

Army busts terrorist den in Bandarban forest

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

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

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, led by Major Monirul Islam, launched the operation at Ruangchhari in Bandarban yesterday.

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

IGP goes to Ctg today to buck up rescuers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Shahidul Huq is expected to reach Chittagong today in a bid to speed up the ongoing operation to rescue the abducted business magnate Jamal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury.

The IGP is scheduled to visit Fatikchhari where Jamal is believed to be held hostage, official sources said.

Meanwhile, the augmentation of forces and strengthening of the rescue operation could not free Jamal, also a BNP leader, 33 days into his abduction.

In addition to the huge contingent of police carrying out a non-stop operation with the assistance of the BDR, 28 district policemen were posted at the camp set up on Friday at Kanchan Nagar of Fatikchhari.

The contingent and district police,

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Judge doubly superseded Six more appointed to HC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday appointed six judges to the High Court (HC) Division and elevated one to the Appellate Division superseding his senior colleague in the HC Division.

Miftah Uddin Chowdhury, Zobaer Rahman Chowdhury, AKM Asaduzzaman, Fazle Kabir and Ashfaqul Islam are the new additional judges, and Khandker Musa Khaleel, whose service was not confirmed by the government on July 2, has been appointed as full

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Simon, friend freed, 5 abductors held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police rescued two students Ibrahim Miah Simon and Sanjoy Kumar Dev six days after their abduction and arrested five kidnappers in a hilly outlying area in Chittagong yesterday.

The rescue of the two friends, abducted on the afternoon of August 20, came as a huge relief to their parents who received them in tears at home.

Law enforcers launched the early morning operation, acting on the confessional statements of Kazi Mostaq Ahmad and his brother Kazi Helaluddin, activists of the Islami Chhatra Shibir.

The two brothers were arrested on Monday. Police believe both Mostaq, a

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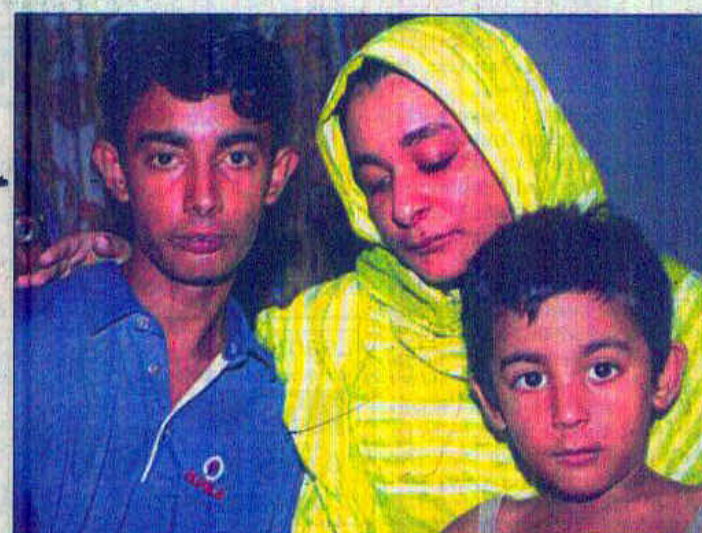


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HAPPY BACK HOME: Ibrahim Miah Simon, top, and Sanjoy Kumar Dev, bottom, yesterday reunite with their mothers six days after their abduction in Chittagong.

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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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Peshawar Test from today

Ashraful in, Sanwar out
HASAN MASOOD from Peshawar

The second Super Asia Test between Bangladesh and Pakistan starts at the Arbab Niaz Stadium today with both sides looking for improvements.

The wicket here is a typically slow and flat Pakistani track which has been roasting under the scorching heat of the North West Frontier Province. However, it suddenly started drizzling yesterday afternoon and the cooling effect will be welcomed by both sides.

Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore did not appear bothered about the hot and humid atmosphere.

"At this level the weather should not be a factor. How you apply yourself out there is what counts," said Whatmore yesterday adding that he would like his team to put up a better

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