

Army busts terrorist den in Bandarban forest

Rocket launchers, anti-tank grenades, assault rifles and huge ammunition seized; 1 killed in gunbattle

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Army busted a terrorist camp deep in the Bandarban forest in the early hours of Tuesday and recovered a huge cache of arms and ammunition including anti-tank grenades, rocket launchers and assault rifles.

Some 200 army troops backed by 50 police and ansars personnel fought the terrorists, believed to be run-away Arakan rebels, for 35 minutes to end a four-day siege to the hideout.

An unidentified rebel died in the gunfight that saw at least 200 rounds of fire exchanged. Another terrorist,

Sa Maw Pru, 25, was arrested while the rest melted into the deeper forest.

The list of recovered arms and ammunition runs long. It includes one M-79 rocket launcher, two M-56 grenade launchers, 39 anti-tank grenades, one M-16 assault rifle, a single-barrel gun, a pistol, 388 rounds of ammunition of AK-47, G-3 and M-16 rifles, two walkie-talkies, a radio, combat dresses and backpack. A huge quantity of medicines, a camera and food was also found.

Eight army teams, lead by Major Monirul Islam, launched the operation

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Arms and ammunition recovered in an operation at Ruangchhari in Bandarban yesterday.

Bijon dies, attempt on life of Khulna district AL leader

Outlaw admits to plotting Imam's murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Bijon Bihari, injured in Monday's bomb blasts and fire that killed Khulna city Awami League (AL) President Monzurul Imam, died last night when he was being taken to Dhaka for treatment.

The body of Bijon who died in Savar was driven back to Khulna, said a late night report. No further details could be available.

Bijon accompanied Imam in a rickshaw to work when a gang opened fire and exploded a string of bombs.

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Daring robbery bid foiled at Eskaton Exim Bank

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A daring daylight robbery attempt at the Eskaton Branch of the Exim Bank Limited fell flat midway yesterday, thanks to the ingenuity of the manager who held his nerves to press the alarm.

The band of 12 robbers, aged between 20 and 23 years, arrived at

the bank in a white microbus at around 2:00pm, said businessman Shah Alam who witnessed the incident.

They walked up to the bank pretending to be customers. One of them stood guard in front of the stairs on the ground floor.

They snatched a shotgun and a

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