

## Delhi to share

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friends in Bangladesh".

The October 2 explosion at a house killed two suspected militants - Shakil Ahmed and Sobhan Mandal - and left a person named Hasan Saheb injured, UNB writes.

Meanwhile, police claimed six persons arrested from Barpeta district in Assam on Friday for suspected involvement in the blast were members of a module operating under the patronage of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB).

An Assam police spokesman yesterday said a preliminary probe showed one of the arrested, Shaikhul Islam alias Abdullah, is a key member of the module and an associate of Shakil Ahmed.

Shaikhul, who received jihadi training in two madrasas of Burdwan and Murshidabad, was allegedly instructed to look for Muslim youths who have the potential for jihad.

Shakil Ahmed too had visited Barpeta on several occasions, posing as a garment trader, to motivate youths for terrorism, the official added.

Police said investigations are on to identify other members of the module, The Daily Star's New Delhi correspondent reports.

Also yesterday, West Bengal Education Minister and Trinamool Congress Secretary General Partha Chatterjee alleged that the central government of India was "sitting tight" on a report sent by the state government on the Burdwan blast.

"We feel there was a political motive behind this. This is our belief ... and it is based on what we experienced over the past few days," he said.

The minister also accused the central government of "failing to curb illegal immigration from Bangladesh".

Countering BJP's allegation that West Bengal's ruling Trinamool Congress was encouraging illegal immigration, Partha asked, "What is the role of the border guards under the central government?"

## Man killed

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Panchgachhia Union Parishad Chairman Anwar Hossain, also an Awami League leader, claimed Nabi was a Jubo Dal activist.

However, Kamal Uddin Majumder, president of Jubo Dal's Panchgachhia union unit, denied Nabi's involvement with the party.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visits BNS Osman at Naval Berth in Chittagong yesterday. BNS Osman has been awarded with the National Standard for its contribution at home and abroad, especially for its role in the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Lebanon.

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## Ebola toll passes 4,000

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borders to screen for potentially exposed travelers.

The US and Britain also boosted screening at major airports.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicted the number of cases could reach 1.4 million by January unless strong measures are taken to contain the disease.

From Australia to Zimbabwe, and Brazil to Spain, people who showed signs of fever or had recent contact with Ebola victims were whisked into isolation units or ordered to stay in their homes.

Authorities warned that hoaxes could trigger panic as a man was taken off a US flight by a bio-hazard team after he sneezed and reportedly said: "I have Ebola. You are all screwed."

Serious concerns remained in Spain over how the virus could have spread in a top specialist disease hospital.

Healthcare workers told AFP the quarantine floor of Carlos III hospital in Madrid, where 44-year-old Romero was infected, was shut last year as a result of spending cuts and only re-opened for the two missionaries flown back from Africa with the disease in August.

Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy visited the hospital, where Romero, who caught Ebola while caring for the missionaries, was said to be in a "stable but serious" condition.

Doctors there took in three more patients for observation Friday bringing to 17 the number under surveillance, including Romero, her husband and other medical staff.

**MORE MONEY NEEDED**

The United Nations and leaders of the Ebola-stricken nations of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone pleaded for greater help for the frontline of the disease in Africa.

The president of Guinea, one of the West African nations hard-hit by the Ebola crisis, met Friday with IMF Director Christine Lagarde, who promised the organization was "ready to do more if needed" to fight the disease.

UN Deputy Secretary General Jan Eliasson said only a quarter of "the one billion dollars sought" to combat the disease had been pledged. He appealed for doctors, nurses and other healthcare personnel to come forward.

His comments echoed a plea on Thursday from UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who said resources to support the fight must be increased 20-fold.

"Cases are growing exponentially," Ban said. "Do not wait for consultation. Just take action."

"We have to work now so that it is not the world's next AIDS," CDC Director Tom Frieden warned the heads of the United Nations, World Bank and International Monetary Fund gathered in Washington Thursday.

In Liberia, where the official death toll was put at 2,316 by the WHO on Friday, the government said it had banned journalists from Ebola clinics, arguing it was to protect patients' privacy.

