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 - 51. SUBEDAR MAJ NURUL ISLAM
 - 50. MAJ GEN SHAKIL AHMED
 - 49. NAZIN SHAKIL ABDUL BARI
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4 more bodies identified

3 others await DNA test; 5 army officers still missing; investigators rummage through BDR HQ for evidence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four more bodies of the BDR mutiny victims including an army officer were identified yesterday and the night before, bringing the number of missing officers down to five.

Major Kazi Ashraf Hossain was identified by his sister and non-commissioned BDR officer Subedar Major Nurul Islam by his wife at Dhaka Medical College (DMC) morgue between 11 and 11:30am yesterday.

At around 8:00 Monday night, bodies of Kalpana, 16, and her cousin Firoz, 16,

were identified by the former's husband at Sir Salimullah Medical College morgue. The two used to work as domestic help at slain BDR chief Major General Shakil Ahmed's residence.

The army authorities yesterday said three bodies at DMC morgue are awaiting DNA test for identification. They could be of three of the five officers still unaccounted for.

On Monday, they revised the number of missing officers down to six from the previous 72.

Briefing journalists at the army headquarters in Dhaka cantonment yesterday

afternoon, Brig Gen ATM Ziaul Hasan said, "Various bloodstained evidence, mobile phone records, SIMs and duty rosters for BDR members have already been collected from Pilkhana compound."

He said they have also gathered records of who were on duty at what point when the revolt broke out on the morning of February 25.

As of Monday, they have recovered 47 rifles, 18 pistols, 46 submachine guns, 11 light machine guns and around 50,000 bullets from Pilkhana and around.

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Terror attack on Lankan cricket team in Lahore

6 cops among 8 killed; 7 cricketers injured

AFP, Lahore

Gunmen attacked Sri Lanka's cricket team in a gun and grenade assault Tuesday in the Pakistani city of Lahore that killed eight people and wounded seven members of the squad.

The attack sparked condemnation from around the world and threw a massive question mark over the future of the game in the troubled nation -- a co-host for the 2011 cricket World Cup.

"The plan was apparently to kill the Sri Lanka team but the police came in the way and forced the attackers to run away," Lahore's police chief Habib-ur-Rehman said.

"They appeared to be well-trained terrorists," he told reporters.

Rehman said up to 12 gunmen ambushed the team's convoy close to the Gaddafi stadium with rockets, hand grenades and automatic weapons, unleashing a fierce gunbattle with security forces.

The gunmen fled after the ambush, triggering a giant manhunt.

It was the first deadly attack against a sports team in this nuclear-armed country, where more than 1,600 people have died in a wave of Islamist attacks in less than two years, and Al-Qaeda and Taliban shelter in its northwest.

Witnesses said the upmarket district, home to many designer boutiques, was transformed into a battle zone as gunmen hidden behind trees opened fire in a sophisticated, coordinated attack.

"The bus came under attack as we were driving to the stadium," Sri Lanka's captain Mahela Jayawardene told Cricinfo.

"The gunmen targeted the wheels of the bus first, and then the bus. We all dived to the floor to take cover."

He said most of the injuries appeared to be minor and caused by debris.

It could have been worse -- Rehman said the attackers fired a rocket which missed the bus, then threw grenades underneath which failed to explode.

He said weapons recovered from the scene

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Plot to foil democracy still on: PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said conspiracy and evil designs are still being hatched after the bloody BDR mutiny in a bid to foil the country's democracy, independence and sovereignty.

"Perhaps, many did not like the end of the crises...so conspiracy and evil designs are still being hatched," said the prime minister in her first public remarks outside parliament since the BDR mutinied at their headquarters on February 25.

She was addressing a seminar on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic March 7 speech at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh as the chief guest.

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Injured BDR jawans wait to report back to BDR HQ yesterday.

Towhid among 5 mutineers held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday in a news conference claimed that it arrested five BDR mutineers, including two of the suspected leaders, and exhibited them to the media.

At a media briefing in the Rab headquarters last evening, Col Reza-nur Rahman, additional director general of Rab, said they arrested Deputy Assistant Director (DAD) of BDR Syed Towhidul Alam and four others in the afternoon from a house in Hazaribagh of the capital.

But, Rab's claim gave rise to a confusion, as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Sunday informed the parliament that Towhid had already been arrested.

Meanwhile, police kept 18 other BDR personnel confined in Holy Family Red Crescent Hospital.

Neither police nor Rab however were willing to declare them as arrestees.

Hailing from Rajpura village under Nolchhiti upazila of Jhalokathi district, DAD Towhid led the 14-member mutineers' negotiating team to the Prime Minister's residence Jamuna.

According to Rab, the four other arrestees are DAD Mohammad Abdur Rahim of Nabinagar upazila in Brhman Baria, Habilder Azad Ali of Domar upazila in Nilphamari district,

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Khaleda asks Sahara to resign

Demands withdrawal of general amnesty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia called for Home Minister Sahara Khatun's resignation for the sake of impartial investigation into the BDR mutiny.

She also suggested that the prime minister withdraws the general amnesty given to the mutineers.

Addressing a press briefing at her Gulshan office last night, she said the investigation into the BDR mutiny might be influenced if the home minister remains in her post.

She demanded probing the role of ruling party leaders who entered the Pilkhana BDR headquarters amid gun fire "in the name of negotiations".

Khaleda asked for changes in the way the government probe committee would

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Video footage shows outsiders in uniform

Says BDR DG

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Newly appointed BDR Director General Brig Gen Md Mainul Islam said yesterday video footage taken during the massacre in Pilkhana shows movement of some unknown people wearing BDR uniforms.

Talking to The Daily Star over phone, he said the border guards who fled the BDR headquarters during the mutiny are being allowed to enter it after confirmation of their identity.

The DG said 6,124 BDR men have been allowed to enter the headquarters since they began to report back. Of them, around 5,000 were allowed only yesterday.

"We are checking and verifying their identity carefully so that no outsider can enter," Mainul said.

The BDR personnel are

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We share our sorrows with the members of the bereaved families.



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