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EID DAY ATTACK AT SHOLAKIA

It was no small plan by militants

M ABUL KALAM AZAD and TUHIN SHUBRA ADHIKARY, back from Kishoreganj

When a group of militants struck Holey Artisan Bakery in the capital's Gulshan, another group was in Kishoreganj with a plan to attack Sholakia Eid congregation.

The second group was staying at a rented apartment in Kishoreganj town when gunmen stormed the Bakery and held foreign and local diners hostage on the night of July 1.

Nine Italians, seven Japanese, one Indian and three Bangladeshis were brutally killed in the Gulshan attack, a never-seen-before

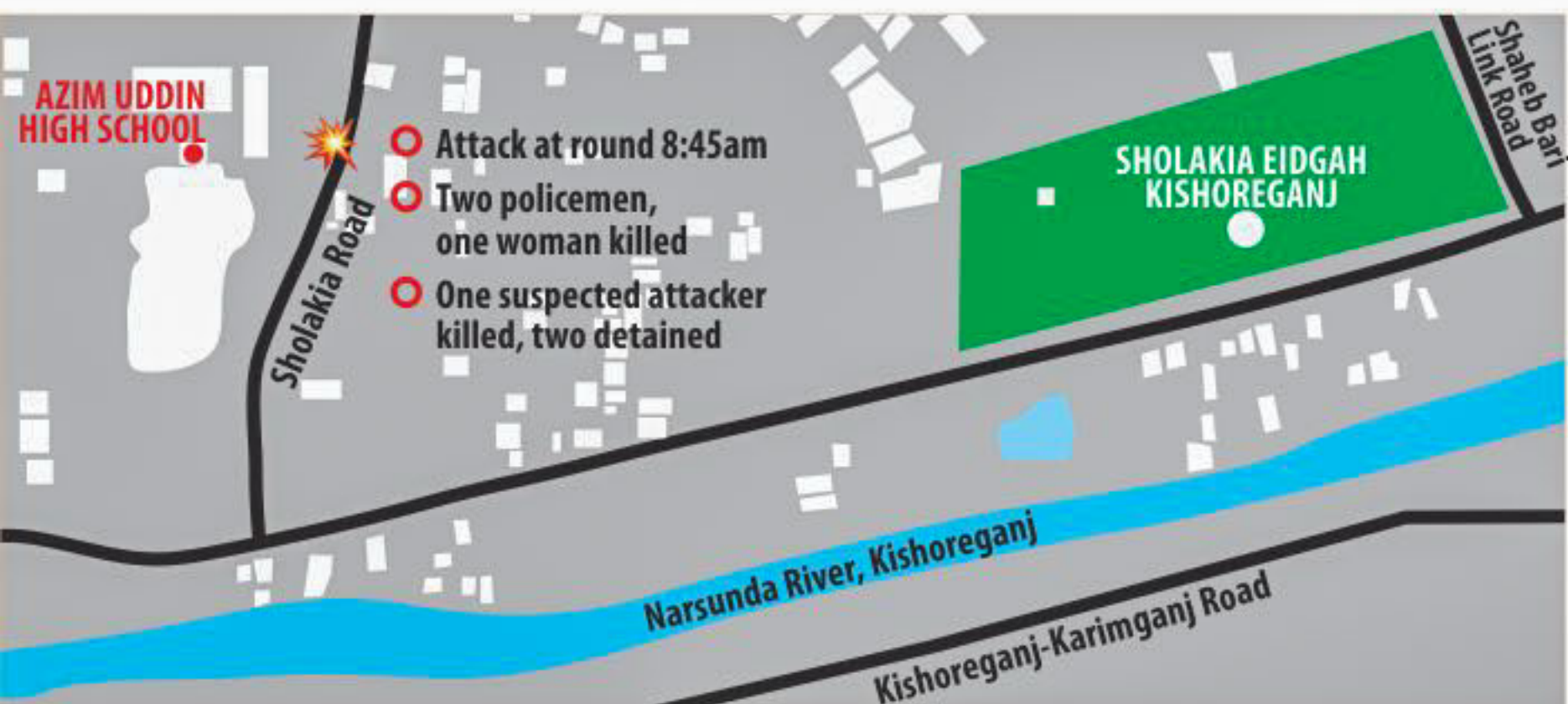
terror incident in Bangladesh.

The Kishoreganj group moved to the apartment six days before swooping on a police checkpoint on the Eid day as part of a plan for a large-scale assault, according to police, locals and a suspected attacker now in custody.

