

# Savage attack on Pak school kids

132 students among 141 killed in Taliban madness



A father mourns beside the body of his son at a hospital after an attack by Taliban gunmen on a school in Peshawar yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

- Tehreek-e-Taliban claims responsibility
- Pak PM terms it national tragedy
- UN chief slams 'savage extremism'
- All six militants killed in operation

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At least 132 students and nine staff members were killed yesterday after Taliban gunmen broke into a school in the Pakistani city of Peshawar and opened fire, witnesses said, in the bloodiest massacre the country has seen for years.

More than eight hours after militants slipped into the heavily guarded compound through a back entrance, the army declared the operation to flush them out over, and said that all nine insurgents had been killed.

The attack on a military-run high school attended by more than 1,100 people, many of them children of army personnel, struck at the heart of Pakistan's military establishment, an assault certain to enrage the country's powerful army.

Wounded children taken to nearby hospitals told Reuters most victims died when gunmen, suicide vests strapped to their bodies, entered the compound and opened fire indiscriminately on boys, girls and their teachers.

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'I saw death so close'

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It began like any other morning in Pakistan's Army Public School in the northwestern city of Peshawar. Students pored over their books. Teachers ruffled through their notes

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An army paratrooper displays parachute landing during the Victory Day celebrations at the National Parade Ground yesterday. Inset, children, with red-green mini flags in their hands, attended another programme at the historic Suhrawardy Udyan. PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ/ ANISUR RAHMAN

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# Capital flight rising

Amount tripled in 2012 in one year, global survey says on Bangladesh

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The amount of money flown out of Bangladesh through illicit means tripled in 2012 to stand at \$1.78 billion, riding mainly on trade misinvoicing.

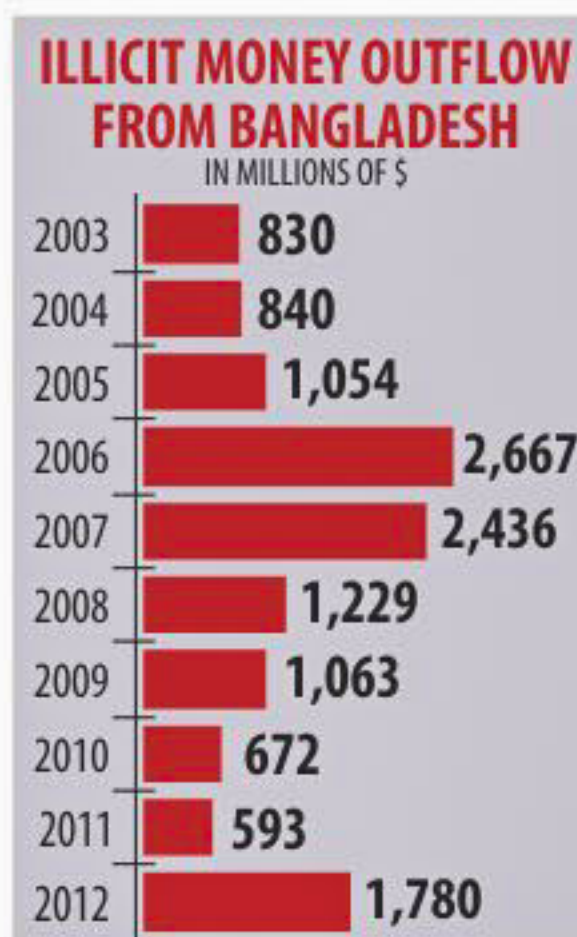
The figure was \$593 million the year before.

On average, \$1.31 billion funneled out of

the country per year between 2003 and 2012, according to the latest study by the Global Financial Integrity (GFI), a Washington-based research organisation, released on Monday.

The study ranked Bangladesh 51st among 145 developing countries that lost most money to siphoning.

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# 4 of a family killed brutally

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

A Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal leader, his wife and their two minor daughters were killed at their house at Lobonkotha village in Habirbari union of Bhaluka upazila yesterday.

The deceased are Rafiqul Islam Bachchu, 35, general

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# Vow to repay blood debt

Nation pays tribute to martyrs on Victory Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The national flag was flying everywhere. Colours of Victory Day were in the air. Loudspeakers were blaring out patriotic songs in narrow alleys and besides the thoroughfares.

As the sunlight spread over the horizon in the foggy morning, thousands of people irrespective of age, gender and class headed towards nearby memorials and mausoleums built in the memory of Liberation War

martyrs across the country.

It was the day in 1971 Pakistani occupation forces chief general AAK Niazi along with 93,000 troops surrendered to the joint forces of Mukti Bahini and Mitra Bahini in Dhaka.

The celebration of the 44th Victory Day began through paying homage to the national heroes with a vow to establish a non-communal, prosperous and democratic Bangladesh.

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Indigenous people move their belongings, whatever is left, from vandalised houses and shops after an attack allegedly by Bangalee settlers at Suridas Para in Rangamati yesterday. Inset, an Adivasi man and a woman looking at the rubbles of their house burned down by attackers.

