

# Rabiul's wish comes true

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

Her father died a valiant death fighting terrorists to the last and she will bear this proud legacy. She was the dream child he wished for but now she will never meet him in person.

The baby – daughter of slain Detective Branch Assistant Commissioner Rabiul Karim and wife Umme Salma – was born at Enam Medical College Hospital in Savar early yesterday.

Valiant officer Rabiul, just 34 years of age, in a selfless display of bravery sacrificed his life on July 1 when he rushed to the Holey Artisan Bakery responding to the call of duty on that fatal day when terrorists struck at the Gulshan restaurant.

Rabiul's younger brother Shamsuzzaman Shams told reporters his sister-in-law Umme Salma was admitted to hospital on Sunday afternoon where she gave birth to her second child, a baby girl, at 12:28am yesterday.

"We have no sisters. All of us, including my brother, had been wishing for a

baby girl. We are so happy right now," he said.

"We are devastated by Rabiul's death. Today could have been such a different scenario," Shams said.

Umme Salma has urged all to pray for her two children – a six year old son and the newborn – so that they grow up with their father's ideology and work for people's welfare.

Dr Rokon Uddin, head of Skin and VD department of the hospital told The Daily Star that mother and newborn baby are in good health. The newborn is suffering from a mild sort of skin disease and will need some treatment in the long run. They can go home in two days, he said.

Enamur Rahman, lawmaker from Savar and also chairman of the medical college and hospital, meanwhile said that he will bear all medical expenses of the birth as a mark of respect towards the slain police officer. Deputy Commissioner of Manikganj Rashida Ferdouse has also been in touch with the family over telephone.

Rabiul was the elder son of late Abdul Khalek, a retired official of Care Bangladesh, of Katigram village in Manikganj. He joined the police through 30th BCS (Bangladesh Civil



The newborn daughter of slain Rabiul Islam, assistant commissioner of the Detective Branch of DMP, lying on a bed at Enam Medical College in Savar. Rabiul's wife gave birth to the baby yesterday, just a month after he was killed during the bloody siege of Holey Artisan Bakery in the capital's Gulshan.

Service) after his masters' degree in Bangla language from Jahangirnagar University.

During his probationary period, Rabiul served as assistant superintendent of police (ASP) in Netrakona in 2014. Before joining the DB, he worked in the Rapid Action Battalion.

Rabiul has always been one to come

forward and help others in need. He established a kindergarten school named "Kabi Nazrul Bidiyari" in his village in 2007 to fulfill his father's dream. He also set up a school called "Blooms" for physically-challenged children in the village. He used to bear the entire running cost of the school which currently has 36 students.

## GULSHAN ATTACK Mastermind might have fled to India

IGP says Dhaka alerted Delhi about it

PTI, Dhaka

Bangladesh has alerted Indian security agencies that the mastermind of the deadly Gulshan cafe terror attack may have fled to India amid a nationwide manhunt to track down the Bangladeshi-Canadian.

"We have alerted the Indian security agencies against his [Tamim Chowdhury's] possible escape to India to evade the arrest," Bangladesh Police chief AKM Shahidul Hoque told PTI.

He said a massive manhunt is underway to trace Chowdhury as he is suspected to be the mastermind of the recent terrorist attacks in the country.

Hoque said during his recent New Delhi visit accompanying Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, he alerted the chiefs of National Investigation Agency (NIA) and CBI against Chowdhury.

"Chowdhury could be the key-operative of [Syria-based] IS in Bangladesh," he said, but quickly added that no proof of IS link to the recent terror attacks were found so far, reiterating the government's stance on the issue.

A newspaper earlier reported that Chowdhury appeared as the leader and main financier of a reorganised Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) while Bangladesh earlier attributed the two attacks to the outfit.

Hoque, however, said a reconstituted JMB, which he preferred to call "neo-JMB", was identifying them as IS operatives in Bangladesh.

Police earlier this week said a security raid on a terror hideout last week provided them the clue to detect him as the architect of the recent Islamist assaults adding that he returned home from Canada three years ago.

