

**MANZUR MURDER**

The four-part series of Lifschultz concludes

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**PIANO FALLS SILENT**

Pianist, oldest Holocaust survivor Alice Herz-Sommer dies at 110

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DARING ESCAPE OF JMB MEN Killed; obviously in 'shootout'

Militant survives for a few hours into recapture; no trace of two others yet

STAR REPORT

Less than 19 hours after his escape attempt, JMB militant Rakib Hasan Russell alias Hafez Mahmud was killed in "crossfire" at Mirzapur of Tangail early yesterday, something many feared would happen.

Rakib was one of the three top Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh men who were snatched from prison van in a Hollywood-style ambush on a highway Sunday morning. He was captured five hours later when his getaway car crashed.

He was killed hours after journalists asked Deputy Inspector General of Police SM Mahfuzul Haq Nuruzzaman about the possibility of Rakib getting killed in so-called shootouts or crossfire, just like many other arrested criminals.



Rakib Hasan

"We will do everything for his security," the IGP had told journalists Sunday evening at Sakhipur Police Station in Tangail.

After Rakib, who had been sentenced to death for murder, was captured Sunday afternoon, his mother started crying saying, "My son will be killed", reported the Bangla daily Prothom Alo.

No journalist was allowed to talk to Rakib. But Detective Branch of police and other law enforcement agencies interrogated Rakib at Sakhipur Police Station for over 12 hours.

According to police, Rakib was in the custody of Sakhipur police before he was taken to Beltoli Ceramics area in Mirzapur upazila around 4:30am yesterday "to arrest JMB militants".

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Longer the escape, graver the threat

Security experts stress immediate recapture of 2 JMB stalwarts

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Militants will revamp themselves and carry out further strikes in the country if snatched JMB convicts Salauddin Ahmed alias Salehin and Zahidul Islam alias Boma Mizan remain at large, say terrorism experts.

Salehin is capable of regrouping the activists of the banned Islamit outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) while explosives expert Mizan can improve the outfit's capacity to orchestrate subversive activities.

Mizan was named Boma Mizan for his skills in making different types of explosives. However, the worst would be if he delegated his expertise to other militant organisations.

Experts say the duo must be arrested before they take up their roles -- regrouping and enriching the JMB to carry out attacks like that in Trishal, in which JMB elements on Sunday snatched Salehin, Mizan and Rakib Hasan Russell alias Hafez Mahmud from police custody.

Rakib, a Majlish-e-Shura member of JMB, was however recaptured five hours after his "rescue" and killed in a shootout with law enforcers in

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IHS JANE'S RANKING Shibir 3rd among top non-state armed groups

STAR REPORT

The Islami Chhatra Shibir was the third most active non-state armed group in the world last year, according to the study of a US-based defence thinktank.

The IHS Jane's Global Terrorism & Insurgency Attack Index 2013 places the Taliban immediately above Shibir and Barisan Revolusi Nasional of Thailand at the top of the list of 10 such groups.

The index is an annual report highlighting key data and global trends from a database of terrorist and insurgent events. IHS Inc owns Jane's Information Group, which publishes Jane's Defence Weekly, a magazine reporting on military and corporate affairs.

The report says the number of attacks by non-state armed groups around the world

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POLLS IN 117 UPAZILAS FEB 27

Rebels refuse to budge

Desperate efforts of AL, BNP turn futile

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hectic negotiations, threats of expulsion and even expulsions by both the Awami League and the BNP could not persuade their rebels into withdrawing from the second phase of the upazila election.

The two parties employed all possible means to influence the dissidents to quit the race and work for the party-backed candidates, but to little avail.

As of yesterday, the two archrivals have rebel candidates in more than a third of the 117 upazilas that go to the polls on February 27.

The ruling AL has at least 57 rebels for chairman posts in 42 upazilas while the BNP has 51 in 41 upazilas. Dissidents are also vying for the vice-chairman posts in several upazilas,

REBEL CANDIDATES

(chairman posts)

AL:
57 in 42 upazilas**BNP:**
51 in 41 upazilas

report our district correspondents.

In the first phase of the upazila election held on February 19, rebels caused huge troubles for the candi-

Battle begins for Asian supremacy

BISHWAJIT ROY

A tournament that causes emotions to run high among Bangladeshi fans gets underway today at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium with the day-night match between defending champions Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The Asia Cup -- the battle for Asian supremacy -- is all set to get the attention it deserves as a high-profile tournament as Bangladesh has proven successful organisers of multi-national tournaments on many occasions, and the success has been fuelled by the passion this country has for the sport.

Cricket in the sub-continent is more than a game and this tournament carries special significance as it finally gets underway after a lot of uncertainty following tumultuous political unrest.

The country may have

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FILE PHOTO

It was no ordinary day. With these mortar launchers and angry jawans on patrol, the Pilkhana BDR headquarters was virtually a combat zone in the morning of February 25, 2009. A bloody mutiny broke out on that day and ended up claiming lives of 57 army officers.

5 YEARS INTO PILKHANA CARNAGE Questions still unanswered

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Even after five years of the BDR mutiny at the Pilkhana headquarters of the force, questions regarding the reasons, based on assumptions, behind the 2009 carnage are being raised.

The lower court has already delivered its verdict in the carnage case. Investigators, who intensively interrogated the accused, including mastermind DAD Towhidul Alam, did not find any foreign and political links with the incident.

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APPEAL, DEATH REFERENCE SC moves for fast disposal

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Supreme Court authorities have taken special measures to ensure quick disposal of the death reference and appeals in the BDR carnage case at the High Court.

A lower court in November last year sentenced to death 150 soldiers of the then Bangladesh Rifles, now renamed Border Guard Bangladesh, in the

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Hamidur Rahman Sinha

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25th February

In Remembrance of our Founders

With profound sadness and grief, we embrace the memory of 25th February, the 20th death anniversary of Late Hamidur Rahman Sinha, one of the Founders of The ACME Laboratories Ltd. who left behind his bemoaned family members, a host of relatives and friends for his heavenly abode. Although he is not amongst us but his intelligence, wide knowledge, prudence and positive approach still influence our mission towards the excellence. We are also engrossed by the memory of Late Noorjahan Sinha, his beloved wife, who with her constant inspiration and by lighting a beacon of hope made the foundation possible in 1954.

May Allah rest their souls in eternal peace in heaven. We also pray for the salvation and eternal peace for all the departed souls to be endowed with the divine blessings of Almighty.

To mark the day, Doa & Milad Mahfil will be held today 25th February 2014, Tuesday after Zohr Prayer at Corporate Office, Court de la ACME, 1/4 Kallayanpur, Mirpur Road, Dhaka, Dhamrai Factory, all Sales Centers throughout the country and his own village home-Dohuri, Kalma Union, Louhajong Thana, Munshiganj. All relatives and well wishers are cordially requested to attend the Doa Mahfil.

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