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### Create awareness to resist terror

PM directs ministers to take measures to tackle militancy, prevent misuse of religion



- Form countrywide anti-militancy committees
- Build public opinion against
- Engage people from all walks of life to counter terrorism
- Inform police about missing

HASAN JAHID TUSHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked her cabinet colleagues to take measures to create social awareness for resisting terrorism in the country. At the weekly cabinet meeting, she advised them to engage people from

all walks of life in the campaign against militancy and misinterpretation of religion.

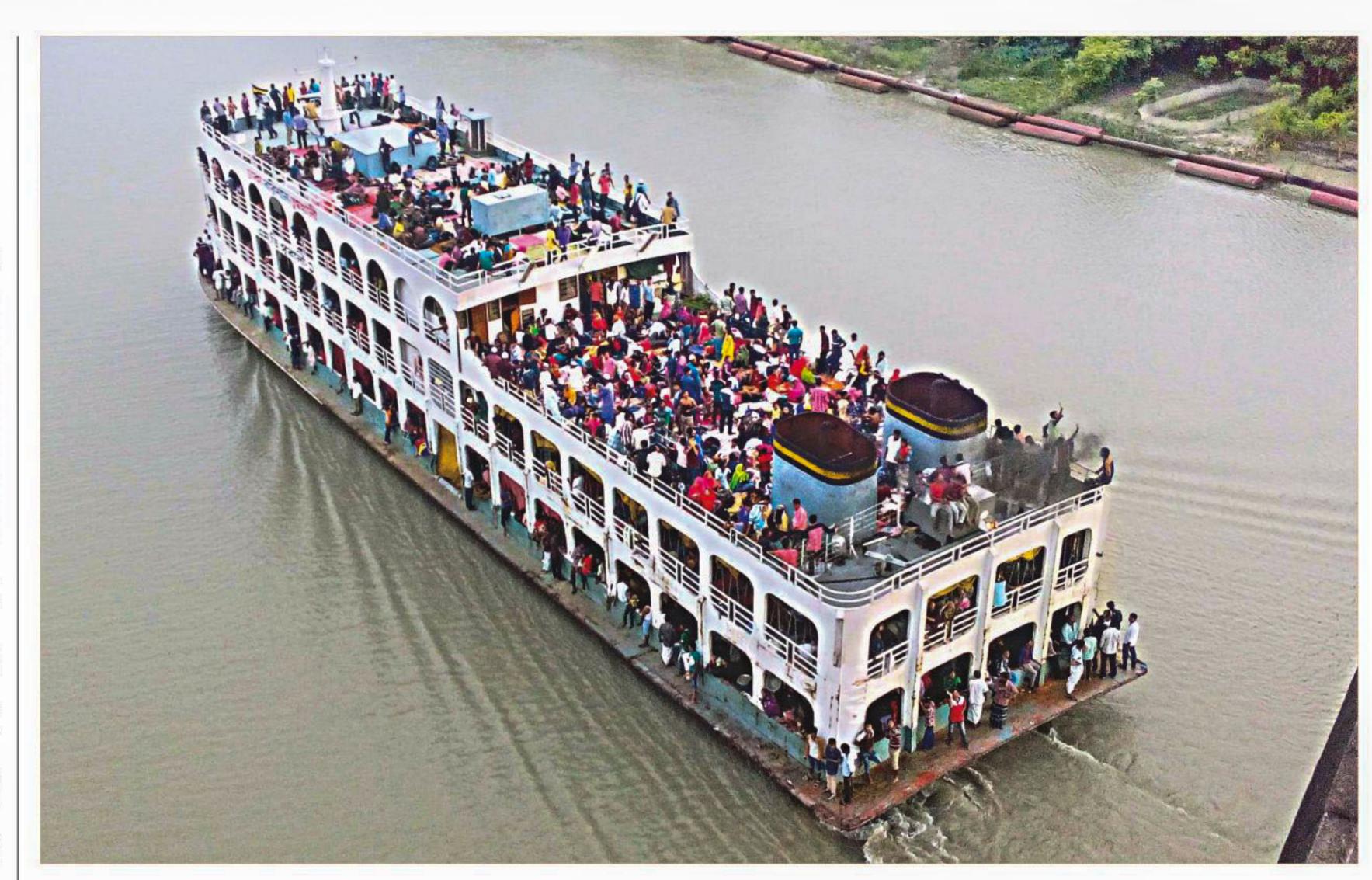
She told the ministers to give instructions to all officials and staff at the secretariat so that they can play due role in tackling terrorism and preventing the misuse of Islam.

Hasina, also president of the ruling Awami League, directed them to form anti-militancy committees from district to grassroots levels, several ministers present at the meeting told The Daily Star.

The premier said all lawmakers must tell people in their constituencies to keep a close watch on strangers in their localities and inform police about the missing people, especially youths.

The ministers have to be vocal about the misinterpretation of religion and the evils of terrorism, she added.

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People cram onto the deck of a launch heading for Dhaka from Jhalakathi as they return to the capital after spending the Eid holidays with their loved ones. The vessel is apparently carrying more passengers than its capacity. The photo was taken from the Gabkhan Bridge in Jhalakathi on Sunday.

4 'ABT men'

held in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Police in drives on Sunday

night in Sitakunda upazila

held four suspected activ-

ists of banned militant

Team (ABT).

said police.

outfit Ansarullah Bangla

The arrests were made

on the basis of intelligence

were planning to carry out

attacks on members of law

enforcement agencies and

different important estab-

lishments in the upazila,

The four are identified as

Musa Ebne Omayer, 25, of

Patiya; Shipon alias Foysal,

25, of Brahmanbaria;

Khorshed Alam, 31, of

reports that the ABT men

M JAHIRUL ISLAM JEWEL

Nisha Desai Biswal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two Gulshan attack survivors, who were taken into custody: STAFF CORRESPONDENT after the 11-hour café siege, have yet to return home, family questioning.