The move came as nurses at the largest government Ebola clinic in the capital Monrovia staged a "go slow" to demand hazard pay, defying a request by UN health officials to avoid industrial action during the crisis.

## Navy to get

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Besides, a special force has been commissioned for the Naval Aviation and Unconventional Warfare, Hasina added.

Highlighting her government's success in resolving maritime disputes with Myanmar and India, the PM said plans have been taken to collect sea resources and ensure their maximum utilisation.

## Tk one lakh

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The DIG also declared reward for those who will help law enforcers with information to track Jahangir. The identities of the informers will be kept secret.

Meanwhile, Mozibor Rahman, expatriate husband of Hasna, along with some of his relatives yesterday described the incident and its background to the DIG at the police station. They also expressed their disappointment as police were yet to nab the main accused although five days had elapsed.

The DIG assured them that Jahangir cannot flee the country as police had seized his passport from his house after the incident. "The culprits will be arrested as soon as possible and the government is very serious about it."

The roles of Mirzapur police including its officer-in-charge (OC) as well as the village elders before and after the incident will also be investigated, the DIG said.

He also directed Saleh Mohammed Tanvir, superintendent of police in Tangail, to intensify their drives to catch Jahangir and his accomplices and to take proper steps to give exemplary punishment to the culprits.

The senior police officers later visited the house where the gruesome killing took place and also talked with the locals.

Meanwhile, law enforcers detained Badar Uddin, uncle of Jahangir and an accused in the case, from Kaliakair upazila in Gazipur last night. With Badar, the number of arrestees in the murder case rose to nine till yesterday. The case was filed by Hasna's brother Mofazzal Hossain against 10 people with Mirzapur Police Station.

Hasna Begum, 35, along with her three daughters Monira Akter, 14, Meem Akter, 10, and Molly Akter, 7, were burnt alive when miscreants set fire to their house at Dakkhin Sohagpara village under Mirzapur upazila in Tangail on Tuesday.

The tragic incident happened as Monira, the eldest daughter of Mozibor, refused to marry Jahangir, 25, to whom she was engaged three years ago, relatives and neighbours said.

## First 3D craft

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The project -- sponsored by German data analytics firm Exasol -- was suggested by readers of The Register and goes by the grand title "Low Orbit Helium Assisted Navigator", or LOHAN for short.

It took 30 committed team-members, including doctorate aeronautical engineers, four years to build the rocket.

The biggest challenge, according to Haines, was getting the standard hobbyist rocket motor to fire at high altitudes.

The team said it will launch the rocket from Spaceport America, the home of Virgin Galactic in New Mexico, later this year, after securing the £15,000 (\$24,000, 19,000 euros) needed for lift-off on crowdfunding site Kickstarter.

A huge helium balloon will lift the rocket 20,000 metres (65,600 feet) into the stratosphere, at which point the onboard GPS will ignite the engine, catapulting it to speeds of around 1,000 miles (1,610 kilometres) per hour.

The three-kilogramme rocket, which cost £6,000 to print, will then use an onboard autopilot to guide it back to Earth, all captured by an onboard video camera.

Haines explained how 3D printing's main advantage was in speeding up the process of refining prototypes, requiring only a tweak to the computer-aided design (CAD) plans that instruct the printer.

With the countdown on, Haines dispelled any suggestions the crew was feeling the pressure.

"We got some of the team turning up for a beer tonight," he revealed. "It's going to get really messy."

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accident but the vehicle was seized, said the policeman.

The three other passengers of the easy bike were rushed to Khulna Medical College Hospital and Jessore Medical College Hospital in critical condition, he added.

After the accident in the afternoon, angry locals demonstrated blocking the Jessore-Khulna highway at Abhaynagar for 45 minutes.

Demonstrators left the highway following requests by police.

The bodies were sent to Jessore Medical College Hospital for autopsy reports, said Sergeant Bulbul.



River police chasing an overcrowded launch heading for Dhaka from Chandpur terminal. As Eid holidays have ended and the subsequent weekend, people are rushing back to the capital to resume work.

