

## Blasts rock districts: Over 100 injured

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different areas of the district town and Madhupur, Mirzapur and Ghatail upazilas, leaving one person injured. Police recovered two unexploded bombs from the District Judge Court premises.

**Noakhali:** Four bombs exploded near the Collectorate Bhaban, Press Club, Old Bus Stand and Jam-e-Mosque, leaving three pedestrians injured.

The injured are Anwar Hossain, 40, Lutfunnahar Lata and her husband Sohel, 32. The condition of Anwar, who received 20 splinters in his legs, was stated to be critical.

Police arrested three suspects, Ibrahim, 20, Humayun, 35, and Nurul Alam, 35, and recovered bomb-making materials from their possessions.

**Dinajpur:** Ten bombs went off at nine key points of the district town, leaving two people injured. They are Raj, 26, and Ishaque, 38.

The bombs exploded near Collectorate Bhaban, District Judge Court, Zilla School, Eye Hospital, Hospital crossing, Baluadanga crossing and bus terminal.

**Comilla:** Nine bombs exploded near the Judge Court, DC office, Press Club, cantonment and Shashangachha bus terminal, injuring several people. Police recovered leaflets of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh from the blast spots.

**Narayanganj:** Five people, including two female college students, were injured as seven bombs exploded in the town. Police arrested one suspect.

**Gazipur:** Eight bombs went off on the DC office and court premises, and on the National University campus. An 11-year-old girl, Selina Aktar, was seriously injured.

**Gopalganj:** Five bombs exploded near the DC office, Collectorate Building, Bangabandhu Government College and Sadar Hospital in the town.

Police recovered an unexploded bomb from the Collectorate Building compound.

**Manikganj:** Seven bombs went off near DC office, Judge Court,

Press Club, bus stand and the Sadar Hospital gate in the town. No one was injured.

**Kushtia:** Five bombs exploded in the DC office and Islamic University areas. Police arrested one Shamshul Alam after the blasts.

**Patuakhali:** Six bombs exploded at three points of the town. Police recovered four unexploded bombs. Two people, including a 12-year-old hawker, were injured.

**Natore:** Seven bombs went off at four points in the district town, injuring 20 people including a police sergeant. The seriously injured are - sergeant Abdul Halim, Kalam, Bakul, Milon, Mantu Pramanik, Akkas, Nurul Islam, Liton and Mokbul.

The bombs exploded on the Judge Court compound, and at Madrasa crossing, Old Bus Stand and Railway Station.

**Naogaon:** Seven bombs went off in the town but no injuries were reported. Two of the bombs exploded on the Judge Court premises and one each at Gostahati, Baludanga crossing and near Bijon Bridge.

Police arrested Shahidul Islam, 35, of Miapara in Sapahar upazila from the court premises when he was informing someone on mobile that the operation was successful.

**Sirajganj:** Seven bombs went off near the DC office, on the Judge Court compound, and in bazaar and station areas in the town, injuring five people injured.

Police picked up 10 people from the blast scenes.

**Nilphamari:** Two people were critically injured as three bombs exploded at Nilphamari Bazaar and on the DC Office and Judge Court premises.

Seven unexploded bombs were recovered from the blast sites that also include Post Office crossing, Madha Ghosh intersection and AG Office.

**Gaibandha:** Seven people were injured in bomb blasts on the premises of Judge Court and DC office, at railway station, bus terminal and

Municipal Park.

Of the injured, Shah Abdul Gaffar, 45, Haider Ali, 60, and Aminul Islam, 10, were hospitalised. Police recovered four unexploded bombs.

**Kurigram:** Six bombs went off at different places in the town. No one was hurt.

**Habiganj:** Six bombs exploded in and around different government offices and court buildings in the town but no injury was reported.

The bombs went off at Judge Court building, Bar Library, Municipal Market and Muktiyoddha Smrity Soudha, causing panic in the town.

**Magura:** Five time bombs were exploded on the premises of Judge Court and DC office, and near Sadar Police Station at around 11:30am. Police retrieved two unexploded bombs from the DC office premises.

**Pirojpur:** Seven bombs exploded on the premises of Collectorate Bhaban and Sadar Upazila Parishad, and at new Market, Pourasabha, Kalibari and Rajarhat in the town. Three people were injured in the blasts.

**Barguna:** Seven bombs exploded at six places - court compound, Press Club, DC office, Bangabandhu Smrity Parishad office, Town Bridge and Baro Bridge - in the town. Four people were injured in the blasts.

**Jhalakati:** Four bombs went off on the DC office compound and court area, leaving eight people injured. One unexploded bomb was recovered from the DC office.

**Bandarban:** Seven bombs went off at different parts of the town, leaving two people including a five-year old girl injured. Police arrested six people including one Imam in this connection.

**Lalmonirhat:** Six bombs went off in different areas of the town, leaving one person injured. Police recovered one unexploded bomb from a stair of the DC Office.

