

20 HOSTAGES KILLED

9 ITALIANS

1 INDIAN



MARCO TONDAT
He was a young businessman in the textile sector of Cordovado (Pordenone) who worked for StudioTex Ltd. Tondat was a father of a six-year-old daughter.

VINCENZO D'ALLESTRO, 46
He was a native of Caserta, Piedmonte Matese, and moved to Acerra (Naples) last October. Vincenzo was born in Wetzikon, Switzerland. Vincenzo and Maria were married in 1993.

MARIA RIVOLI, 33
The Italian, who worked in textiles, was on a business trip. She was in Bangladesh for several months. Rivoli, of Lombard, lived in Solza with her husband and three-year-old daughter.

NADIA BENEDETTI, 52
She was in Bangladesh for work. Benedetti was the managing director of StudioTex Ltd, a company with headquarters in London and its branch office in Dhaka. She had lived in Italy, Kenya and Bangladesh and never gave up, even in the most difficult moments.

ADELE PUGLISI, 50
She worked at Artsana as Quality Control Manager of a group in textiles. Adele, from Catania, was planning to travel home Saturday to Italy.

CLAUDIO CAPPELLI, 45
For over five years, the Italian worked in Bangladesh with his textile company, which produced T-shirts, clothing and bedding. He lived in Vedano al Lambro in the province of Monza.

CRISTIAN ROSSI, 47
The Italian, a father of three-year-old twin girls, was the manager of Feletto Umberto (Udine). He had intended to return to Italy on Thursday, but had to delay his trip home. It appears he also had his own company, Fibres Ltd, a consulting firm and brokerage in the textiles sector with operating units in Bangladesh and China.

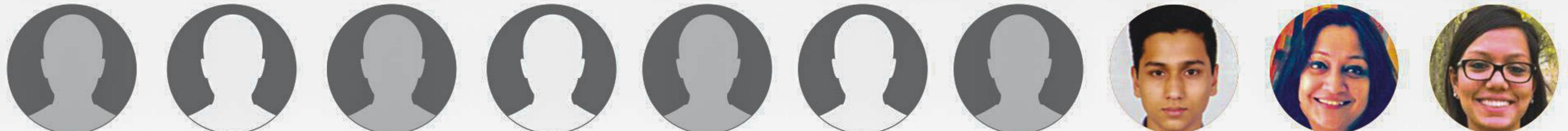
CLAUDIA MARIA D'ANTONA, 56
She was the managing director of Fedo Trading Ltd, an Italian textile company operating in Bangladesh. She lived in Dhaka for over 20 years with her husband, Gian Galeazzo Boschetti, the sole Italian survivor of the attack. They were together in the restaurant at dinner but Boschetti managed to escape.

SIMONA MONTI, 33
Monti worked in a textile firm. She was seven months pregnant. She was returning home soon from a long vacation to deliver her child back in Italy. Simona lived in the town of Magliano Sabino in Rome.

Tarushi Jain, 19
She was an Indian citizen, who was a resident in Bangladesh. She was studying Economics at the University of California, Berkeley. She was in Dhaka on summer vacation and was among those trapped inside the café.

7 JAPANESE

3 BANGLADESHIS



KOYO OGASAWARA, 56
The Japanese, of Katahira & Engineers International, an environmental impact assessment expert, was scheduled to return to Japan on July 5.

MAKOTO OKAMURA, 32
He was a transportation systems expert who had been active in Indonesia and Turkey. Okamura worked for ALMEC Corporation, a consulting company in Shinjuku Ward, Tokyo.

YUKO SAKAI, 42
The Japanese was an engineer of ALMEC Corporation, a consulting company in Shinjuku Ward, Tokyo.

RUI SHIMODAIRA, 27
The deceased was an engineer of ALMEC Corporation, a consulting company in Shinjuku Ward, Tokyo.

HIROSHI TANAKA, 80
He used to work for Oriental Consultants Global, a Tokyo-based construction consulting company which is part of a Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) project in Bangladesh. Tanaka was a former research engineer for the Japan National Railways. He was in Dhaka to do a traffic congestion survey.

NOBUHIRO KUROSAKI, 48
The Japanese used to work for Oriental Consultants Global, a Tokyo-based construction consulting company, is part of a Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) project in Bangladesh.

HIDEKI HASHIMOTO, 65
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FARAAZ AYAAS HOSSAIN, 20
He was the grandson of Latifur Rahman, chairman of Transcom Group and Shahnaz Rahman, and son of Simeen Hossain, managing director, Eskayef Bangladesh Limited, and Muhammad Waqer Bin Hossain. He was completing his undergraduate studies at the Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, and came to Dhaka on May 18 to spend his summer holidays.

