sh355.43 billion from exports to African countries in 2022 against an expenditure of Sh267.13 billion. (Business daily)

Indicative Forex Rates

	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	127.80	139.30	127.80	139.05
GBP/KES	158.50	170.35	157.70	170.90
EUR/KES	138.00	151.40	138.30	152.80
AED/KES	31.88	44.88	33.88	45.38

	Amounts > 10 million		Amounts >100,000	
	KES		USD	
2 Weeks	7.50%		1.50%	
1 Month	7.50%		2.50%	
3 Months	8.00%		3.25%	
6 Months	8.50%		3.50%	
1 year	9.00%		4.25%	



USD movement from December 2022 - Date (Source: Reuters)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The safe-haven U.S. dollar remained on the back foot on Wednesday following two days of losses as global financial markets regained a measure of stability on hopes a full-blown banking crisis can be averted. The dollar index, which tracks the currency against six major peers, was flat in early Asian trading, following drops of about 0.3% in each of the past two sessions. The U.S. currency has lost ground as investors took solace in First Citizens BancShares' agreement to buy all of failed lender Silicon Valley Bank's deposits and loans.

Elsewhere the yen remained volatile in the run-up to the end of the Japanese fiscal year on Friday. The dollar jumped 0.51% to 131.59 yen, erasing all of the previous day's 0.5% decline, when it uncharacteristically moved in the opposite direction with long-term U.S. Treasury yields. The euro was flat at \$1.0845 and sterling slipped 0.06% to \$1.2334.

In the commodities markets, Crude prices rose for a third session on Wednesday as a halt to some exports from Iraqi Kurdistan raised concerns of tightening supplies and fears of a global banking crisis eased. Brent crude futures gained 16 cents, or 0.20%, to \$78.30 a barrel by 0357 GMT, while West Texas Intermediate U.S. crude rose 35 cents, or 0.48%, to \$73.69 a barrel.

On the other end gold prices fell in Asian trade on Wednesday, coming under pressure from an overnight surge in Treasury yields and as regulators further downplayed concerns over a widespread U.S. banking crisis. Spot gold fell 0.2% to \$1,969.01 an ounce, while gold futures expiring in June fell 0.2% to \$1,987.00 an ounce. Other precious metals retreated on Wednesday, with platinum and silver futures losing 0.3% and 0.2%, respectively. Copper futures fell 0.1% to \$4.0743 a pound and have moved less than 0.1% in either direction so far this week. (Reuters)

Indicative Cross Rates

	Bid		Offer	
	EUR/USD	1.0637		1.1041
GBP/USD	1.2130		1.2531	
USD/ZAR	16.1684		20.1784	
USD/AED	3.6524		3.6934	
USD/JPY	129.71		132.72	

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