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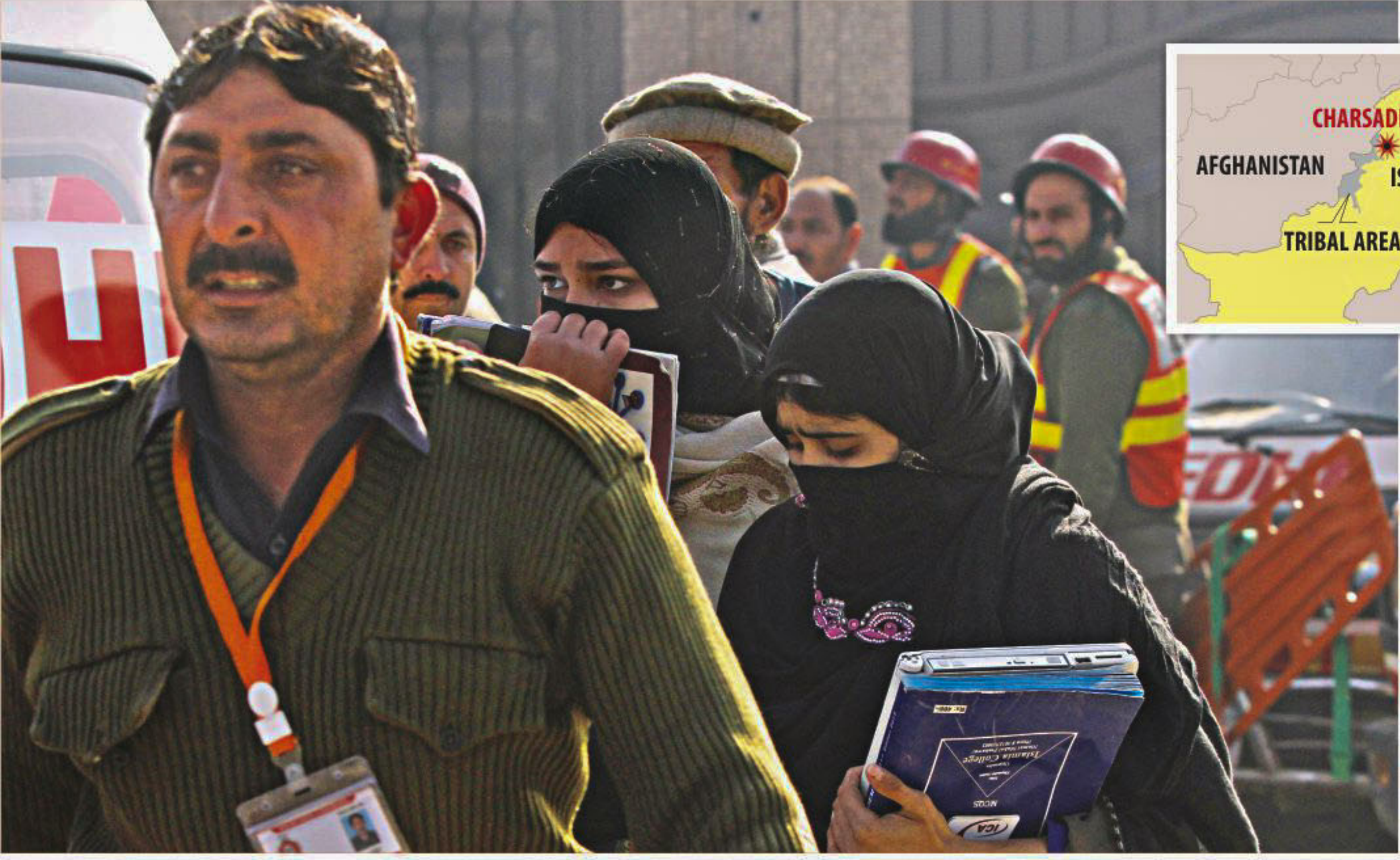
The UN chief introduces new action plan to fight violent extremism

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PALIN ENDORSES TRUMP

The 2008 vice-presidential candidate backs Republican front-runner

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Security personnel escort students to safety at Bacha Khan University in Charsadda, Pakistan, after a militant attack there left 21 people killed yesterday. More photos on page 8.

