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Orange alert in US

AGENCIES/PARIS, Washington

Governments across Europe beefed up security in airports, rail stations and public transport systems yesterday following a series of deadly rush-hour bombings in London,

The Bush administration raised the terror alert a notch to code SEE PAGE 19 COL 7

World leaders pledge united terror war

AGENCY/ TV, Berlin

Leaders from around the world expressed shock and anger over the deadly explosion blasts in the heart of London vesterday and determination to crush the terrorist threat.

The Group of Eight most industrialised nations declared the "barbaric" London bombings to be SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

'Double-decker opened like a tin of sardines'

REUTERS, London

Wounded Londoners painted a nightmarish picture of chaos and bloodshed as a string of explosions ripped through the heart of the city

Across the paralysed capital, the wounded stumbled slowly from tube stations devastated by the SEE PAGE 19 COL 7

Europe goes on terror warning Terror strikes London: 37 killed

700 injured; Qaeda-linked group claims responsibility; G8 summit disrupted

Four blasts ripped through London during rush hour vesterday morning, killing at least 37 people and disrupting a summit of Group of Eight leaders in Scotland in attacks Prime Minister Tony Blair called "barbaric"

Home Secretary Charles Clarke called the explosions

Around 700 people were wounded in the deadliestever peacetime attack on the British capital. Hospital

Witnesses saw the top ripped off a double-decker bus near Russell Square close to King's Cross station, and three more apparently coordinated explosions caused carnage on packed tube trains as Londoners made their

staff said some of the inured were unlikely to survive.

Security sources told the news agency there were fatalities at all four bomb sites.

"I was on the bus," said one dazed passenger. "I looked round and the seats behind me were gone.

"You could see bodies on the road outside," said another eyewitness, Peter Gordon. "There was smoke cverywhere. It was carnage."

US President George W. Bush, speaking at the G8

summit, told reporters that "the war on terror goes on."





The destruction near Tavistock Place in London, left, after the bomb blast on the top of a double-decker bus; an injured passenger, right, being escorted away from Edgware

Khaleda, Hasina condemn attacks

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina have condemned the bomb attacks in

In a condolence message to Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Tony Blair, Khaleda said, "I am deeply shocked and grieved to learn about the explosions across SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

SCHOOLBOY 'KILLING'

2 teachers arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested two teachers of Nayatola Government Primary School including the headmistress on charge of beating up a schoolboy to death on Tuesday.

A team of Ramna police nabbed Headmistress Shaheena Akhter, 42, SEE PAGE 19 COL 3

Khaleda, Saifur should quit after confessing to pervasive graft

Says Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the prime minister and her cabinet colleagues, particularly the finance and planning SEE PAGE 19 COL 3

On bus at Tavistock Square

TRI-NATION GAS PIPELINE

Delhi to try roping in Dhaka

facilitate the laying of gas pipeline from Myanmar to India through Bangladesh. This was decided at the India-

Myanmar ministerial level meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday when Indian Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Mani Shankar Aiyar had a wide-ranging discussion with his Myanmar counterpart Brig Gen Lun Thi on enhancing cooperation in the hydrocarbon sector, according to a message received in Dhaka yester-

Bangladesh did not participate in the meeting, as the invitation from the Indian side reportedly came too

Moreover, Bangladesh wants India to first address the issues of trade imbalance, providing corridor for Nepalese goods to Bangladeshi ports and access to hydroelectric potential in Bhutan.

At Edgware Road tube station

Since there has not been any India will continue its efforts to sort progress in resolving the issues out the issues with Bangladesh to between India and Bangladesh, New Delhi and Yangon took the initiative to find any viable alternative to lay the gas pipeline directly between the two countries excluding Bangladesh.

A release of the Press Information Bureau (PIB) of India said during the meeting, the two sides discussed evacuation of gas from Myanmar through Myanmar-Bangladesh-India pipeline and other alterna-

Both sides agreed that the best alternative of gas evacuation from Myanmar to India would be through Myanmar-Bangladesh-India pipeline, therelease said.

It said the Indian government will continue to sort out the issue with Bangladesh about the three points tagged with the \$1 billion trinational gas pipeline initiative.

TENGRATILA BLOWOUT

Road tube station.

Fire shrinks but fans out to 30 cracks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The fire at Tengratila gas field fanned out some more, with burning gas leaking through some 30 cracks around the blazing relief well.

The flame at the relief well shrunk to less than 30 feet by yesterday afternoon with reduced intensity, while those at the cracks were below 20-foot height.
SEE PAGE 19 COL 2

Saifur recovering UNB, Dhaka

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman is recovering and resting in his hospital bed.

Doctors at the Apollo Hospital in Dhaka, where the senior minister is undergoing treatment, declined to Saifur was admitted to the hospi-

tal with urinary trouble Wednesday morning. A hospital statement later said he was "stable and under obser-

No operator now at lucrative Block 9

Tullow refuses to shift onus to controversial Niko

SHARIER KHAN

Gas block number 9 in central companies are involved in it. Bangladesh, which posed as an apple of discord between different interested oil companies and the government since the second round

block bidding, now does not have any operator although three oil

The block's last lead operator Irish Tullow Oil in a letter on Tuesday refused to hand over operatorship to SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

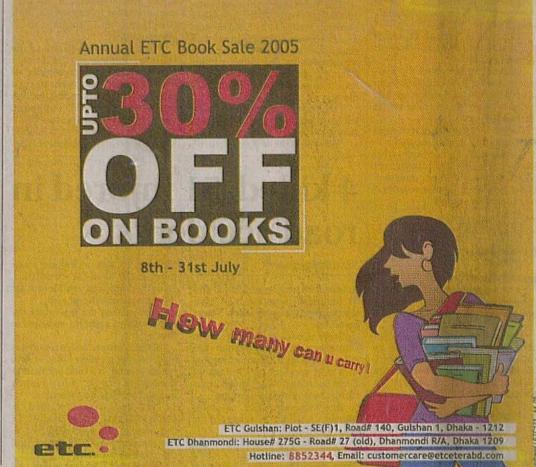
NSI men swoop on lensmen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine photojournalists of different national dailies were injured, three of them critically, when National Security Intelligence (NSI) person-Bagicha in the capital.

The trouble began as a photojounalist was doing his professional duties.

Protesting the NSI action, fellow journalists barricaded the road in front of the Jatiya Press Club, halting nel vesterday swooped on them in traffic for about two hours in the front of the NSI office at Segun afternoon. They demanded SEE PAGE 19 COL 6



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