# **Bomb incidents in picture**







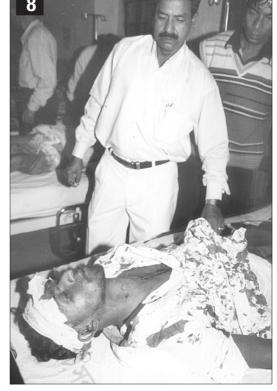


















1) Tears roll down the face of a policeman as he stands close to the firearms of his colleagues killed in Chittagong bomb blast yesterday. 2) An youth tries to identify the victims of the bomb blast at Gazipur Hospital. 3) Relatives attend to a victim of a bomb blast at Gazipur Hospital. 4) Many people throng the Gazipur Hospital to identify the persons killed in the bomb blast. 5) BNP Secretary General and LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and Law Minister Moudud Ahmed visit the injured people at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). 6) A nurse attends to a lawyer injured in a bomb blast at Gazipur Hospital. 7) Leaders of 14party opposition combine visit the injured people at the DMCH. 8) A person injured in Gazipur bomb blast lies in a hospital bed at the DMCH. 9) Supreme Court Bar Association observes one minute's silence for those killed in yesterday's bomb blasts. 10) Relatives of the victims of Gazipur bomb blast wail at the DMCH. 11) Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad takes out a procession on the Chittagong Court premises to protest the bomb attacks. 12) Sammilita Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad takes out a procession on the Judge Court premises in Dhaka to protest the bomb attacks. 13) A doctor attends to a victim of Gazipur bomb blast at the DMCH. 14) Part of the uniform of Rajib Barua, a policeman killed in the bomb attack in Chittagong, lies at the place of bomb blast.

# discussed

### British HC meets Hasina

British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury yesterday met opposition leader Sheikh Hasina and discussed the security issues and the latest situation arising out of the bomb explosions in Gazipur and Chittagong.

The meeting continued for nearly one and a half hours at Sudha Sadan in the afternoon, but both sides preferred to keep mum and refrained from formal

Choudhury was scheduled to meet

the opposition leader in the morning, but the time was rescheduled in the afternoon following the bomb blasts.

"Obviously their security concerns came up for discussion," an Awami League leader told the news agency. The leader, who asked not to be named said the overall political development and the latest bomb blasts were dis-

Awami League presidium member Kazi Zafrullah MP and Hasina's Political Secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury

secretary of Bikalpa Dhara, said the

ruling party leaders are busy amassing

wealth instead of giving attention to

get rid of the prevailing situation.

He called for unity of the people to

Ajmeri Begum Chhanda, convener

of Munshiganj Mahila Dal and former

vice-president of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra

Dal at Eden College, joined the Bikalpa

Students of Chittagong University (CU)

yesterday gave a 24-hour ultimatum to the

CU authorities demanding steps to release

two students arrested at Sholoshahar

Railway Station in the port city on Monday.

Hug and Zakiul Kaiser- when angry

students were demonstrating against

police assault on a fellow student

Hedayet Ullah Sabuz

The students at a press conference at the

Chittagong Press Club said police

arrested Sariful and Zakiul without any

night's

Police arrested two students - Shariful

the people's security.

Dhara at the programme.

ultimatum

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Sunday

CU students'

## Govt has no control over law and order

Says B Chowdhury

The government has no right to stay in

The latest bombings in Gazipur

The BDB president was speaking at a ceremony at the party office where a leader of the Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal,

Badruddoza said there might be a

The government has also failed to

Besides, skyrocketing prices of essentials has made the people's life miserable, he said.

to get rid of the misrule of the govern-

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

power any longer as it has totally failed to ensure security of the people, said President of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh AOM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday.

and Chittagong have proved that the government has no control over the law and order situation, he added.

women's wing of BNP, joined the BDB.

connection between the government and the militants as many arrested militants admitted their link with Jamaat, a partner of the ruling coali-

appoint an eligible person as home minister in the last four years, he added.

The BDB chief urged all to come under the umbrella of Bikalpa Dhara

Mahi B Chowdhury, organising

### Security issues Bomb blasts condemned

Bomb blasts in Gazipur and Chittagong, which left nine people, including two lawyers and one police constable, dead sent shock waves through the country yesterday as grief and widespread condemnations

Different political, socio-cultural, human rights, lawyers' associations, trade bodies and business organisations strongly condemned the deadly blast that also injured 78 people.

Leaders and workers of these organisations also brought out protest processions at different places across the country, including the capital, just after spreading out of the news of the incident. They also demanded proper investigation into the blast as well as all other similar incidents to mete out punishment to the culprits.

