

# Israel threatens to widen Gaza assault

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As Gaza residents spoke of a night of terror, with gunbattles in the south and all-night shelling in the north, Netanyahu said he had ordered the military to ready for "the possibility of a significant broadening of the ground activity."

Immediately afterwards, he convened his security cabinet to discuss plans for a possible expansion of the campaign, which began on July 8 with the aim of stamping out cross-border rocket fire.

The ground operation, which began in the Gaza periphery at around 2000 GMT on Thursday, sent thousands of people fleeing west to escape the fighting, with a UN agency saying the numbers of displaced had almost doubled overnight.

As Israeli forces pressed a ground operation in Gaza yesterday, many Egyptians and foreigners fled to Egypt through the Rafah crossing, escaping what some said was "sure death" in the Palestinian enclave.

Israeli boots on the ground proved the last straw for many Egyptians and foreigners, who had stayed on in Gaza during 10 days of blistering Israeli air strikes.

"I did not want to leave my house, but last night was very difficult with the ground operation," said Sohair Massoud, an Egyptian mother of four, as she crossed into Egypt from Gaza through Rafah.

Massoud, who is married to a Palestinian, said Israeli forces struck her neighbourhood in the Palestinian side of Rafah with artillery fire and air strikes.

# BNP leader, suspected

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Abu Bakar Siddiqui, officer-in-charge of Tala Police Station, said police conducted a raid at Islamkati-Sujanshah Passenger Shed on Tala-Patkelghata road around 3:00am, acting on a tip-off that a group of Janajuddho cadres was holding a secret meeting there.

Sensing the presence of law enforcers, the outlaws blasted crude bombs. Police returned fire, triggering a "gunfight" between the outlaws and cops.

Biplob was hurt by bullets while his cohorts managed to flee the scene. Police took him to Satkhira Sadar Hospital where he died later.

Law enforcers claimed they recovered a few sharp weapons from the spot.

An assistant professor of mathematics department at Shalikhra Degree College, victim's elder brother Sheikh Jahangir Alam said Biplob was avoiding living in his house as police were looking for him in two murder cases.

Cops stormed into the house of one Safed Ali at Dohar village around 1:00am and picked up Biplob, Jahangir said, quoting Safed.

"Four hours later, we came to know that Biplob was taken to Satkhira Sadar Hospital," Emdad, another brother of Biplob, told journalists.

# Libya warring militias agree truce at main airport

AFP, Tripoli

Powerful militias battling for the Libyan capital's airport have agreed a ceasefire, Tripoli said yesterday, after the government sought UN help to stop the country from becoming a "failed state".

Foreign Minister Mohamed Abdelaziz asked the UN Security Council to dispatch experts to train Libya's defence and police forces to ensure they can protect oil fields, airports and other vital sites.

The call came amid a surge of violence in the country with clashes between rival militias sparking fears of all-out civil war.

# His captive

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Two years ago and she has been confined in the house since then. Her father died a few years ago and even then she could not get out of the house to pay last respects to her father.

According to Baqui Billah, his father married four times. He married Parveen Akhter about 15 years ago and since then she had been languishing in the house.

Seeing the torture on the first two wives of Noor, his two other wives managed to flee the house.

Kulsum Begum said her son Baqui Billah contrived to get one of her daughters out of the house, took her to Khulna and married her off. Infuriated at this, Noor tried to kill his son by hiring goons.

Two years ago, Parveen Akhter succeeded in fleeing to her father's house. But her husband brought her back home with the help of his followers and kept her chained in the house.

Escaping what she said was "sure death", she decided to flee to Egypt.

However, even the Egyptian side of the Rafah crossing was tense on Friday, with drones flying overhead and Egyptian army tanks along with ambulances and taxis lined up to assist families and wounded Palestinians as they arrived through the crossing.

A security official said the Egyptian authorities were allowing Egyptians and foreign nationals to enter "on humanitarian grounds" after confirming their identities. Palestinians are not permitted through the crossing except in special circumstances.

