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Ankara blames Washington for plotting; Kerry says claim harmful

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## Bail blessings for radicals

Prime responsibility lies with investigators, prosecutors

ZAYADUL AHSAN writes for The Daily Star

After the gruesome Gulshan tragedy, photos of 10 missing youths have been put up in the media with families seeking to know their whereabouts.

Junnun Sikder is one such youth. He was arrested as a suspected militant on August 25, 2013, with eight others. At that time, he told journalists at the Detective Branch office in the capital that to establish a Shariah-based state he believed in the ideology and policy similar to al-Qaeda's. He also said he wanted to participate in an armed jihad and go to Pakistan, Afghanistan and Syria. He would set about fulfilling his wish once he was released from jail.

Junnun along with six others came out on bail in late 2014. Now, all the detective wings of the state are looking for him all over again.

According to the police, prosecution and Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, around 500 militant suspects like Junnun got out on bail in the last few years.

Recently, the home minister was asked on a television talk show what the government should do when one-third of the arrested militant suspects got

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A police official searching a camera packet at the entrance to the Bashundhara City shopping mall in the capital yesterday afternoon. Security has been beefed up in such malls following the recent terror attacks at a Gulshan café and near Sholakia Eidgah in Kishoreganj.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN



National unity forged against terrorism

Says PM

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said a national consensus has been created among the people of the country against terrorism and extremist violence, except those who have links with militancy and have records of war crimes.

"Unity of the common people which is truly required for eliminating terrorists, has already been

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## Another hideout at Shewrapara

Café attackers, their accomplices stayed there before moving to Bashundhara area; NSU professor among 5 on remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Some of the suspected Gulshan café attackers and their associates might have stayed at a Pashchim Shewrapara flat in the capital and moved to another flat in Bashundhara Residential Area just two days before the bloody siege, said police officials.

The militants might have gathered and planned the attack while staying at the "dens", said a Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) official.

In the early hours of yesterday, police picked up the owner of the

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## Militants among 'unknown' tenants

Police have info about city's 90pc tenants, house owners; the missing 10pc cause for concern

SHARIFUL ISLAM and AKRAM HOSEN

Since November last year, Dhaka Metropolitan Police started keeping records of house owners and tenants in the city, and by now it has information of some 90 percent home owners and tenants.

But thanks to that missing 10 percent, some militants have been successful in executing their clandestine operations hiding their information, police claim.

They say their investigation so far reveal that some of the

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## Baul akhra attacked

4 injured, 3 of them badly hacked in Chuadanga

AMANUR AMAN, from Kushtia with JAMIL MAHMUD

Amid concerns over the rising threat of militancy, unidentified assailants attacked a baul akhra (den) in a remote Chuadanga village early yesterday, leaving four bauls,



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## 3 US cops shot dead in ambush

3 others hurt; one of the attackers killed

REUTERS, Baton Rouge

Three police officers were shot to death and three others wounded in Baton Rouge, Louisiana yesterday, in what authorities said was an ambush less than two weeks after a black man was killed by police, sparking nationwide protests.

The officers in Baton Rouge were responding to a call of shots fired when they were ambushed by at least one gunman, Baton Rouge Mayor Kip Holden said.

One suspect is dead and police are checking the shooting scene with a robot to make sure there are no explosives,

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HOME MINISTER ASADUZZAMAN KHAN



"We know who are playing behind the scene... Don't play with the monster. The monster you're playing with for your petty interests will wipe you out."

RAB DIRECTOR GENERAL BENAZIR AHMED



"Terrorism and militancy are not only problems of law and order, they are also social, national and global problems. We have to rid the nation of the problems."

DMP COMMISSIONER ASADUZZAMAN MIA



"Students now want student politics in all private universities. They cannot accept the decision that they have to get enrolled in the universities by signing bonds that prevent them from doing politics."

BCL GENERAL SECRETARY SM ZAKIR HOSSAIN



"It is said that madrasas and private universities are free from politics. But in reality, there exists silent politics which means militancy and terrorism."

BCL PRESIDENT SAIFUR RAHMAN SOHAG



"We must own the problem and work with everyone to solve it."

NSU VC PROF ATIQUUL ISLAM

## Little time for whom it's all about

Only 6 representatives from pvt universities get to speak at home ministry's meeting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was a meeting for exchange of views between government officials and representatives of private universities against the backdrop of some students' involvement in acts of militancy.

But it was the organisers and leaders of the Awami League's student wing who mainly spoke at yesterday's meeting called by the home ministry.

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## 'We know everything'

Home minister claims govt has all info about youths taking wrong path

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has all the information about the youths who are choosing wrong paths and intending to be involved in militant activities, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said yesterday.

"The number of deranged youths is very small. We know everything. We know who is staying where. We don't want to be harsh," he said, urging them to return to normal life.

He claimed the government had intelligence about the terror attacks in Gulshan cafe and Sholakia beforehand.

"We had reports that something is going to happen in Gulshan area and we were ready [to tackle it] in different ways," he told a views-exchange meeting with the authorities, representatives of teachers and students of private universities in the capital.

When the incident took place in the posh restaurant, police official Faruk reached the spot within three minutes and he informed the police commissioner when he was hit, the minister said.

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## Ba3 ratings for City Bank by Moody's



Moody's, the leading credit rating agency in the world, has recognized the superior performance of the leading local bank of Bangladesh.

The Ba3 ratings is a reflection of the bank's healthy capital, constantly strong profitability, sound liquidity and funding management. Ours is the second bank in Bangladesh to have been rated by Moody's so far.

"The outlook on all the ratings of City Bank is stable", Moody's noted in its press release. The only way is up now.

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