Blaming the Jamaatul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) for the bomb blasts, leaders also demanded resignation of the home minister for his failure to capture militants including the JMB Chief Shaykh Abdur Rahman and Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) Operation Commander Siddiqur Rahman alias Bangla Bhai.

They said that the government's indifference to the earlier attacks has contributed to the recurrence of attacks on court premises, rallies and functions of different political and cultural organisations through out the

They also demanded compensation for the families of the victims and the injured.

At an emergency meeting after the incident, Sammilita Ainjibi Samannov Parishad called countrywide down to dusk hartal protesting bomb blasts on court premises. Lawyers will also observe condolence day tomorrow.

Eminent jurist and Jatiya Oikya Mancha Convenor Dr Kamal Hossain said bomb attacks were a deadly blow on the state, judiciary and national

In his instant reaction to the media, he said all should get united on the question of national security sidelining party politics.

Bangladesh Bar Council Vice-Chairman Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud said it appeared that due to lack of commitment on the part of the government, the militants continued

(police) are compelled to let them off at somebody's instruction," he said.

President of Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury in a statement expressed concern over the repeated bomb explosions on court premises. He demanded a judicial probe into the

Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon and General Secretary Bimal Biswas in a statement said that the BNP-Jamaat alliance government must bear the responsibility for the planned attacks to wipe out the oppo-

### Project Citizen training course concludes

The Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB) organised a Training of Trainers under its Project Citizen Bangladesh in the city recently, says a press release.

The Project Citizen, an innovative programme for junior secondary school students for participatory civic education, is now being implemented in 20 schools in Dhaka and Gazipur

"Participatory civic education for the young is the need for our challenging times when peaceful conflict resolution deserves highest consideration," said Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley, chairman of the CDRB at the concluding ceremony of the Training of Trainers at BIAM on November 25. Education Secretary Md Abdul

Aziz inaugurated the training programme on November 21.

Teachers from 20 secondary schools and four officers of the Directorate of the Secondary and Higher Education took part in the training programme conducted by Dr Tom Vontz from the USA and Zafarullah Khan from Pakistan.

Dr Shelley distributed certificates among the participants at the closing ceremony. Mohammad Enayet Karim and Dr (Capt.) Maswoodur Rahman Prince, directors of CDRB, and Azizul Haq, in-country director of Project Citizen, were also present.

be stop unless Jamaat-e-Islami is not removed from the ruling four-alliance

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President Hasanul Haque Inu and General Secretary Syed Jafar Sajjad said the Islamist militants including JMB shielded by the government masterminded the attack. He called for the people to get united in opposition to

the menace of religious extremists. Left leaning Five-Party in a statement said that the latest in the recent  $spate\,of\,blasts\,in\,fact\,substantiates\,the$ popular claim that lawlessness prevails in the country.

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) Convenor Khaleguzzaman said Habiganj blast is not an isolated one, rather very much linked to all previous bomb and grenade attacks.

Dhaka University Teachers Association (Duta) in a statement termed the bomb blasts inhuman and flagrant violation of human rights and the law and order in the country. Duta President AAMS Arefin Siddique and General Secretary Dr Akhtaruzzaman said that grenade and bomb blasts on the progressive forces have been taking place unhindered since the four-party came to power.

Besides, Court Reporters Association, Democratic Lawyers Association of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Krishak League, Jatiya Krishak Party, Jubo Gonoforum, Jatiya Nari Oikya Mancha, Bangladesh Muktijuddha Smriti Sangrakkhan Sangsad, Banghabandhu Jubo Parishad, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Bangladesh National Awami Party (NAP), Jatiya Gonofront, Chhayanaut, Bam Ganotantrik Front, Bangladesh Liberal Party, Muktijoddha Oikya Parishad Bangladesh Sanjukta Sramik Federation, Jatiya Sramik Jote-Bangladesh, Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Bangladesh Jubo Moitri, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, Sammilita Samajik Andolon, Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri, Biborton Sangskritik Kendra, Sammilita Peshajibi Parishad, Bangladesh Ganotantrik Ainjibi Samity and Post Graduate Doctors' Association, among many

others, issued separate statements

condemning the attack and demand-

ing exemplary punishment to the

### Corazon proposes

Dr Yunus as Time's 'Person of the Year

The former Philippines president Corazon Aguino has proposed Dr Muhammad Yunus, micro economic doven and the founder of Grameen Bank, as the "Person of the Year" for the international Time magazine.

