

বিশ্ব বন্দেছিলো- পদ্মা সেতু 'সম্ভব না' একজন প্রধানমন্ত্রী আর ১৬ কোটি বাঙালি বলেছিলেন- 'কেন না!'

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'HEAVY METAL' IN IMPORTED FISH Samples sent for retest

MOHAMMAD SUMAN, Chittagong

Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSA) sent samples from 81 tonnes of Shad fish for retest in the face of objections raised by the importers of the consignments after the laboratory tests identified heavy metal in the fish.

On February 15, Fish Inspection and Quality Control (FIQC) Chittagong office submitted the tests which found excessive amounts of Lead and Cadmium in the samples of two consignments of Nihao Food Company Limited and another consignment of Niyamat Shah Enterprise.

Nihao Food Company imported 54 tonnes of Shad fish in January this year, which would cost approximately Tk 44,91,990 while Niyamat Shah Enterprise imported 27 tonnes of Shad fish in November last year which would cost approximately Tk 22,45,995.

The BFSA said that since the importers have challenged the results, they will have to do a retest.

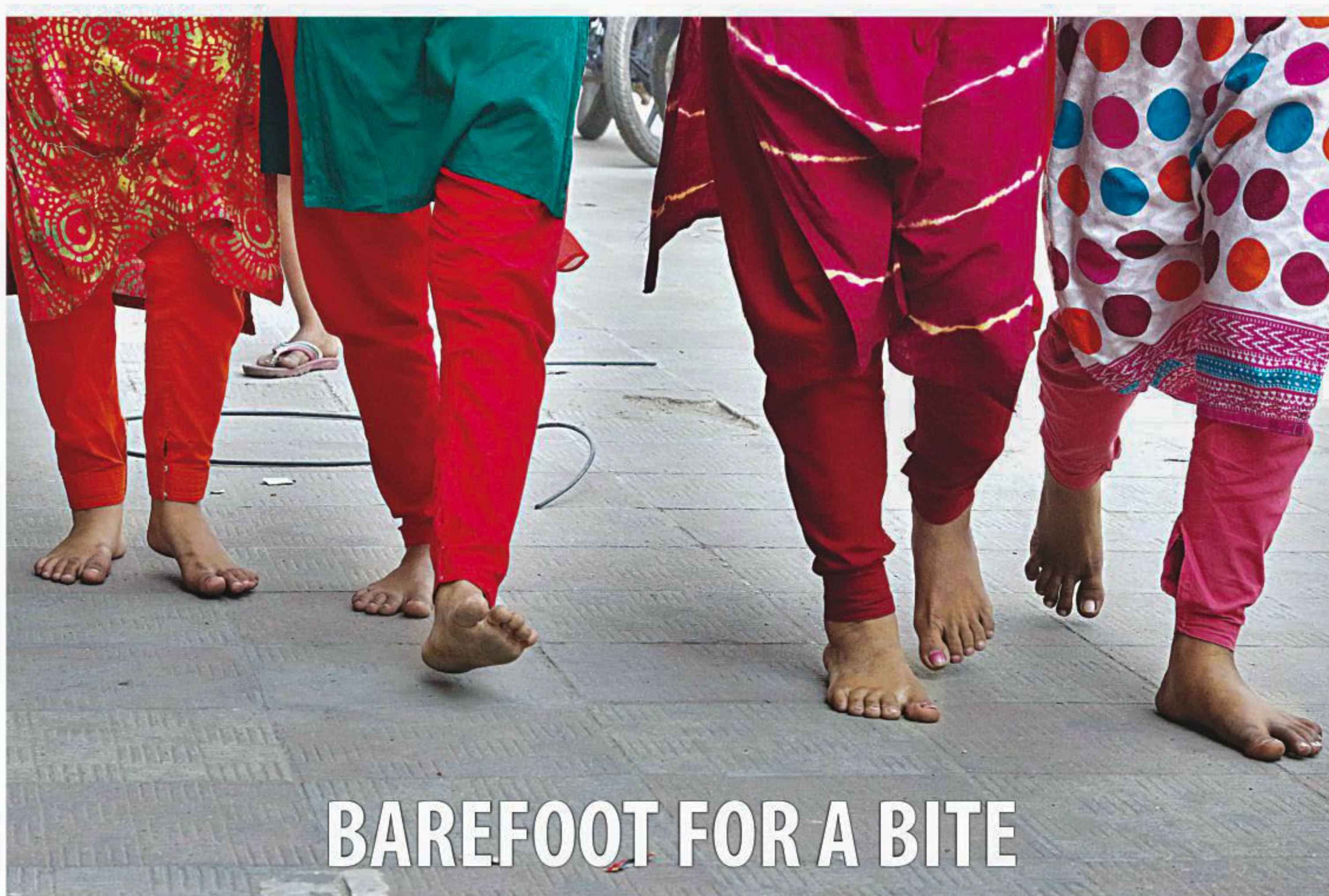
Mahbub Kabir, a member of the BFSA, said they had been identifying the countries where the fish containing the metals were coming from.

