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8 killed in Munich 'terror attack'

Hunt on for 3 mall attackers; no claim of responsibility; 1 attacker 'shouted Allahu Akbar'

AGENCIES

Gunmen last night attacked a busy shopping mall in the German city of Munich, spraying bullets as people fled in horror for safety from what police said was a terrorist attack.

Police said at least eight people had been killed and the attackers were still at large, CNN reports.

They told the public to get off the streets as the city -- Germany's third biggest -- went into lockdown, with transport halted and highways sealed off.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility but supporters of Islamic State celebrated the rampage on social media.

One witness told CNN that she heard one attacker shout "Allahu Akbar" before he began shooting.

"Thank God, may God bring prosperity to our Islamic State men," read one tweet.

"The Islamic state is expanding in Europe," read another.

Daily Mail reported quoting witnesses that one gunman screamed 'I'm German' and 'f*** foreigners' before shooting.

As special forces rushed to the scene, some people remained holed up in the Olympia shopping centre.

"Many shots were fired, I can't say how many but it's been a lot," said a shop worker hiding in a store room inside the mall. The woman, who asked not to be identified, said she had seen a shooting victim on the floor who appeared to be dead or dying.

A worker at a different shop, Harun Balta, said: "We are still stuck inside the mall without any information, we're waiting for the police to rescue us."

It was the third major act of violence against civilians in Western Europe in eight days. Previous attacks in France and Germany were claimed by the Islamic State militant group.

Munich police spokeswoman said eight people were killed and an undetermined number wounded. No suspects had been arrested yet, she said.

"We believe there was more than one perpetrator. The first reports came at 6:00pm (1700 GMT), the shooting

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Police secure the area of a subway station Karlsplatz (Stachus) near a shopping mall following the shooting in Munich.

PHOTO: AFP

27 anti-terror cases stuck

Wait for trial in Ctg as home ministry nod pending; dossiers of some cases sent back for correcting flaws

PRANABESH CHAKRABORTY, Ctg

Trial proceedings of 27 cases involving terror and militant activities remain halted in different Chittagong courts, which have been waiting for years for government's approval as required by the law.

As per the Anti-terrorism Act-2009, under which the cases were filed, courts cannot frame charges against the accused without the final nod from the home ministry.

Originally, 29 such cases were stuck, but proceedings in two cases recently began after the home ministry gave the go-ahead.

Of the total cases, 19 were lodged with

THE 19 CASES IN CMP AREA	
YEAR	NO. OF CASES FILED
2010	1
2012	1
2013	4
2014	11
2015	2

different police stations in the metropolitan area and 10 outside it.

Of the 19 cases gathering dust at various metropolitan courts, 12 are against Hizb ut-Tahrir men, four against Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) men and three against Jamaat-Shibir men, court sources said.

Charges include anti-state, subversive and militant activities, distribution of leaflets of banned militant outfits and possession of arms, ammunition and bomb-making materials.

The cases were filed between 2010 and 2015 with Panchlaish, Kotwali, Khulshi,

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New 'attack plan foiled' in Rajshahi

Claim police; Gulshan attackers' DNA samples handed over to FBI for test

SHARIFUL ISLAM

A plan to carry out terror attacks in Rajshahi was thwarted yesterday, as intelligence and law enforcement agencies played a proactive role, claim police.

"We had intelligence reports that militants would attack some important establishments in the Rajshahi metropolitan area and some other parts of the district. We foiled the plot," said a top official at the police headquarters.

On condition of anonymity, the official said they also intercepted a message in which banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) said it failed to carry out terror attacks this time but would try again.

The official claimed that in recent times, they were able to foil several terror plots as they had intelligence reports.

Yesterday, heightened security measures were taken in Rajshahi city and

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Extent of militancy decreased

Says police chief

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque yesterday claimed militancy has decreased in the country due to law enforcers' efforts.

There are militants in the country, but many of them have been arrested in police drives while some have been killed in "crossfire" incidents, he told the inauguration ceremony of a police officers' mess near the municipal

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Fizz bursts onto the county scene

STAR SPORT DESK

Just over 24 hours after landing in conditions that he had only briefly experienced as a teenager in 2013, conditions as different from his native Bangladesh as can be found in the cricket world, Mustafizur Rahman burst onto the Natwest T20 Blast scene by bagging the man-of-the-match award on his debut for Sussex at Chelmsford on Thursday.

His figures of four for 23 against Essex not only helped his team conjure a 24-run victory in a must-win game but also elevated them to fourth place in the South division table, thereby opening up the chance for a quarterfinal place.

Mustafizur was entrusted with three of the last five overs

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4 of a family drown as trawler sinks

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Four of a family died as a trawler capsized in the Dhaleshwari river of Habiganj's Lakhai upazila yesterday afternoon.

They are Haq Miah, 43, his son Mujahid, 10, daughter Jannat Ara, 8, and nephew Sourov, 8, of Boragikandi village of Kishoreganj's Astagram upazila.

Police said Haq Miah along with three other family members boarded the trawler at Boragikandi for going to his father-in-law's house in Lakhai upazila in the morning.

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Indian air force plane goes missing in Bay

Fate of 29 on board uncertain; search begins

AFP, New Delhi

India yesterday mounted a massive search and rescue operation for an Indian Air Force plane that went missing with 29 people on board over the Bay of Bengal.

With concern mounting hours after its disappearance, five surveillance aircraft and 13 navy and coastguard ships launched the search for the aircraft, which vanished shortly after take-off from the southern city of Chennai.

The aircraft was on its way to Port Blair, the capital of the remote Andaman and Nicobar islands.

"Full scale search & rescue launched to look for IAF AN 32 overdue at Port Blair since 1130 hrs. Max assets being deployed at earliest," the defence ministry tweeted.

The Russian-built Antonov AN-32 military transport plane was carrying service personnel and six crew members as it undertook a routine courier service to the Indian islands.

The last contact with the plane was made around 15 minutes after take-off from Tambaram Air Force Station on the outskirts of Chennai, an IAF spokesman said.

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Child dies falling into sewer canal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was around 3:30pm on Thursday.

Sitting beside a sewer canal just outside his home, four-year-old Junaid Sabbir was trying to collect plastic bottles flowing with the currents, having absolutely no idea about what was coming.

His grandfather, who was having his lunch inside their tin-shed house at a slum in Shialbari area of the capital, saw it and warned him about the danger.

Junaid, however, did not listen to him.

When the grandfather, 50-year-old Bachchu Mia, came outside after having his meal, the boy was missing.

Sensing trouble, some of the family members dived

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The mother of Junaid Sabbir cries after the body of the four-year-old was found yesterday morning. Junaid fell into a sewer canal near Dhaka Commerce College on Thursday afternoon. In the other photo, people gather near the spot.

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