A police officer familiar with the investigation earlier said evidence gathered from the scene of the July 26 overnight security raid in Dhaka's Kalyanpur area, when nine presumed militants were killed, led police to identify Chowdhury, believed to be in his mid 30s.

## Tangail man missing for two months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A man from Nagarpur upazila has been mysteriously missing for over two months.

Mahbub Hossain alias Kanak, 30, son of Mobarak Hossain of Babnapura, went out on May 23, leaving behind his pregnant wife and seriously ill father. Since then, he did not return home, family sources said.

His cellphone has also been switched off.

In the meanwhile, his wife gave birth to a son on June 15 and his father died on July 20.

As Kanak did not come back home even after these events, his family members have become seriously concerned over his fate.

"My husband contacted me over a mobile phone seven days before our son's birth and told me that he was doing some business. But he did not

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## Saying no to terrorism

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we want fearless life."

"They [militants] want to destroy our independence, our culture and our communal harmony. So, together we must resist them to uproot the menace from the country," said Indranil Debnath, a student of civil engineering at North South University (NSU), while talking to The Daily Star.

He was standing hand in hand at the human chain formed on the NSU campus in the capital.

Addressing a human chain at the Central Shaheed Minar, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said, "We will not be able to combat terrorism only by enforcing laws. We have to build social movement and social resistance against militancy and terrorism."

He also directed English medium institutions to include topics on Bangladesh's culture, heritage and history in their curriculum.

"We, the people of all strata of life, must unite ourselves. Such unity will definitely resist militancy in Bangladesh," said Mofizur Rahman, chairperson of the department of mass communication and journalism at Dhaka University, while addressing a human chain on the campus.

Addressing a human chain, Independent University, Bangladesh Vice-Chancellor Prof M Omar Rahman said they had kept counselling and monitoring the students to prevent them from being misguided.

Assistant Proctor of Stamford University Towhidul Hasan Nitol told a human chain, "It is our duty to teach the students about our glorious national history, our literature and culture. If the sense of nationalism and patriotism can be grown among them, it would be possible to prevent them from being involved in terrorism."

Earlier on July 24, the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh in a letter requested all the public and private universities to form the human chains marking one-month of the July 1 Gulshan café attack that left 22 people including 17 foreigners and 2 police official killed.

It was an initiative to create awareness against militancy and terrorism in the wake of recent terror attacks in the country, said several teachers of different universities.

Apart from the capital, many universities and colleges held such programmes in different districts including Chittagong, Chandpur, Bogra, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Joypurhat Naogaon, Munshiganj and

Kurigram.

"Students and youths should be engaged in different social and cultural activities to prevent them from being involved in militancy," viewed Morshed Emon Mehedi, a student of Chittagong Commerce College, while addressing a human chain on his campus.

The other education institutions that formed human chains include National University, Jahangirnagar University, Chittagong University, Rajshahi University, Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Noakhali Science and Technology University, Islamic Arabic University, Bangladesh University of Business and Technology, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, Southeast University, Bangladesh University, Daffodil International University, Motijheel Ideal School and College and all the government colleges.

Besides, students and teachers of different Fazil and Kamil madrasas formed human chains in different districts including Rangpur, Gazipur, Dinajpur, Naogaon and Sirajganj, said Rowshan Khan, acting registrar of Islamic Arabic University, which regulates around 1,300 madrasas across the country.

## Cafe attackers were 'suicide fighters'

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IS suicide bombers tend to sit alone at the helm of explosives-laden vehicles."

Jihadology also says suicide fighters on the battlefield function as shock troops, seeking to loosen up enemy defence. They are also dispatched in small teams to strike non-military targets.

On July 1, the gunmen attacked Holey Artisan Bakery on Gulshan Road 79 on July 1 and held diners hostage.

Before the commandoes stormed the popular hangout in Dhaka's diplomatic zone to end the siege, 20 hostages, including 17 foreigners, were brutally murdered.

IS claimed credit for the attack.

