

# JMB's explosives expert Boma Mizan captured

## Wife explodes bomb to escape arrest; finally surrenders to Rab with severe injuries after 4-hr midnight raid at a Mirpur house

STAR REPORT

After years in the hunt for him, the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) last night captured 'Boma Mizan', explosives expert of banned Islamist outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), at Taltola in the city's Mirpur area.

His arrest was followed by a high drama that unfolded when a Rab team took him to his house at 61/3, Uttar Pirerbagh.

As they got on the doorstep at around 10:30pm, Mizan gave his wife Sharmin some coded instructions, and immediately afterwards a bomb went off inside.

Witnesses said the blast has blown off Sharmin's right wrist and wounded her two children—two-year-old son and a few months old girl.

The boy sustained head injuries, while the baby girl's dress bore bloodstains.

Rab rushed them all to a private clinic in Mirpur.

After resisting arrest for around four hours, Mizan's wife gave in at 2:15am.

Around 100 law enforcers including some top-ranking Rab officers participated in the raid. They recovered a pistol, two bombs, two grenades, several rounds of ammunition, and bomb-making materials.

Mizan came to Rab's attention after countrywide serial blasts on August 17, 2005. The intelligence unit of the elite crime busters gathered that he had long

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# BNP demands quick trial of BDR carnage

## Forms human chains across country

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP yesterday formed human chains across the country demanding quick trial of the 'real perpetrators' of the massacre at the BDR headquarters.

The party also asked the government to make public the investigation reports of Pikhana incident without any delay.

BNP held the one-hour-long programme in all divisions, districts and upazilas

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# Probe body summons Sircar, Akhtar, Delwar

## Asks them to appear on June 10 to explain graft allegations

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

The all-party parliamentary body probing alleged graft in parliament secretariat yesterday summoned former speaker Jamiruddin Sircar, his deputy Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui and former chief whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain to appear before it on June 10.

Before hearing the three, the committee will meet on May 31 to discuss the findings of the three sub-committees formed to investigate the allegations of anomalies and corruption during the seven years' tenure of Sircar.

At a meeting yesterday, the probe committee accepted reports of two sub-committees.

Of the two reports, both submitted on May 5, one recommends taking stern legal measures against the three for drawing over Tk 35 lakh as medical expenses violating laws.

The other one suggested action against the former speaker for irregularities in recruitment of 286 people to parliament secretariat.

Another sub-committee, which is probing allegations of corruption in procurement and arboriculture, is scheduled to submit report on

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# Dr Wazed's qulhwani held at PM's residence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Qulhwani of Dr Wazed Miah, internationally renowned nuclear scientist and husband of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, was held at the prime minister's official residence in Jamuna after Asr prayers yesterday.

A special doa mahfil was also held to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, her son Sajeed Wazed Joy, sister Sheikh Rehana, and other family members and relatives took part in the doa mahfil.

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# Correction

In the caption of a photo of some boats being carried by push carts published in our yesterday's issue, the name of the shipping ministry was mentioned mistakenly. The ministry has sent a rejoinder denying its link with the boats. We regret the error.



JMB's explosives expert Mizan, left, being taken out of the Mirpur house; grenades and bombs, top right, seized during the drive; Rab men carry Mizan's severely injured wife, bottom right, in a stretcher after the 4-hour operation ended at about 3:00am.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

# Army investigation restricted, many finds inconclusive

## Sees BDR grievances main reason behind mutiny; refrains from probing external links satisfactorily

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mainly the pent-up grievances among the BDR rank and file over many issues, including Operation Dal Bhat, inside the BDR led to the Pikhana carnage, according to sources.

The carnage at BDR headquarters on February 25-26 left 74 people dead including 57 army officers.

Sources involved in the army investigation said there were no conclusive findings of external parties plotting the carnage. Analysing the incident it was perceived that some external parties might have used the soldiers' grievances to serve their own interest.

The 20-member army probe committee headed by Lt Gen Jahangir Alam Chowdhury submitted the report to army chief General Moeen U Ahmed Monday.

The reports suggested that a more powerful probe body be formed to investigate the incident and the culprits be tried under army rules.

It said only 30-35 BDR jawans and clerks started the killings. Sources said since the probe was only a departmental investigation, its terms of reference were not like those of other probe bodies.

Due to this, the committee was unable to collect information and follow clues that might reveal involvement of civilians and political leaders in the carnage or verify information.

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# City gets panicky in petty crime spurt

KAILASH SARKAR

Petty crimes -- mugging, extortion and burglary -- have spurted in the capital in the last few days and the criminals are having a free run in the absence of proper policing.

It does not matter whether you are walking alone or in a crowd in the city, during the day or at night. Or whether you are taking a rickshaw ride or inside a car. The muggers will get you if you don't have the luck, as Tanveer or Rashed or Silvy will tell you.

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# Tax holiday to go: Muhith

## MCCI speaks against govt plan for money-whitening provision in next budget

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday said the next budget would not have the provision of tax holiday for any sector.

Sectors that are now enjoying the facility will not lose it until it expires but they will have to pay a low tax from the next fiscal year, he said.

"We must make the sectors that enjoy tax holiday facility

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# Taliban ultimatum for Pak MPs to resign

## 60 more militants killed in offensive

ANI, INDO ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Islamabad

The Taliban has given members of parliament representing Pakistan's Malakand Division three days to resign, or else their families will be kidnapped.

"All national and provincial parliament members from the Malakand Division must resign within three days, otherwise, we will arrest all their families, and we will destroy all their buildings," Taliban spokesperson Muslim Khan told CNN.

In a separate directive, Muslim Khan urged Pakistan's Islamist political parties to publicly show support for Taliban militants.

"All these parties must help the Taliban. They must give a press conference to show the people that we need Sharia in the Malakand Division," The Nation quoted him, as saying.

Recently, the Jamaat-i-Islami has spoken out against the military's offensive in the Swat Valley.

The gray-bearded Khan, in an earlier phone

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**OnlinePoll** ✓

Should the government take steps for international investigation into the deaths of Bangladeshi migrant workers?

Yes (91.09%) No (7.94%) No Comments (0.97%)

Total votes: 617

**TODAY'S POLL**

Business leaders have expressed serious concern about the deteriorated law and order situation. Do you think the deteriorating law and order situation is harming the businesses?

Please cast your vote at www.thedailystar.net

# SEXUAL HARASSMENT HC lays down guidelines

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday issued a set of guidelines defining sexual misdemeanours to prevent any kind of physical, mental or sexual harassment of women, girls and children at their workplaces, educational institutions and other public places including roads across the country.

The HC directed the government to make a law on the basis of the guidelines, and ruled that the guidelines will be treated as a law until the law is made.

An HC bench comprised of Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and Justice Quamrul Islam Siddiqui came up with the guidelines, directive and ruling in its verdict upon a writ petition filed as public interest litigation by Salma Ali, executive director of Bangladesh National Woman Lawyers Association (BNWLA).

The court directed the authorities concerned to form a five-member harassment complaint committee headed by a woman at every workplace and institution to investigate allegations of harassment of women. Majority of the committee members must be women, it ruled.

Quoting the HC observations in its verdict, lawyers concerned said the committee will examine complaints from girls or women if they are subjected to any mental, physical or sexual harassment, and recommend to the authorities to take action against the accused persons.

Disturbing women and children through letters, e-mails,

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