

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET****Money Market**

The Central bank overnight Standing Deposit Facility (SDFR) rate: 14.50%
 The Central bank overnight Standing Lending Facility (SLFR) rate: 15.50%
 The interbank call money weighted average on Tuesday was at 15.50 percent. Market deficit was Rs. 43.38 billion.

Equity Market

The CSE All Share index fell 0.11% to 9,188.48. The equity market's turnover rose to 1.41 billion Sri Lankan rupees (\$3.95 million) from 1.21 billion rupees in the previous session.

Market levels

Currency	Cross Rates	TT Buying	TT Selling
AUD	0.6724	236.05	245.69
CAD	1.3624	258.37	266.77
CHF	0.9399	374.89	385.92
EUR	1.0573	371.88	385.14
GBP	1.2014	423.59	436.72
JPY	136.26	2.59	2.6739
NZD	0.6181	217.83	225.59
SGD	1.3467	262.40	270.10
USD	-	352.99	363.01

Inter-Bank Offered Rate

	USD	GBP	JPY
ON	4.55329	-	-
1M	4.66943	4.02750	-
3M	4.97100	4.32470	-
6M	5.26343	4.70820	-
1Y	5.68157	-	-

USD

Against a basket of currencies, the U.S. Dollar index was 0.09% higher at 105.07, having risen nearly 3% in February, its first monthly gain since last September. The resilience of the world's largest economy, underpinned by a slew of strong economic data released in recent weeks, have raised market expectations of a higher peak in U.S. interest rates, as the Federal Reserve battles to tame inflation.

EUR

The Euro slipped 0.08% to \$1.0567, after failing to rise against the U.S. Dollar in the previous session, even as inflation in two of the euro zone's biggest economies rose unexpectedly in February and pushed up rate hike expectations by the European Central Bank (ECB).

GBP

The Sterling fell 0.02% to \$1.2015, reversing a 1% surge at the start of the week after Britain struck a post-Brexit Northern Ireland trade deal with the European Union.

JPY

The Dollar rose 0.12% against the Japanese yen to 136.38, after having spiked close to 5% against the yen in February, its largest monthly gain since last June.

AUD

Australia's economy grew at the weakest pace in a year last quarter while the country's monthly consumer prices rose less than expected in January, separate data showed on Wednesday. The Australian Dollar slumped in the aftermath of the data to a two-month trough, and was last 0.47% lower at \$0.6697, while the New Zealand Dollar fell 0.28% to \$0.6167.

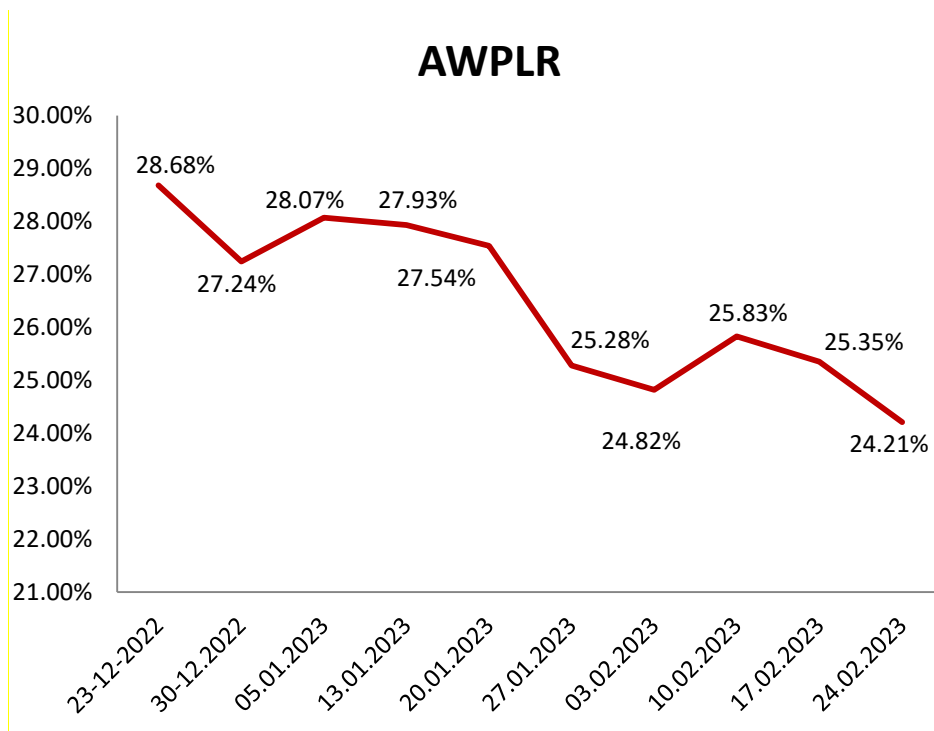
CHF

The Swiss frank last traded at 0.9404 against the US Dollar.

COMMODITY MARKET

Economic Indicators

Inflation (Y o Y – JAN 23- CCPI)	54.20 %
Inflation (Y o Y – DEC 22- NCPI)	59.20 %
AWPLR AS AT 24-02-2023	24.21 %



Crude

Oil prices rose more than 1.5% on Tuesday, erasing the previous session's losses, as hopes for a strong economic rebound in China offset worries about U.S. interest rate hikes dragging down consumption in the world's biggest economy. U.S. crude rose 1.68% to \$76.95 per barrel and Brent was at \$83.87, up 1.72% on the day.

Gold

Spot gold was down 0.2% at \$1,824.06 per ounce

Government Securities

Treasury Bills

Tenure	This week	Last Week
3 Months	29.72	29.83
6 Months	28.67	28.67
12 Months	27.67	27.71

Treasury Bonds

Tenure	Offer	Bid
1 Year	31.50	32.00
2 Years	32.00	32.15
3 Years	29.40	29.75
4 Years	29.10	29.20
5 Years	28.00	28.50

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