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The untold story of Jamdani

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In the early hours of every Friday near the Demra Staff Quarter on the outskirts of Dhaka, a market comes alive with a frenzy of activities. This is a traditional haat, a place where a large number of saris and Jamdani fabrics are available at wholesale prices. This is where traders like Al Amin, who is known as a mahajan, deals in the fabled and signature handloom of Bangladesh – Jamdani.

While the role of a handloom weaver and a factory owner is easy to understand, the mahajan's role is somewhat confusing, especially to an outsider. In essence, his role is to sell the weaver's products to customers or shops using their contacts, which makes them "agents" of sorts.

The weekly market operates within a short window of three hours, from 3:00am to 6:00am. All people involved in the trade production and sales of Jamdani attend the bazaar, and Al Amin is among those who serve as the bridges between them. Al Amin himself is also a weaver and owner of a Jamdani factory.

"It is very difficult to remain within a single role here," said Al Amin. It is here

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Buyers looking at Jamdani saris, priced between Tk 3,000 and Tk 20,000, at the weekly wholesale market at BSCIC Jamdani Palli in Demra on the outskirts of the capital. With the Eid-ul-Fitr just weeks away, the market is abuzz. The photos were taken last Friday.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
9	15		6-51
10	16	3-39	6-51
11	17	3-39	6-51



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PRAYER TIMING
JUNE 15

	Fazr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
RAJAN	3-45	12-45	5-00	6-51	8-15
JAMAAT	3-50	1-15	5-15	7-01	8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

'IS-linked' radical kills French police couple

Films part of assault live on Facebook before being shot dead

REUTERS, Paris

A suspected Islamist attacker stabbed a French police commander to death outside his home and later killed his companion, a policewoman, in an attack claimed by Islamic State and denounced by the government as "an abject act of terrorism".

The assailant, a 25-year-old Frenchman of Moroccan origin, was jailed in 2013 for helping Islamist militants go to Pakistan and had been under security service surveillance, including wiretaps, at the time of the attack, police sources said.

The attacker filmed part of the assault live on the social network Facebook, according to David Thomson, a journalist specialized in radical Islamists. In his Facebook message, he linked the attack to the Euro 2016 soccer tournament now under way in France, saying: "The Euros will be a graveyard."

The attacker, named by police and justice sources as Larossi Abballa, knifed the 42-year-old commander



Larossi Abballa

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US-BANGLA DIALOGUE Security to top agenda

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Bangladesh and the United States are set to hold their 5th Partnership Dialogue in Washington on June 23-24 amid concerns over the recent systematic assaults and killings in the South Asian country.

A series of terrorist attacks targeting minorities, secular bloggers, intellectuals and foreigners took place in Bangladesh in the last few months, which IS and Al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for. That raised concerns over the terrorist groups taking roots in the country.

Since October last year, the US has been suggesting that terrorists with links to the Islamic State have been preparing to increase their activity within the territory of Bangladesh.

However, the Bangladesh government

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Fatwa against secret killings in Bangladesh

AFP, Dhaka

Bangladeshi clerics said Monday they have issued a fatwa against the killings of minorities and secular campaigners in the mainly Muslim country, where police have arrested over 10,000 people in a crackdown on militancy.

Nearly 50 people have been killed over the last three years in a wave of gruesome attacks by Islamist militants targeting Hindus, Christians, Sufi Muslims, activists and foreigners. Many were hacked to death with machetes.

Farid Uddin Masuod, who heads the Council of Bangladesh Clerics, said over 100,000 clerics had signed the fatwa, or religious edict, which will be made public on June 18.

"The fatwa unequivocally said these killings of non-Muslims, minorities and secular activists are forbidden in Islam," he told AFP.

"We've said these killings are illegal and are crimes against humanity," Masuod added.

Last week an elderly Hindu priest was found nearly decapitated in a rice field and a Hindu monastery worker was hacked to death, while a Christian grocer was murdered near a church.

Other victims have included liberal activists and secular bloggers along with two foreigners and two gay rights activists.

The Islamic State (IS) group and a South Asian branch of al-Qaeda have claimed responsibilities for many of the

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60BC computer predicted future



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An astronomical calculator dating back to 60BC Ancient Greece may have also been used to predict the future, researchers have revealed.

The Antikythera Mechanism, described as "the world's first analogue computer" was created 2,000 years ago and discovered in 1901 in a shipwreck off the Greek island of the same name.

Remaining fragments of the device have been pieced together over the past 12 years using x-ray imaging technology, revealing the secrets of the device.

It was previously revealed the calculator had been used by the Greeks to map the movements of the planets and stars across the sky, as a means of navigation.