US-based Site Intelligence, which

monitors jihadi activities, later posted photos of the five youths, holding guns, saying the images were released by IS.

In the SITE post, the five were mentioned as "Dhaka attackers".

To describe the café attack, Dabiq said: "On the 27th of Ramadan, five inghimasi soldiers of the Caliphate carried out an attack on the Artisan Restaurant, which is frequented by Crusader foreigners of varying nationalities, in the city of Dhaka. The mujahidin held a number of hostages as they engaged in a gun battle with apostate Bengali police, and succeeded in killing and injuring dozens of disbelievers before attaining shahadah."

The latest issue of Dabiq, which is the 15th issue of the web publica-

tion meant for propaganda and recruitment, mentions "operation of IS" in Bangladesh over three months since late April.

In the "operation" chapter and under the heading "Bengal", the magazine, named after the town of Dabiq in northern Syria, writes that on the 15th of Rajab (April 23), the soldiers of the IS assassinated a university professor in the city of Rajshahi for "calling to atheism".

It also mentions killing of a Hindu minority tailor in Tangail, Sunil Comes in Bonpara, Hindu priest Ananta Gopal Ganguli in Jhenidah and another Hindu minority man. In most of the cases, IS labelled the targets as mushrik (polytheist) or disbeliever.

## Glimpses into 'jihadi' minds

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Sheikh Hasina.

The Daily Star has obtained the audio files of three out of the nine militants killed in the operation. The three are Jubayer Hossain, Shazad Rouf Orko and Taj ul Haq Rashid. Jubayer spoke in Bangla while Shazad and Rashid in English.

Each of them stated their names in the recordings.

Police sources said the nine also had had their group photos taken after getting ready to take on the law enforcers at Taj Manzil, also known as Jahaj Building.

They then burned all their documents and destroyed various devices in their possession. However, detectives have been able to put together some devices and recover their statements.

Shazad, 24, gave his entire statement against his family, his father Towhid Rouf and also those who "support Sheikh Hasina" and everyone who does not support Sharia Law.

He said he gave everything up for jihad and citing a holy verse to justify his action, he said, "Either you kill [us] or get killed, paradise is for us."

"You guys support Sheikh Hasina... you support democracy... that is why I am happy to call my family all murdads... all kafirs [atheists]. So repent... before it's too late so that you can be saved."

"We are getting instructions from Allah... we are going to defeat you," he said in English.

As he spoke, some kind of noise from metallic friction was heard in the background. He is then heard saying: "We are ready with our weapons right now. All the kafirs can come anytime and we are ready to kill them."

He added, "Inshallah, we are ready with weapons right now. The police and the Rab whoever it is... all the groups that come in first to attack... we are ready to kill them."

Taj ul Haq Rashid, 25, used all of his 2:20-minute recording to rationalise his jihadist actions, urging people to join his "caliphate" but did not mention anything about his family.

Termining general people "kafirs," he said: "This is just the beginning... as you have seen that war has started on your land... This is a message from your brother Taj ul Haq... may Allah accept me as a Shaheed [martyr]."

Jubayer Hossain, 20, in his recording mentioned terror group IS chief Abu Bakr Al Baghdadi as his "Khalifa" and urged him to "gouge out the eyes of those sinners who laid their eyes on true Muslims."

He also urged his parents to come to the fold of "religion," saying that he would prefer someone showing his parents the path of Islam over anything else.

Monirul Islam, chief of Counter Terrorism Unit and also additional police commissioner of Dhaka

Metropolitan Police, said that amid the raid the militants sent photos and audio-video clips to several places in the country.

Police are still investigating to whom those were sent, but Monirul thinks the masterminds will try to use these materials to brainwash new recruits.

One video clip shows that the militants are setting fire to some papers.

At this point, one of them said, "These certificates have no values whatsoever. These certificates can only serve to make [you] someone's servants."

They then invited all to come to the fold of Islam and shouted slogans in one voice: "Allahu Akbar."