**Rangamati:** Four bombs went off at different places in the town, leaving a minor boy injured. A live bomb was recovered from a dustbin.

**Laxmipur:** Six bombs exploded at different places of the town,

including in front of Judge Court, DC Office and UNO Office and Pourasabha, leaving one person injured.

**Jamalpur:** Seven bombs exploded near the Judge Court, DC office, railway station, police station, Shaheed Minar and Bakultala in the town. No one was injured.

**Joypurhat:** Ten bombs went off near the Judge Court, DC office, bus terminal and Arafat Market in the town, injuring three rickshawpullers - Atwar Hossain, 23, Sultan, 41, and Majnu, 25. The victims are suspected to be carriers of the bombs.

Police recovered three live bombs and some leaflets, and picked up four suspects.

**Thakurgaon:** Five bombs exploded near Judge Court, Woman and Child Repression Court, Chaurasta and Magistrate's Court, leaving two people injured.

The injured are Fazle Alam, 28, a peon of court, and Halima, 30.

**Feni:** One bomb exploded in front of Bara Masjid in the town and

another unexploded one was recovered from in front of municipality building.

**Rajbari:** Six bombs exploded near DC office, Town Maktab Government Primary School, railway station and railway ground.

**Sherpur:** Six bombs went off in the DC office, Judge Court, New Market, new bus terminal and Nouhata areas. Police recovered an unexploded bomb and 30-40 leaflets of Jama'atul Mujahideen from near the ADM Court.

**Narsingdi:** Five bombs went off near the DC office, Police Lines, District Jail, Narsingdi Government College and main bus terminal, injuring at least 10 people.

The injured are Janufa Akhter, 22, Kohinur Begum, 25, Nure Alam 25, Aminul Islam, 24, Anwara Begum, 24, Aminul Haq, 30, Amir Hossain, 30, Joynal Abedin, 30, Haru Mia, 40, and an unidentified man.

**Chandpur:** Ten 10 people were injured, two critically, in six bomb blasts in the Collectorate Bhaban,

## Babar changes statement

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activities may take place on August 14, 15 and 16. "There was no information (of such an attack) for August 17. The period of time passed away," he said then.

The shift in his statement came at 3:20pm when the minister was briefing reporters at his office about government measures. "We didn't actually know the incident to be such one."

He, however, did not disclose the kind of information he had. "What information we had was about August 15. Every [political] party has some days we consider to be sensitive. All the governments secure such days, it is nothing new."

Asking people not to panic over the incidents, Babar said: "The government assures people that it is fully alert and determined to protect public property and lives."

He asked people to inform the nearest police station or policemen if any bag, packet, container or bundle is found abandoned.

The state minister also asked people to inform law enforcement agencies if they have any information about the operatives.

"The explosions took place in Dhaka and about all districts between 10:30am and 11:30am. Government offices, especially courts and deputy commissioners' offices, were chosen for the explosions," Babar said.

Time devices were used in the exploded bombs and leaflets of recently banned organisation Jama'atul Mujahideen were found at every explosion spot, he said.

"Continuation and conse-

quences prove that the bombs were blasted in a planned way to panic people and create anarchy in the country."

Some miscreants have been arrested red handed and law enforcement agencies have already been instructed to find out and arrest other people involved in the attack as well as those behind the scene, he said.

Asked whether banned Jama'atul Mujahideen, whose leaflets have been seized from blast areas, are behind the attack, Babar said it is too early to comment, adding: "They may be involved, or there may be some other matters. Many things might have happened. We're seriously working on it and we've taken the matter seriously."

Asked about his assumption about people behind the attack, he refused to reply, saying, "It is too early to comment."

Asked to comment on the failure of intelligence and security agencies, Babar said: "Don't make me say everything." The state minister expressed hopes of tracing operatives behind the attack.

**SECURITY MEASURES**  
A number of check-posts have been increased in the capital and elsewhere. "In an exceptional move, I've even ordered all officers to work on the street," said Babar.

Saying that police have a list of suspected people and are now working on it, he said, "We've taken some other steps which we don't want to disclose."

Judge Court, Bar Library, Press Club and railway station areas.

Two people, Joynal Abedin, 55, and Shamsul Haq, 42, were injured critically.

**Khagrachhari:** Four bombs exploded at Collectorate Bhaban, Judge Court and Shapla Chatter, injuring four people - Joynab Bibi, Amir Ali, Hangsaj Chakma and Abu Munnaf.

Munnaf, 35, was taken into custody as the police consider him a suspect.

**Brahmanbaria:** Four people were injured as seven bombs exploded at different places in the district town.

**Meherpur:** Seven bombs went off on the premises of DC office and Judge Court.

**Chuadanga:** Two bombs exploded near the DC office in the town.

**Jahangirnagar University**  
A bomb exploded on the Dhaka-Aricha highway in front of university's main gate. Another bomb went off at Nabinagar bus stand in Savar. No one was injured.