However, scientists have now decoded the broken inscriptions on the surface of the device, which appear to reveal an astrological purpose.

Professor Mike Edmunds, from University of Cardiff's

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Notice

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(A) Failure to ensure WHO current Good Manufacturing Practice (cGMP) and Section 15(2) of the Drug (Control) Ordinance, 1982, Drug Manufacturing License of the following 11 pharmaceutical industries has been cancelled.

SI No.	Name of the company	Address	License No.
1	M/S Today Pharma Ltd.	BSCIC I/A, Comilla	Biological-297 and Non-biological-25
2	M/S National Drug Company Ltd.	Dhamrai, Dhaka	Biological-230 and Non-biological-63
3	M/S Sunipun Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals Ltd.	Savar, Dhaka	Biological-254 and Non-biological-433
4	M/S Universal Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Dilalpur, Pabna	Biological-055 and Non-biological-192
5	M/S North Bengal Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Charmuktar, Naogaon	Biological-172 and Non-biological-415
6	M/S Drug Land Ltd.	Siddirganj, Narayanganj	Biological-169 and Non-biological-413
7	M/S Dolphin Pharmaceutical Ltd.	North Jatrabari, Dhaka	Biological-173 and Non-biological-95
8	M/S Jalpa Laboratories Ltd.	BSCIC I/A, Sylhet	Biological-200 and Non-biological-202
9	M/S Rid Pharmaceutical Ltd.	BSCIC I/A, B.Baria	Biological-257 and Non-biological-476
10	M/S Remo Camicals Ltd. (Pharma Vision)	Tejgaon, Dhaka	Biological-246 (All Medicine Including) and Medicine included in Non-biological
11	M/S Kafma Pharmaceutical Ltd.	BSCIC I/A, Noakhali	Biological-229 and Non-biological-191

(B) In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh High Court Division's Writ Petition No. 6969 of 2016, The Honorable High Court is directed to ensure stop production of all lifesaving drugs and medicine such as antibiotic, steroid, hormone, anticancer drugs etc. of the following 9 pharmaceutical industries and following the direction of the Honorable High Court the production of all products has been stopped.

1	M/S Globe Laboratories (Pvt.) Ltd.	Tongibari, Munshiganj
2	M/S Medico Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Mirpur, Dhaka
3	M/S Aexim Pharmaceutical Ltd.	BSCIC I/A, Mymensingh
4	M/S Avert Pharma Ltd.	Savar, Dhaka
5	M/S Bikolpo Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Mirpur, Dhaka
6	M/S Spark Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Charpara, Mymensingh
7	M/S Star Pharmaceutical Ltd.	BSCIC I/A, Barisal
8	M/S Tropical Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Shamoly, Dhaka
9	M/S Skylab Pharmaceutical Ltd.	BSCIC I/A, Comilla

(C) In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh High Court Division's Writ Petition No. 6969 of 2016, The Honorable High Court is directed to stop production of antibiotics (Non-penicillin, Penicillin & Cephalosporin group) of the following 14 pharmaceutical industries.

Henceforth, following the direction of the Honorable High Court, the production of all antibiotics (Non-penicillin, Penicillin & Cephalosporin group) of 14 pharmaceutical industries has been stopped.

SI No.	Name of the company	Address
1	M/S Pharmik Laboratories Ltd.	Khulshi, Chittagong
2	M/S Bristol Pharma Ltd.	Konabari, Gazipur
3	M/S Bengal Drugs & Chemicals Works	BSCIC I/A, Comilla
4	M/S Belsen Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Kalampur, Faridpur
5	M/S Indo-Bangla Pharmaceutical Ltd.	College Road, Barisal
6	M/S Orbit Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Kornofully, Chittagong
7	M/S Millat Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Postugala, Dhaka
8	M/S Crystal Pharmaceutical Ltd.	South Chartha, Comilla
9	M/S MST Pharma & Healthcare Ltd.	Gazipur Sadar, Gazipur
10	M/S Rasa Pharmaceutical Ltd.	Soyadhangara, Sirajganj
11	M/S Save Pharma Ltd.	Catholic Mission, School Road, Mymensingh
12	M/S Ad-din Pharmaceutical Ltd.	BSCIC I/A, Jessore
13	M/S Alkad Laboratories Ltd.	Alamnagar, Rangpur
14	M/S Phoenix Chemical Laboratories (Pvt.) Ltd.	Vagdi, Narsingdi

Therefore, it is suggested to all to stop purchase of all medicine of above pharmaceutical Industries mentioned in (A) & (B) and stop purchase of all antibiotics of pharmaceutical mentioned in (C).

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