



Students of Shialkanda Adarsha Bahumukhi High School in Ramkhana of Kurigram join a women's cricket tournament organised by Ashar Alo Pathshala. The pathshala launched the event with a slogan to stop child marriage and drug abuse. PHOTO: STAR

'JMB organiser' arrested

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Chittagong Metropolitan Police conducted a drive in Kedarpur of Tangail's Nagpur upazila and nabbed Minhazul.

Around 11:00am yesterday, the detainee was taken to the DB office in the port city. Later, a local court sent him to jail after he made a confessional statement before it in a case filed with Sadarghat Police Station.

Minhazul, who is from Madhyam Sonapara in Chittagong's Mirsarai upazila, joined the militant outfit at the end of last year with the help of his maternal uncle Harunur Rahid alias Rubel alias Saurav. He was trained in using firearms and grenades, according to police.

Later on Friday, police detained another JMB operative named Fuad in connection with the September 23 incident and recovered a microbus used by the militants.

Babul Akter, additional deputy commissioner of DB, said eight JMB men took part in the mugging attempt. Of them, four carried out the attack while the rest were present there as rescuers.

Besides Minhazul and Fuad, JMB's local commander Fardin and members Pias, Habib and Kalaiya alias Matu were in the group.

Fardin and Fuad were fleeing to the capital from Chittagong by the microbus after the incident. After it broke down, they took the vehicle to a garage in Padua Bazar in Comilla and left, said ADC Babul Akter.

Fuad was caught in Chittagong around 2:00pm on Friday but Fardin remained outside the reach of police.

Based on information gleaned from Fuad, police seized the microbus from the garage.

On October 5, law enforcers rounded up five JMB men from different areas of Chittagong city and recovered grenades and ammunition.

Of the five, JMB commander (explosives) Taufique-ul-Islam alias Javed alias Rana was killed in a "grenade explosion" in the city's Kuaish area the following day when police took him there during a drive to recover grenades.

Another JMB man, Sujan alias Babu, confessed before a local court on October 7 to involvement in the September 4 killing of a pir (Muslim spiritual leader) in the port city.

Legal experts, cops differ over arrest

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from their earlier stance that they could not even take any legal action against the 16-year-old until the victims or their families filed a case.

Talking to reporters at his office yesterday, Muntasirul said police could have filed a case, but quickly added: "But we don't usually do that. The cases become weak when police lodge the complaint instead of the victims."

Supreme Court lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan disagreed.

"It's for the court to decide whether a case is weak or not. As law enforcers, it was their [police's] duty to arrest the reckless driver and produce him before a magistrate court within 24 hours of the arrest under section 61 of the Criminal Procedure Code," he told The Daily Star.

There are hundreds of examples where police arrested such drivers from the spot and produced them before courts, he added.

It is irrelevant if the crime is cognisable or not, and police could have arrested him without a warrant under section 304 (B) of the Penal Code.

On October 12, the SUV driven by Fareez, nephew of a former Awami League lawmaker, was racing with another car on a Gulshan street, said a policeman, who was close by at the time.

The SUV rammed two rickshaws, uprooted an electric pole, and left four people injured when Fareez lost control of the vehicle.

More than one policeman who visited the spot immediately after the accident told this newspaper that he had been drinking before the vehicle crashed. Senior police officials later denied it.

Soon after the crash, pictures of cops taking Fareez to Gulshan Police Station flooded the social media. Police later freed him.

Fareez's friend who received his selfies taken while driving gave the pictures to this paper.

A bottle of Chivas Regal was seen in a number of pictures.

'Take us back'

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A Reddit user wrote that an "Anglo-ophile friend" resorted to writing to Buckingham Palace because he was "frustrated with the current field of presidential candidates (particularly on the GOP side)".

The letter, posted by user no-soy-de-escocia, was addressed to both the Queen and Prime Minister.

"On behalf of the American people, I urgently implore you to take us back," it read.

"Clearly, the options we have to lead us aren't up to par. Again, please, I beg of you, make the United States of America a colony of the United Kingdom.

"For further reasons as to why this is such a necessary, albeit drastic, step, I refer to tonight's Republican Party Primary debate. Thank you. God save The Queen."

The letter was sent on 16 September, when 11 front-runners for the Republican Presidential nomination had gone head-to-head for three hours on CNN.

Sharing a photo of the reply, which appeared to be on official royal letter paper, the person wrote that they were shocked his friend was dignified with a response.

The Queen's deputy correspondence coordinator wrote: "I have been asked to write in response to your recent letter to The Queen in which you express your views about the American government.

"Whilst your views have been noted, you will appreciate, I am sure, that there can be no question of The Queen intervening in the affairs of another Sovereign state."

