

1,590 bullets retrieved in Bogra 2 more held in Habiganj

A CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police and paramilitary Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) yesterday recovered at least 1,590 bullets from Nayapara village under Kahalu thana.

The joint forces found the bullets stuffed into three packets at a bamboo hedge near a brick field on the bank of the river Nagar at about 4:00pm.

This is the fifth in a series of ammunition and explosive hauls in Bogra, raising the munition count to 95,282 bullets and at least 174kg explosives, according to local police sources.

Police said they suspect 4,000 more bullets and 25kg explosives might still be in the area or its vicinity. Police-BDR joint drives are on to find more bullets and ammunition in Jograpara, Nayapara and

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20 die as suicide blasts rock Moscow concert

AFP, Moscow

At least 20 people were killed and 30 others seriously injured yesterday when two female suicide bombers blew themselves up at a Moscow rock concert, ITAR-TASS news agency quoted Moscow police as saying.

A third blast went off at a nearby

market, the FSB security services told Russian news agencies.

Interfax quoted police as saying the death toll stood at 17, with 22 people hospitalised in serious condition with shrapnel wounds.

The bombs were packed with at least 500 grams of explosives, police said.

The concert organisers told ITAR-TASS around 40,000 people were attending the annual event.

President Vladimir Putin was immediately informed of the blasts and the state prosecutor's office launched an investigation into

"terrorism," Interfax said.

Female suicide bombers carried out a series of kamikaze attacks that killed nearly 100 people in the breakaway republic of Chechnya in May.

Most of the Chechens who held some 800 people hostage in a Moscow theatre for three days in October were also women.

That attack brought the war in Chechnya to the heart of Russian capital for the first time since a series of fatal apartment blasts in August 1999 that prompted Putin to send

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Security measures have been upped in the Secretariat following free fall in law and order. Policemen check a car, left, and a close-circuit camera monitors visitors yesterday.

Ex-army chief says munitions were made for insurgency

Regular army does not use this type of ammunition

UNB, Dhaka

Former army chief General (ret'd) Mustafizur Rahman has said the munitions recovered in Bogra were made for use in insurgency or unconventional warfare.

"The ammunition and explosives, wherever they might have been manufactured, are designed to be used by insurgents. A regular army doesn't use such ammunition; they cannot use bullets not marked with the name of the manufacturer,"

he said.

Mustafizur Rahman and Col (ret'd) Saqlain Hossain, an ammunition and explosives expert, accompanied the Awami League parliamentary team that visited Bogra and presented their observations at a press conference yesterday.

The former army chief believes the bullets were manufactured either in a Chinese factory or a factory set up with Chinese technology. Pakistan has an ordinance fac-

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'Criminal' shot dead on Elephant Road

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified gunmen yesterday shot dead an alleged criminal in broad daylight in front of his residence on Elephant Road.

Noor Palash alias Eskey, 30, listed with the Dhanmondi Police Station as a criminal, controlled a toll extortion gang on Elephant Road. He is an accused in three cases including one for murder.

Eskey was gunned down while he was talking with his elder brother Jahangir in front of their residence at 129, Elephant Road at around 10:00am.

"Three youths were loitering around our house, and approached us suddenly. They drew pistols and opened fire on Eskey," Jahangir told

The Daily Star.

"After shooting several times, the killers melted into Hatirpul," he said, adding that three others who were waiting at a distance also fled after the murder.

"The killers acted in a planned way and carried out the murder within a few minutes," an eyewitness said.

"I could not recognise the youths. They definitely were not locals," Jahangir said.

Eskey fell on the ground with six bullets hitting his face and throat, two in the back, three in the chest and one in the thigh. He died instantly.

Jahangir and other relatives took Eskey to Dhaka Medical College

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Security at Secretariat beefed up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In the wake of violent incidents, apparent deterioration of law and order and widespread fear of sabotage, authorities have beefed up security in Bangladesh Secretariat and installed close-circuit cameras at entry points.

Furthermore, instructions have been given to police at different gates of Bangladesh Secretariat to check vehicles of staff and visitors. Police have also been asked to search bags of those who enter Secretariat premises with entry passes.

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Two to die for killing baby Ratna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Speedy Trial Tribunal-1, Dhaka, yesterday sentenced two persons to death and two others to life imprisonment in the baby Ratna murder case.

Mohammad Rubel and Mohammad Yunus were awarded the death penalty and the tribunal also fined them Tk50,000 each.

The convicts sentenced to life

imprisonment are Mohammad Ibrahim and Zakir Hossain. Zakir has been absconding since the murder of Ratna inside an under construction building at south Manda under Sabujbagh thana on August 8, 2002.

Ibrahim and Zakir have also been fined Tk50,000 each and will have to suffer rigorous imprisonment for another year in case of default. Zakir's jail sentence will be counted

from the day of his arrest or surrender.

The convicts can appeal to the High Court Division within seven days against the verdict.

