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Huge bomb-making

3 arrested from Tangail den

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The police and Rapid Action

type Jamaatul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) suicide squad members have been using.

The seized explosives and bomb-making materials include 12.5kg gunpowder contained in 25 packets, 10kg of iron-weights used in fishing nets, four detonators, 1kg explosive gel, 2kg carbon powder,

some batteries, 2kg electric wire and switches.

The law enforcers also arrested three persons during the five-hour

The police had arrested a village doctor from Baruha Bhurbhuria on Thursday who belongs to an Ahle SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

government has no objection to the

Bangladesh proposal and it requests

These three Bangladeshi condi-

Dhaka to provide the right of way for

tions are: provision of transit facil-

ity through India to facilitate

the tri-nation gas pipeline.

Yadav was coaxed to go to the spot Witnesses in Netrakona say

BISHAWJIT DAS, from Netrakona

Yadav Das, claimed by the authorities to be a suicide bomber, was by "no means" involved in Thursday's blasts in Netrakona and was rather persuaded to go to the explosion site, said several witnesses vesterday. They also denied his links to

Another Udichi leader dies in

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

The death toll in Thursday's suicide

blast in Netrakona rose to eight

with a female Udichi leader dying

from her wounds at Mymensingh

Medical College and Hospital

Netrakona

(MMCH) yesterday

Ripon Sarker, an injured in the

blast, told this correspondent that he pleaded with Yadav to accompany him to the vicinity of the first bomb explosion in front of the Udichi office.

Several other witnesses, including a police official who witnessed both the blasts, the complainant of the cases filed for the explosions, as well as Yadav's neighbours at his

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Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, inset, addresses the grand rally of 14-party combine on the Khulna Circuit

Govt harbouring godfathers of militants in cabinet

Hasina tells mammoth rally in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The Opposition Leader in Parliament Sheikh Hasina accused the government of harbouring the godfathers of Islamist militants in the cabinet in an effort to cling to power with the help of antiliberation forces.

SAFF CHAMPIONSHIP

Nepal today

Bangladesh meet

AL MUSABBIR SADI from Karachi

Team Bangladesh will seek their

second successive win and a place

in the semifinals when they meet

Nepal today in a Group-B clash of

the Fourth SAFF Championship.

She held the prime minister and the ministers from Jamaat-e-Islami responsible for all bomb attacks in the country as she let out a tirade against the ruling four-party alliance at a mammoth rally of the 14party opposition coalition on the Khulna circuit house ground yesterday afternoon.

Terming the four-party alliance government as a 'militant alliance government' she said after killing people in the name of Operation Clean Heart, and by party cadres and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members, the ruling alliance is now killing people by using suicide squads.

materials seized

Battalion (Rab) raided a fish farm at Delduar upazila in Tangail yesterday and recovered a large quantity of explosives and bomb-making materials, which is enough to

manufacture over 200 bombs of the Panic-stricken

Protest rallies held STAR REPORT

Netrakona

Netrakona was supposed to celebrate the 34th anniversary of being liberated from Pakistan army yesterday; instead the city burst into agitation in protest of Thursday's suicide bomb attack that claimed eight lives, including the death of another victim at SEE PAGE 15 COL 7

objections to Bangladesh propos-

als on the tri-nation gas pipeline

and accept the three conditions

put earlier, it has been reliably

TRI-NATION GAS PIPELINE

New Delhi may reconsider its said that Delhi is likely to address a



Two cultural activists attending the protest rally in Dhaka burst into tears on

hearing the death news of Udichi activist Shelly in Netrakona.

Delhi may accept Dhaka's terms

Indian energy ministry officials

letter to the energy ministry adviser

to this effect. The letter is expected

to reach energy ministry later this

week, the sources added.

Sudipta Pal Shelly, 22, was the organising secretary of Netrakona SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

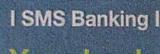
An upazila administrator has confined himself to his office and residence since Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) operatives threatened him with

The threat seems to have altered the way he used to go about his work. It has spillovers for his family as well. Like many other local level administrators who have received bomb threats purportedly from the militants, he too has to change the course of his everyday life.

Sudipta Pal Shelly

The official on the receiving end is an upazila nirbahi officer (UNO). Immediately after receiving the threat, he contacted his SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

The mood was upbeat in the SEE PAGE 15 COL 6



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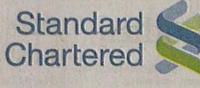
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