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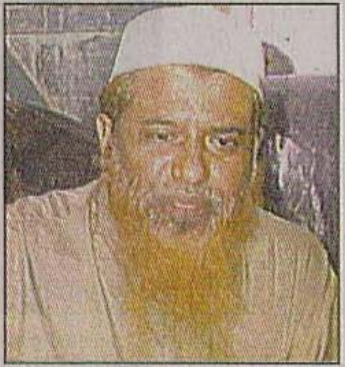
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Cops target 400 militants

Abdur Rahman, Bangla Bhai top on list; grassroots network revealed



Abdur Rahman

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

Security and intelligence agencies are out on a massive countrywide manhunt to nab some 400 leaders and activists of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) believed to be responsible for Wednesday's orchestrated bomb blasts.

JMB Chief Moulana Abdur Rahman and Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) operations commander Siddiqui Islam alias Bangla Bhai top the list prepared yesterday.

Investigators said they are certain that some strong quarters within the country must have assisted the JMB in carrying out the attack. "It is also clear that JMB high-ups and masterminds behind the attacks have arranged for a tough security arrangement for themselves," said a source at the Joint Interrogation Cell (JIC).

The investigators meanwhile have extracted some significant information about the field-level activities leading to Wednesday's terror strike from 14 suspected JMB



Bangla Bhai

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Changes in agencies on the cards

PM holds meeting, expresses displeasure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is likely to bring about changes in the intelligence and law enforcement agencies for their "complete failure" to have any prior leads about the August 17 countrywide blasts and to curb other crimes.

Highly placed sources said Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, who returned home late Friday from China, spoke of her disgust at the law enforcers' continued failure to contain blast incidents in the country. Khaleda cut short her official visit to China in response to Wednesday's serial blasts.

The PM questioned the feasibility and effectiveness of the intelli-

gence agencies and voiced her disapproval of their lack of success in curbing crime despite crores of Taka being spent on them and modern technology and training provided, added the sources.

Sources at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said that the PM started her day's business by being given briefings by two intelligence agencies.

The agency chiefs briefed her separately and replied to various queries from the PM. She was not convinced, however, as it seemed to her the entire intelligence network 'completely failed' to get any prior information about the unpre-

cedented bomb attacks, which have

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CTG ARMS HAUL 2 cops held with stolen AK47s

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested two police sergeants and their two "criminal" associates in the last two days and seized two AK47 rifles that were among six of such arms lost during the sensational 10 truckloads of arms haul at Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Factory Ltd (CUFL) jetty on April 2, 2004.

The arrestees are Sergeant Md Alauddin, 36, Sergeant Helal Uddin Bhuiyan, 36, Piyar Ahmad Akash, 30, and Md Dulal Khondoker, 29.

The two cops, then working under Chittagong Metropolitan Police and posted at the CUFL jetty

on the night of the arms haul, were also important witnesses in the sensational arms case.

They found eight AK47 rifles in a boat on the night of April 2 last year, kept six of them under their custody and returned two others to the police authorities, they admitted to journalists at Rab office yesterday.

Later on, the two sergeants gave the six rifles under custody of Akash, a close aide of top-notch Shibir cadre Azrail Delwar, who was killed in "crossfire" on May 7 this year.

As per the two sergeants' instructions, Akash secretly sold four of the six rifles to Delwar at Tk 2.2 lakh each.

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Police try to arrest a woman activist of the main opposition Awami League, left; and onslaught on a policewoman, right, by the activists of Jubo Mohila League during the hartal hours at Dhanmondi in the capital yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR

Stray incidents mark hartal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal enforced by the main opposition Awami League (AL) and its allies yesterday brought life to a virtual standstill although the shutdown passed off by and large peacefully, barring some stray incidents of violence.

Economic activities were greatly disrupted, business establishments and shopping malls remained closed, classes were not held at educational institutions and inter-district buses stayed off the roads during the hartal.

The shutdown however did not affect movement of trains and launches, and domestic and international flights of airlines.

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ONE YEAR INTO AUG 21 CARNAGE

Probe stalled, attackers untraced

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK and SHAMIM ASHRAF

The investigation into the August 21 grenade attack on an Awami League (AL) rally has remained stalled over the last one year as investigators failed to find any strong clue while the government and the investigators came under strong criticism for their controversial activities in the name of probe.

Today is the first anniversary of the deadly attacks on the AL rally on Bangabandhu Avenue that killed at least 22, including AL's women affairs secretary Ivy Rahman, who succumbed to her injuries three days after the incident, and wounded several hundred.

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A scene of the massacre on the Bangabandhu Avenue during an Awami League rally on August 21 last year.

BDR, BSF trade 300 shots, call ceasefire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The Bangladesh and Indian border guards held their fire on the Chapainawabganj-Malda border yesterday noon after firing 300 rounds at each other.

A sector commander-level meeting will be held this morning at Gilabari to settle the border dispute, BDR sources said.

BDR sources said the firing

started at Mouchia-Gilabari area at 8:42am and at JK Poladanga at 9:40am.

Indian BSF fired shots randomly until 10:30am when BDR retaliated with counter shots, said the sources.

The firing ended at 12:15pm to follow a company commander-level meeting. Commanders of Krishnanagar of India and Chan Sikari company of Bangladesh sat at

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Agencies for banning Kuwait-based group

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Intelligence agencies yesterday recommended banning activities of the Kuwait-based Revival of Islamic Heritage Society (RIHS) for funding Islamist militants in the country.

In a joint report suggesting ways and means to check Islamist militancy, the agencies advised the government to close down the RIHS, as it was found more concerned with promoting militancy than its express mission of protecting

Islamic heritage, said an intelligence source.

The agencies found the RIHS, also known as Jomiatul Ehya-ut Turag, accused of rearing Islamist extremists in Pakistan and Afghanistan, provided the Tawhid Trust and Hadith Foundation founded by militant kingpin Asadullah Al Galib with most of their funds, both legally and illegally.

They said Jama'atul Mujahidin Bangladesh (JMB), blamed for

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INSIDE THE MILITANT GROUPS-1

Trained in foreign land, they spread inland

ZAYADUL AHSAN

A deep pocket filled by oil rich hands, virtually unrelenting access to arms, an insidious nexus with mainstream political parties and the government's blind eye to them -- the deadly concoction that have made it possible for the religious terrorist groups to thrive in

Bangladesh.

The Daily Star investigation spread over several months has found over 30 religious militant organisations have set up their network across the country since 1989 with the central objective of establishing an Islamic state. Many of them have given armed training to their members to conduct jihad.

These militant organisations are Harkatul Jihad, Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), Jagrata Muslim Janata, Bangladesh (JMJB), Islami Biplobi Parishad, Shahadat Al Hiqma, Hizbut Towhid, Hizb-ut-Tahrir, Ahle Hadith Andolon, Towhid Janata, Bishwa Islami Front, Jama'atul Sadat, Al Jomiatul Islamia, Iqra

Islami Jote, Allah Dal, Al Khidmat Bahini, Al Mujhid, Jama'ati Yahia Al Turag, Jihadi Party, Al Harkat al Islamia, Al Mahfuz Al Islami, Jama'atul Faladia, Shahadat-e-Nabuwat, Joish-e-Mostafa, Tahfize Haramaine Parishad, Hizbul Mojahedein, Duranta Kafela and Muslim Guerrilla.

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