ISHRAT AKHOND, 45
She worked as a human resources director at ZXY International FZCO and Arts Provocateur at Institute of Asian Creatives, Dhaka. According to her relatives and friends, she was always jolly, cheerful and loving. On June 26, Ishrat updated her Facebook status: "Key to happiness is to stay away from negative people, even if you know them for long. Stay blessed."

ABINTA KABIR, 19
A Bangladeshi-origin US citizen, she was a student of Oxford College of Emory University in the US. She came to Dhaka on June 27 to visit her family and friends on summer vacation. She is the daughter of the chairperson of Elegant Group that owns Lavender Superstore in Gulshan.

THE SEVEN JAPANESE WERE ACTIVE IN IMPROVING THE URBAN TRAFFIC SITUATION IN DHAKA, REPORTS NHK, JAPAN'S NATIONAL PUBLIC BROADCASTING ORGANISATION.

Impermissible act of terrorism

Japanese PM says he was profoundly outraged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a statement, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said, "Last night, the deaths of seven Japanese nationals were confirmed. This is a truly regrettable outcome. I pray for the repose of the souls of those who lost their lives and also extend my condolences to the families of the victims."

The statement was issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

He said all of those who lost their lives had gone to Bangladesh in the spirit of wanting to work for the good of that country. This matter truly grieves me deeply and "I am rendered speechless to think of the regrets of the victims."

"This was an impermissible act of terrorism and I am profoundly outraged. We will prepare a governmental aircraft to assist the families of the victims in arriving at the scene of the incident as quickly as possible.

"Just now, I was in contact with State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Seiji Kihara, who has arrived in Bangladesh.

I instructed him to receive the bereaved family members and interact with the Bangladesh side in accordance with the requests of the families to the greatest possible extent. At any rate, although I fall entirely speechless when I think of how the bereaved family members must be feeling, I wish to respond to this incident in the spirit of doing everything possible while keeping the sensitivities of the family members firmly in mind."

The Japanese PM said, "We intend to continue to take all possible preparations to ensure the safety of Japanese citizens both at home and abroad. In order to do so, we will devote our utmost efforts to shed light on this incident. As such, I also intend for us to act in close coordination and communication with the Government of Bangladesh."

"Also at the UN, a press statement by the United Nations Security Council was released. We intend to work in cooperation with the international community in order to root out terrorism," he added.

Italy struck but not broken

Says Italian PM

STAR REPORT

Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi has said Rome will respond with determination to ISIL (IS) attacks in Dhaka.

Italy is down but not out, he said in a speech after Islamic State extremists attacked a restaurant in the Bangladeshi capital, killing 20 people, including at least nine Italians, reports Politico, an Italian newspaper.

"Confronted with the madness of those who want to undo the Italian way of life, Italians have been struck but not broken," Renzi said late Saturday.

On Friday night, six gunmen stormed Holey Artisan Bakery in the diplomatic quarter of Dhaka and took diners hostage.

ISIL (IS) claimed responsibility for the attack.

It's the latest in a series of terrorist attacks around the world, Renzi said, mentioning that the two Italians who were killed in the Bataclan concert hall in Paris and four at the Sousse resort in Tunisia last year.

"Even if there are 8,000 kilometres between Tunis and Dhaka, between Tunisia and Bangladesh, the trail of blood is the same," he said.

"The terrorists want to rip apart our daily lives. We have the responsibility to respond with even more resolve and determination in defense of our values," Renzi said. "Our val-

GULSHAN ATTACK Prof Yunus shocked

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus has expressed shock at the barbarity of the terrorist attack on innocent people in Dhaka on Friday night.

In a statement Prof Yunus said, "I express my heartfelt condolences to those, far and near, who have lost their loved ones, and wish their souls to rest in peace.

"I cannot think of such attacks taking place in Bangladesh. I always believed Bangladesh to be a tolerant liberal country. We must do soul searching on how this breeding of violence began in our country."

The Nobel laureate said, "We want to create a society peacefully shared by everyone, with everyone having their space, having the right for all to express their views freely, without fear or social or official constraints. We want to be part of an emergent new world of equality and dignity.

"We also want to promote the same values internationally. I appeal to all nations to work to bring lasting peace in Middle East. Violence,

Who are they?

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Asked about the information that all the five bodies were of attackers, Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque during a visit to United Hospital told reporters that it was based on primary investigation.

Investigation is going on and police will find out more, the IGP said as he went to the hospital to see cops injured in assaults by the gunmen.

While visiting two injured constables at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, he said, "Our primary guess is that they [the gunmen] are JMB members. We have been looking for them for some days.

"They may have some contact with international terrorist groups."

