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## TREASURY

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### FINANCIAL MARKET UPDATE IN BRIEF

The USD/LKR is expected to trade in a range of 312.15 to 318.65 on Tuesday. Market is volatile within this range, with both demand & supply forces presenting challenges to the market direction.

Sri Lanka's Colombo Stock Exchange closed down on Tuesday. The All-Share Price Index closed down 0.45 percent, or 94.14, at 21,032.46, while the S&P SL20 closed down 0.49 percent or 28.63 points at 5,832.82. Market turnover was 1.87 billion rupees.

#### 08.04.2026 Indicative Market levels

	Buying	Selling
USD	312.15	318.65
EUR	362.89	373.63
GBP	416.85	428.71
JPY	1.9646	2.0182
SGD	240.98	253.83
AUD	217.23	228.12

#### Traded USD Volumes as at 07.04.2026

Cash	08.00
Tom	-
Spot	10.50
FWD	10.05

### TREASURY BILL/BOND MARKET

The G-Sec market traded with a volume **8.17 Bn** on **07.04.2026**. Indicative T-bond rates closing levels were as follows. Indicative T-bond rates closing levels

15/12/2026	<b>08.35%-08.50%</b>
15/03/2028	<b>09.50%-09.70%</b>
15/09/2029	<b>09.85%-09.95%</b>

Treasury Bill Market (Weighted Average Rates)		
	This Week 31.03.2026	Last Week 25.03.2026
91 days	<b>07.80%</b>	07.64%
182 days	<b>08.09%</b>	07.95%
364 days	<b>08.41%</b>	08.32%

*\*Strictly indicative and for information only*

LKR Bio	Foreign Holding 31.03.2026	Foreign Holding 01.01.2026	Net Flow (YTD)
T-Bills & T-Bonds	<b>143.61</b>	141.36	<b>2.25</b>

### MONEY MARKET AT A GLANCE

As of 07.04.2026 (in LKR Bn)	
Overnight Market Liquidity	225.43
Term Liquidity	-
<b>Overall Market Liquidity</b>	<b>225.43</b>

Net of Overnight SDF and SLF	185.43
Net of Overnight Repo / (Rev Repo)	40.00
Overnight Liquidity Support Facility	-
Net of Term Repo / (Rev Repo)	-
Term Liquidity Support Facility	-
Overnight Call Money Rates	7.50% - 7.75%
Overnight Repurchase Rates	7.63% - 7.73%

### ECONOMIC INDICATORS

AWPLR as at 02.04.2026	9.86%
Inflation (YoY – March 2026 - CCPI)	2.20%
Inflation (YoY– February 2026 - NCPI)	1.60%
Official Reserves Assets (Feb – 2026)	US\$ 7,270 Mn
GDP Quarterly growth rate (2025 – Q3)	5.40%

Unemployment Rate (2025 – Q3)	4.30%
Per Capita GDP-2024	US\$ 3,830
Statutory Reserve Ratio (SRR)	2.00%
Trade Balance (Jan – Dec - 2025)	(US\$ 7,898.6Mn)
Total Outstanding Government Debt (End Dec 2025)	29,994.69 Bn

## INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

**The US Dollar Index (DXY)** fell below 99 on Wednesday, hitting a four week low after President Donald Trump delayed his threat to strike Iranian civilian infrastructure by two weeks. He described the move as a “double sided ceasefire,” contingent on Iran reopening the Strait of Hormuz. Trump also said the U.S. had received a 10-point proposal from Tehran that could serve as a “workable basis for negotiations.” Iran agreed to reopen the waterway for two weeks if all attacks are halted, with Israel reportedly assenting to the truce. On the data front, U.S. consumer inflation expectations rose in March, while logistics transportation costs increased. Investors now await Friday’s CPI release for further insight into price pressures.

**The EUR/USD** surged to around 1.1670 in Wednesday’s Asian session as the euro strengthened against the dollar following President Donald Trump’s agreement to a two week ceasefire with Iran. The truce, tied to Iran’s reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, eased immediate geopolitical risks and weighed on the greenback. Rising energy prices, however, reinforced expectations of tighter monetary policy in Europe, with markets now pricing in three European Central Bank rate hikes this year. On Monday, ECB Governing Council member Pierre Wunsch told the Wall Street Journal the bank may raise rates multiple times, beginning as early as this month, if the Middle East driven energy crisis persists.

