

In the aftermath of Gulshan café siege, photos of suspected attackers surfaced in public domain, prompting social media users and journalists to search for their identities and look into family and educational backgrounds. There have been some findings but a lot more is yet to be unearthed.

Who are they?

Back from the jaws of death

Cafe staff recount how they survived the night of horror

SHAHEEN MOLLAH

It was a pleasant evening at the exquisitely decorated restaurant in Gulshan, with guests eating their favourite cuisine.

Suddenly it was hell. Five gunmen stormed the popular two-storey eatery, Holey Artisan Bakery, in Gulshan-2 around 8:30pm on Friday.

All the guests were held hostage at gunpoint. Around half of some 20 staff working in the evening shift rushed to the

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UN chief, UNSC condemn attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

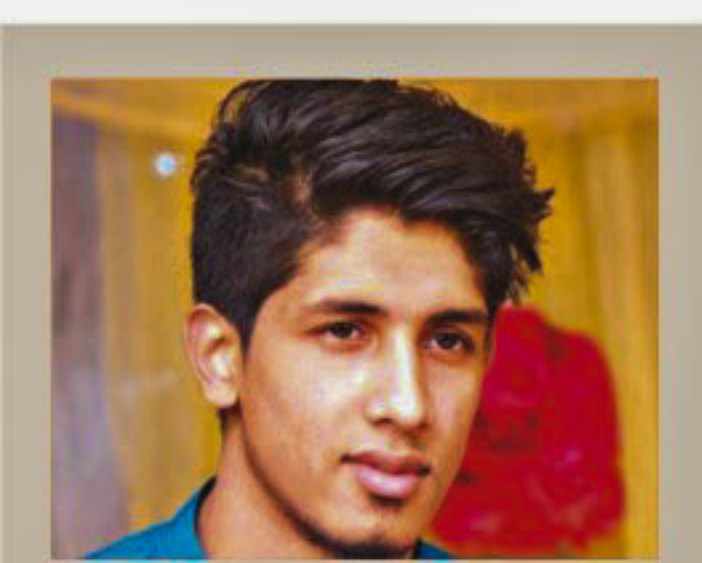
United Nations officials have condemned the terrorist attack in a cafe in Dhaka on Friday night.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon "condemns the terrorist attack" and "hopes that those behind this crime will be identified and brought to justice," his spokesperson said in a statement.

Ban "stands firmly by Bangladesh as it confronts this threat and stresses the need to intensify regional and international efforts to prevent and combat terrorism," he said.

The secretary general also assured the government that

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NIBRAS ISLAM

Photo found from social media. Went to Monash University in Malaysia after Turkish Hope School in Dhaka. A football player. Went missing earlier this year. His twitter page says he was 22.



ROHAN IMTIAZ

Photo found from social media. Went to Monash University in Malaysia after Scholastica School in Dhaka. Remained missing since December; family filed general diary.



MEER SAAMEH MUBASHEER

Photo found in social media. There were several posts seeking information about his whereabouts. One post said he was last seen on February 29.



KHAIRUL ISLAM PAYEL

Photo source SITE Intelligence. A madrasa student from Bogra and son of a day labourer. Mother says he was completely out of contact for over two months.



UNKNOWN

Photo from SITE. Nothing could be known about him. He resembles one of the bodies, photos of which were released by police.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most of the suspected Holey Artisan attackers, whose photos surfaced through different sources, were from well-off families and had English medium backgrounds.

They used to frequent the popular upscale eatery in Gulshan, said their friends and investigators.

One suspect, however, was a madrasa student in Bogra.

They remained missing for several months. Family members and friends

through social media posts pleaded for their return.

One of them is Rohan Imtiaz, son of Imtiaz Khan Babul, a former youth and sports secretary of Dhaka City Awami League.

Imtiaz filed a general diary with Mohammadpur Police Station on January 1 this year after Rohan went missing on December 30, 2015, a police source said.

Rohan's mother is a teacher at Scholastica, one of the leading English medium schools in the capital.

US-based Site Intelligence, which moni-

tors jihadi activities, around 10:00pm on Saturday posted photos of five youths, saying the images were released by global terror body Islamic State (IS).

In the post, the five were mentioned as "Dhaka attackers". All in black Panjabi and scarf, they were posing with guns.

Around an hour later, police headquarters released pictures of five dead bodies, saying they were the café attackers. Four of the dead appears to be the ones seen in the SITE photos.