After the end of the crisis following an army-led commando operation, it was said in an official briefing that six of the attackers were killed during the operation and a suspect was arrested.

Nothing could be found on the sixth attacker.

Meanwhile, friends have identified one of the smiling young men in the SITE photos as Nibras Islam, a quiet person and not very religious. His twitter page mentions his was 22.

A student of Turkish Hope School in Dhaka, he was in the school's football team, according to people who knew him.

In a video clip posted in Facebook on June 8 last year, Nibras was seen shaking hands with Indian actress Shradha Kapoor, said a detective.

"Shradha Kapoor you beauty!! The moment she holds my hand," read the text accompanying the video.

Nibras snapped contacts with friends in Bangladesh after moving to Malaysia to attend Monash University. Some say he became religious after leaving the country. Some of his acquaintances claimed that he was expelled from the university.

After coming back to the country, he just vanished earlier this year, leaving his friends perplexed. There were numerous posts on his Facebook page about his going missing on February 3.

One of his friends mentioned that he was last seen in a neighbourhood in Uttara. Most of the Facebook posts by friends asked him to come back and disclose his whereabouts.

Police said he was the kingpin of the group of attackers and used to operate as a militant under the pseudonym of Ripon.

He played leadership role during the hostage crisis, a staff of the restaurant told this newspaper. Pointing to the picture of Nibras, the staff said he was talking much and giving commands to others.

Another young man in SITE release is said to be of Rohan Imtiaz.

He too attended Monash University after graduating from Scholastica. His mother is a math teacher at the school.

His Facebook profile was filled with posts that can be perceived as radical in nature, said a number of his friends.

Another suspect, Meer Saameh Mubasheer, was due to take his A-level

exams as a private candidate when he went missing from Gulshan in February, according to Facebook comments.

His friends said Mubasheer's family was very "strict, religious, and reclusive", and he was a shy person. There were several posts circulated on Facebook, asking people to come forward with information regarding his whereabouts.

Some posts suggest he was last seen on February 29. He was supposed to attend classes at Eminence, a coaching centre in Gulshan.

On May 25 last year, detectives arrested two suspected members of Islamic State from the capital's Uttara and Mohammadpur.

Police said the duo used to recruit individuals for the militant outfit.

Of the arrestees, Aminul Islam Beg,

after passing O-level. "We found nothing wrong in their behaviour when they were our students," she said.

She also strongly condemned the café attack, which killed 22 people including 17 foreigners.

Another youth was identified by Bogra police as Khairul Islam Payel, 20, who was known among his militant friends as Badhan.

He was the son of a day labourer of Chupinagar union of Shajahanpur upazila of Bogra and he could be easily identified by two thumbs on his left hand. He had two sisters.

He passed Alim (equivalent to HSC) from Bihigram Fazil Madrasa in 2015.

Police talked to his parents, sisters and other family members to ascertain

Khaleda for unity

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and Restaurant, which left 28 people killed, including 20 foreigners, Khaleda said the peace-loving people of Bangladesh and the world community became concerned following the incident that exposed the security weaknesses as well as the strength of terrorists in the country.

Expressing her anger and deep shock over the gruesome terror attack, Khaleda said she did not have words to condemn the incident.

"We express our strong hatred towards this perversion."

No person of conscience can accept such a cowardice attack and killing of innocent people. "It's not possible to achieve anything by resorting to such illogical, cruel,

imprudent and wrong path," she said.

No religion and ideology support "mindless terrorist acts", the BNP chief said.

Islam is a peace-loving religion and it is deadly against terrorism and killing of innocent people, she added.

Meanwhile, Soto Nagorik (Hundred Citizens), a platform of pro-BNP intellectuals, last night demanded that the government hold a national dialogue to tackle the present situation, shunning the culture of blame game.

Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, former chief election commissioner Abdur Rauf, Poet Al Mahmud, Prof Anwar Ullah Chowdhury, among others, signed the statement.

How an Italian chef

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the airport and caught the first flight out," says Bioni.

