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## ALERT

### Security beefed up at airports

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Following intelligence warning, the government Sunday night beefed up security measures at the three international airports in the country, officials concerned said.

Apart from restricting visitors, authorities of the airports asked their security personnel to remain vigilant and increase monitoring in and outside the airports.

"We stepped up security from last night [Sunday night]," Capt MK Zakir Hassan, director of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, told The Daily Star.

He said they had done so after receiving intelligence information and that vigilance had been strengthened through CCTV at all the entrances.

The airport will be under closer supervision, said the director.

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## Who is the big bro?

Cops produce 4 arrested in connection with Tavella killing, say the murder committed on instructions from a 'big brother'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three professional killers had shot dead Italian aid worker Cesare Tavella as part of a conspiracy to create anarchy, put pressure on the government and send a message to foreigners that they are not safe in Bangladesh, police claimed yesterday.

They were hired by a "Boro Bhai" (big brother) to kill any white man living in the country. Tavella, a project manager of a Netherlands-based NGO, was not their specific target, police also said.

Twenty seven days after the murder in the capital's high-security diplomatic zone on September 28, Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia yesterday said they have arrested four youths, including three alleged contract killers, from Badda and Gulshan areas on Sunday.

Of the four, Tamjid Ahmed alias Rubel alias Shooter Rubel, Russell Chowdhury alias Chakki Russell and Minhazul Arifin Russell alias Bhagne Russell directly took part in the killing mission.



'BORO BHAI'



Rubel

Russell Chy



Arifin Russell

Sharif

The fourth arrestee is Shakhawat Hossain alias Sharif. He provided the trio with his motorcycle on which they arrived on the spot and fled away after the shooting, said the commissioner during a press conference at the DMP media centre.

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### Fresh fear grips BNP, Jamaat ranks

RASHIDUL HASAN and PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

Law enforcers' latest hunt for "a so-called big brother," who was allegedly behind the killing of Italian aid worker Cesare Tavella, has sparked a fresh panic among leaders of BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami.

But who is this big brother? "He could be a mid- or low-level leader of a certain political party," said a detective, without giving any further details.

Talking to The Daily Star, some BNP and Jamaat leaders said they were already under pressure, as the government policymakers had been pointing fingers at them for the killings of Tavella and Hoshi Kunio,

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### FOREIGNER KILLINGS Lone website that 'finds ISIS link'

STAR REPORT

Since the September 28 murder of Italian aid worker Cesare Tavella in Dhaka's diplomatic zone, one website seems to have taken it upon itself to link Bangladesh with ISIS.

Rita Katz, director of SITE Intelligence Group, has repeatedly posted in her official twitter account and the group's web page that ISIS claimed responsibility for the September 28 murder of Tavella, the October 3 killing of Japanese citizen



Rita Katz

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## Quake kills 280

Massive damage; more than 2,000 injured in Pakistan, Afghanistan

AFP, Islamabad

Nearly 280 people were killed yesterday as a powerful 7.5-magnitude earthquake centred in the Hindu Kush mountains in Afghanistan ripped across South Asia, toppling buildings, triggering stampedes and knocking out communication lines.

The full scale of the disaster and human toll was unclear when night fell over the remote and rugged terrain with authorities in Pakistan and Afghanistan rushing to mount rescue efforts.

In the most horrifying tragedy to emerge so far from the quake, 12 young Afghan girls were crushed to death in a stampede as they tried to flee their shaking school building.

The bulk of the casualties were reported from Pakistan, where 214 people were killed and more than 1,800 injured, disaster management authorities said.

"Many houses and buildings have collapsed in the city," said Arbab Muhammad Asim, district mayor for the northwestern city of Peshawar.

Many people were trapped under piles of rubble, with officials warning that the toll was set to rise.

"The building was swinging like a pendulum, it felt as if the heavens would fall," Peshawar shop owner Tufail Ahmed told AFP.

Afghan officials said at least 63 people were confirmed dead and hundreds more injured, with casualties reported from around half a dozen of the country's 34 provinces.

The government has implored aid agencies for relief.

But large swathes of Badakhshan, the remote province where the epicentre is located, and other areas are effectively

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An Armed Police Battalion member shows passengers the way at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Entry of visitors there has been restricted as part of stepped-up security measures in place since Sunday night fearing subversive activities. The photo was taken yesterday afternoon.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Cop killer was Shibir leader

Carried improvised grenades in his bag, claim police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday claimed that the person who had stabbed to death assistant sub-inspector Ibrahim Mollah in the capital's Gabtoli four days ago is a former Chhatra Shibir leader from Bogra.

Law enforcers got the name of Enamul Haque alias Kamal, ex-president of Adamdighi upazila Chhatra Shibir, from his detained friend Masud Rana Suman, who accompanied the Shibir leader to Dhaka from the northern district.

Enamul, 25, attacked the ASI of Darus Salam Police Station with a knife after the cop had stopped the two at Gabtoli police check post and began searching the Shibir leader's bag. The incident occurred minutes after the duo

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## FUTURE BANGLADESH ON THE FIRMEST FOUNDATION

Chosen steel for the Padma Bridge construction



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