# 4 Israelis killed in Jerusalem

Hamas hails attack on synagogue; Netanyahu vows response

AFP, Jerusalem

Two Palestinians armed with a gun and meat cleavers burst into a Jerusalem synagogue yesterday and killed four Israelis before being shot dead in the city's bloodiest attack in years.

It was a rare assault on a place of worship and sent shock waves through the country, raising fears that the already deadly Israel-Palestinian conflict was taking on a dangerous religious dimension.

All four victims were Israelis with dual nationality -- three were US citizens and the fourth British, police said. Israel's leading ultra-Orthodox website said all four were rabbis.

The bloodshed took place as months of unrest gripped Jerusalem's annexed Arab eastern sector, resulting in a string of deadly attacks by lone Palestinians and further enflamed by the death of a Palestinian bus driver in controversial circumstances.

But none was as serious as yesterday's killings at the synagogue in an ultra-Orthodox neighbourhood on the city's western outskirts as worshippers SEE PAGE 2 COL 2 EBOLA-HIT MALI

## 2 peacekeepers in quarantine

Army says there is nothing to worry about them

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two United Nations peacekeepers from Bangladesh have been in quarantine at a hospital in Mali's capital Bamako since November 12 after a nurse died of Ebola there having treated a man from Guinea.

One of the Bangladeshi army personnel were admitted there with injuries to his legs, which he had sustained in a grenade explosion, while the other with chest pain. They were receiving treatment at the hospital when the nurse died, said Brig Gen Saleem Ahmed Khan, director of the overseas operations directorate of Bangladesh Army, while replying to a query at a press conference.

Inter Services Public Relations organised the press conference at the Armed

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### Nine doped for looting house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A newly hired housemaid made away with valuables from a house in city's Chawkbazar on Monday night after rendering all nine people in the house, including six family members, unconscious.

Swapna alias Bithi, 25, was brought to work in the house on Jainakh Road on Thursday from Keraniganj by one Momtaz Begum known to the family.

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Three of the nine people, drugged by a house help in the capital's Chawkbazar, undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.

ILLEGAL STAY

#### Three more foreigners arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday held three more Africans from the capital's Moghbazar for staying illegally in the country.

Of them, Zordge Martin, 35, and David Kon, 44, are from Liberia and Jabir Khamis, 32, from Chad.

A team of the elite force raided a house at Nayatola and detained the trio, as they failed to produce any valid document like passport, visa or stay permit, said Mohiuddin Ahmed, deputy director of Rab-3, at a press briefing at the Rab-3 headquarters in Tikatuli.

Law enforcers also

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# Probe must be fair

HC questions if any particular quarter being protected in investigation of 7-murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday questioned the way Rab personnel were being interrogated in the sensational seven-murder incident in Narayanganj.

"According to media reports, all the Rab-11 personnel, who had been in the unit during the incident, continued their service there [in the Narayanganj unit] even after the incident took place," said Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore.

"But some of them were arrested and the rest are still in service. Their statements are being recorded with intervals of one day or seven days or 10 days, though it is not a very difficult task to record their statements concurrently, since their names, addresses and ranks are available.

"Is it being done to implicate or protect any particular quarter?" Justice Tagore posed the question.

The HC bench of Justice Md Rezaul Haque and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore also said that the probes should be conducted in such a way that no question about its fairness arises.

The observations were made after three progress reports on the investigations into the gruesome murders were submitted to the court.

The bench also expressed dissatisfaction with the slow progress of the investigations. Additional Attorney General Momtaz Uddin Fakir submitted the reports on bechalf

of the inspector general of police (IGP), the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and the sevenmember probe committee formed by the public administration ministry.

Justice Tagore asked the additional AG what should be done with findings of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police that initially started probing the SEE PAGE 2 COL 1



## Organic molecules, ice detected on comet 67P

**BBC ONLINE** 

Mankind's first-ever probe of a comet found traces of organic molecules and a surface much harder than imagined, scientists said yesterday.

Philae fell asleep on comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko on Saturday, having run out of onboard battery power after 60 hours of prodding and probing an object zipping towards the Sun at 18 kilometres.

Carbon-containing "organics" are the basis of life on Earth and may give clues to chemical ingredients delivered to our planet early in its history.

The compounds were picked up by a German-built SEE PAGE 10 COL 5 RU TEACHER MURDER A student was

## at his house during killing

ANWAR ALI and MA SAYED, Rajshahi

The day Professor Shafiul Islam of Rajshahi University was hacked to death, a female student from his house contacted law enforcers through her family members, investigators said yesterday.

The student, who hailed from Shafiul's home district Gaibandha, took her postgraduate exams a few months back and now was waiting for results.

Shafiul, a teacher of sociology, was her local guardian and like a father to him. Besides, as a student of the department, she was doing a research work under his supervision, said Deputy Commissioner AKM Nahidul Islam of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police.

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