



DEATH TRAPS EVERYWHERE

A bus went over the poorly repaired trench (marked as 1 in the top photo) on a street at Moghbazar intersection yesterday and the driver lost control. The vehicle then ran over three workers (resting at spot 2) killing two of them. The officials at the Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover construction site deny having dug the trench, left. However, the entire construction area is littered with death traps, right.



PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Cabin crew member held with gold

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Customs Intelligence at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport detained a Bangladeshi cabin crew member of Kuwait Airways for allegedly smuggling in over half a kilogram of gold early yesterday.
Aslam Omar Belim, 45, was detained when he disembarked at the airport from KU 283 flight that came from Kuwait around 5:30am, said Customs Intelligence officials.
A team of Customs Intelligence, following a tip-off, searched him and found four gold bars, weighing around 466 grams, in his trousers' pockets, said Saiful Islam,
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Arrest but go by the law

Rights boss spurs law enforcers
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The National Human Rights Commission chairman yesterday asked the law enforcement agencies to follow the due course of law in detaining anyone or keeping them in custody.
The police should produce an arrestee before a court within 24 hours of detention, said Prof Mizanur Rahman.
"At least do this much with honesty," the NHRC boss said in presence of a top police official at a seminar in the capital.
"You [police] would produce someone [before the court] after four/five days of his arrest and show on documents that he was picked up within 24 hours. Please don't make such a mockery of the people... Can't we expect even this much from you?"
Describing the violence during the BNP-led alliance's blockade and hartal programmes as "heinous criminal offences", he said it must be stopped.
It is the duty of the state to ensure security of its citizens, Prof Mizanur said. "And we are urging the government to act as tough as needed to do that."
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2 workers run over and killed by bus in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Two workers died and one suffered head injury as a commuter bus ran them over at the Moghbazar-Mouchak flyover construction site in the capital's Moghbazar yesterday morning.
The dead are Majed Mandal, 22, and his younger brother Asadul Mandal, 17. The injured is Manjurul Islam, 22. They all are from Bogra.
The accident was caused by reckless driving on a potholed road near Moghbazar intersection, locals said.
The driver of the Prabhati Banashree Paribahan bus, going from Gulistan to Gazipur, was driving very fast on the comparatively empty road around 10:00am, said a security guard of a nearby CNG filling station.
He possibly could not assess that the pothole was there, said the guard, wishing
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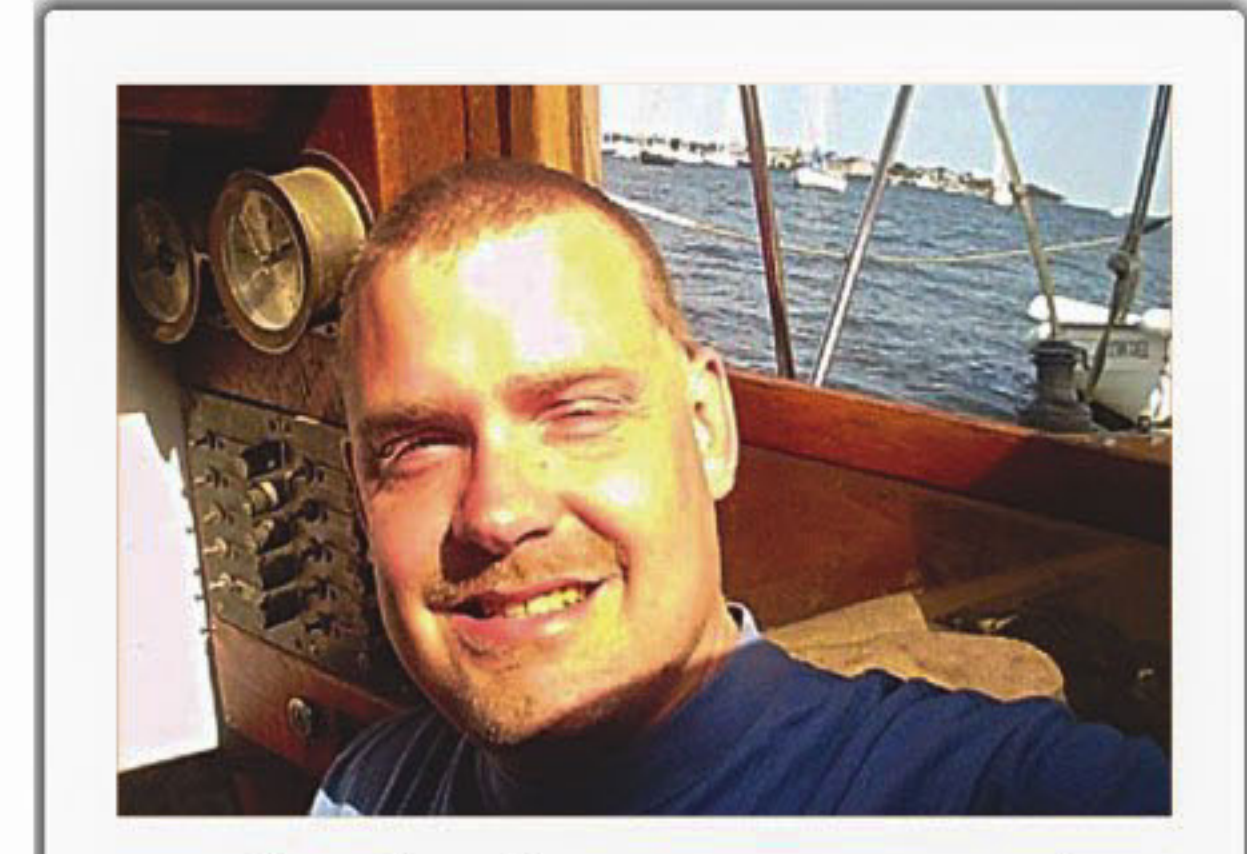
IRAN NUCLEAR TALKS Obama 'confident' of deal by June