S'pore deported 26 'radicalised' Bangladeshis

Dhaka police arrested 14, let 12 others go back to families

Investigations showed they supported armed jihad ideology of Al-Qaeda, ISIS	They were not planning terrorist attacks in Singapore but some had considered waging armed jihad overseas	The men, who worked in the construction industry, had been meeting since 2013
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SOURCE: THE STRAITS TIMES

STAR REPORT

Dhaka police have arrested 14 out of 26 expatriate Bangladeshis who were recently deported from Singapore for allegedly being members of a jihadist terror cell.

The other 12 have been allowed to go back to their families.

A Singapore home ministry press release circulated yesterday in its official website said the authorities arrested 27 Bangladeshis between November 16 and December 1 last year for "supporting armed jihad ideology of terrorist groups such as Islamic State (IS) and al-Qaeda".

Mug shots of the 27, who used to work at a construction field, were uploaded in the website.

According to the ministry, 26 of them were members of a closed religious study group that allegedly subscribed to extremist beliefs and teachings of radical ideologues like Anwar al-Awlaki, a Yemeni Islamic lecturer alleged to have ties with militant group al-Qaeda.

Awlaki was killed in a drone strike in Yemen in September 2011.

The 26 have been deported to Bangladesh while one is still in Singapore prison for attempting to leave Singapore illegally after learning of his fellow members' arrests, the release read.

The man in prison was not a member of the group but was found to be in

Taliban strike Pak university

Students, teachers among 21 killed in grenade, gun attacks

AFP, Charsadda

The assault was claimed by a Pakistani Taliban faction but branded "un-Islamic" by the umbrella group's leadership, who vowed to hunt down those responsible.

Police, soldiers and special forces swarmed the Bacha Khan university in the northwestern town of Charsadda from the ground and the air to try to shut down the assault.

Television images showed female students running for their lives and witnesses reported at least two explosions.

Pir Shahab, superintendent of investigations in Charsadda, said the 21 dead included one professor, two gardeners, one caretaker, and 17 students.

Four attackers killed by security forces were not included in the toll, he said.

Regional police chief Saeed Wazir, who also put the toll at 21, told AFP that most of the student victims were shot dead at a hostel for male students.

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Govt striving to build a developed nation: Hamid

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has been striving to build a developed and enlightened nation within the structure of democracy, eradicating vengeance, bloodshed and political confrontation, President Abdul Hamid yesterday said.

It has been running state affairs, taking up the challenge of achieving socio-economic targets while upholding democratic practices, he said while

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Bring Wasa, Rajuk under DCCs

Suggests Dhaka (north) Mayor Annisul for better management of city utilities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mayor Annisul Huq wants Rajuk and Wasa under the jurisdiction of the city corporations to get rid of the city's waterlogging problem.

The mayor can do nothing to address the waterlogging as Wasa digs canals and maintains storm-water drainage system, the Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) mayor said yesterday at a programme organised by Bangladesh University.

Since assuming offices, the mayors of DSCC and DNCC have been facing problems in providing Dhaka dwellers with quality service as they have no control over more than four dozen organisations providing services in the capital.

They have no control over Dhaka Metropolitan Police, Wasa, Rajuk and the authorities that supply power, and gas. These single-purpose organisations serve the city but are under different ministries.

"If Wasa's canal digging department is brought under the mayors' jurisdiction effectively, then it will be fruitful and waterlogging problems will be solved in two years," Annisul said.

He demanded both Water Supply and

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OC talks like AL man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Welcoming BNP and Jatiya Party defectors to the Awami League, the officer-in-charge of Hatibandha Police Station has said they did the right thing by joining the ruling party.