Son of military equipment supplier Towhid Rouf, Shazad had a US passport. His grandfather, Abdur Rouf, was former chief of military intelligence. Shazad returned to Bangladesh in 2009 and then studied MBA at North South University while living in Bashundhara residential area.

Towhid Rouf said he filed a general diary with the Bhatara Police Station after his son had gone missing in February.

According to police, Jubayer had gone missing from Noakhali on May 25.

He was a second-year student of political science at Noakhali Government University College. After he remained missing for two months, his father Abdul Quayum filed a general diary with the Sudharam Model Thana on July 12.

Quayum told the press that his son was an activist of Islami Chharta Shibir, student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami.

Taj ul Haq Rashid was a student of electrical and electronics engineering department at North South University. He is the youngest son of Rabiul Haq from Dhanmondi. Rashid had passed O-level from Academia and A-level from Mastermind.

## Taiwan says sorry

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lifestyles, languages and cultures restricted under harsh policies of assimilation.

They remain disadvantaged compared to other Taiwanese, with higher levels of unemployment and lower average wages.

They now make up about two percent of Taiwan's more than 23 million people.

"For the past 400 years, each regime that came to Taiwan has brutally violated indigenous people's existing rights through military might and land looting," Tsai said, adding that a "simple verbal apology" was not enough.

She promised the government would give indigenous communities greater autonomy, improve their land rights and work to preserve native languages, AFP news agency reported.

## Decision-making power

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insurgency by the hill people.

Since then, PCJSS President Jyotindra Bodhipriya Lama several times alleged that the government had signed the accord apparently to disarm the hill people, not to protect their rights.

The PCJSS leaders have been demanding full implementation of the accord.

At the briefing, the cabinet secretary said the amendment would make the CHT land reform law more time-befitting.

According to the existing law, the chairman's decision is considered as the commission's decision. But the draft law proposed that no decision would be valid without approval from the majority of the commission members.

About the structure of the commis-

sion, Shafiu said a retired judge of the Supreme Court would be at its helm,

while the chairman of the CHT Regional Council or his representative, chairmen of zila parishads of three hill districts, the chiefs of three CHT Circles and the divisional commissioner of Chittagong would be members of the commission.

It would require at least three members, instead of two at present, to have a quorum for a meeting of the commission, he said.

Given the urgency of the matter, the draft law would be made effective through an ordinance, as the Jatiya Sangsad would not be in session in the next two months, he added.

Later, State Minister for CHT affairs Bir Bahadur U Shei Ching told reporters that the amendments would resolve the longstanding land disputes in the CHT.

## PM calls for

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Bhaban at Dhanmondi Road No 32 in the capital.

She said the government needs more information about the whereabouts of militants and terrorists to stamp them out from the country. "There'll be no place for militants, terrorists and killers on the soil of this country," Hasina asserted.

The PM also said there will be no room for the politics of killing, coup and conspiracy in Bangladesh. "We won't allow anyone to play any game with the fate of the country and its people," she warned.

About militancy and terrorism in the country, Hasina alleged that these are new menaces introduced by the BNP-Jamaat clique as they are anti-liberation and independence forces. "Whenever we caught anyone and dug deep, we found that those were created by anti-liberation forces Razakars and Al-Badr or their companions."

After the assassination of Bangabandhu, the Awami League chief said there was a wild drive to erase the real history of the country and its struggle for independence.

"There was an effort to make people blind about the real history of the country and there was an attempt to make people confused. Our struggle for the Liberation War, the history of the victory had been contaminated completely," she said.

Hasina mentioned that a couple of generations of the country had remained unaware of the country's real history. "After the return of Awami League to power after 21 years, the people of the country started listening to the historical speeches of Bangabandhu on radio and television channels. But, the conspiracy against the people was there and it's still there," she said.

About Bangabandhu's assassination, she said the conspirators had thought that they will be able to erase his name from the hearts of the people.

Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury and Health Minister Mohammad Nasim also spoke on the occasion.

Krishak League President Mottahar Hossain Molla chaired the programme.