"The number of people coming to UNRWA seeking sanctuary from the fighting in Gaza has nearly doubled today. It has risen from 22,000 to over 40,000," said Chris Gunness, a spokesman for the UN agency for Palestinian refugees, saying they were staying in 34 of the agency's schools.

By mid-morning Friday, the road between Gaza City and Khan Yunis was deserted with only a single minibus, packed with passengers, careering south, its windows covered with makeshift white flags, an AFP correspondent said.

During Friday prayers, imams at Gaza's 1,400 mosques relayed a single message to the faithful: "Be patient and strong, victory will come."

But it was little comfort for those on the ground with hospitals overwhelmed by a flood of patients.

"The situation is very, very difficult," said doctor Kamel Zaquq at

OC Abu Bakar, however, denied the allegation of picking up Biplob.

Habibul Islam Habib, former BNP lawmaker from Satkhira-1, termed the incident a cool-blooded murder.

"I want a judicial inquiry into the incident and the police claim that Biplob was an outlaw," Habib, also a relative of Biplob, told this newspaper over the phone.

**'SHOOTOUT' IN CAPITAL**

Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said Apan was killed in a "gunfight" with members of Detective Branch of police in the capital's Hatirjheel.

Detectives were patrolling the area early yesterday after receiving information that a group of muggers were planning to commit a crime there.

Sensing the presence of cops, criminals opened fire on lawmen. The DB men retaliated with shots, triggering the "shootout" around 3:30am, added Masudur.

Later, police took the injured to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where physicians declared him dead around 4:30am. Apan received five to six bullets in his chest, said morgue sources.

The DMP DC claimed detectives seized a car, a pistol and four bullets from the spot.

Apan allegedly kidnapped a 19-

# Commit crime

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2005 on the pretext of returning Tk 10,000 he owed her. There Jamal raped the woman, who was also a distant relative of Jamal.

The woman, then aged about 36, went under a medical examination on May 9 at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and the report confirmed the rape incident.

The case proceedings went on while Jamal was in Dubai for the whole time. The tribunal on June 30, 2007 sentenced Jamal to life in jail and fined Tk 10,000 or to serve another year of rigorous imprisonment in default.

Jamal, who was a manpower export broker, meanwhile managed to reach a deal with the plaintiff that Fakir would withdraw the case in exchange of a certain amount of money. But when he returned home in 2011, he came to know that he had already been awarded the jail term.

"I then talked to my lawyer to determine the next step. He and I then convinced Khokon to surrender before the court impersonating me," Jamal claimed before The Daily Star at Tejgaon Industrial Police Station.

Jamal, now aged around 50, admitted that Khokon was fully innocent.

He also claimed that the rape case against him was fabricated and plaintiff Fakir borrowed some money from him but was not paying it back.

"When I was pressing him for the money, he filed the false case," he claimed.

The Daily Star contacted Jamal's brother Mohammad Yasmir over the phone. He said at a village arbitration it was decided that Fakir will

Nasser hospital in Khan Yunis

"This is much, much more difficult than the last war," he said, referring to the previous major conflict between Israel and Hamas militants in November 2012.

With food supplies running desperately low, the World Food Programme said it had already distributed emergency food rations and food vouchers to more than 20,000 displaced people since the conflict erupted on July 8.

But with the ground operation, it was gearing up for a huge increase in the coming days, spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs told reporters in Geneva.

"In the next few days, WFP hopes to reach 85,000 people with food distributions," she said.

Gaza was also struggling with a 70 percent power outage after electricity lines from Israel were damaged, officials said.

Since midnight, 39 people have been killed across Gaza by Israeli fire, including six teenagers and a five-month-old baby, raising to 280 the total number of Palestinians killed in the past 11 days.

An Israeli civilian and a soldier have also been killed.

Israel has said the aim of the ground operation is to destroy Hamas's network of tunnels which are used for cross-border attacks on southern Israel.

"It is not possible to deal with tunnels only from the air, so our soldiers are also doing that on the ground," Netanyahu said, although he admitted there was "no guarantee of 100 percent success."

year-old college girl and raped her in a car at Sector-4 in the capital's Uttara on July 3, he mentioned.

