

# Gunmen storm Shia mosque, kill muezzin

3 including imam bullet-hit as attackers open fire on people during evening prayers in Bogra mosque

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In a second attack on Shia Muslims in just over a month, armed assailants yesterday stormed a Shia mosque in Shibganj upazila and opened fire on praying people, killing one and injuring three others.

The dead is Moazzem Hossain, 70, of Haripur. He was a farmer and also muezzin of the mosque.

It was not clear who carried out the attack or why. Police said they were looking into the incident.

Three gunmen stormed the mosque named Masjid Al Hussain at Haripur bus



The three injured.

stop in Atmulpur union and started shooting randomly at 30 to 40 Shia Muslims, according to locals and police.

The attack happened around 5:45pm when they were saying their Esha prayers after Maghrib prayers. The Shia community offers these two prayers one after another

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This is Milon Chattar, a memorial to Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon, who laid down his life on this day 25 years ago in the fight against military dictatorship of Ershad. And today is his death anniversary. Floral wreaths will be placed at the Milon Chattar on Dhaka University campus to honour his sacrifice. However, for the rest of the year, the memorial is left uncared for as it was seen yesterday.

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# JMB behind it

Detectives come up with new theories on Hossaini Dalan blast, police checkpost attacks, Khijir murder

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A faction of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) was involved in recent attacks on Hossaini Dalan and police checkpoints at Gabtoli and Ashulia, detectives claimed yesterday.

The banned militant outfit became inactive amid leadership dispute following the executions of its chief Shaikh Abdur Rahman and some other organisers.

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Terrorism not the path for true Muslims

PM on Bogra attack

UNB, Dhaka

Noting that the path of terrorism and suicide bombing is not the right one for a true Muslim, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said some elements with a perverted mentality were engaged in such misdeeds.

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# AL vs 20-party

Awami League to contest municipal polls independently, BNP, Jamaat, other parties under alliance banner

PARtha PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE and RASHIDUL HASAN

The ruling Awami League has decided to participate in the municipality elections independently but its archrival BNP would contest the December 30 polls under the 20-party banner.

The decisions were taken at separate meetings yesterday, sources said.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also the AL chief, chaired the ruling party meeting at the Gono Bhaban while BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia presided over the 20-party alliance meeting at her Gulshan office.

AL MEETING

Though the AL contested the last two parliamentary elections under the banner of 14-party allies, its Central Working Committee this time has decided to contest the upcoming polls in 236 municipalities independently.

At the meeting, the party decided to form a

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# It's 'disturbing'

Dhaka protests UN remarks on fairness of war trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday dismissed the United Nations' claim of the war crimes trial in Bangladesh being unfair, saying its recent statement was highly disturbing.

The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on Tuesday called on Bangladesh to stop implementing death sentences awarded by the

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