

# GLOBAL MARKETS

## DAILY MARKET NEWS



**Friday, March 6, 2026**

### Domestic Market Developments

The local currency steadied against the greenback on Thursday, in a session characterized by a delicate balance between both counters. In the near term, we expect directionality to be dictated by market flows and overall market sentiment.

### International News

The U.S. dollar strengthened on Thursday, recovering after briefly retreating from its three-month peak, as growing tensions in the Middle East unsettled investors and increased demand for safe-haven assets. Earlier optimism about easing tensions faded, replaced by renewed uncertainty after Iran warned that the United States would bitterly regret the sinking of one of its warships near Sri Lanka. The conflict reached its sixth day with intensified airstrikes, while Iran pledged to retaliate globally following the U.S. attack on a vessel located thousands of miles away from the main conflict area. The dollar index, which tracks the currency against six major peers, rose 0.5% to 99.26.

### Eurozone & UK markets

The EUR/USD pair declined slightly on Thursday, falling about 0.21% as investor sentiment remained cautious. The heightened risk aversion, combined with strong economic data from the United States, pushed the currency pair lower. In Europe, the latest minutes from the ECB meeting showed that policymakers chose to leave interest rates unchanged.

GBP/USD slipped by around 0.2% on Thursday during a tense session that left the pair hovering close to its three-month lows. On Wednesday, Chancellor Rachel Reeves presented the Spring Statement, during which the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) lowered its UK growth forecast for 2026 to 1.1%, down from the 1.4% projection made in November. The OBR also warned that the escalating Middle East conflict, which intensified while the report was being finalized, could significantly affect both the global and UK economies.

### Japan market

USD/JPY slipped slightly on Friday during the Asian trading session, after recording modest gains in the previous session. Despite the decline, the pair's downside may be limited as the Japanese Yen remains under pressure due to Japan's persistent economic difficulties, including weak growth and inflation that has been fueled by external risks.

### Short-end market Rates

Country				
91 Day T-Bill	7.58%	11.03%	4.85%	8.30%
182 Day T-bill	7.82%	11.38%	5.75%	8.54%
364 Day T-bill	8.64%	12.00%	6.17%	8.89%
Inflation Rate	4.40%	2.90%	3.30%	8.90%
Interbank	8.77%	9.58%	6.36%	7.00%

### Quotes on the major currencies.

	Buy	Sell
USD	125.00	133.50
EUR	142.35	163.80
GBP	163.45	184.10
CHF	157.00	178.05
JPY	76.90	88.30
ZAR	6.36	10.89
CAD	86.80	101.50
UGX	0.0279	0.0559
TZS	0.0434	0.0657
AED	30.65	41.80
RWF	0.0513	0.1296

### Indicative Deposit rates

Amounts > KES 20 million		Amounts > 100,000	
Tenor	KES	USD	GBP
Call	2.85%	0.75%	0.0%
1 month	4.45%	1.90%	0.0%
3 months	4.45%	1.90%	0.0%
6 months	4.60%	1.85%	0.0%

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