

Economy

Savings certificate sales nearly quadruple full-year figure in July

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- Net sales of savings certificates in July, the first month of fiscal year 2026-27, stood at BDT 20.59bn (USD 168.8mn), nearly four times the total net sales recorded across the entire previous fiscal year. This marks the highest net sales for a single month in four years, according to the National Savings Directorate.
- The previous high came in February 2022, when net sales stood at BDT 25.23bn (USD 206.8mn), followed by BDT 18.14bn (USD 148.7mn) in March that year. No month since then has seen net sales exceed BDT 20.0bn (USD 163.9mn), with most months instead registering negative net sales.

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ADP implementation falls to record low 1.85pc in first two months of FY27

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- The rate was down from 2.39pc in the same period of FY26, according to updated data released by the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) on 21 September.
- According to IMED data, BDT 57.1bn (USD 468.0mn) has been spent from the ADP allocation in the first two months of the current fiscal year, compared with BDT 57.2bn (USD 468.9mn) during the same period last fiscal year.

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Banking

BB allows offshore banking units to buy, sell and swap foreign currencies more freely

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- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has expanded the scope of foreign currency transactions for Offshore Banking Units (OBUs), allowing them to buy, sell and swap foreign currencies with other banks and eligible entities for trade and business purposes.
- In a circular, the central bank said the move aims to facilitate legitimate customer transactions, improve foreign currency liquidity management, strengthen banks' management of assets and liabilities, and bring offshore banking operations in line with international treasury practices.

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Capital Market

Regulator penalizes Sikder Insurance directors over IPO fund misuse

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- The securities regulator has imposed an aggregate penalty of BDT 1.1mn on the top brass of Sikder Insurance Company over mismatches in the utilization of IPO (initial public offering) proceeds.
- Of those penalized, nine are the company's directors, while the remaining two are the managing director and the company secretary, according to an order issued by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) last week.

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Auditors question trustee's failure to convene meetings on discounted funds

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- Auditors have issued qualified opinions on the financial statements of multiple closed-end mutual funds managed by ICB Asset Management Company Limited (ICB AMCL), citing the trustee's failure to convene mandatory unit holder meetings despite the funds' market prices trading at steep discounts to their net asset values (NAVs).
- Under the BSEC Mutual Fund Rules 2025, if a fund's six-month average market price falls more than 25pc below its NAV at fair value, the trustee is required to convene a unit holder's meeting to consider converting the fund into an open-ended scheme or liquidating it.

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Trade and Commerce

Fuel price hike starts hitting logistics sector

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- Owners across Chattogram port's logistics chain have begun raising charges and pressing for rate revisions after the latest fuel price hike, stoking fears of fresh cost pressure on businesses and exporters already struggling to compete internationally.
- In immediate reaction to the rising fuel costs, owners of 21 private inland container depots (ICDs) raised six handling charges, while berth operators wrote to the port authority seeking higher rates. Lighter vessel owners also began discussions on freight rates, and road transport

associations held urgent meetings to assess the impact.

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Import rules eased for specialized fabrics used in niche apparel

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- Apparel exporters will now be able to import specialized fabrics and materials used to produce niche products such as seamless sportswear and functional garments more easily, as the government has relaxed several provisions of the country's import policy.
- The commerce ministry amended the Import Policy Order 2026-2029 through a notification issued on Sunday, with the changes taking immediate effect.

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International

Global diesel shortage likely to last into 2027: experts

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- A global diesel shortage fueled by wars in Iran and Ukraine is unlikely to ease before next year, according to storage market indicators and industry participants, extending a spike in fuel costs that is weighing on economies worldwide.
- The wars have severely disrupted diesel supplies, stranding millions of barrels a day in the Middle East and Russia, draining inventories to historic lows and sending prices to record highs.

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Oil shock raises risk of metals shock as EV sales accelerate

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- The oil shock caused by the Iran war is re-charging the electric vehicle (EV) market as high gasoline and diesel prices stimulate consumer demand for alternatives.
- Economics is becoming as powerful a driver of EV sales as government subsidies and green ideology, particularly in countries most exposed to the loss of oil and gas supply from the Gulf.

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