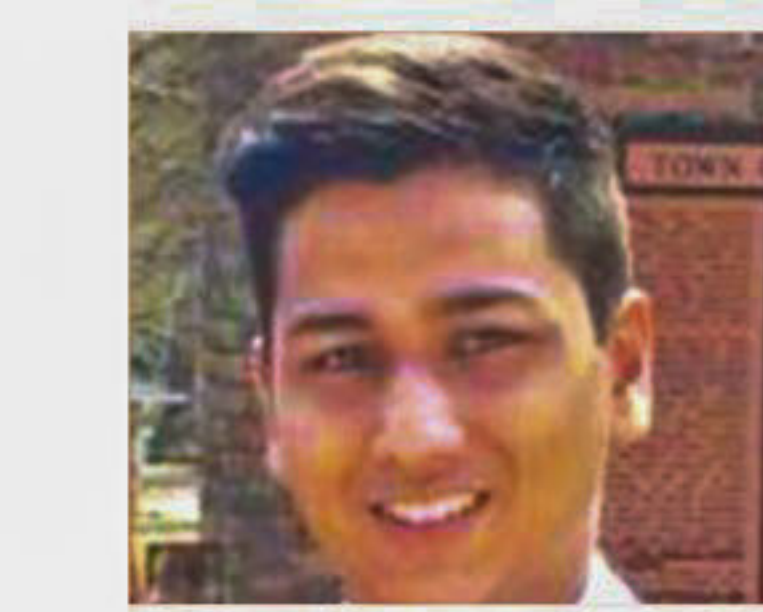
The releases prompted social media

users to crosscheck the pictures and look into educational and family backgrounds of the youths.

Some employees of Holey Artisan Bakery told The Daily Star that one of the bodies seen in the police photos was of their pizza chef Saiful Islam.

A relative showed on her mobile phone Saiful's photo to journalists at Gulshan on Saturday morning after the Holey standoff ended. She requested for information on Saiful's whereabouts.

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Japan, Italy send in top officials

Counter-terrorism experts, victims' families also arrive in Dhaka by special planes

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Outraged at the killing of their citizens, Japan and Italy have sent high officials, counter-terrorism intelligence experts, response teams and victims' family members to Dhaka on special aircrafts.

Senior Vice Foreign Minister Seiji Kihara of Japan arrived in the capital on Saturday night. Yesterday, he had meetings with top government officials, including the prime minister. He along with embassy officials visited the attack spot and the hospital where the victims' bodies have been kept.

A special aircraft from Rome touched down at Shahjalal International

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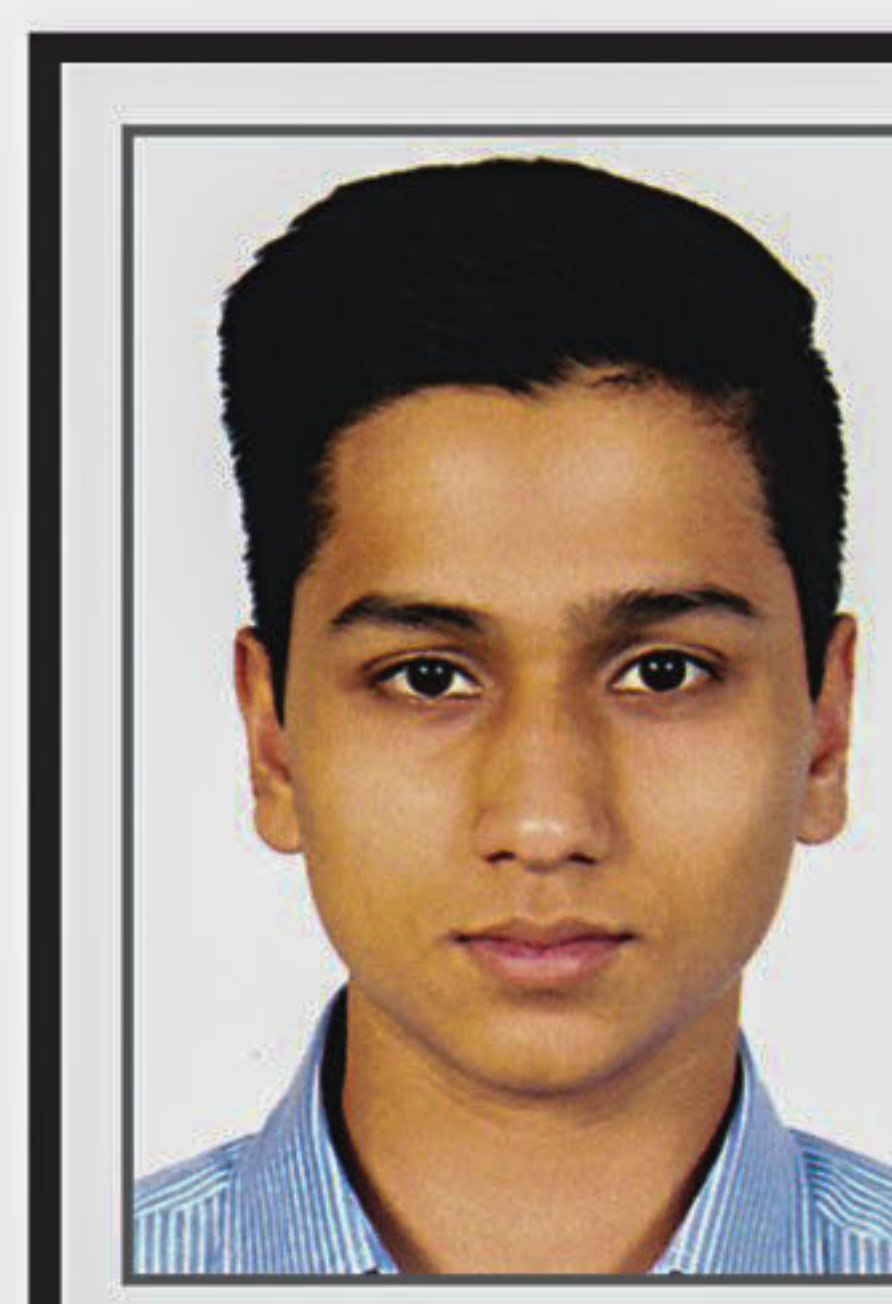
Kerry calls Hasina