The accused killed rickshaw-puller Enamul Khan's daughter Ratna to take revenge on the family, following an enmity that developed over a quarrel between two minor playmates.

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Govt had a hand in Bogra affair, believes Hasina

ROVING CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Leader of the Opposition in parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday said she believes the government had a hand in the Bogra munitions affair.

She said, security was tight and there was red alert throughout the country as the Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri and US Secretary of State Colin Powell were visiting the country.

"So how the truck carrying the

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Myanmar FM arrives

UNB, Dhaka

Myanmar Foreign Minister U Win Aung arrived here last night, carrying a letter of the head of his government for Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

Foreign Secretary Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury received him at the airport.

He will hold a meeting with Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan at 11:00am today. Later, the visiting foreign minister will call on Khaleda and hand over the letter.

Win Aung will leave tomorrow.

SQ Chy's fresh attack on The Daily Star

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister's Parliamentary Affairs Adviser SQ Chowdhury once again launched an attack on The Daily Star without naming it.

This time, the issue was the use or meaning of the word 'bua' in a Daily Star report -- the translation of which, SQ Chowdhury claimed, ultimately violated the rights of

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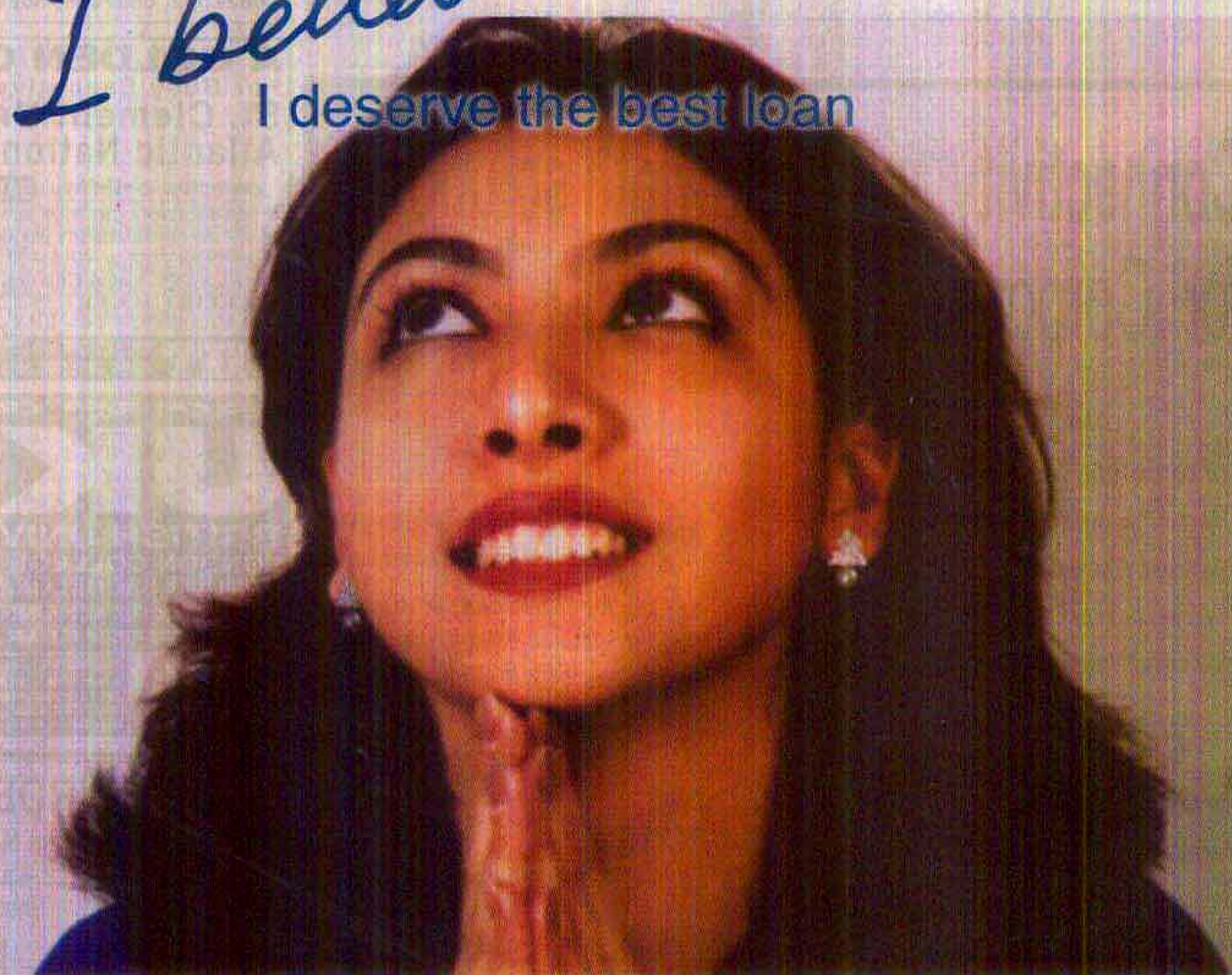
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