**The GBP/USD** surged on Tuesday, climbing to a session high near 1.3400 as the U.S. dollar weakened under risk on sentiment following President Donald Trump’s announcement of a two week ceasefire with Iran. However, domestic data highlighted fragility in the U.K. economy, with services PMI revised sharply lower to 50.5, the weakest reading in eleven months, as Middle East tensions weighed on business optimism. Looking ahead, the Bank of England meets on April 30, with rate expectations in flux. Markets had been pricing hikes before the ceasefire announcement shifted the calculus, leaving investors uncertain about the policy path.

**The AUD/USD** climbed above \$0.707 on Wednesday, hitting a three week high as global risk sentiment improved and the U.S. dollar weakened after President Donald Trump announced a two week suspension of military operations against Iran. The truce could reshape inflation expectations, potentially easing pressure on the Reserve Bank of Australia to tighten policy further. Markets had priced a May rate hike toward 4.35% or higher, but analysts caution supply conditions may take months to normalize even if a lasting settlement is reached.

**The USD/JPY** reversed sharply on Wednesday, swinging from a session high near 160.50 to settle around 158.55 after President Donald Trump announced a two week suspension of military operations against Iran, undermining the dollar’s safe haven appeal. The pair briefly breached 160.00 for the first time since July 2024, a level that previously triggered direct intervention by Japan’s Ministry of Finance, before the late session selloff erased gains. The yen’s rebound was further supported by intervention fears as traders recalled past official action at similar levels. On the data front, Japan’s household spending fell 1.8% year-on-year in February, far worse than the 0.7% decline expected, underscoring weakness in domestic demand.

### MARKET INFORMATION AS AT 08.04.2026

Currency Pair	Cross Rate	Resistance	Support
EUR/USD	<b>1.1669</b>	1.1704	1.1650
USD/JPY	<b>158.53</b>	159.15	157.71
GBP/USD	<b>1.3394</b>	1.3449	1.3359
AUD/USD	<b>0.7052</b>	0.7094	0.7034
USD/SGD	<b>1.2752</b>	1.2929	1.2744
USD/INR	<b>92.39</b>	93.67	92.23

### CME SECURED OVERNIGHT OFFER RATE AS OF 07.04.2026

Tenor	USD
O/N SOFR	3.65000
01 Month	3.66060
03 Month	3.67708
06 Months	3.69948
12 Months	3.74331

## COMMODITIES

Commodities	Unit	Prices	Previous Day Prices
Gold	USD\$ per ounce	<b>4,805.33</b>	4,646.38
Oil (Brent)	USD\$ per Barrel	<b>95.42</b>	111.11
Aluminum HG	USD\$ per MT	<b>3,476.00</b>	3,469.50
Copper	USD\$ per MT	<b>12,313.00</b>	12,359.50
Cotton	USD¢ /lb	<b>70.73</b>	71.37
Sugar	USD¢ /lb	<b>14.58</b>	14.97
CBT Wheat	USD¢ /bu	<b>581.75</b>	595.00
SGX Rubber	USD\$/100 KG	<b>204.20</b>	204.70

**In the energy markets**, oil fell below \$100 per barrel on Wednesday after U.S. President Donald Trump said he had agreed to a two-week ceasefire with Iran that was subject to the immediate and safe reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.

Brent fell \$14.84, or 13.6%, to \$94.43 a barrel and WTI slid \$16.13, or 14.3%, to \$96.82 a barrel as of 00:23 GMT.

**Gold prices** climbed to a near three-week high on Wednesday as markets reassessed near-term risks after U.S. President Donald Trump agreed to suspend bombing and attacks on Iran for two weeks, easing fears of energy-driven inflation.

Spot gold was up 2.3% at \$4,812.49 per ounce, as of 0215 GMT. Earlier in the session, bullion rose more than 3% to its highest level since March 19.

### POLICY RATES

LKR Overnight Policy Rate (OPR)	7.75%
USD Fed Funds Target Range Rate	3.50% - 3.75%
EUR Marginal Lending Facility Rate*w.e.f.11/06/25	2.40%
GBP Policy Rate	3.75%
AUD Official Cash Rate	4.10%
JPY Official Cash Rate	0.75%

### ECONOMIC CALENDAR – 08.04.2026

GMT	Details
14:30	USD - Crude Oil Inventories
18:00	USD - FOMC Meeting Minutes