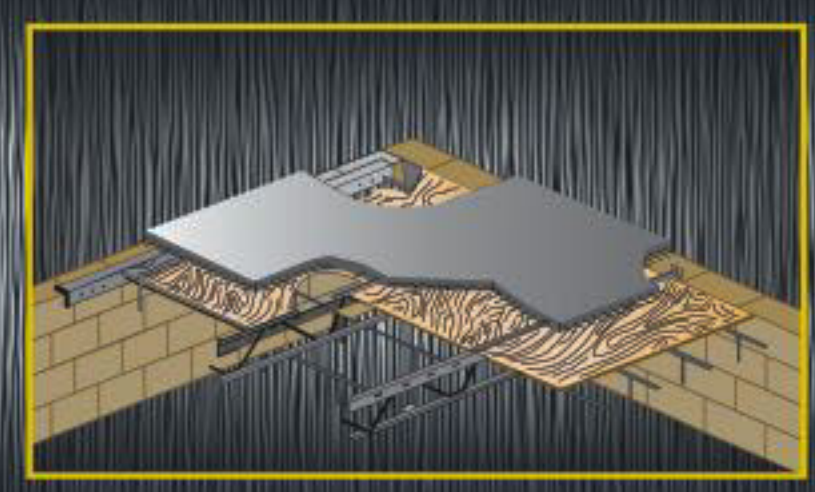


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It was possible to bury the victims of genocide. But it was impossible to bury the news that brought to light the horror the Pakistan army had unleashed on the night of March 25. Despite all-out military and diplomatic efforts to cover up the mass killings that night, foreign nationals who visited the scenes of genocide in the following days reported what they had seen to Archer Kent Blood, then US consul general in Dhaka, who then despatched to the US State Department numerous cables describing mass graves and piles of bodies. The following report is based on 45 documents relating to our Liberation War that the US declassified on the occasion of Bangladesh's 31st birth anniversary in 2002. The documents include those diplomatic cables Blood had sent.

The night of horror

EMRAN HOSSAIN

A heavy rain on the night of March 29, 1971 uncovered parts of two mass graves on the Dhaka University campus, according to a US diplomatic cable sent from the erstwhile East Pakistan.

Archer Kent Blood, then US consul general in Dhaka, had sent the cable next day to the US State Department on "Killing At University".

"... Exposed Some Bodies, Stench Terrible," Blood said about the graves.

One of the graves was near Rokeya Hall, a female students' dormitory, and the other near Iqbal Hall, the cable mentioned.

The cable was typed after an "American serving with FAO" visited Blood to report on his tour of Dhaka University on March 27, a day

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Final phase starts today

SPORTS REPORTER

The final phase of the Bangladesh Premier League will start today with the first qualifier and the eliminator at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

The first qualifier, which is scheduled to begin at 2:00pm, will be played between Mashrafe Bin Mortaza's Comilla Victorians and Shakib Al Hasan's Rangpur Riders.

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DINAJPUR TEMPLE ATTACK
Suspect arrested with AK-22 rifle
He opens fire during chase; one wounded

STAR REPORT

Another suspect was arrested yesterday in connection with Thursday's gun attack on a Hindu temple in Dinajpur that left two people injured.

Locals caught Mosabberul, 23, of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila, following his suspicious movement in Singra Salbagan village, some five kilometres off the temple, in the morning, and handed him over to police after giving him a good beating.

However, before being apprehended, he had opened fire on the villagers to make way for his escape, injuring one Rafiqul Islam, 40, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

Sujan Sarker, assistant superintendent of police (Birganj circle) in Dinajpur, said an AK-22 rifle and 42 bullets were recovered from the gunman.

"So far, we have come to know that Mosabberul is the one who had opened fire on the temple crowd that night," he told The Daily Star over phone.

Witnesses said five men on two motorbikes went to Bahuchi village in Kaharol around 8:30pm Thursday and hurled a crude bomb inside the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (Iskcon) Mandir there.

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BSF men kill cattle trader
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) allegedly beat a Bangladeshi cattle trader to death on Johorpur border in the district's Sadar upazila early Thursday.

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Bangladesh needs to tackle security issues
Outgoing UK envoy tells The Daily Star
REZAUL KARIM

Outgoing British High Commissioner in Dhaka Robert Gibson has said Bangladesh needs to come up with a "very clear strategy" recognizing the "growing challenges and threats" over security issues to ensure that Bangladesh remains a "safe place" to live and work.

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