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Bangladeshi hostages return home from Somalia

- Seven Bangladeshi sailors were held hostage in dire conditions and subject to beatings for nearly four years.
- No ransom was paid and instead the sailors were among eleven who snuck out of a window to escape before being rescued by local security forces.
- Their boat, the MV Albedo, was hijacked in November of 2010 in an attack that left five dead, one shot and four drowned.
- Source: Al Jazeera

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/southasia/2014/06/bangladeshi-hostages-somalia-return-home-2014612104138814920.html>

No easy route for those wishing to defect from al Shabaab

- Anwar Ahmed and Gabeyre Mohamed are two defectors from al Shabaab who left after seeing the farce behind what they believed to be 'rights and justice for all' and the weight of their conscience.
- Difficulty remains in rehabilitating defectors who range from low risk sentries who can be rehabilitated to high risk experienced fighters who may have to go before military tribunals with limited rights.
- Source: All Africa

<http://allafrica.com/stories/201406121440.html?page=2>

"Every day in captivity was like hell. We were not given proper food. They used to torture us on almost every day for ransom," said hostage Abul Hashem.

A Somali old wife's tale threatens the lives of children struck with measles

- Doctor's have learned that Somali mothers are abiding by an old wife's tale and keeping their children struck with measles inside and away from doctors for a week.
- The World Health Organisation has labelled the measles outbreak as "extremely alarming" and UNICEF has reported a total of 2,350 suspected cases of measles reported in March, April and May.
- The lack of medical facilities is helping spread the disease in Somalia and the delay in treatment can mean that some malnourished children cannot survive with ventilation.
- Source: The Washington Post

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/africa/in-somalia-a-wives-tale-that-spreads-measles/2014/06/11/ebb9245a-f173-11e3-b140-bd7309109588_story.html