

SP'S WIFE KILLED IN CTG

Militants seem to have settled a score

Police believe extremists retaliated for his anti-terror role



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Police officer Babul Akter led several anti-militancy drives, arrested many key militants, busted their dens and eventually foiled their attack plans.

And these could be the reasons behind the murder of his wife in the

port city yesterday, senior police officials said.

Three attackers, who came on a motorcycle, first hacked and then shot Mahmuda Khanam Mitu to death before her six-year-old son.

It happened just 200 yards from their house near GEC Intersection in

Chittagong around 6:35am.

Mitu, 30, was on her way to put her son Akter Mahmud Maheer on his school bus. The couple also has a four-year-old daughter.

Over the last two years, suspected militants have attacked and killed

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Police officer Babul Akter, third from right, and other relatives wait after Babul's wife was shot and stabbed to death near GEC intersection in Chittagong yesterday. The two children of the couple, bottom, crying as Babul holds them tight in his arms.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in talks with Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud at the latter's palace in Jeddah yesterday.

PHOTO: BSS

Dhaka, Riyadh to work together for world peace

Saudi King hails Bangladesh's joining anti-terror alliance, says taking part in military component 'not mandatory'

BSS, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia yesterday pledged to work together for global peace, development and welfare of the Muslim Ummah.

The pledges were made when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and held a meeting with him at Al Salam Palace at Al Andalus in Jeddah.

"The prime minister and the Saudi King agreed to work together to explore the potentials of cooperation that exists in the fields of develop-

ment, trade and commerce as well as increasing people-to-people contact between the two countries," Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque told a news briefing after an hour-long meeting between the two leaders.

PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim also joined him in briefing newsmen.

They said the talks were held in a very warm and cordial atmosphere where entire gamut of bilateral interest, regional and international issues was discussed and reviewed.

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MACHETE STRIKES AGAIN

Christian trader killed in Natore

SITE Intelligence says IS claims responsibility

STAR REPORT

Unknown assailants yesterday hacked to death a Christian grocer in Baraigram upazila of Natore, the latest in a series of attacks on religious minorities.

Sixty-year-old Sunil Gomez was alone in his shop at Bonpara Christian Palli in the upazila around noon after offering Sunday prayers, said family members and locals.

The assailants hacked him there, leaving him dead, said Shymol Kumar Mukharjee, superintendent of police in



Sunil Gomez

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Ramadan may begin tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The holy month of Ramadan will begin in Bangladesh tomorrow if the Ramadan moon is sighted today.

A meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee will be held at the Islamic Foundation's Baitul Mukkaram conference room at 7:30pm today, reports BSS.

The meeting will review the news of moon sighting for the holy month of Ramadan of 1437 Hijri and make the decision in this

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