The Time recently invited oninions from some eminent people of the world to propose names of the outstanding global personalities as 'Person of the Year' for the magazine's

"I think someone like Muhammad Yunus, who founded the Grameen movement, should be the Time's Person of the Year for pioneering micro-financing for poor women, helping dramatically reduce poverty,' Corazon said.

Professor Yunus is credited for many innovative programmes benefiting the rural poor. A Fulbright Scholar at Vanderbilt University, he received his PhD in Economics in 1969. Later that year, he became an Assistant Professor of Economics at Middle Tennesee State University, before returning to Bangladesh where he ioined the Economics Department at Chittagong University.

The UN Secretary General appointed Professor Yunus to the International Advisory Group for the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing from 1993 to 1995. Besides, he also served several international and UN bodies as an expert.

Yunus has received several prestigious international and national awards, including the nation's highest, The Independence Award in 1987, the Ramon Magsavsav Award in 1984 and the World Food Prize by World Food Prize Foundation in 1994.

#### Bhuiyan visits injured at DMCH

BNP Secretary General and LGRD and

Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday visited the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) to see for himself the bomb victims of

Bhuiyan stayed sometimes at the DMCH and inquired about their treatment. He directed the hospital authorities to provide adequate treatment for the injured.

### Govt has link to JMB

Mujahideen cadres are the associates of dent of main opposition Awami League (AL), said after an emergency meeting of 14-party opposition combine.

The AL chief also alleged that the government is using the militants to destroy the country's independence, democracy, and above all, the constitu-She said the ruling BNP was prompt

to take action against one of its lawmakers for making anti-militant statements, but it seems very much reluctant to go after the extremists. She said, "There was no bomb attacks

in the country during the Saarc summit while they [explosions] occurred before and immediately after the summit."

"It shows that the government can halt the blasts if it wants," she added.

On vesterday's suicide blasts in Gazipur and Chittagong, the AL chief said the government has orchestrated the attacks, using the JMB to shift people's attention from the antigovernment movement, which has

gained momentum after the November

on the courthouses, Hasina said, "It seems the government is not sincere to root out the militants. It has failed miserably to provide security for the judges lawyers and others in the courts.'

She also alleged that because of Hawa Bhaban, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) had to release Mahtab Khamaru, an aide to Bangla Bhai, within a few hours of his arrest.

AL leaders Abdur Razzak, Tofail Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta, Motia Chowdhury, Obaidul Quader, Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon, Iativa Samaitantrik Dal (ISD) President Hasanul Haq Inu were present at the opposition combine's meeting held at AL's central office on Bangabandhu

Meanwhile, different front organisations of AL brought out processions in the capital yesterday to protest the blast  $incidents in {\it Gazipur} \, and \, Chittagong. \,$ 

#### End of a valiant freedom fighter

two daughters, Sasha and Esha, and a host of friends, relatives and

admirers The body of Shahadat Chowdhury has been preserved in the Birdem Hospital and will be taken to his house on Lake Road in

New DOHS at 7:30am today. It will be kept at the Central Shaheed Minar from 11:00am to 12:00 noon to allow people of all walks of life to pay their homage. Then it will be taken to the Jatiya Press Club at 12:30pm where his colleagues will have a last glimpse of

Chowdhury will be buried at the Freedom Fighters' Graveyard at Mirpur in state honour following a namaz-e-janaza on the Jatiya Press

Club premises after Zohr prayers. President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia expressed deep shock at the death of Shahadat Chowdhury. In separate condolence messages, they recalled Chowdhury's contributions to the field of journalism and the Liberation War.

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam also condoled the death of Chowdhury and paid trib-

utes to his memory Born on July 28 in 1943 in Khulna, Chowdhury completed his matriculation from Dhaka Graduate High School and did his graduation on

painting from the Fine Arts Institute.

He engaged himself with creative writings in the newspapers and magazines from his student life and was involved with Kochikanchar Mela, a children's cultural organisa-

Chowdhury was an active freedom fighter during the Liberation War in 1971. He was one of the coordinators of the guerrilla war against the Pakistan occupation army in

Dhaka and a major aide to Sector-2 Commander Khaled Mosharraf. He edited a magazine named Lorai' to depict the successful fights of the guerrillas during the Liberation War where he himself was

Following the Liberation War, Shahadat Chowdhury chose jour-

one of the architects of many opera-

nalism as his profession. He joined the weekly Bichitra in 1972 and worked as an assistant editor, acting editor and editor until the government stopped its publication in 1997.

Chowdhury joined the weekly news magazine 'Saptahik 2000' and fortnightly 'Anandodhara' under the management of Media World, which earned widespread popularity among the readers both at home and