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TAZIA PROCESSION BLAST

Nothing clear

Investigators say JMB, Huji capable of making improvised grenade but not sure of militant link

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) that struck the religious gathering in front of the city's Hossaini Dalan early Saturday have been used in the country by militant outfits in the past. Operatives of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and Harkat-ul Jihad (Huji) have the expertise to make them, and the materials are available in the country. But any third party, like Islami Chhatra Shibir, too might have that expertise, investigators said.



Sazzad Hossain

However, it is not yet clear who were behind the attack that killed a 14-year-old boy, Sazzad Hossain, and injured at least 87 others.

Both the police chief and the Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner claimed that the improvised grenades used in the attack have similarities with those recovered in a drive at the capital's Kamrangirchar, following the killing of police officer Ibrahim Molla on Thursday night.

The explosions happened despite high security when people were gathering at Hossaini Dalan around 1:30am, about half an hour before the traditional Tazia procession was to be brought out to mark the holy Ashura.

'SERIOUS CONSPIRACY'
The day commemorates the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), grandson of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). The Shia community has been observing the day for centuries in the country, with Hossaini Dalan the centre of their programmes.

Although Shia Muslims often come under attacks by the
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Six-year-old Hasan writhing in pain beside his mother Rina Aktar at Dhaka Medical College Hospital on Saturday. They were among those injured in the blasts at Hossaini Dalan in Old Dhaka. Inset, an unexploded improvised grenade at the scene.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Most of the injured leave hospitals

'Victims mostly Sunnis'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most of the 87 people, injured in the Hossaini Dalan blasts early Saturday, have left hospitals after treatment.

As of last night, only 16 of the injured were at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

"One of them has been kept in the ICU [Intensive Care Unit] and is in a critical condition. The rest are now out of danger," Khaza Abdul Gafur, assistant director (administration) of the DMCH, told The Daily Star last night.

And the injured, admitted to Mitford Hospital, had also returned home, said hospital sources.

Meanwhile, the body of Sazzad Hossain, the 14-year-old who died in the blasts, has been handed over to his family.

Sazzad's father Monir Hossain said they received the body from the DMCH authorities around 10:30am on Saturday after an
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TOP QUOTE
As a nation Bangladeshis are religious-minded but not zealots. Not all who join Tazia procession are necessarily Shias. All Muslims take part in this procession with due respect.
NHRC CHIEF **MIZANUR RAHMAN**, COMMENTING ON HOSSAINI DALAN BLAST

Hail government, blast BNP

TIB study showcases role of lawmakers in 14 months of JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Only 29 of 350 lawmakers of the current parliament participated in the process of enactment of 30 laws in 14 months, indicating their lack of interest in lawmaking, according to a study of Transparency International Bangladesh.

They, however, were enthusiastic about praising their political parties and blasting the BNP-led alliance, which has no representation in the present House.

Treasury and opposition bench MPs praised their parties and the government 7,500 times, and criticised the

BNP-led combine 7,268 times, says the study based on parliament's second to sixth session from June 2014 to July this year.

In TIB's view, criticism of the BNP-led alliance was irrelevant, and unparliamentary words were used for blasting the combine.

In the ninth parliament, MPs of the ruling AL lauded their party 599 times and slated the BNP-Jamaat coalition 804 times, while in the eighth parliament, MPs of the ruling BNP praised their party 626 times and criticised the Awami League 491 times.

In the current parliament, the lawmakers' participation in question-

answer sessions and discussions on important notices was less, and only six percent of 388 working hours were spent on formulation and passage of the 30 laws.

Besides, 41 MPs didn't take part in any parliament proceedings in the 14-month period, says the study report launched at a press conference at the TIB headquarters in the capital yesterday.

It also mentioned the absence of the Speaker's strong role in stopping the use of unparliamentary words in the House.

The study said the main opposition,
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RECOMMENDATIONS

- There should be a code of conduct for MPs
- Use of unparliamentary words must stop
- Opposition must play its 'actual role'
- MPs should be encouraged to participate in law-making process
- Petition Committee should be made effective

Man killed as muggers beat, run him over

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Even though Kakoli Biswas begged for her husband Ananta Biswas' life, a mugger beat him up mercilessly and his getaway driver ran injured Ananta over killing him.

The incident took place on Kuril Bishwa Road in the capital when the couple were trying to hire an auto-rickshaw to go to their Sheorapara home around 5:30am yesterday.

After celebrating the Durga Puja in their Gaibandha village home, Kakoli and Ananta, returned to the capital and just got down from a bus on the road.

"My husband told me to wait on the pavement. As I was approaching it, someone yanked at my necklace from behind," Kakoli told a TV channel.

As Ananta tried to stop the mugger, the criminal started beating him with a stick until Ananta fell.

"I begged the mugger not to beat him and take the necklace instead. Before I could help Ananta get up from the road, the pick-up [driven by the mugger's cohort] ran him over," a sobbing Kakoli said.

With the help of locals, she took Ananta to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

DMC morgue sources said Ananta's had suffered fatal injuries in the chest.

Shahidul Haque, officer-in-charge of Khilkhet Police Station, said Kakoli filed a murder case with the police station. He said they were looking for the pick-up and the mugger and the driver.

Ananta, a rickshaw-puller, was the lone breadwinner of the family of three. The couple have a seven-year-old son Antar Biswas.
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Against all odds

Tale of a school dropout who tutors underprivileged children for free

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPOLOB and AZIBOR RAHMAN, with ANDREW EAGLE

He was in class-IX when he had to drop out of school. Poverty, a common foe to countless talents in Bangladesh, forced him to fend for himself and the family, and never let him pursue his dream of becoming a government official.

"For days, I felt like all my dreams were crushed ... But still I longed for education," said Gamir

Uddin, now 60, of Balorampur village in Jhenidah's Harinakundo upazila.

However, he didn't give up. Instead, he started living his dream through other ill-fated underprivileged children of his village.

Three decades ago, Gamir started a school in a dilapidated tin shed on a corner of his little piece of homestead and named it Ananda Pathshala, literally meaning school

Gamir teaches students at his Ananda Pathshala in Balorampur village of Jhenidah. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: AZIBOR RAHMAN
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SHOOTING MINOR MP Liton denied bail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

A Gaibandha court has yet again rejected bail petitions of Awami League lawmaker Manjurul Islam Liton in two cases filed for shooting a 10-year-old boy and vandalising a house in Sundarganj upazila on October 2.

The court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Waheduzzaman passed the order yesterday, Sirajul Islam Babu, counsel for Liton, told The Daily Star.

The lawmaker from Gaibandha-1, who is in jail, was not produced before the court.

The lawyer said he had submitted the petitions to the court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Moinul Hasan Yousuf on October 21. Later, the court fixed yesterday for the hearing. Waheduzzaman took part in the hearing as Moinul was on leave.

A Gaibandha court had scrapped two bail petitions of Liton in the same cases and sent him to jail on October 15, a day after he was detained from Dhaka. On the morning of
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