

9 MILITANTS KILLED in Dhaka hideout

One captured injured, another escapes; block raid turns into prized operation; radicals destroyed laptops, phones, documents before getting killed; flat rented June 20



Swift action saved nation from possible disaster: PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Swift action on the Kalyanpur "terrorist den" saved the country from a major catastrophe, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said yesterday.

"Nine terrorists were killed, one was detained and another managed to escape," she told the inaugural session of the four-day annual conference of deputy commissioners at her office.

It was understood that the militants were preparing acts of sabotage, the PM said.

"Several terrorists made preparation for carrying out an attack, and according to a report by our detectives, law enforcers took swift measures."

The police force conducted the operation very successfully as they were well prepared, Hasina added.

The nine alleged

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While conducting a block raid in the capital's Kalyanpur, police stumbled across a militant hideout in a building and killed nine suspected militants after a fierce gun battle in the early hours yesterday.

The identities of the dead could not be confirmed immediately, but police said their appearance, dresses and some other evidence seized suggest the Kalyanpur group and the Holy Artisan Bakery gunmen had some similarities.

Before striking the militant den, police captured a suspected militant named Rakibul Hasan Reagan, with bullet injury in the skull and fractured leg, from the neighbourhood around 1:30am.

Rakibul and an unidentified suspect jumped on the tin roof of an adjacent house, prompting police to open fire soon after the block raid started around 12:30am.

He was bullet-hit and captured but the other managed to flee, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia in a post-operation briefing.

A witness said he saw a youth wearing jeans and t-shirt walked out through a narrow alley with a bag.

Rakibul, now under treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, told police that he was a student of Bogra's Government Shah Sultan College and he joined Islamic State (IS) around a year ago. He claimed he was the "cook at the militant den".

From him, police gleaned information about the den, which was a fourth-floor flat in a six-storey building locally known as "Jahaz Building" on Road 5. He also told cops about the number of militants and their arms and ammunition. It helped law enforcers to design a joint operation codenamed "Storm 26".

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Ambulances carrying bodies of nine suspected militants leave Kalyanpur for Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday afternoon for autopsies.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

'Storm 26', a plan well executed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Operation "Storm 26", a special police drive that saw nine suspected militants killed in a Kalyanpur flat yesterday, appears to have been well planned and executed.

No civilian was hurt during the hour-long operation in the city's densely-populated neighbourhood. Only a policeman received minor injuries during a brief initial encounter with criminals, police said.

Law enforcers could sense the presence of militants on the fourth floor of the six-storey house, locally known as "Jahaz Building".

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Went missing from Bogra a year ago

A student of Shibir-run coaching centre, he claims to have been inspired by IS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

They were three college friends close to each other. On the morning of July 26 last year, they all went missing from Bogra.

Of them, Masud Rana was arrested last year on charges of killing a police official while another, Moyminul Islam Shihab, was held about two months ago for possessing explosives. Both of them are now in jail, police said.

The name of the third friend surfaced yesterday after the police action in Kalyanpur, killing nine suspected militants.

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Rakibul Hasan being treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A night of horror that seemed never to end

Mother describes hours she, her children passed, caught in the middle of Kalyanpur gunfight

RAFIUL ISLAM

It was around 12:10am yesterday.

Rahima Begum had just had her dinner and was waiting for her husband at their home on the second floor of "Jahaz Building" in Kalyanpur.

Their son, Amjad, had already gone to sleep and two daughters, Shoma and Marjaza, were preparing to get some sleep as well.

Suddenly, there was a knock on the door. As she opened it, some policemen hurriedly got inside. They asked Rahima, in her late 30s, about all her family

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Rahima Begum, a tenant on the second floor of "Jahaz Building" in the city's Kalyanpur, along with her children takes food at a nearby shop yesterday afternoon. Bottom, the six-storey building.