Cameron writes letter; EU, Russia, condemn attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US President Barack Obama, British Prime Minister David Cameron, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, the European Union, and the British High Commission in Bangladesh have joined an international chorus condemning Friday's terrorist attack and vowed to

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NAMAZ-E-JANAZA OF FARAAZ TODAY

CHANGE OF TIME

The Namaz-e-Janaza of Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain, son of Simeen and Waquer Hossain, and grandson of Latifur and Shahnaz Rahman, will now be held today (Monday, July 4) after Asr prayers at Gulshan Azad Mosque.

All relatives, friends and well wishers are requested to attend.

SIMEEN, WAQUER AND ZARAIF HOSSAIN AND LATIFUR AND SHAHNAZ RAHMAN AND FAMILY

Great soul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 12-hour tense siege at the Holey Artisan Bakery, the brutal killings, the blood and the faces of the young militants all left millions in a state of shock as it was beyond their imagination that such brutality could be unleashed in Bangladesh.

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WE MOURN

We are deeply grieved at the sad demise of our Managing Director Ms Nadia Benedetti during the attack at Holey Artisan Bakery at Gulshan Diplomatic Zone, Dhaka on 01/07/2016.

She was a great Leader, her memory will be cherished for remainder of our life and her deeds will encourage us to move forward!

We mourn and our deepest sympathies are with her family at this time. They will remain in our prayers.

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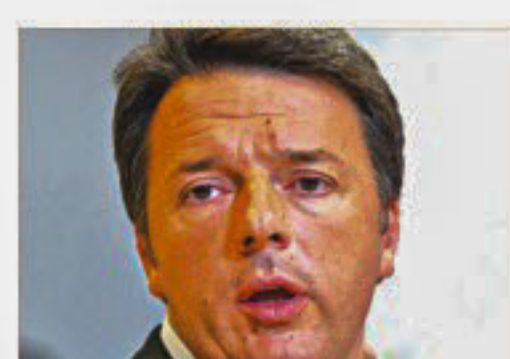


SHINZO ABE

Japanese PM

This was an impermissible act of terrorism and I am profoundly outraged...We intend to work in cooperation with the international community in order to root out terrorism.

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MATTEO RENZI

Italian PM

Confronted with the madness of those who want to undo the Italian way of life, Italians have been struck but not broken... We have the responsibility to respond with even more resolve and determination in defense of our values.

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WE MOURN



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The tragic death of Abinta Kabir who was killed in a terrorist attack at the Holey Artisan Bakery on 1st July 2016.

Abinta is the daughter of Ruba Ahmed, Chairman of Elegant Group & Director of Meridian Finance & Investment Ltd and niece of Tanveer Ahmed, Managing Director of Elegant Group & Director of Meghna Bank.

An ex-student of American International School, Dhaka, Abinta was studying at the Oxford College of Emory University Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Her Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today (Monday, July 4) after Asr prayers at Gulshan Azad Mosque.

We request your kind presence.
Ruba Ahmed, Tanveer Ahmed & Family