They went on a recce to the Sholakia ground area on 27th Ramadan (July 3) to put the final touches to their plan, police quoted the detained suspect as saying.

A youth, who police say took part in the attack, rented the apartment on the ground

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WON'T GIVE IN TO FEAR ... Refusing to be cowed by the terror attacks in Sholakia the day before and at Gulshan on July 1, people flocked to the Patenga beach in Chittagong city on Friday. More photos of Eid celebrations on Page 5.

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'He cannot be my son'

Says slain Sholakia attacker's father

SHAHEEN MOLLAH and JAMIL MAHMUD

Appalled by his son's role in Thursday's militant attack at the country's largest Eid congregation in Sholakia, Sirajul Islam now refuses to recognise Abir Rahman as his son.

"One who can attack people offering prayers cannot be my son," said a heart-broken Sirajul referring to his 23-year-old son Abir, who was killed in a gunfight with police while carrying out the attack in Kishoreganj that day.

Sirajul, who works at a private firm, refused to receive the body of his son.

Yesterday, these correspondents went to

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TERROR ATTACK INVESTIGATION

Focus on sources of arms, money

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The Gulshan café attackers were armed with three AK-22 semi-automatic rifles, among other weapons, prompting investigators to focus on the source of the weapons and the funds.

Investigators say they are also trying to track down the networks of the militant group and the masterminds of the July 1 attack in which 20 hostages, 17 of them foreigners, were killed.

"We are seriously looking into all these aspects," said an investigator wishing anonymity.

Middle East-based terror group Islamic State took credit for the attack, but the government and the police chief dismissed the claim and said banned outfit JMB was responsible.

In AK-22 rifles, two types of magazines are used. The small one contains 20 bullets and the big one 32 bullets. The rifle can be used both for single fire and rapid fire, said Rab-7 Commanding Officer Lt Col Miftah Uddin Ahmed in Chittagong.

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The Daily Star protests Dr Naik's claims

STAR ONLINE REPORT

In a Youtube speech on Friday, India-based Islamic preacher Dr Zakir Naik accused The Daily Star of sensationalising a report by saying that he was "responsible for inspiring one of the terrorists of the attack in Dhaka".

The Daily Star categorically denies this allegation and wants to say it did not report that any terrorist was inspired by Zakir Naik to kill innocent people. The report said that one of the terrorists had propagated on Facebook last year

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Diplomats want security revisit

Biswal arrives today; international community stands by Dhaka

REZAUL KARIM

In the aftermath of the attack on the Gulshan café, the international community feels that the government should revisit the security measures for diplomats.

Following the July-1 attack that left 20 hostages, mostly foreigners, dead at the café, Bangladesh government received sharp responses from the diplomatic community over security holes, sources said.

The US had offered immediate assistance of its law enforcement agencies, including the FBI, to conduct an investigation maintaining the highest international standard.

The US is sending its Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Nisha Desai Biswal this morning to discuss with high government leaders the security

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Dhaka still to shake off holiday mood

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The usually busy corridors of the capital looked almost deserted yesterday, the last day of the nine-day Eid vacation, as many city dwellers are yet to return to join their respective workplaces.

Traffic at the otherwise busy intersections including Farmgate, Mohakhali, Shahbagh and Mirpur-10 was thin between 11:00am and 2:00pm yesterday with a few public and private vehicles running through the areas.

The regular buzz on most

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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim



FARAAZ AYAAS HOSSAIN
April 15, 1996 --- July 1, 2016

QULKHWANI OF FARAAZ TODAY

When the entire country is reeling from the shock and anguish of the barbaric and cruel killing at the Holey Artisan Café, we are numbed by personal grief. Our own affectionate child, Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain, became a martyr of that atrocious occurrence.

The way Faraaz accepted his fate holding his head high fills our hearts with much more love for him, despite our excruciating anguish. We, the family and relatives of Faraaz, want to share our feelings with you all. Please pray to the Almighty for our beloved Faraaz so that he is bestowed in Heaven.

We wish your kind presence at the Milad Mahfil for the Qulkhwani of Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain, to be held today (Sunday, July 10, 2016) after Asr prayers (5:00pm) at House # NE(J)-4, Road # 83, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.

Latifur Rahman, Shahnaz Rahman and family
&
Simeen Hossain, Muhammad Waquer Bin Hossain and Zaraq Ayaat Hossain

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