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# GULSHAN, KALYANPUR MILITANTS Families not taking bodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Even though a month has passed since the unprecedented terror attack in the Gulshan café took place, none of the families of the five militants killed a commando operation claimed their bodies.

Families of the nine militants killed in a police raid in city's Kalyanpur did not make any claims either in the last five days. Bodies of the five militants, who killed 20 people, mostly foreigners, at Holey Artisan Bakery on July 1, remain at the city's Combined Military Hospital (CMH), said Sirajul Islam, officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station.

"No one has submitted any written application claiming the bodies," the OC added.

The militants were identified as Nibras Islam, Rohan Imtiaz, Meer Saameh Mubasheer, Khairul Islam Payel and Shafiqul Islam Uzzal.

The body of Saiful Islam, a chef of the café who has been mentioned in the first information report as an accused, also remains at the mortuary of the hospital.

Talking to The Daily Star, Saiful's sister Moina Begum said they believe Saiful was not a militant and that they want to bury the body.

"We are in an uncomfortable situation. Our neighbours are not behaving normally with us. They suspect him to be a militant as we haven't got the body yet," she said.

However, police said only Saiful's family verbally wanted to take his body, but the law enforcers are yet to receive any written application from them in this regard.

Two policemen were also killed during the July 1 hostage crisis when the militants stormed the café. Commandos put

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People wade through a flooded railway line in Durmuth area of Melandah upazila in Jamalpur on Friday. Inset, a train passing the area through the risky track. Rail communications between Dewanganj and Jamalpur have remained suspended since Friday afternoon due to the flood.

PHOTO: ABM AMINUL ISLAM/ COLLECTED

# Fresh areas inundated

Schools, rail links, ferry service on Padma take hit as flood situation in different dists worsens

STAR REPORT

Flood situation has deteriorated in different districts as fresh areas, rail tracks and educational institutions have got inundated, badly disrupting normal life.

Rail communications between Jamalpur and Dewanganj have remained suspended since Friday afternoon as rail tracks have submerged.

Besides, ferry services on Paturia-Daulatdia and Shimulia-Kaorakandi routes have been seriously hampered, affecting communications between the capital and the southern districts.

So far 14 people have died and over 3.4 lakh families in 309 unions of 59 upazilas under 16 districts have been affected amid floods, according to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief.

The flood-hit districts are Sirajganj, Bogra, Rangpur.

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# Rab busts 'arms factory' in Comilla 3 arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Rapid Action Battalion yesterday claimed to have busted an illegal arms-making factory in Comilla Sadar upazila and detained three people with components and equipment for making firearms.

"We recovered several firearms including pistol-making equipment and caught three people red-handed while making the firearms," Maj Mostafa Kaizar of Rab-11 told The Daily Star.

Acting on a tip-off, the Rab team carried out a raid at a house in Shubhopur area around 6:00pm and caught Majedul Haque Rajib, Shaiful Islam Rony, and Ariful Islam red-handed from the spot, he said, adding the criminals had long been using a room of the house to make arms.

# 150 organisations linked to militancy

Finds an enquiry commission

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 150 organisations are either connected to militant activities or they support militancy in Bangladesh, claims a "white paper" released yesterday by an enquiry commission investigating militancy and communal terrorism.

Militant activities are also run in at least 78 Qwami madrasas while some 19 newspapers, including dailies, weeklies, and monthlies, are serving the purpose of militant organisations, according to the paper.

The commission, which includes rights activists, academicians, writers and eminent citizens from different other professions, released the paper titled "800 days of militancy and communal terrorism in Bangladesh" at a programme in the capital.

Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee organised the programme at a city auditorium.

The commission prepared the paper on the basis of news reports run by 21 national dailies between November 1, 2013 and January 15, 2016 and speeches delivered by eminent citizens and the commission's findings through investigation during the time.

At the function, Shahriar Kabir, member-secretary of the commission, said the government should take immediate steps to infuse ideologies countering militancy into youths as "it is not possible to curb the menace by the efforts of law enforcement agencies alone".