Criminals kidnapped the girl while she along with her mother and fiancé was on her way home. During the kidnap, the goons killed a security guard of a nearby building.

A listed mugger, Apan used to mug people using private cars in posh areas in the capital, claimed Shahadat Hossain, officer-in-charge of Uttara East Police Station. The deceased was once arrested by Dhanmondi police in 2009.

The OC took the girl and her mother to the DMCH morgue to ascertain whether the deceased had kidnapped and raped her.

Neither of them, however, said anything after visiting the corpse, added Shahadat.

Apan's widow Jasmine Begum, however, refuted the police claim that he was involved in the rape incident.

He was not even in Dhaka when the incident took place, she claimed.

"He came from our village home in Noakhali's Senbag only three days ago. He was talking to me over the phone around 11am yesterday [Thursday] and then I heard some scuffling noise on his end. The call was disconnected and the phone had been switched off since then," Jasmine said last night.

take Tk 1.5 lakh and withdraw the case but did not do so.

He also termed the case false but said his brother had enmity with the plaintiff over some financial transaction. The call was then disconnected from his end.

Investigation Officer Jahangir Alam of the police station said they arrested Jamal after conducting a month-long inquiry in this regard.

Officer-in-Charge of the police station Mohammad Salahuddin said they would send Jamal to the court with a detailed report of his case and punishment so that the court could take necessary steps to free the innocent.

He also said Khokon is perhaps in Kashimpur Jail now.

The families of Khokon and the rape victim could not be contacted as neither Jamal nor the police could provide any contact details.

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had to stay there like prisoners," said Shahjahan who could not go out in his eight months with the company.

The situation was the same for others, he mentioned.

Around 4,000 Bangladeshis are working in a housing project of the South Korean company. Since the conflicts began in Iraq last month, several hundred Bangladeshis resigned as they wanted to return home.

Some of them, however, had later withdrawn their resignations following assurances from their employer and the Bangladesh embassy in Baghdad.

At least 105 Bangladeshis of the same company returned home in two weeks of this month.

# Tragedy struck

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Burrows said he did not want to make a statement on behalf of the Rizk family, but said: "We've got no ill feelings with Malaysia Airlines."

"Nobody could predict this one and nothing's been proven on the first one, so there's nothing there. "We are still waiting for answers on the first one."

Rodney and Mary Burrows were returning from a holiday abroad with friends when they boarded MH370 in March.

"They were beautiful people and we loved them dearly. Hopefully it was quick for them," a neighbour, who did not want to be named, told reporters at the time.

No trace has ever been found of MH370 which is thought to have crashed into the southern Indian Ocean.

They were among 298 victims of the apparent missile attack, almost two thirds of whom were Dutch nationals, with Malaysians and Australians the next most numerous. Among the dead were a series of leading researchers into HIV/Aids, holidaying families, a member of the Dutch senate, football supporters, teachers, a nun and a relative of Malaysia's prime minister, Najib Razak.

While the exact details remain uncertain, the latest figures indicate that those killed in the disaster included 189 Dutch nationals, 44 people from Malaysia – including 15 crew members and two infants – the 27 Australians, 12 people from Indonesia – including one infant – nine Britons, four people from Germany and Belgium, three Philippines nationals and one person each from Canada, Hong Kong and New Zealand. The origin of the remaining victims has yet to be determined.

Among the Dutch nationals on the flight was Joep Lange, a pioneering Aids researcher, who is reported to have died along with his wife, Jacqueline van Tongeren. The couple reportedly had five daughters.

Some accounts say dozens of those on MH17 were on their way to Melbourne in Australia for the 20th International Aids conference, which starts on Sunday. The flight to Kuala Lumpur had been due to fly on to Australia.

Denis Napthine, the premier of Victoria state, of which Melbourne is the capital, said: "There's been confirmed a number of senior people who were coming out here who were researchers, who were medical scientists, doctors, people who've been at the forefront of dealing with Aids across the world."

Lange, a professor at the academic medical centre at the University of Amsterdam, had researched HIV/Aids for more than 30 years and was known as an advocate for access to affordable drugs in poorer countries, colleagues said.