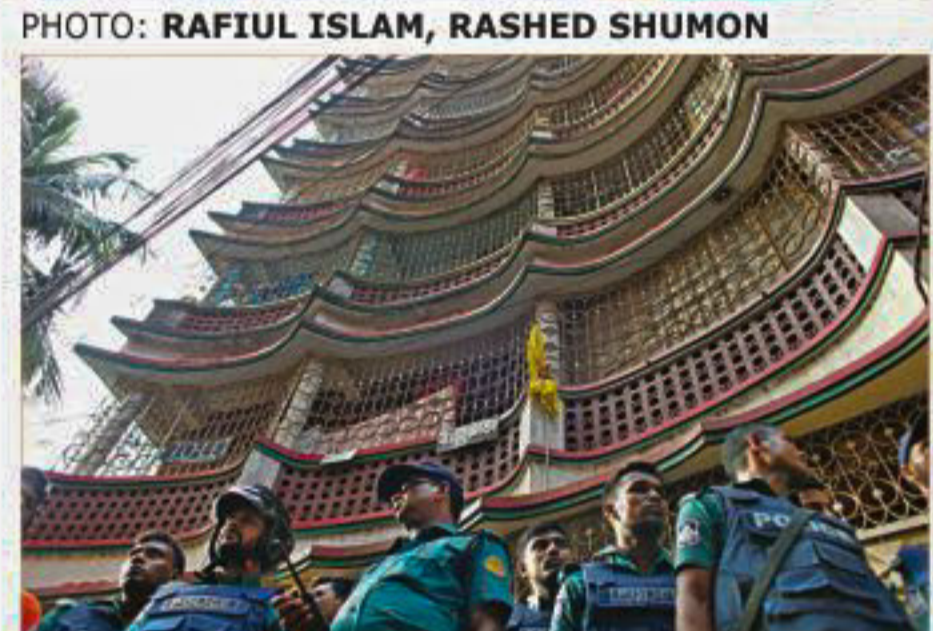
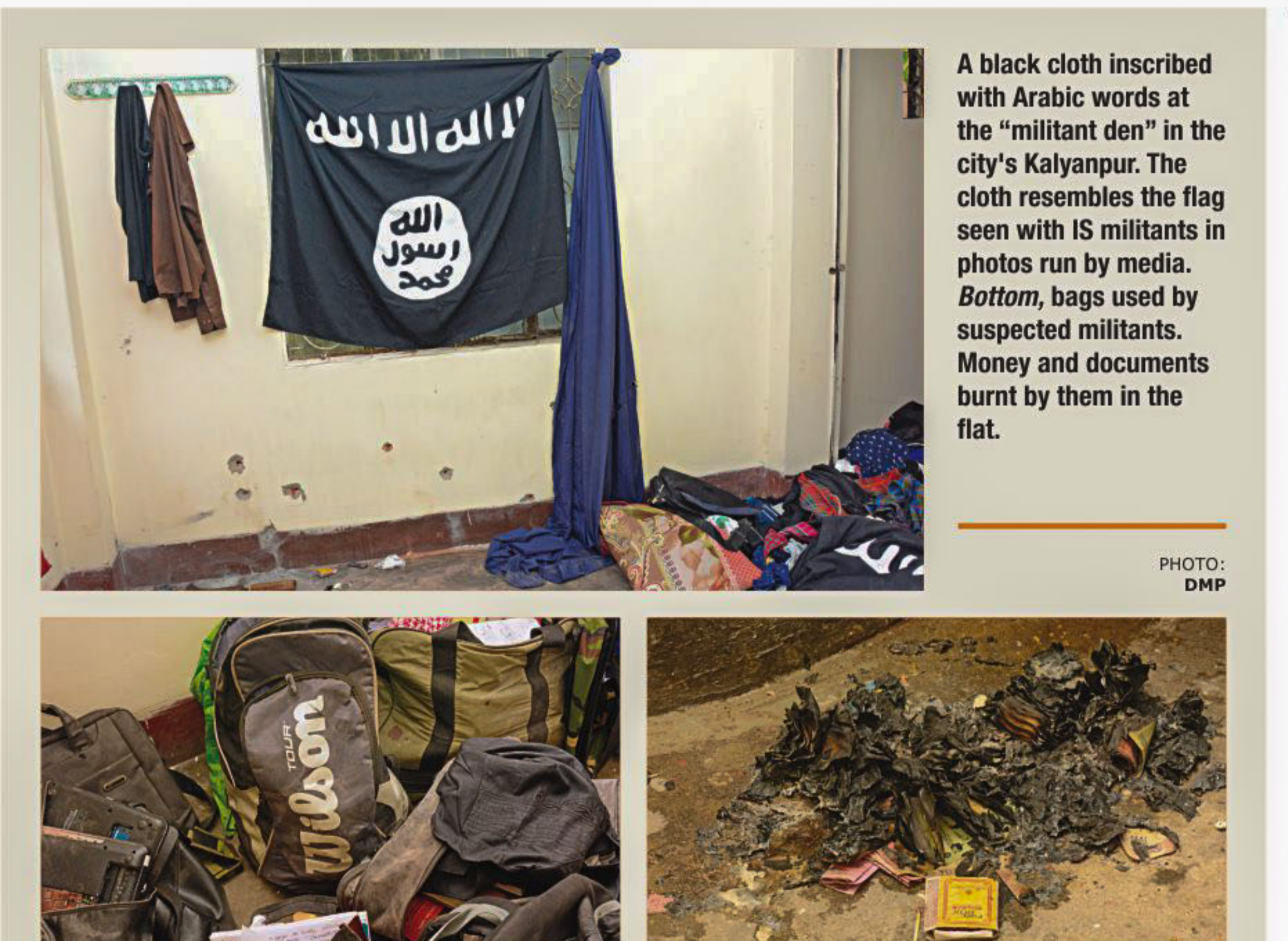


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A black cloth inscribed with Arabic words at the "militant den" in the city's Kalyanpur. The cloth resembles the flag seen with IS militants in photos run by media. Bottom, bags used by suspected militants. Money and documents burnt by them in the flat.

PHOTO: DMP

Similar to Gulshan's

Militants in their 20s, wore same black kurtas, red keffiyeh as did killers at Holy Artisan; black flag resembling IS' found in their rooms

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

When police asked Rakibul Hasan Reagan his identity, he said he worked as a cook at a mess in "Taj Manzil".

Law enforcers were interrogating Rakibul at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he was taken after he was injured during yesterday's police raid at the

house in Kalyanpur.

As police questioned him further, the suspected militant said they belong to "IS". Police then asked him to spell "IS". Instead, he elaborated it, saying: "Islamic State", according to DMCH sources.

Rakibul's claim and the belongings -- IS black flags

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