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Huge bomb-making materials seized

3 arrested from Tangail den

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The police and Rapid Action 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

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 drive.

The police had arrested a village doctor from Baruha Bhurbhuria on Thursday who belongs to an Ahle

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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 yesterday. They also denied his links to militancy.

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 House ground yesterday.

Panic-stricken Netrakona

Protest rallies held

STAR REPORT

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

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Two cultural activists attending the protest rally in Dhaka burst into tears on hearing the death news of Udichi activist Shelly in Netrakona.

Another Udichi leader dies in Netrakona

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 (MMCH) yesterday.

Sudipta Pal Shelly, 22, was the organising secretary of Netrakona

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Sudipta Pal Shelly

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 anti-liberation forces.

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 14-party 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 suicides squads.

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TRI-NATION GAS PIPELINE

Delhi may accept Dhaka's terms

SHARIF KHAN

New Delhi may reconsider its objections to Bangladesh proposals on the tri-nation gas pipeline and accept the three conditions put earlier, it has been reliably learnt.

Sources in Dhaka quoting Indian energy ministry officials said that Delhi is likely to address a letter to the energy ministry adviser to this effect. The letter is expected to reach energy ministry later this week, the sources added.

The draft letter says that Indian

government has no objection to the Bangladesh proposal and it requests Dhaka to provide the right of way for the tri-nation gas pipeline.

These three Bangladeshi conditions are: provision of transit facility through India to facilitate

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Life after bomb threat

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

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

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.

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

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SAFF CHAMPIONSHIP Bangladesh meet Nepal today

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.

The mood was upbeat in the

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