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A potential return of Donald Trump as the next U.S. president may bring bad news for emerging-market currencies, given the threat of his protectionist economic policies.

The South Korean won led the broader declines in Asia after the assassination attempt on Trump over the weekend boosted his odds of winning the presidency. Indonesia's rupiah and Thailand's baht snapped eight days of gains, while Malaysia's ringgit slipped from its highest level in January.

Elsewhere, Mexico's peso fell 0.8%, with the South African rand down 0.6%.

Investors are worried that Trump's plans to slash taxes and raise tariffs, if elected, could stoke inflation and boost the case for the Federal Reserve to keep monetary policy restrictive for longer. The former president's protectionist policies could also pose headwinds to the EM nations' external finances, according to Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp.

Read more in an [article from the American Journal of Transportation](#).