Tahmid Hasib Khan, 22, and Hasnat Karim, 47, along : and Panchagarh, police said yesterday. Bakery standoff ended on July 2.

"We released them after questioning," Masudur Rahman, Police (DMP), told this newspaper yesterday.

and Hasnat and that the two seem to have just vanished. The duo was not shown arrested in a case or produced · before court.

"I am anxious about his safety," Hasnat Karim's father: 1990s. Rezaul Karim told The Daily Star yesterday.

the IGP in the last couple of days and wanted to know where : missed the reports saying IS had no presence in Bangladesh. his son is and if it is possible to talk to him over the phone at:

least for once. Canadian TV channel CTV News on Sunday that Tahmid: of Raniganj Bazar in Dinajpur.

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# Where are they? Sholakia was not Police claim they've released 2 café siege survivors from custody; his first mission

families say they are yet to return: Arrested Shafiul 'involved in two target killings in Kurigram, Panchagarh'

members say while police claim they were "released" after · Shafiul Islam, who was caught at the attack scene near Sholakia Eidgah on : Thursday, was involved in at least two other targeted killings in Kurigram

with all the other survivors, were taken by the Detective : He is a charge-sheeted accused in the killing of Hindu priest Jogeswar Branch of police for interrogation after the Holey Artisan · Dasadhikari in Panchagarh and was involved in the killing of Hossain Ali, a : Christian convert in Kurigram, they added.

Benazir Ahmed, director general of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), deputy commissioner (media) of Dhaka Metropolitan · said Shafiul stood accused in four murder cases, but he gave little details.

Suspected militants slit the throat of Jogeswar, 50, at Sri Sri Shonto However, families say they could not yet contact Tahmid : Gaurio temple of Shonapota in Debiganj on February 21 and fled the spot

firing shots and exploding homemade bombs, which injured two devotees. On March 22, three bike-riding assailants slit the throat of Hossain Ali, : 68, a freedom fighter who had converted to Christianity from Islam in the

According to US-based SITE Intelligence which monitors jihadist activi-He added that he wrote to the DMP commissioner and · ties, Islamic State took credit for both the attacks, but the government dis-

Police detained bullet-hit Shafiul, also known as Shariful as well as Saiful, 22, from Char Sholakia area, where suspected militants attacked Tahmid's brother Talha Khan, who lives in Toronto, told · policemen with sharp weapons, guns and bombs on the Eid day. He is from

> Another suspect, Jahidul Haque Tanim, 24, of Pashim Tarapasha village SEE PAGE 2 COL 2

of police (north), said the four were detained during

Anwara; and Russell Md Islam, 40, of Kumira in Sitakunda. Mostafizur Rahman, additional superintendent

drives at Barabkunda and

adjacent areas in Sitakunda.

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## 'Strong US support in fighting terror'

Assures Biswal; PM says she would get to the root of militancy

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The US has "strong support" for Bangladesh in its battle against terrorism and extremism, said American diplomat Nisha Desai Biswal yesterday.

Following the July-1 terrorist attack at a Gulshan café, US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Biswal arrived in Bangladesh on Saturday to discuss "shared concerns" and offer US support to tackle terrorism and extremism.

She met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday afternoon at the Gono Bhaban.

Bangladesh's counterterrorism capabilities, and better training of law enforcers on tech-intelligence and cyber security, sources said.

The prime minister emphasised the need for sharing information to tackle terrorism.

During the meeting, Biswal offered US expertise in building

Renewing her government's strong stance against terrorism, Hasina on Monday vowed to find the root causes of the recent terror attacks in Bangladesh.

"Children of rich families were involved in the Gulshan terror attack. We'll find out the people behind this ... who're recruiting these youths," she said, reports UNB.

Biswal said the youths were from well-to-do families and one of the things to look into was that they had acted out of adventurism and not out of religious spirit. SEE PAGE 2 COL 2

Vehicles negotiate large potholes filled with rainwater on the Steel Mill Road in Chittagong city. Many of the vehicles break down on the way because of the appalling state of the road, resulting in long tailbacks. The photos were taken yesterday.

was "officially taken in as a witness".



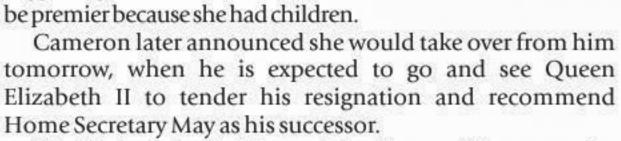
### Theresa May to be UK's next PM

Cameron says he will step down tomorrow

AFP, London

Theresa May is to become the UK's prime minister tomorrow evening after David Cameron announced he would quit.

May was left as the only contender standing after the withdrawal from the leadership race of Andrea Leadsom, who faced criticism for suggesting she was more qualified to



"On Wednesday, I will attend the House of Commons for Prime Minister's Questions and then after that I expect to go to the palace and offer my resignation so we'll have a new prime minister in that building behind me by Wednesday evening," he said in a statement delivered outside 10

Downing Street. Britain has faced the worst political turmoil in generations following June 23's shock vote to leave the European Union, which prompted Cameron to step down.

His Conservatives have endured a bitter leadership race while the leader of the main opposition Labour party, SEE PAGE 2 COL 1