A photo of the letter, shared on Imgur by bardiak on Thursday, has been viewed more than two million times and the Reddit post has garnered more than 3,000 comments, which were mainly tongue in cheek.

"They have been playing us for years pretending to be our ally. Getting us nice and comfortable," one person joked.

Reddit user Horrendous Rex called for a "Declaration... of Dependence", while others debated the threshold for treason.

Buckingham Palace has become known for its correspondence, with one of the Queen's aides replying to a six-year-old girl who invited the monarch to her birthday party earlier this year.

The response said the Queen "greatly appreciated the thought and hopes you have a lovely time".

No let-up in violence

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In the first attack in Hebron, a Palestinian tried to stab a settler before being shot dead by his victim, the army said.

Palestinian security sources identified the assailant as 18-year-old Fadel al-Kawatsmi. The army said the settler was not hurt.

Video circulated by Palestinian activists showed a young man wearing a kippa brandishing a pistol as shots rang out before Israeli soldiers moved in to pull him away from a body lying on the ground.

In the second attack, a Palestinian woman attempted to stab a female Israeli soldier guarding the Jewish enclave before being shot dead by her victim, Israeli police said.

The soldier suffered minor injuries to her hand, police spokeswoman Luba Samri said.

Palestinian media said her assailant was aged 16.

In east Jerusalem, a Palestinian tried to stab a soldier at a checkpoint in East Talpiot but was shot dead by other soldiers.

Police said the assailant was a 16-year-old from nearby Jabal Mukaber, the same neighbourhood that was home to three Palestinians who carried out gun, knife and car-ramming attacks earlier this week.

Israeli security forces have deployed massively in Jerusalem to try to halt the attacks and on Wednesday began setting up checkpoints in parts of east Jerusalem, including Jabal Mukaber.

But it has failed to stop the violence.

'INFLAMMATORY RHETORIC'

The United States, which tried but failed last year to broker peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians, urged leaders on both sides to help rein in the unrest.

"We are very concerned about the outbreak of violence," Obama said in Washington.

"It's important for both (Israeli) Prime Minister (Benjamin) Netanyahu... and (Palestinian) president (Mahmud) Abbas and other people in positions of power, to try to tamp down rhetoric that may feed violence or anger or misunderstanding," he said.

US Secretary of State John Kerry, who could travel to the region soon, has spoken separately to Abbas and Netanyahu to ask them to restore calm.

He told Abbas of the need to avoid "inflammatory rhetoric, accusations and actions that will increase tensions", officials said.

Abbas has been under pressure over recent comments that some have labelled incitement and has called for peaceful protests without explicitly condemning the violence.

But on Friday he condemned an arson attack the previous night on Joseph's Tomb, a West Bank site which is holy to Jews.

The same day, four Palestinians were killed, one after posing as a news photographer to stab and wound a soldier outside a Jewish settlement.

As hundreds of Palestinians joined the funeral of Ayad Awawdeh in the West Bank village of Dura on Saturday, his mother told AFP her son had "watched the news on television the whole time and exploded with anger at seeing so many horrors".

Such funerals may soon be a thing of the past -- Israel has warned that it may not hand over the bodies of those responsible for attacks to their families for burial.

The violence began on October 1, when a suspected cell of the Islamist movement Hamas murdered a Jewish settler couple in the West Bank in front of their children.

But subsequent attacks are believed to have been the work of individuals acting independently of any organised militant group making them extremely difficult to prevent.

The violence came after repeated clashes in September between Israeli forces and Palestinian youths at east Jerusalem's flashpoint Al-Aqsa mosque compound.

The mosque compound is the third holiest site in Islam and the most sacred for Jews who call it Temple Mount.

On Friday, Israel rejected Palestinian calls for an international protection force to be deployed to quell the violence around Al-Aqsa.

'LAND DISPUTE'

Elderly man dies in scuffle

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
An elderly man died following a scuffle with a group of people allegedly backed by some police members last night, family members said.

The victim is Shamsul Huq, 60, of Noyatola in the capital's Mughbazar.

The scuffle broke out when the group of 10 to 15 tried to enter his house around 8:30pm. He was declared dead at Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 11:00pm.

Shamsul had a land dispute with Shahidul, younger brother of deputy commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (logistic and procurement) Emam Hossain, family members alleged.

Victim's brother Falan, however, said the attackers kicked and punched his brother.

Moshiure Rahman, officer-in-charge of Ramna Police Station, told The Daily Star that they received such a complaint but could not give any detail.

"Everything will be clear after investigation," said the OC.

Contacted, Emam Hossain admitted that his brother bought a piece of land next to Shamsul's.