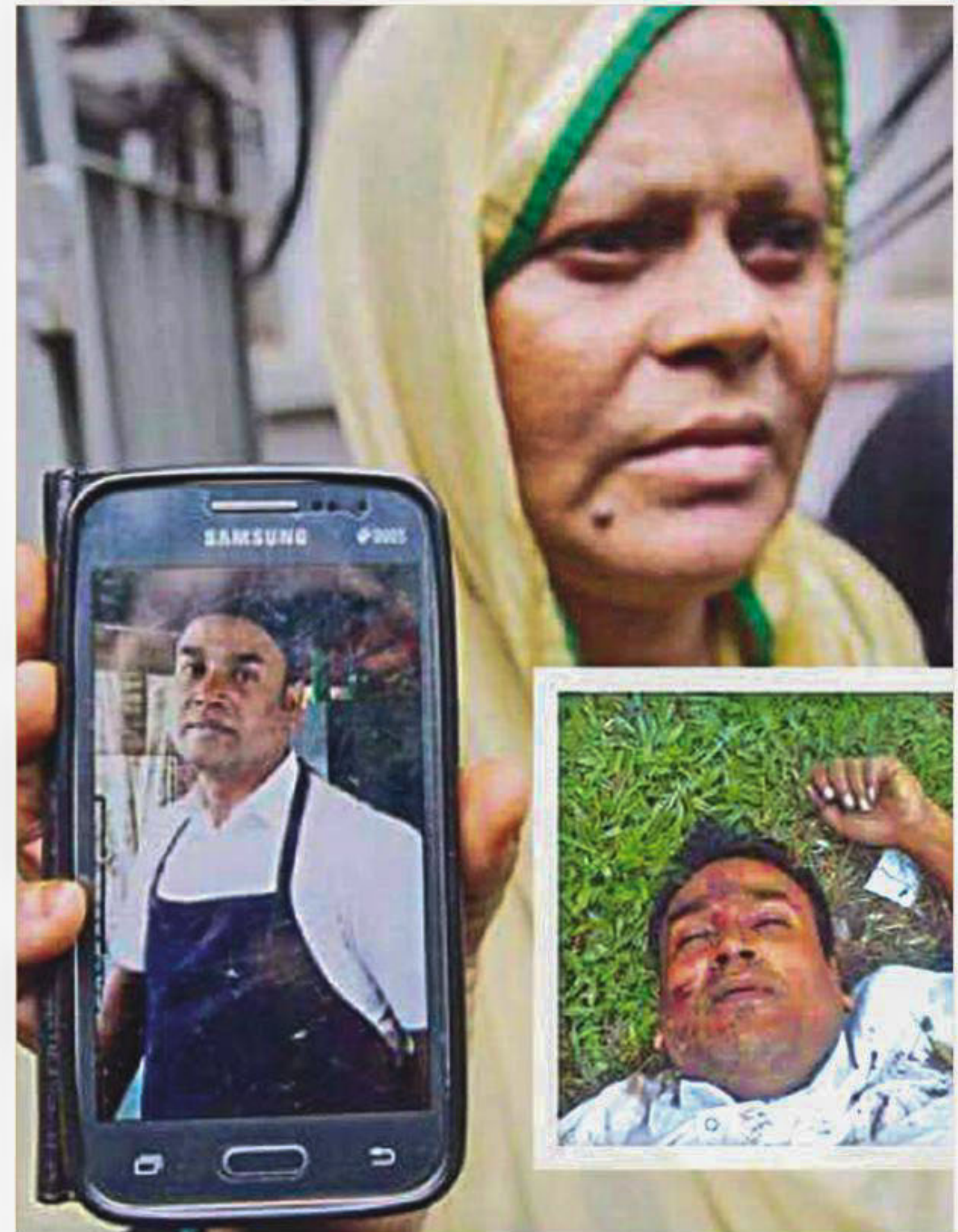
That flight took him to Bangkok, and Bioni says he can't wait to return to Italy on Monday.

He says he has no desire to look at attack photos on social or other media, since he prefers to remember Bangladesh in happier times.

Twenty people were brutally hacked to death by terrorists inside a restaurant popular with expatriates in Bangladesh capital Dhaka's high-

security diplomatic zone before commandos launched an assault on Saturday killing six attackers and capturing one alive.

Security officials yesterday searched for evidence and the possible masterminds of the weekend hostage-taking in an upscale restaurant in Bangladesh's capital. The government has denied the Islamic State group's claim of responsibility for the attack that left 28 dead, including six attackers and 20 of the hostages.



A relative showing photo of Saiful on her mobile phone. Inset, the body identified by his colleagues as Saiful's.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

38, was a graduate in computer science and engineering from a Malaysian university, and head of the IT department of a multinational company. The other was Sakib bin Kamal, 30, a former teacher at an English medium school in Dhaka.

Contacted, Wasima Parveen, one of the directors and chief operating officer of Scholastica, said Rohan passed A-level from their school two years back and later studied at a private university. She added his mother is a very good teacher.

She also said Mubasheer was also their student and had left the school

his identity. His mother said after passing Alim, he wanted to study in Dhaka and left Bogra for this in December last year.

"He came home a couple of months ago and then went missing," she said. "We could contact him never again."

His elder sister said he used to work in a shop and send home money now and then.

His relatives and even his three-year-old niece could easily identify him seeing a photograph on a cell phone, said a police official wishing anonymity.