"He's one of the icons of the whole area of research. His loss is massive," Richard Boyd, professor of immunology at Monash University in Melbourne, told Reuters.

"The cure for Aids may have been on that plane, we just don't know," Trevor Stratton, an HIV/Aids consultant attending a pre-event in Sydney, told Australia's ABC. "You can't help but wonder about the kind of expertise on that plane."

members of the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity and United People's Democratic Front started around 6:00am yesterday for establishing supremacy in the Chaillachhari area, said Mohammad Mafiz Uddin, officer-in-charge of Fatikchhari Police Station, quoting locals.

The injured were treated at Manikchhari Upazila Health Complex in Khagrachhari. Later, they were moved to Chittagong Medical College Hospital for better treatment.

The body of the deceased was sent to the morgue of the medical college for an autopsy, added the police official.

The PCJSS and UPDF have denied their involvement in the gunfight.

In a separate incident, an imam of a mosque was gunned down reportedly by one of his former students at Rangipara under Longudu upazila of Rangamati yesterday.

Al Amin, 13, opened fire on Hafez Imam Hossain, 35, the imam of Halipad-3 mosque, at point-blank range yesterday evening, reports our Rangamati Correspondent.

The critically injured man was admitted to Longudu Upazila Health Complex where he succumbed to his injuries.

The reason behind the killing could not be known immediately, said Anjan Kumar Dev, officer-in-charge of Longudu Police Station.

"Locals have detained the boy and handed him over to us," added the police officer.

# Jan 5 polls flawed

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democracy and rights in Bangladesh.

Bernicat, who is currently a deputy assistant secretary at the Bureau of Human Resources of the State Department, added that the political parties in Bangladesh urgently needed to engage in a constructive dialogue to ensure a more representative government.

Bernicat was nominated by US President Barack Obama in May to be the next Ambassador to Bangladesh. She will replace Dan W Mozena once the Senate confirms her appointment.

The ambassador-designate said Washington remained gravely concerned about attacks on religious and ethnic minorities, political violence, and extrajudicial killings allegedly committed by security forces.

In this context, she said if she were confirmed as the US envoy to Bangladesh, she would work hard to support efforts to promote accountability and strengthen rights and democracy.

"If confirmed, I'll work with the government, civil society and Bangladeshis from all walks of life to ensure an environment that encourages the broadest and fairest participation."

The US envoy said she would, if confirmed, also "passionately advocate policies that enshrine peaceful democratic values, including respect for human rights and diversity, room for civil society to flourish, space for the free and peaceful discussion of political differences unmarred by violence, and adherence to the rule of law by an independent judiciary".

Referring to the ongoing war crimes trial in Bangladesh, Bernicat said the US supported bringing to justice those who committed atrocities in the 1971 war, but those trials should be fair, transparent and in accordance with international standards.

She further said: "We'll also continue to support the rights of impressive Bangladeshi civil society organisations to operate independently and to express their views openly, recognising that such institutions play an important role in any flourishing democracy."

Speaking about the Grameen Bank, she said they encouraged the government to ensure the continued effectiveness of the organisation and protect its unique governance structure.

# Abbas replaces Khoka

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government in the capital last year between October and December.

On February 10, Khaleda had said she would disband the Khoka-led committee and announce a new committee within a day or two. However, the parity's internal conflict resulted in a long delay.

Khaleda had at first planned to give the charge of Dhaka city unit to either Brig Gen (ret'd) ASM Hannan Shah or Rafiqul Islam Mia, standing committee members of the party.

"But madam could not proceed on with the plan due to opposition from Mirza

On labour issues in Bangladesh, she said labour rights and workplace safety in Bangladesh remained a top US priority. "We need Bangladeshis to ensure there will be no more heart-rending tragedies like the Rana Plaza building collapse or the Tazreen Fashions factory fire."

With support from the US and other international partners, she said Bangladesh had begun to make progress in transforming its garment sector. "If confirmed, I pledge to you that I will actively further our efforts to strengthen respect for labour rights and to improve workplace safety in Bangladesh," she noted.