Abdul Matin was addressing a programme at which about 600 former BNP and JP activists formally joined the AL at Gaddimari union on Sunday.

Matin said, "I thank them cordially as they,

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Search for info on Pakistani POWs

War crimes probe agency forms committee, yet to decide on formal investigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The investigation agency of the International Crimes Tribunal has formed a special committee to gather information about Pakistani prisoners of war (POWs) who were allegedly involved in war crimes in Bangladesh during the 1971 Liberation War.

The five-member body, led by a deputy director of the agency, was formed on Monday, and it will collect information from across Bangladesh, agency's Coordinator Abdul Hannan Khan said at a press briefing yesterday.

He, however, said they were yet to decide whether they would launch any formal investigation against the Pakistani soldiers.

The committee has been formed at a time when calls for

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QUOTE

"It is better to cease to exist than to continue like this -- almost dead, with no heartbeat. We were sinking into oblivion, vanishing into thin air."

JP CHAIRMAN HM ERSHAD AT A MEETING IN THE CAPITAL



Ershad tightens grip on JP

GM Quader, Hawlader take office as co-chair, secy gen; Raushan group watches on

RASHIDUL HASAN and PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad yesterday tightened his control on the party with GM Quader and Ruhul Amin Howlader taking charge of co-chairman and secretary general.

The JP chief made the move a day after many of the MPs in the JP parliamentary party opposed his decisions to replace secretary general Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu with Howlader and appoint Quader as co-chairman.

Aggrieved by Ershad's "unilateral decisions", a group of JP leaders led by Presidium Member Bablu revolted against the party chief. To put pressure on Ershad, they declared his wife Raushan Ershad party's acting chairman on Sunday, said JP insiders.

The JP dissidents, however, didn't make any move yesterday, as Quader and Hawlader took office through a programme at the JP chief's Banani office.

Talking to The Daily Star, Bablu said they were observing the situation and would soon decide on their next course of action.

According to party sources, Ershad may appoint Raushan as JP senior co-chairman to

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Amended Legal Notice

It is hereby made known to all with regard to the Trademark Caution Notice published on some daily newspapers on 12.01.2016 & 13.01.2016 in relation to marketing of cigarette brand "DERBY SPECIAL" by British American Tobacco Bangladesh Limited by copying the design of my client Abul Khair Tobacco Company Limited's renowned cigarette brand named "MARISE" that, at the time of filing the application for temporary injunction in Title Suit No. 03/2016 the word "DERBY" was used inadvertently in place of the words "DERBY SPECIAL" and the Learned District Judge, Dhaka by an order dated 07.01.2016 issued an ad-interim temporary injunction against British American Tobacco Bangladesh Limited restraining it from manufacturing and marketing of "DERBY" brand cigarettes in following:

"Issue notice upon the defendant Nos. 1 directing him to show cause within 7 days from the date of receipt of this notice as to why he shall not be restrained by an order of temporary injunction from using the trademark/trade name "DERBY" as described in Schedule B to the petition for manufacturing, selling and distributing cigarettes which is deceptively similar to the "MARISE" brand of the plaintiff.

In the meantime defendant No. 1 is restrained from manufacturing, marketing using, selling cigarette using the deceptively similar DERBY brand colour scheme, get up, design, device under the Trade Mark till further order."

Since my client brought the said suit having been aggrieved by the sale of "DERBY SPECIAL" cigarettes copying the design of my client's brand "MARISE", upon learning about the above mentioned inadvertent oversight an amendment of application has been submitted by taking the matter to the knowledge of the court and further the words "DERBY SPECIAL" have been substituted in place of the word "DERBY". Subsequently the learned Court by an order dated 11.01.2016 recalled the order of ad-interim temporary injunction dated 07.01.2016. In the meantime, on behalf of my client Abul Khair Tobacco Company Limited, an application for injunction has been filed praying for fresh-injunction restraining British American Tobacco Bangladesh Limited from manufacturing, selling and marketing of "DERBY SPECIAL" brand cigarettes, which is now awaiting hearing.

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