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## Cyclone Hudhud

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Though Hudhud will not be a super cyclone, its wind speed of 195 km/h would be enough to cause damage.

The department has also cautioned about heavy rain in the aftermath of the cyclone in neighbouring states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.

The IMD, in its post-landfall outlook said, "Even after landfall the system would maintain the intensity of very severe cyclonic storm for 6 hours and gradually weaken into a cyclonic storm in subsequent 6 hours while moving north-westwards across south interior Odisha and Chhattisgarh."

IMPACT ON BD

Talking to The Daily Star, meteorologist Sanaul Hoque said deep convection occurred over the north Bay under the peripheral influence of the cyclone, resulting in moderate to heavy rainfall across the country yesterday. Rainfall is likely to continue to fall over the country today and tomorrow.

The inclement weather disrupted launch services on the Mawa-

Kawrakandi and Paturia-Daulatdia routes yesterday, causing immense suffering to passengers who were returning to the capital after celebrating Eid-ul-Azha.

The Bangladesh Meteorological Department in a special bulletin asked the maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Mongla and Payra to hoist cautionary signal number three, meaning vessels should not leave ports until further notice.

The low-lying areas of Cox's Bazar, Chittagong, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Feni, Chandpur, Barguna, Bhola, Patuakhali, Barisal, Pirojpur, Jhalakathi, Bagerhat, Khulna, Satkhira and their offshore islands and chars are likely to be inundated by wind-driven surge of 1-3 feet height above normal astronomical tide, warned the department.

Cyclone Hudhud, added the notice, has moved slightly north-westwards and was centred about 1,020 kilometres west-southwest of Chittagong port and 870 kilometres southwest of Mongla port at 6:00pm yesterday.

Cyclones in the Bay of Bengal are

common at this time of year. These often cause deaths, mass evacuations of coastal villages, disruption of power and phone services as well as damage to crops and property in eastern India and Bangladesh.

Launch services on the Mawa-Kawrakandi route were disrupted for about one and a half hours yesterday afternoon due to adverse weather. Only a few speedboats ferried passengers across the Padma.

Launches did not ply between Paturia and Daulatdia ferry terminals for about half an hour since 11:00am due to bad weather.

Barisal port authorities yesterday afternoon suspended the services of motor launches (ML) and other small vessels of up to 65 feet long on 22 routes of the division due to bad weather.

About 100 tourists were stranded in St Martin's Island as they could not return to Cox's Bazar due to rough sea, according to BBC Bangla Service.

Our correspondents in Munshiganj, Manikganj and Barisal contributed to this report.

## Bhashantek

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Asked why Mamun hasn't been arrested yet, Assistant Commissioner (Pallabi zone) Kamal Hossain of Dhaka Metropolitan Police said the accused could not be traced.

Quoting Laboni, he said Mamun and his gang mugged a cell phone from her husband couple of days ago.

However, while talking to police, Laboni denied the stalking incident, Kamal said.

The girl might have done this fearing further harassment as the culprits are dreaded in the area for their ruthlessness, said a DMP official wishing anonymity.

Muhammad Golam Nabi Sheikh, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Bhashantek Police Station, yesterday said they were looking into the case but none had been arrested so far.

Mamun and his gang forced nine members, including six women, of a poor family in Bhashantek slum in a room, undressed them all and assaulted them for about 15 hours

since the morning of February 11. Two other male members of the family were beaten up outside the room.

It all happened for six tolas of gold that too was alleged to have been stolen by a member of the family.

The culprits even took photos and videos of the victims and threatened to circulate those if the gold ornaments were not given to them, despite their insistence that they did not know anything about the gold.

Plaintiff Kohinur Begum said after returning to the area, Mamun has started threatening them to withdraw the case.

"He stormed into my sister Shamsunnahar's room around 2:30am on October 2. Brandishing a firearm, he threatened my sister to drop the lawsuit," she told The Daily Star over the phone yesterday.

Mamun, who is accused in at least five more cases, also has resumed drug peddling in the area, sources said.

Apart from Mamun, Bablu is accused in both cases.