



Markets remain cautious at the start of trading after U.S. President D. Trump said the U.S. would start an effort on Monday morning to free ships stranded in the Strait of Hormuz as a 'human gesture' to aid neutral countries in the U.S.-Israeli war with Iran. The U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of currencies, was flat at 98.144.

The Euro was last up 0.1% at \$1.1730 after German Chancellor F. Merz sought to downplay a rift with Trump after a planned troop drawdown was announced. The country's economy ministry said on Sunday that Berlin is also in touch with the European Commission as it holds talks with Washington, after D. Trump said on Friday he would increase tariffs on cars and trucks from the E.U. to 25%.

The Pound Sterling edged higher to around \$1.3580 in Monday's early Asian session. However, the potential upside for the Cable pair might be limited amid Middle East uncertainty. Last week, the Bank of England left interest rates unchanged. BoE Governor A. Bailey said if price pressures triggered by the conflict proved to be severe, a forceful tightening would be required.

The Japanese Yen stabilised in early trade on Monday, strengthening slightly after a few choppy sessions following suspected intervention by authorities to strengthen the currency last week. The JPY edged up 0.1% to \$156.885 after it appreciated 1.4% during the past month, a gain almost entirely attributable to the move on last Thursday after authorities were widely suspected to have stepped in.

The Australian dollar held firm this morning ahead of Tuesday's crucial central bank policy update that could take rates back to their post-pandemic highs. The majority of economists polled by Reuters are expecting a quarter-point rise in the cash rate to 4.35%. Last week, Australia's top two grocers warned of growing price pressures as the Iran war drives up fuel and raw materials costs for suppliers. The Aussie was last steady at \$0.7211, after gaining 0.7% last week to reach \$0.7228, its strongest since June 2022.

The Indian Rupee moved in a narrow range on Monday, supported by modest dollar inflows and lower oil prices (last at \$108/barrel against intra-day peak at \$112/barrel), but weighed down by persistent importer hedging demand. The INR was last trading at \$94.86, marginally higher than its close at \$94.91 in the previous session. Analysts reckon that the pressure on the rupee may sustain till energy prices cool off in a meaningful way, which would also shore up capital inflows.

The South African rand traded at \$16.6075, broadly unchanged from its previous close. At 06:39GMT, the rand was trading around \$16.6075, broadly unchanged from its previous close. A PMI survey is set to be released at 09:00GMT, and will shed light on manufacturing conditions in Africa's most industrialised economy. South African manufacturing sentiment remained weak in March, with respondents expressing concern about the impact of the Iran war although business activity is yet to take a serious knock.

Source: (Reuters)

INDICATIVE SPOT AND FORWARD MUR RATES

	USD	EUR	GBP
SPOT	46.07/47.46	54.06/55.67	62.62/64.50
1 MTH	46.08/47.47	54.07/55.68	62.63/64.51
3 MTH	46.09/47.48	54.08/55.69	62.64/64.52

Source: BCP Bank (Mauritius) Ltd.

LATEST WEIGHTED TREASURY BILLS YIELDS

91 DAYS	182 DAYS	364 DAYS
4.06%	4.17%	4.47%

Source : Bank of Mauritius

CURRENCY QUOTES

CURRENCY	OPENING	OPENING LAST WEEK
EUR/USD	1.1728	1.1727
GBP/USD	1.35865	1.3541
USD/ZAR	16.6198	16.515
USD/JPY	156.755	159.235

INDICATIVE USDSOFR, EURIBOR & SONIA RATES

	USD	EUR	GBP
O/N	3.66000	1.932	3.7299
1 MTH	3.64637	1.980	3.7380
3 MTH	3.65811	2.199	3.8357
6 MTH	3.67358	2.524	4.0321

LOCAL MARKET

Last week the USD/MUR traded within a range of 47.16/47.47, the EUR/MUR traded within a range of 55.60/55.65 and the GBP/MUR traded within a range of 64.20/64.26

Results of last week auctions held by the Bank of Mauritius

- On the 30th of April was held an auction of 182-Day and 364-Day Government of Mauritius Treasury Bills for a nominal amount of MUR 1,000.0 Million each. Out of the 14 bids received (representing MUR 4,200.0 million), only 1 bid was allocated for each tenor as follows: 7 bids received for 182-Day for MUR 2,100.0 million and 1 allocated for the tender amount at a weighted average yield of 4.17%; 7 bids received for 364-Day for MUR 2,100.0 million and again only 1 was allocated for the tender amount at a weighted average yield of 4.47%.

- On the 30th of April was also held an auction of 91-Day Bank of Mauritius Treasury Bills for a nominal amount of MUR 3,000.0 Million. 8 bids (representing MUR 6,100.0 million) were received, and 2 were accepted for the tender amount at a weighted average yield of 4.06%.



THIS WEEK MAJOR ECONOMIC INDICATORS (GMT Time)

04 May	12:30	EUR	Sentix Investor Confidence
05 May	08:30	AUD	RBA Interest Rate Decision / RBA Monetary Policy Statement / RBA Rate Statement
05 May	09:30	AUD	RBA Press Conference
05 May	18:00	USD	ISM Services PMI
06 May	16:15	USD	ADP Employment Change
07 May	03:50	JPY	BoJ Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes
07 May	13:00	EUR	Retail Sales
07 May	16:30	USD	Weekly Jobless Claims
08 May	16:30	USD	Nonfarm Payrolls / Average Hourly Earnings / Unemployment Rate

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