"We will monitor this for few more days and will eventually put bar on importing fish from those countries," he added.

Nihao Food Company Limited proprietor Soumendu Basu, also the General Secretary of Bangladesh Fish Importers Association, told The Daily Star that they had a health certificate as well as a laboratory test report on the consignment from the exporter which stated that there was no presence of heavy metal.

"We imported the fish from Uruguay and submitted all

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BAREFOOT FOR A BITE

Garment workers walk barefoot on a pavement in the capital's Banani. The women say their factory managers deduct from their wages if they leave the factory premises during the less-than-an-hour break for lunch. To dodge this illogical rule, the workers, who cannot bring meals from home, leave their shoes behind when they go out for a quick bite. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Girl held for hurling acid

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A 17-year old girl and her mother were sent to jail in a case filed over an acid-attack in Jamalpur on Friday evening.

A senior judicial magistrate's court gave the order after the duo was produced before the court with a five-day remand prayer at around 6:00pm, said court inspector Abdul Kader.

Magistrate Nazmul Haque fixed 19 March for the hearing of the remand prayer, said the court inspector.

The accused are Bhabna Aktar Riya, 17, of Rashidpur village under Jamalpur municipality, and her mother Hasi Begum Sujeda.

The acid victim, Mahmudul Hasan Maruf, 17, of the same village, is a first year student of Jamalpur Technical School and College.

Riya, a first year HSC student of Jhawgora Bangabandhu College in Melandah upazila of the district, had been harassing Maruf by making romantic advances, but Maruf did not

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MARCH 18, 1971

Yahya orders Operation Search Light

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was the third day of the so-called negotiation which will later be proved as a ploy of the Pakistan military junta to kill time for military buildup in East Pakistan, now Bangladesh.

Following the previous day's meeting between General Yahya Khan and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and their advisers, the president ordered the army to make preparation for action against the Awami League leadership.

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ROOPPUR NUKE PLANT

Draft of deal with India ready

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Bangladesh is going to sign an agreement with New Delhi under which Dhaka will take Indian nuclear agency's expert service in Rooppur nuclear power plant.

The science and technology ministry officials said a draft of the agreement was sent to the cabinet division for approval.

On March 2, officials from Russian State Atomic Energy Corporation (Rosatom), Ministry of Science and Technology of Bangladesh and Department of Atomic Energy of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Moscow in this regard.

In a statement, issued after the MoU was signed, Rosatom said Indian companies could be involved in construction and installation work, supply of materials and equipment of a non-critical category in the interests of the project.

Rooppur nuclear power plant will consist of two power units with a capacity of 1,200MW each. The two units are planned to be commissioned in 2023 and 2024. Russia will provide around \$12 billion in loans, the highest amount for a single project in Bangladesh.

An official of the ministry of science said the agreement would allow the appointment of Indian experts for construction and operation of the power plant.

For proper implementation of the project, Indian experts can be appointed as "Owners' Engineer", said the official requesting anonymity.

Nuclear power plants in India are constructed using the type of Russian technology that will be used here. As a result, service of Indian experts is being taken.

