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Fatal rest in a container

Two port workers end up in Singapore with one dead, other lucky to be alive

PORIMOL PALMA

A Bangladeshi port worker survived nine days trapped without food or water in a cargo container shipped to Singapore from Chittagong.

But his compatriot co-worker, trapped with him, died.

Din Islam, 30, said he and another man Alamgir got trapped while resting in the container at Chittagong Port on April 1, with nothing but a pack of cigarettes between them, the New Paper and the Straits Times of Singapore reported.

Police said Din Islam and the body of Alamgir were discovered on Sunday by workers at Pasir Panjong Container Terminal in Singapore who heard loud

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Symbol of the timeless

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

It is that time of year when the Bangalees celebrate their heritage and, through that celebration, assesses their place in the universal scheme of things. For the Bangalees, like millions of others across the globe, have a claim on history based on the cultural tradition their ancestors shaped for them, one that they renew annually through Baishakh. There are the currents and cross-currents of history which have given Baishakh roundness of a throbbing sort. It is these underpinnings of the season, indeed the beginning of a new year, that the Bangalees remember today. There is the essential point of reference that was Akbar. The *haal khata*, the closing off of a year just

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Ramna blast cases stuck for 10 years

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER and KAILASH SARKAR

Ten years have gone by and the trials of the Ramna Batamul cases are yet to be completed.

During Pahela Baishakh celebrations at Batamul in Bangla year 1408, the blast claimed the lives of 10 people.

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Holiday

The offices of The Daily Star will remain closed today on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bangla New Year. Therefore, there will be no issue of the newspaper tomorrow.

I'm not involved

Moeen writes to JS body on atrocities at DU

RASHIDUL HASAN



Former army chief General Moeen U Ahmed has claimed he was not involved in atrocities on teachers and students of Dhaka University centring the much-talked-about campus violence during the last caretaker government's tenure.

Moeen also claimed he had tried utmost and worked as per instructions from the then council of advisers of the caretaker government to "improve law

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STOCK CRASH PROBE
Some cases may go to ACC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some of the cases stated in the stockmarket probe report may go to the Anti-Corruption Commission for further investigation, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

He said the probe committee led by Khondaker Ibrahim Khaled has suggested that the government conduct more

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CMC-KAMAL STOCK SCAM
Share value 16 times inflated

GAZI TOWHID AHMED

Share price of CMC-Kamal Textile Mills was sixteen times its face value in 2010 although the company suffered loss in the previous year, the probe committee on stockmarket debacle has found.

The company suffered a loss of Tk 40 lakh in first quarter of 2009 when its earning per share was Tk 2.61 the negative.

CMC-Kamal, however, declared 10 percent dividend for the shareholders at the end of 2009, according to a case study of the probe committee.

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Quit

BNP asks Muhith, BB governor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rejecting a probe report on recent stockmarket manipulation, the main opposition BNP yesterday demanded removal of finance minister and Bangladesh Bank governor and stern action against those involved.

BNP leaders also asked the government to disclose the full report, seize the bank accounts of perpetrators and bring

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Prospect not bright for consensus talks

3-day dialogue starts Apr 24

SHAKHAWAT LITON and WASIM BIN HABIB

The parliamentary special committee's move to forge a political consensus on constitutional amendments might not see the light of day as BNP is unlikely to sit with the committee and discuss possible changes to the country's charter.

Contacted by The Daily Star yesterday, some senior BNP leaders said they have serious reservations about the process of

amending the constitution, and they are against sitting with the special committee.

"The special committee is illegal. So, there is no question of sitting with it," MK Anwar, a BNP national standing committee member, said questioning the procedure the committee is using.

He, however, said it is his personal opinion and the party will decide on

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Every year, more than 100 tons of waste accumulates at the Dhaka University area after the Pohela Boishakh festivities.

So, let the journey towards a greener future start from the very first day of the New Year. From 9am onwards, we at Grameenphone, together with Dhaka City Corporation, will carry out a massive clean-up operation all over the Dhaka University area.

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