Noted academician Prof Ajoy Roy said socio-cultural movement,

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Shahriar Kabir, member-secretary of the commission

# 'Mind your own business'

Erdogan rebukes Western critics as Turkey jails journalists; US denies coup involvement

AFP, Ankara

Turkey was yesterday holding 17 journalists on charges of "terror group" membership as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told Western critics to "mind your own business" over a relentless crackdown following a failed coup.

But in a goodwill gesture two weeks after the July 15 coup bid, Erdogan also announced he was withdrawing thousands of lawsuits against individuals accused of insulting him.

Turkey has detained more than 18,000 people over the attempted putsch which has been blamed on the US-based preacher Fethullah Gulen -- a charge he denies -- with the relentless crackdown sparking warnings from Brussels that Ankara's EU membership bid may be in danger.

Seventeen journalists remanded in custody by an Istanbul court over links to Gulen woke up in jails across the city on Saturday as international concern grows over the targeting of reporters in the wake of the putsch.

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# Town that won't stop shaking

MAIL ONLINE

A remote gold-mining town has earned the unwanted title of Australia's earthquake capital after it was rocked by 50 tremors in less than two months.

The 850 people living in the town of Norseman, West Australia, are struggling to come to terms with the quakes that rumbled in two months ago and have shown no signs of leaving.

At its worst Norseman was struck by a staggering 18 earthquakes in just two days and the bad news is these shocks could continue for years, Australian Geographic reported.

Norseman, about eight hours drive east of Perth, sits on an extremely tremor-prone fault line belonging to the massive Indo-Australian tectonic plate.

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# BGB detains 4 during 'secret meeting'

Myanmarese, Saudi men among held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday detained four people including a former military commander of Myanmar's separatist outfit Rohingya Solidarity Organisation (RSO) and a Saudi national from Teknaf in the district.

The former RSO commander, Hafiz Salaul Islam, and the Saudi national, Ahmad Al Saleh Al Badi, along with the other two were apprehended by BGB yesterday afternoon while holding a "secret meeting" in a house at Shaplapur Nayapara village under Baharchhora union of Teknaf upazila, reports our correspondent.

The two other arrestees are another RSO leader Moulvi Ibrahim and owner of the house Syed Karim.

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# BGMEA unveils roadmap to \$50b export

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has unveiled a roadmap to attain \$50 billion export earnings by 2021 from the apparel sector.

The roadmap will concentrate on the priority and required activities that should be done to achieve the goal.

The roadmap as dubbed "Bangladesh RMG"

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Homeless people sleep at the car park of Chittagong Railway Station. Even though the place buzzes with vehicles dropping and taking in passengers during daytime, it becomes totally empty at night, giving destitute people the chance to have some sleep there. The photo was taken around 7:00am yesterday.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

# 'I'm taking the gloves off'

Trump promises Clinton he won't be a 'Mr Nice Guy' anymore as rivals trade insults in white House slog

AFP, Harrisburg

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump traded insults at opposite ends of the country Friday, taking their fight for the White House to rival battleground states and portraying starkly different visions of America.

One of the most divisive US campaigns in modern history is entering a new chapter with Republicans and Democrats having selected their nominees, leaving the candidates slogging it out before election day on November 8.

Clinton followed her historic acceptance speech on Thursday as the first woman presidential nominee for a major party with a rally in Philadelphia before embarking on a bus tour of Rust Belt states Pennsylvania and Ohio.

In Colorado, a key western state, her Republican opponent promised "no more Mr Nice Guy." He trashed Clinton's speech as "average," called her a liar and promised to end the migration of Syrian refugees.

"I'm starting to agree with you," the 70-year-old told supporters chanting "lock her up, lock her up" in Colorado Springs. "I'm taking the gloves off," he said. "Just remember this Trump is going to be no more Mr Nice Guy."

Just over 100 days before the election, Americans are being asked to choose between two sharply polarized visions -- and between two monumentally unpopular candidates.

"I can't think of an election that is more important, certainly in my lifetime," Clinton told supporters at the rally in Philadelphia.

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