BBC ONLINE
The White House has said it is "confident" of reaching a final deal over Iran's nuclear programme by an end-of-June deadline.
A framework agreement struck on Friday will see Iran curb nuclear activities in return for relief from sanctions.
US Republicans sceptical of the deal have threatened to derail it or impose new sanctions.
President Obama said he had begun efforts to win over sceptical members of Congress.
Obama spoke to all four congressional leaders on Friday, White House spokesman Eric Schultz said.
Republicans control both US Houses of Congress, and there is bipartisan support for a bill which would give Congress the right to review any deal before sanctions are lifted. Obama has threatened to veto it.
In his speech on Thursday hailing the deal, the president anticipated his critics.
"If Congress kills this deal not based on expert analysis, and without offering any reasonable alternative, then it's the United States that will be blamed for the failure of diplomacy."
Despite the domestic pressure, the White House gave another upbeat assessment of the deal.
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KAMARUZZAMAN VERDICT Hearing on review plea today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Lawyers of condemned war criminal Muhammad Kamaruzzaman yesterday met him at Dhaka Central Jail, the day before the hearing of his review petition at the Supreme Court's Appellate Division.
Five of his lawyers entered the jail around 11:00am to talk to
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Adrift for 2 months Sailor in 'surprisingly good' shape

CNN ONLINE
The second mate of the Houston Express probably couldn't believe what he was seeing.
Hundreds of miles from land there was a small boat nearby. At first it looked abandoned.
It was in bad shape, listing to one side. The crew of the 1,000-foot long container ship thought it was a yacht that had wrecked.
Incredibly, as they got closer, they saw there was a man on it, signaling for help.
"He was moving, walking around, waving to us and in surprisingly good condition," Capt Thomas Grenz told CNN by phone Friday.
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A shop in the Fishery Market in Barisal city overflowing with melons yesterday. As the name suggests, the market should be for fish but a ban on hilsa fishing has led to almost all the shopkeepers of the market to sell watermelons instead.

Not hilsa, it's watermelon market now

STAR REPORT
Instead of hilsa, watermelons are being sold by traders at a wholesale hilsa market in Barisal city, amid a ban on catching hilsa in the Meghna and other rivers in the district.
Even though there is a huge demand for the fish ahead of Pahela Baishakh, only a handful of the item are reaching the market in the Barisal Port Road area, reports our correspondent upon visiting the market recently.
The demand for hilsa is highest usually on the eve of Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bangla New Year.
On March 1, the government imposed the two-month ban on catching hilsa in five rivers, including Meghna and Tetulia, of six districts in the southern region.
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