Highlighting Bangladesh's socio-economic growth, the US envoy said Bangladesh's strategic location between a growing India and a newly opening Burma is well-positioned to play a key role in linking South and Southeast Asia.

She added Bangladesh's growth extended beyond its economy, as the country was on pace to meet many key UN Millennium Development Goals. "It has been a development success story over the past two and a half decades and the United States has been proud to assist Bangladesh in achieving these successes," she said.

Bangladesh was a focus country for three of the president's key development efforts: Global Health, Global Climate Change, and Feed the Future, she observed.

The US had also worked closely with Bangladesh to combat trafficking in persons and mitigate the threat of natural disasters, to which Bangladesh, due to its geography, is particularly prone.

In addition, she said, if confirmed, "I look forward to continuing to advance our cooperation on strengthening security, including on issues of counterterrorism, maritime security, peacekeeping and combating trafficking of drugs and arms."

A career member of the senior foreign service, Bernicat said she served the American people in eight countries across five geographic regions over the past three decades.

"My sons Sumit Nicolaus and Sunil Christopher hail from the subcontinent and have enthusiastically called the world their classroom, as has their father, Olivier Bernicat," she added.

Abbas, a BNP standing committee member, and Sadeque Hossain Khoka, among others," a BNP insider had said.

Hannan and Rafiqul were made advisers to the convening committee yesterday.

Khoka on March 12 had announced that he would step down from the post convener of the city BNP.

It is widely believed that the BNP-led 18-party alliance's movement for holding a national election under a non-party administration did not succeed as it had failed to wage strong movement in the capital.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh				
Office of the Director National Institute of Neuro-Sciences and Hospital Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207				
Memo No: 151/NINS/Store(Admin)/Tender Document/2014-15/01			Date: 07/07/2014	
Invitation for Tender				
01	Ministry/Division		Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.	
02	Agency		Director General of Health Service.	
03	Procuring entity name		Director, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital.	
04	Procuring entity code		3-2751-0230	
05	Procuring entity district		Dhaka-1207.	
06	Invitation for		Supply of Goods.	
07	Invitation Reference No.		151/NINS/Store(Admin)/Tender Document/2014-2015/01	
08	Date		15/06/2014.	
KEY INFORMATION				
09	Procurement method		Open Tendering Method (OTM).	
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget & source of fund		Revenue Budget(GoB).	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
11	Office Code		0230	
12	Office name		National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital.	
13	Tender package No.		Package No: NINS & H/Goods-01	
14	Tender package name		Supply of Goods.	
15	Tender publication date		19/07/2014.	
16	Tender last selling date		16/08/2014 (office hour).	
17	Tender closing date & time		30/08/2014, Time: 12:15pm.	
18	Tender opening date and time		30/08/2014, Time: 12:45pm.	
19	Name & address of the office			
	Selling tender document		Cash Section, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.	
	Receiving tender document		1) Office of the Director, National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. 2) Deputy Police Commissioner, Tejgaon, Dhaka.	
	Opening tender document		Do	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
20	Eligibility of tenderer		This invitation for tenders is open to all eligible tenderer as mentioned below: 1. The tenderer should have valid trade license, VAT registration certificate and up-to-date income tax clearance certificate. 2. Other details conditions including in the schedule.	
21	Brief description of goods		Supply of Goods.	
22	Price of tender document		Tk 1000.00 (one thousand) (non-refundable cash).	
23	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Security amount
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	02	Stationery (4828)		Tk 1,75,000/-
	03	Cleaning & Washing (4875)		Tk 1,75,000/-
	04	Computer Consumables (4888)		Tk 1,75,000/-
Completion time in work				
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
24	Name of official inviting tender		Prof. Dr. Quazi Deen Mohammed.	
25	Designation of official inviting tender		Director.	
26	Address of official inviting tender		National Institute of Neuro-Sciences & Hospital, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.	
27	Contact details of official inviting tender		Tel: +88-02-9140752; Fax: +88-02-9137292 E-mail: nins_hospital@yahoo.com	
28	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatever.			
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