Daily Market Commentary

Gulf Bank Treasury Sales Desk

CBK USD/KWD

0.30605 0.30615



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Foreign Exchange Development

The dollar slid on Thursday on further signs that U.S. President Donald Trump may adopt a softer stance in tariff negotiations and heightened expectations of Federal Reserve rate cuts.

The remarks renewed dollar weakness, lifting the euro to a seven-week high. It last bought \$1.1525.

The greenback lost 0.43% against the yen and 0.34% against the Swiss franc to last trade at 143.98 and 0.81725, respectively.

The Australian dollar ticked up 0.05% to \$0.6506, sterling was up 0.38% to \$1.3588.

Oil prices edged higher on Thursday to their highest in more than two months, after U.S. President Donald Trump said U.S. personnel were being moved out of the Middle East, which raised fear that escalating tensions with Iran could disrupt supply.

Gold prices rose on Thursday, bolstered by rising tensions in the Middle East and a weaker dollar, while softer-than-expected U.S. inflation data boosted expectations of Federal Reserve rate cuts.

Currencies & Commodities							
Currency	Price	MTD%	3M%	YTD%			
EUR/USD	1.1517	1.48	5.78	11.22			
GBP/USD	1.3584	0.90	4.78	8.54			
USD/CHF	0.8169	-0.69	-7.37	-9.96			
USD/JPY	143.94	-0.09	-2.93	-8.24			
AUD/USD	0.6499	1.01	2.82	4.99			
USD/CAD	1.3657	-0.63	-4.97	-5.05			
USD INDEX	98.39	-0.95	-5.24	-9.31			
Gold	Silver	KWT OSP	Brent				
3371.70	36.35	68.45	70.80				



Economic Updates

Trump on Wednesday said he was very happy with a trade deal that restored a fragile truce in the U.S.-China trade war, a day after negotiators from Washington and Beijing agreed on a framework covering tariff rates.

Japan's business sentiment worsened in April-June for the first time in five quarters, a government survey showed on Thursday, a sign uncertainty over U.S. tariff policy was taking a toll on the country's export-heavy economy.

U.S. consumer prices increased less than expected in May as cheaper gasoline partially offset higher rents, but inflation is expected to accelerate in the coming months on the back of the Trump administration's import tariffs.

ChatGPT maker OpenAI has talked to Saudi's PIF, India's Reliance Industries and existing shareholder United Arab Emirates' MGX about its \$40 billion financing.

Global Markets							
Index	Price	Change	MTD%	YTD%			
DOWJONES	42,865.77	-1.10	1.41	0.76			
FTSE 100	8,864.35	11.27	1.05	8.46			
KUWAIT ALL	8,268.50	51.51	1.92	12.31			
Benchmark	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month			
TERM SOFR	4.31324	4.32250	4.26132	4.08239			
EURIBOR	1.9610	1.9540	2.0440	2.0860			
KIBOR	3.7500	4.0000	4.1875	4.3750			
Benchmark	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year			
US TRSY	4.051	3.901	4.002	4.405			
Benchmark	ON	3 Month	6 Month	12 Month			
CBK BOND	-	4.125	4.250	4.375			
KONIA	2.720						
SOFR	4.280						
Country	KWT	US	EURO	UK			
INT. RATES	4.000	4.500	2.25	4.250			

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Upcoming Indicators / Events								
Date	Country	Indicator Name	Prior	Forecast				
12Jun	United Kingdom	GDP Estimate MM	0.20	-0.1				
12Jun	United States	Initial Jobless Clm	247.00	242.00				
17Jun	United States	Retail Sales MM	0.10	-0.06				
17Jun	United States	Industrial Production MM	0.00	0.01				
18Jun	United Kingdom	CPIYY	3.50	0.00				
18Jun	Euro Zone	HICP Final YY	1.90	1.9				
19Jun	United Kingdom	BOE Bank Rate	4.25	4.25				
Source: Reuters and Bloomberg								

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