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# Crackdown launched on unfit launches

## BIWTA vows not to let any vessels leave terminal without proper papers

SHARIFUL ISLAM  
The customary practice of clamping down on owners of unfit vessels following every major fatal accident commenced again yesterday.

leave a terminal unless all valid documents including fitness certificates and registration documents are presented to the authorities before departure.

came following the launch capsizing on Thursday, he said though the standing order remained in force, it is sometimes enforced in a slackened manner.

### Private rescue efforts go on One more body found

Relatives of the missing passengers of the launch MV Sourav-1 that capsized in the River Buriganga on Thursday continued rescue efforts on their own and recovered another body yesterday, bringing the death toll to 47.



A roadside restaurant keeps large bowls of rice on a drain to wash them before cooking at Neemtoli near Bangabazar in the capital, posing serious health risks to customers.

### Pro-Khaleda BNP won't accept local govt polls first

Delwar off to S'pore  
Pro-Khaleda faction of BNP will not accept the government plans to hold local government elections before the parliamentary elections.

# Proteas take series 2-0

BISHWAJIT ROY from Chittagong  
There was no storm from series hero Dale Steyn on the fourth morning but it was left-arm spinner Robin Peterson who spun South Africa to complete yet another whitewash of Bangladesh by winning the second Test by an innings and 205 runs at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium yesterday.

of five for 33, his career-best in six Tests, to speed up the victory. Pacesman Morne Morkel completed the job when Neil McKenzie took a spectacular flying catch at slip to send back Bangladesh's last batsman Mashrafe Mortaza.

# Fortune seekers' yet another tragic mission

## 3 Bangladeshis killed, 21 rescued in Lanka after boat sank in sea

Three Bangladeshi migrant workers died on the high seas of dehydration and starvation, in their desperate dash to foreign coasts in search of sustainable jobs.

custody by the Sri Lankan navy after the boat had been towed from Tamil Tigers held Mullaitivu district.

# Government asks Bangladeshi workers to abide by Saudi laws

UNB, Dhaka  
The Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment has again asked the Bangladeshi workers in Saudi Arabia to abide by local laws.



Industrial waste released from factories built on the Shitalakhya in Narayanganj makes the water of the river murky but the authorities keep on ignoring the pollution.

# BRAC BANK HEIST 2 more held, 2kg gold recovered

The Detective Branch (DB) of Police yesterday arrested two persons from Narayanganj with two kilograms of gold ornaments in their possession.

# UNSC approves new sanctions on Iran

The UN Security Council has voted in favour of new sanctions against Iran over its nuclear programme.

It calls for the freezing of Iranian assets of 13 Iranian companies to be frozen, and imposes travel bans on five Iranian officials.

had expressed doubts. In a statement before the vote, Iran's envoy to the UN, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, described the resolution as politically motivated, illegal, and illegitimate.

# GMG plane stranded in Dubai returns after 31 hrs

A GMG aircraft, stranded at Dubai International Airport for about 31 hours due to engine problems, reached Zia International Airport (ZIA) safely with all passengers at 4:00 pm yesterday.

# Israeli troops pull out of Gaza

Abbas ready to seek truce  
Israeli ground troops pulled out of northern Gaza before daybreak yesterday, following the first extended sweep in an offensive against Palestinian rocket squads that has left more than 110 dead and led the Palestinian president to call off peace talks.

Prayer Timing table for March 4 with columns for Azan and Jamaat.

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# DU prof Arefin Siddique gets death threat

Former Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) president Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique yesterday received another death threat a month after crude bombs were hurled into his residence compound in the capital on February 2.

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