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BLAST AT HEFAJAT LEADER'S MADRASA

Over 30 'grenades' stored there

Say police; Izharul claims it to be laptop charger explosion; 7 injured, room badly damaged

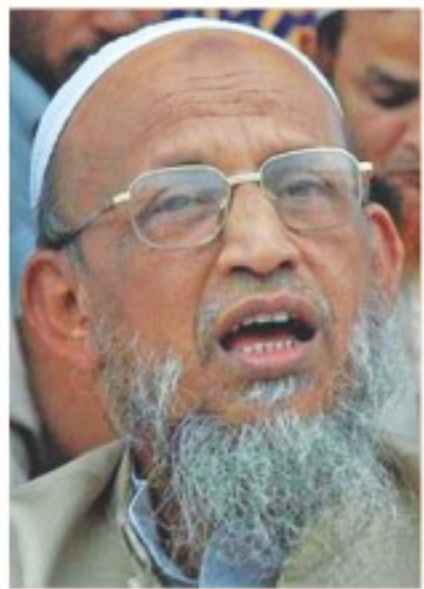
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least seven students were injured in a bomb blast at a Hefajat leader's madrasa in the port city yesterday.

Police found traces that huge explosives, including more than 30 handmade grenades, had been stored in the room where the explosion took place, said Chittagong Metropolitan Police Commissioner Shafiqul Islam.

Police launched a raid at the madrasa in the afternoon.

They detained madrasa teachers Md Ishaq, Abdul Mannan and Tafsir Ahmed, hostel superintendent Monir Hossain and final-year student Habibur Rahman, ADC Md Shahidullah said as the raid ended around 10:00pm.



Mufti Izharul Islam

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A law enforcer picks up marbles, sometimes used as shrapnel in home-made bombs, after an explosion at a madrasa in Lal Khan Bazar in Chittagong yesterday. *Bottom*, iron grills of a window badly bent by the powerful blast at the madrasa, run by a Hefajat leader.

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Yaba-addict sets alight wife for money

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Her life changed its course for the worse 12 years ago because of a spoiled son of a local influential in the capital's Jurain. The man, who forced her to marry him back then, killed her by setting her on fire yesterday.

Manik Chand has become so brutal to his wife, just because her family failed to give him money to buy drugs.

With 53 percent burns to her body, Loboni Akhter, 25, had been taken to



Lovely at DMCH.

screaming in pain in the middle of the night and discovered that Manik was sitting beside her and watching her burn, her mother Laiju Begum said.

Laboni ran out of the room. Other

Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 2:30am. She died at the burns unit around 11:00pm.

Her addict-husband doused her with kerosene in the early hours yesterday and set her ablaze. She woke up

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Extradition treaty with India ratified

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday ratified the extradition treaty, signed between Bangladesh and India, to facilitate exchange of convicted and wanted criminals between the two neighbouring countries.

"The treaty will help both the countries to extradite criminals. However, both the countries could decline to hand over a person accused of political crimes," said Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan.

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4 militants arrested with arms, ammo

Rab says they belong to Huji offshoot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion arrested four leaders and activists of Tanjim-e-Tamiruddin, an offshoot of the banned militant outfit Harkatul Jihad Al Islami (Huji), with firearms and explosives at Ashulia and Abdullahpur on the outskirts of the capital.

"The arrestees were accumulating the arms, ammunition and explosives in the city aiming to thwart the trial of war criminals through massive subversive activities after Eid," Rab Media Wing Director

Habibur Rahman told a press conference at Rab headquarters in the capital yesterday.

Rab late on Sunday night seized a foreign-made pistol, 32 bullets, 1,135 bullets of SMG (submachine gun), five bomb detonators, a kilogramme of gel explosives, one blasting machine and eight crude bombs, he said.

The arrestees were Khalilur Rahman, also known as Shahriar, 32, Sharifuzzaman, also known as Milton, 27, Abdul Quader, 50, and Maksudur Rahman, also known as Rana, 27.

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GOVT EMPLOYEES DA effective from July 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The finance ministry yesterday published a gazette notification, providing the government officials with 20 percent dearness allowance effective retrospectively from July 1.

According to the gazette, officials and employees of government, semi-government, autonomous and state-owned banks, financial institutions and MPO-listed educational institutions will see their salary increased by a

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And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow, And
evening full of the linnet's wings. *The Lake Isle of Innisfree* William Butler Yeates

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