"There were some problems centring the land purchase but it was resolved one year ago," Emam told this correspondent.

IS attack kills five at Saudi

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killed five people at one of their gatherings, in an attack claimed by the Islamic State group.

Friday's attack in the Qatif area of Eastern Province was the latest in a series of bombings and shootings linked to the Sunni extremist group in Saudi Arabia over the past year.

A suspect with an automatic weapon "started to shoot randomly" at a Shia place of worship in the Saihat area of Qatif city in the evening, an interior ministry spokesman said in a statement.

Five Saudis, including a woman, were killed and nine others were wounded, he said.

Police intervened and opened fire, killing the suspect, the spokesman said without giving details about the attacker, adding that the shooting was being investigated.

A group calling itself Islamic State-Bahrain Province said in a statement that one of its "soldiers", Shughaa al-Dosari, "attacked a Shiite infidel temple with an automatic weapon" in Saihat.

"Infidels will not be safe in the island of Mohammed (PBUH)," it warned.

Most previous attacks in Sunni-dominated Saudi Arabia have targeted the minority Shiite community which often complains of marginalisation.

A video, allegedly of the attack, posted on YouTube showed terrified people, among them many children, running frantically for cover inside the place of worship while gun shots could be heard.

Ali al-Bahrani who witnessed the attack said that the gunman was shooting at random as worshippers attended a sermon.

The Ashura commemorations -- which peak late next week -- mark the killing of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Mohammed, by the army of the Caliph Yazid in 680 AD. That event lies at the heart of Islam's divide into Shiite and Sunni sects.

'CRIMINALISE SECTARIANISM'

Jaafar al-Abbad, the uncle of the dead woman, Buthaina al-Abbad, 22, said she died a "martyr for the sake of her beliefs".

"She was about to graduate from university as a doctor. Now she is a martyr, and this is even better," he said.

"People are pouring in to congratulate her parents," said Abbad.

He echoed other Shiites saying such attacks "will not deter us from continuing to observe our rituals".

Nasema al-Sada, an activist from Eastern Province, said that since the start of Ashura volunteers have set up checkpoints at the entrances to places of worship in coordination with authorities.

Residents from the city of Dammam, where Shiites are not allowed to build places of worship, come to Saihat to attend sermons which take place regularly during Ashura, said Sada.

Witnesses said the Shiite place of worship known as a husseiniya and an adjacent mosque were both targeted in Friday's shooting.

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Giving Padma bridge a boost

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and corruption we can correct ourselves while the positive reports always inspire us."

The meeting, which lasted for two and a half hours, was held at the conference room of the Padma Bridge Service Area-1 in Dogachhia area of Sreenagar upazila.

It decided that the toll from the bridge would be collected electronically.

Musharraf said apart from discussing progress in the country's largest infrastructure project, they also discussed identifying the areas of coordination among different ministries and divisions involved.

He claimed the move would add more momentum to the work.

After the meeting, the senior government officials went to the construction site at Mawa.

The cabinet secretary said they were satisfied with the work progress and hoped that the project would be completed as per schedule, by 2018.

The secretaries' meeting started around 10:45am. Around an hour earlier, they had reached Dogachhia starting from State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka in two air-conditioned buses, reports our Munshiganj correspondent.

Saiful Hasan Badal, deputy commissioner of Munshiganj, and Biplob Bijooy Talukder, superintendent of police of the district, welcomed them. Later, the secretaries went to Mawa.

There, the project director of the contractor company, China Major Bridge Engineering Construction Co Ltd, briefed the government officials about the progress of the project.

They left for the capital around 4:00pm. Shafiqul Islam, director of the Padma bridge project, presented the latest progress report on the construction work.

Musharraf told The Daily Star that they had decided in principle to hold such meetings on the mega projects.

However, he said, whether the meetings would always take place at the project sites would depend on various issues, including time and logistics support.

The meeting was told that when the bridge would be ready, the importance of Payra and Mongla ports would increase and that was why steps should be taken now to modernise the two ports.

After the World Bank withdrew itself from the Padma bridge project following corruption allegations, the government took the initiative to implement the project with its own finance.

The cost of the bridge would be more than Tk 28,000 crore, according to officials of the Bridges Division.

UN to protect world's heritage from IS: Italy

AFP, Rome
Italy yesterday said that UNESCO has approved its suggestion to have the United Nation's famous Blue Helmets protect heritage sites around the world from attacks by Islamist militants.

"UNESCO has said yes to the Cultural Blue Helmets," Culture Minister Dario Franceschini said in a statement, adding that 53 countries voted in favour after the destruction of sites including Palmyra in Syria by the Islamic State group.

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