PHOTO: COURTESY

# Cruelty in hills

50 houses of indigenous people torched, damaged in Rangamati as settlers' pineapple plantation ravaged

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

At least 50 houses and several shops of indigenous people were torched and vandalised in Burighat union of Naniarchar upazila yesterday.

Victims accused Bangalee settlers of the



attack and said they also vandalised the Karuna Bihar Buddhist temple and took away several bronze idols during the hourlong attack.

Some 400-500 settlers from the nearby Bogachhari area swooped on Suridaspara, Camppara and Amtola villages near the Rangamati-Khagrachhari road around 8:30am. At least fifty houses were set on fire during the attack, the indigenous people alleged.

Police believe the attack was in retaliation for the destruction of around 4.5 lakh pineapple and 20,000 teak saplings allegedly by some members of the indigenous communities on Monday night. The indigenous people claimed Bangalee settlers had planted the saplings on the land belonging to them but was "taken away" by

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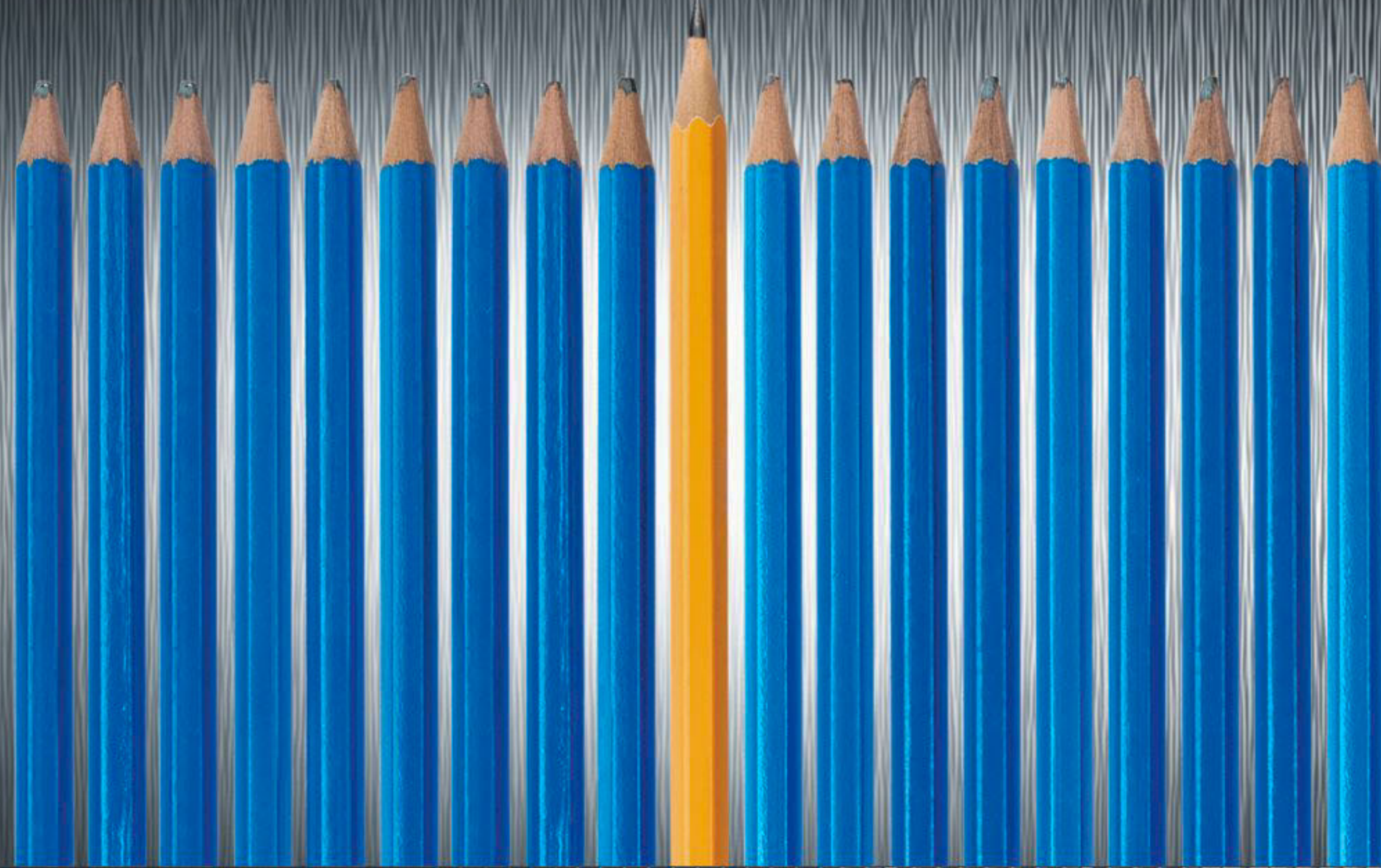


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