A negotiations meeting on the draft agreement was held between

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DEAL 'VIOLATION'

Trump lawyer seeks \$20m from porn star

REUTERS, Washington

A law firm representing US President Donald Trump and the corporation that paid porn actress Stormy Daniels \$130,000 in what she called hush money over an alleged affair with Trump said in a court filing that it was seeking at least \$20 million in damages for multiple violations of a nondisclosure agreement.

In a filing with the US District Court for the Central District of California made public on Friday, the Blakely Law Group also asked for a lawsuit by Daniels that seeks to nullify the agreement to be moved to a federal district court from a county court.

Brent Blakely, who filed the action on behalf of Essential Consultants LLC and Trump, did not reply to a request for comment.

Under the nondisclosure agreement, Daniels, whose legal name is Stephanie Clifford, could be subjected to a \$1 million penalty each time the deal was broken.

Daniels has alleged that she had an affair with Trump that began in 2006 and lasted several months.

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Baby Trump causes a stir in Afghanistan



AFP, Kabul

Donald Trump flops over his pink and white baby walker and rolls it around his family's modest home in Kabul, blissfully unaware of the turmoil his "infidel" name is causing in the deeply conservative Muslim country.

The rosy-cheeked toddler's parents named him after the billionaire US President in the hope of replicating his success. But now he is at the centre of a social media firestorm in Afghanistan after a photo of his ID papers was posted on Facebook.

A self-confessed fan of the American tycoon turned leader of the free world, Sayed Assadullah Pooya said he and his wife have been inundated with "vulgar and insulting" comments attacking their choice of name for their third child.

Some Facebook users have gone as far as

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SHOOTOUT 1 killed, 2 hurt in cop custody

A CORRESPONDENT, Feni

A man was killed and two others were shot during a "gunfight" with police while in their custody in Fulgazi upazila early yesterday.

The dead is Kazi Ekram Hossain alias Saiful, 28 and the injured are Yunus Ali, 20, and Emdadul Haque, 26. All of them were from Pathan Nagar village in Chhagalnaiya upazila.

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SIBL Foundation Hospital & Diagnostic Center

PRAYER TIMING MARCH 18

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN	5-00	12-45	4-30	6-14	7-45
JAMAAT	5-35	1-15	4-45	6-18	8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

TIT-FOR-TAT OVER SPY ROW Russia expels 23 British diplomats

Shuts British Council, UK Consulate-General in St Petersburg

REUTERS, Moscow

Russia yesterday expelled 23 British diplomats in a carefully calibrated retaliatory move against London, which has accused the Kremlin of orchestrating a nerve toxin attack on a former Russian double agent and his daughter in southern England.

Escalating a crisis in relations, Russia said it was also shutting down the activities of the British Council, which fosters cultural links between the two countries, and Britain's consulate-general in St. Petersburg.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said it was giving the 23 British diplomats one week to leave the country.

The move, which was tougher than expected, followed Britain's decision on Wednesday to expel 23 Russian diplomats over the attack in the English city of Salisbury which left former Russian spy Sergei Skripal, 66, and his daughter Yulia Skripal, 33, critically ill in hospital.

Moscow announced the measures on

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Protesters demonstrate against Myanmar's State Counselor Aung San Suu Kyi, who is participating in the Asean - Australia Special Summit in Sydney, yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY Lawyers in Australia sue Suu Kyi

Malaysia PM warns Rohingya crisis could become serious regional security threat

AFP, Huffington Post

Lawyers in Australia are seeking to hold Myanmar's civil leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, directly accountable for the violent persecution of Rohingyas in Myanmar.

On Friday, lawyers filed a private prosecution application against Suu Kyi in the Melbourne magistrates court, accusing her of crimes against humanity, The Guardian reported.

A statement from the lawyers cited the "extensive and systematic crimes against the Muslim Rohingya population by the Myanmar security forces."

It added: "Suu Kyi has failed to use her position of authority and power, and, as such, has permitted the Myanmar security forces to deport and forcibly remove Rohingyas from their homes."

Suu Kyi was in Australia yesterday to attend a special Australia-Asean summit in Sydney.

Before moving forward, the prosecution application would have to receive the

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