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Blasts kill one at Huseni Dalan

40 more injured as Shia headquarters attacked just before the Shia procession

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least one person was killed and about 60 others were injured in homemade bomb explosions in front of Huseni Dalan in old Dhaka early hours today.

The blasts happened around 1:30am when members of Shia community were gathering at the building, about half an hour before the traditional Tajia procession was to be brought out from there to mark the holy Ashura.

The day marks the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), and the Shia community has been observing the day for centuries.

But it is the first time that they have come under such an attack, though it was not clear who carried out the attack or why.

Police cordoned off the area and said they were investigating the blasts.

The dead is Sajjad Hossain Saju, 14, said Nazimunnesa, deputy director of Dhaka Medical College Hospital. She said the boy was brought dead to the hospital.

Most of the victims were men, but some of them women. Their injuries were said to be minor and their condition stable.

Locals and law enforcement agencies rushed the wounded to the DMCH, where the emergency unit was heavy with cries of relatives.

Additional doctors and nurses were called in to cope with the situation.

Nasrin Sultana, an official of Lalbagh Fire Service and Civil Defence, said unknown

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A TV grab of the blast scene



Work going on in full swing at a printing press in the capital's Sutrapur on Tuesday. Workers are printing and binding textbooks for the 2016 academic year. Printers say they hope to finish their job well before the government deadline.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Cops hunt for killer

34 detained in Dhaka, Bogra over ASI killing; many of them BNP, Jamaat men

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a massive drive, police yesterday detained 31 people, including some BNP and Jamaat men, in Dhaka and Bogra over Thursday's killing of a police officer in the capital.

They are all part of a large gang that was planning to carry out subversive activities in the capital and elsewhere, police claimed.

Of those detained, 21 students of different colleges were picked up from a mess in Bogra town in the early hours.

Four more were arrested from the district's



ASI Ibrahim

Nazir Ahmed Khan, senior assistant superintendent of detectives in Dhaka, said the four were accused in the killing

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Kidnap for ransom

3 people on way to Bandarban in ambulance abducted by criminals; no trace of 3 kidnapped earlier

SANJOY KUMAR BARUA, Bandarban

An armed gang abducted three people from Ramu in Cox's Bazar early yesterday, less than a month after two tourists from the capital and their local guide were kidnapped in Rangamati.

Yesterday's kidnapping happened around 3:30am when the three, along with a patient, were heading towards Baishari of Bandarban from Chittagong Medical College Hospital in an ambulance.

The abductors let the patient and the ambulance driver go, and took the three to a nearby forest, police said.

The victims are Abu Taiyab, 40, former member of

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Mixed progress in textbook printing

Printers hope to ready secondary schoolbooks before new year; some concern about primary textbooks

WASIM BIN HABIB

Although a major chunk of the secondary textbooks for the next academic year have already reached different upazilas, the printing job of primary schoolbooks is yet to gain momentum, thanks to poor supply of paper.

Shahid Serniabat, president of Bangladesh Mudran Shilpa Samity, said they were getting about half their normal

supply from paper mills.

However, printers were hopeful that mills would increase their supplies next week and the printing work would be in full swing.

The government has been distributing free textbooks since 2010 among the students of primary and secondary schools, ebtedai and dakhil madrasas and technical institutions.

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The idol of Goddess Durga on the Buriganga before the people of the Hindu community immersed the idol in the river yesterday, at the end of the five-day Durga Puja festival. Around 200 idols of Durga from across the capital were immersed in the Buriganga. The photo was taken at Wais Ghat.



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Hindus say bye to Goddess Durga

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hindu devotees yesterday bade farewell to Goddess Durga and her children with solemn immersion of their idols, ending the five-day-long festival, the biggest of its kind for the Hindu community in Bangladesh.

Thousands of Hindus in the capital marched with spectacular truck processions carrying idols of Durga towards nearby rivers for immersion.

According to Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad (BPUP), about 200 idols from different puja mandaps of the capital were immersed in rivers.

A procession was brought out from Dhakeswari Mandir around 2:50pm and over 100 trucks full of devotees reached Wais Ghat where the idols were immersed in the Buriganga, said Nirmal Kumar Chatterjee, joint secretary of BPUP.

Idols from the mandaps in Kalabagan, Banani and Gulshan were immersed in the Turag river, he added.

Nirmal said about 25-30 idols of goddess Durga will be kept at permanent temples such as Dhakeswari to be replaced by new ones during next year's puja.

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Man killed in Rab 'shootout'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was killed in an alleged gunfight with Rapid Action Battalion at Badda in the capital early yesterday.

The elite force claimed that the dead, Jahirul Islam alias Jahir, 32, was facing several cases, including murder and extortion.

Lt Col Tuhin Mohammad

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HOLIDAY NOTICE

The Daily Star office will remain closed today on the occasion of holy Ashura. Therefore, there will be no issue of the newspaper tomorrow.

Saudi Arabia tightens labour regulations

Workers to benefit as employers face financial penalty if they fail to pay promised wages

STAR REPORT

The Saudi authorities have announced new labour regulations to protect workers' rights by bringing employers under strict rules including financial penalty.

Around 1.5 million Bangladeshis are currently working in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. They will also be benefited when the new regulations are in place.

According to the new regulations, employers who keep workers' passports and fail to pay their wages will face a fine of Saudi Riyal (SR) 2,000, reported the Saudi Gazette quoting the Saudi labour ministry on Thursday.

There are allegations that many employers hold on to workers' passports and force them to work outside contractual terms. They sack workers who protest against it and send them home without paying their salary.

Such employers will now be fined SR 15,000 for forcing workers to perform tasks not specified in the contract or for making them bear expenses the employer is liable to pay.

The new regulations will fine employers SR 5,000 for not giving copies of contracts to the workers.

The rules also prohibit companies from delaying salary payment, forcing extra

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