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Rickety boats putting lives at risk

Half the registered vessels have no fitness certificate

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Apart from thousands of unregistered vessels, nearly half the registered ones ply the country's inland waterways without the mandatory annual fitness licences.

Operation of unfit and unregistered vessels is one of the major causes behind collisions, which is responsible for around 60 percent riverine accidents, said experts and river campaigners, quoting a Buet research.

A lack of required number of ship surveyors, owners' unwillingness to have the licences and running faulty vessels after bribing some unscrupulous officials are mainly to blame, they said.

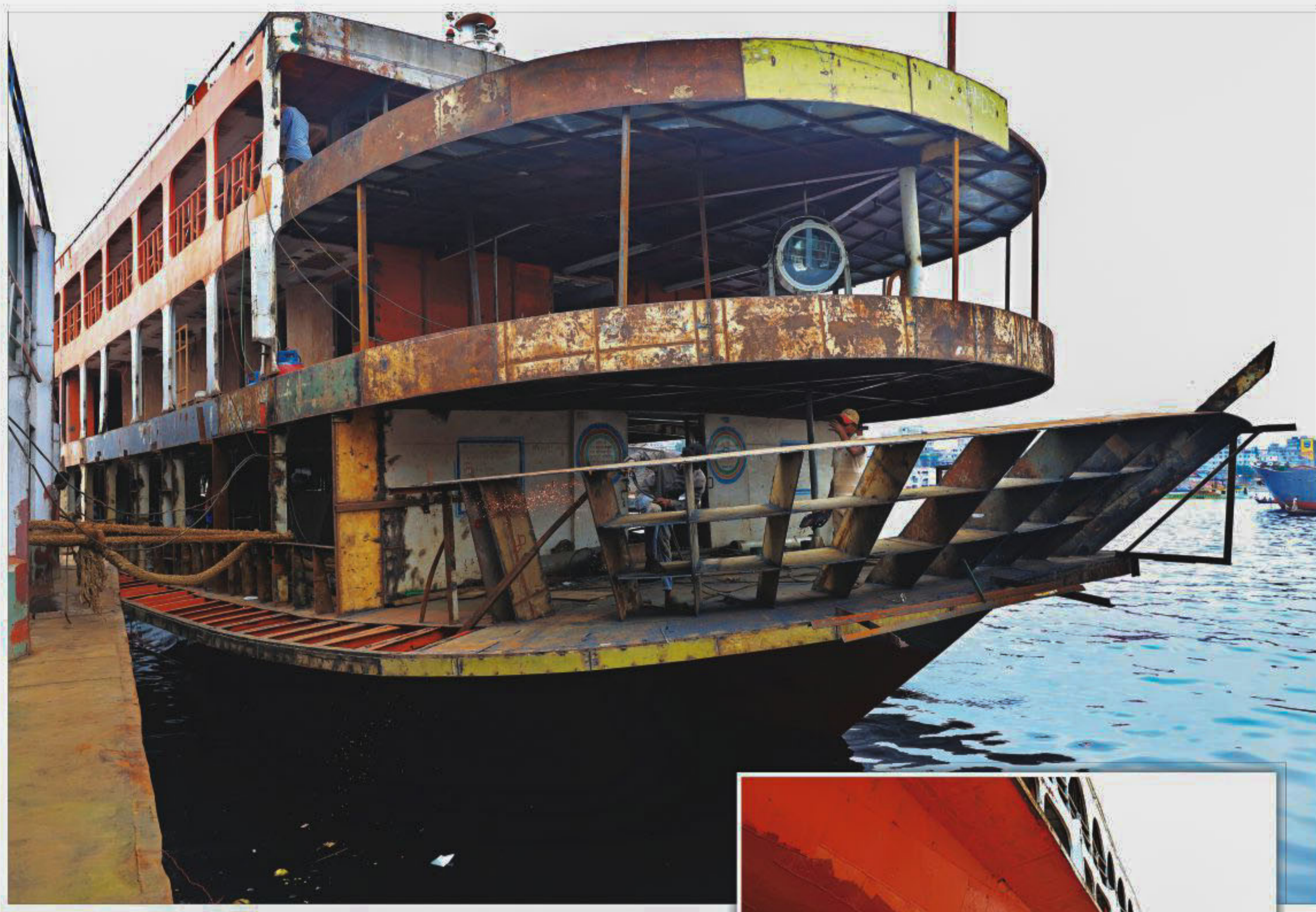
Every year during this season when nor'wester is a common affair and ahead of Eid when the launch business hits its peak due to the mad rush of home-goers, the safety issue comes to the fore for discussion. This year, the Eid-ul-Fitr will be celebrated in the first week of next month.

Owing to the slack safety standards, the country had numerous accidents which left thousands of people dead in the past. The latest major accident took place in August 2014 when "Pinak-6", an overloaded double-decker launch, capsized in the Padma. Over a hundred passengers were killed in the tragedy.

HALF THE REGISTERED VESSELS NOT INSPECTED

Following its survey last year, the Department of Shipping (DoS) handed over the annual fitness certificates to only 6, 159 of the 12,401 registered vessels, meaning the same number of the vessels, including launches, cargoes, oil-laden vessels, speedboats and dredgers, did not have the

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Run-down launches are being repaired and painted ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr at a dockyard in Dhaka's Keraniganj. Nearly half of the vessels plying in the country have no fitness certificates.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



65-day ban on sea fishing begins today

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The government, for the first time, has imposed a 65-day ban on fishing in the sea across the country, but apparently without taking any rehabilitation measures for the vulnerable fishermen.

The sanction, which is to remain effective from today to July 23, has been imposed in accordance with the Marine Fisheries Ordinance 1883 (amended in 2015) to ensure smooth breeding of the sea fishes.

According to the ordinance, no fishermen are allowed to catch fish in the sea during this period, said Mollah Emdadullah, district fisheries officer (DFO) in Patuakhali.

The Department of Fisheries sent a copy of the ordinance to the DFOs in 19 coastal districts in the first week of April and asked them to implement it, Emdadullah added.

"We held a meeting with the fishermen, fish traders and others concerned on April 24 at Mohipur fish landing station in Kalapara upazila to make them aware of the ban," he also said.

Some 5,000 fishermen

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Conning jobseekers with 'one-stop service'

MOHAMAMD JAMIL KHAN

It operated like a one-stop service centre for jobseekers. All one needed to do was say what kind of employment they wanted. Even a recruitment test was unnecessary. The service provider would arrange the job and send the appointment letter to them.

This is how Mehjabin Properties Ltd simplified the process of finding "employment" and defrauded dozens of people capitalising on their need and naivety.

In the last one year, the suspicious organisation gave appointment letters to around 200 people. They bore the names of private banks, revenue board, jail directorate, and ministries including those of education or women and children affairs.

It also promised admission to medical colleges. For the service, each candidate was charged a fee of Tk 2-5 lakh.

The Detective Branch (DB) of police claimed to have discovered the centre at the capital's Mirpur DOHS area after arresting five people, including its managing director (MD) Md ww, 28, on Friday.

The other arrestees are deputy managing director Md Selim Reza, 23, legal affairs adviser Shahid Al Islam, 24, and staff members Selim Hossain, 35, and Jibarul Islam, 36.

"We made the arrest after two victims filed complaints against the five for fraud," said Md Rahat Khan, inspector of DB police.

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AL leader's brother shot dead in Bandarban

SANJOY KUMAR BARUA, Bandarban

The brother of an Awami League leader was shot dead in Rajbila union of Bandarban early yesterday.

The victim, Kya Ching Thoai Marma, was whisked away from his home in Punorbashon Rubber Garden area around 1:00am, said Hla Sa Bu Marma, karbari of Punorbashon village.

"Six armed men picked up Ching from the house. His bullet-ridden body was found lying nearby around 5:00am," the village head said quoting his family.

The 30-year-old man was the younger brother of Saipo Aung Marma, vice-president of Rajbila AL ward 5 unit.

U Cha Mong Marma, uncle of the victim, said the criminals had come for Saipo but picked up Ching instead as Saipo was not home at that time.

Filing of a murder

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Jute workers likely to get arrears soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Prime Minister's Office yesterday asked the secretary of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) to submit lists of state-run jute mill workers and their bank account details so that their arrears and retirement benefits could be paid.

In a letter signed by Jajrin Nahar, director-II at the PMO, the BJMC secretary was asked to submit the required information within three working days.

BJMC Secretary AKM Tareque told The Daily Star, "We have already started preparing the lists. We have been trying our best to pay the arrears of the workers before Eid."

According to BJMC officials, they have been working on the lists after receiving a similar directive from the finance

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PRAYER TIMING MAY 20

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

AZAN 3:50 12:45 5:00 6:40 8:00

JAMAAT 4:00 1:15 5:15 6:50 8:30

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RAMADAN MAY SEHRI IFTAR

14	20	6:40
15	21	3:44 6:40
16	22	3:43 6:41

২০ মে হতে ২৩ জুলাই পর্যন্ত মোট ৬৫ (পঁয়ষড়ি) দিন বঙ্গোপসাগরে সকল প্রকার মৎস্য নৌযান কর্তৃক মৎস্য আহরণ নিষিদ্ধকরণ বিষয়ে বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মৎস্য ও প্রাণিসম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়ের এস.আর.ও নং ৯৭-আইন/২০১৫ মোতাবেক সামুদ্রিক মৎস্য বিধিমালা, ১৯৮৩ এর সংযোজিত ১৯ নং বিধি দ্বারা বাংলাদেশের সামুদ্রিক অর্থনৈতিক এলাকায় মাছের সুষ্ঠু প্রজনন ও সামুদ্রিক মৎস্য সম্পদ সংরক্ষণের জন্য প্রতি বছর ২০ মে হতে ২৩ জুলাই পর্যন্ত মোট ৬৫ (পঁয়ষড়ি) দিন সকল প্রকার মৎস্য নৌযান কর্তৃক যে কোন প্রজাতির মৎস্য এবং ক্রাস্টাশিয়ান্স (চিংড়ি, লবস্টার, কাটল ফিশ ইত্যাদি) আহরণ নিষিদ্ধ করা হয়েছে।

সামুদ্রিক মৎস্য বিধিমালা, ১৯৮৩ এর ১৯ নং বিধি প্রতিপালনের জন্য সকল মৎস্য নৌযানকে অনুরোধ জানানো হলো।

এর ব্যতয় ঘটলে সামুদ্রিক মৎস্য অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৩ ও তদাধীনে প্রণীত বিধিমালা অনুযায়ী আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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Bio-glue to repair hearts after surgery

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A light activated bio-glue could repair a broken heart after surgery or trauma by reducing uncontrolled bleeding, which is currently a major cause of death.

Sealing heart and artery wounds is difficult because the adhesive must be strong enough to resist high blood pressure and the movement of a beating heart. Very few non-toxic materials meet these criteria.

But now a team of researchers at the China's Zhejiang University have developed the new glue.

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