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Hasnat, Tahmid sighted finally

Police say they were instigators of Gulshan café attack, court places them on remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

First, they were taken in by detectives for interrogation. Then they remained traceless for over a month. And finally yesterday they came into view when police produced them before a Dhaka court.

Police claimed that the two -- former university teacher Hasnat Karim and Canadian university student Tahmid Hasib -- "instigated" the Gulshan café attackers, and sought 10 days' remand for them.

The court granted eight days' remand for each.

Hasnat, who taught at North South University, was arrested from in front of Aarong in Gulshan around 7:25pm and Tahmid from Bashundhara Residential Area around 8:45pm on Wednesday on suspicion of having links with Gulshan attackers, police said.

The arrests were made under section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

Neither of them is accused in the case filed over the attack.

"It appeared during primary interrogation that the said accused instigated the militant attack at Holey Artisan and kitchen restaurant," reads the remand petition.

It said police needed to interrogate them "about patronising members of militant organisations, their connection with militant outfits and for arresting other terrorists".

The development comes more than a month after police initially took them for questioning, after the 12-hour siege ended on the morning of July 2.

They had remained missing since with their families worrying about their fate.

Tahmid, a student of a university in Toronto, came to Dhaka a day before the attack on July 1, when armed militants held diners and staffers

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Hasnat Karim, wearing glasses, and Tahmid Hasib, in T-shirt, being taken to a Dhaka court yesterday. Police said the duo was arrested on suspicion that they had links with the Gulshan terror attack. The court later placed them on eight-day remand each.

'He took part in RU teacher murder'

Rajshahi police say about Payel, one of Holey Artisan gunmen

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

One of the attackers of Holey Artisan Bakery was named as having links to the murder of Rajshahi University Prof AFM Rezaul Karim Siddique during an investigation over a month before the cafe attack.

Khairul Islam alias Payel, a madrasa student, of Shahjahanpur, Bogra, was codenamed Badhon when he along with seven others was preparing for the killing mission, said Inspector of Rajshahi Detective Branch Rezaus Sadik who has been investigating the murder case.

Payel first stabbed the RU English teacher, a music patron, from behind, and as he fell on the ground, others closed in and hacked him with machetes, according to

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Maiden Hajj flight reaches Saudi Arabia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hajj flights carrying Bangladeshi pilgrims from Hazrat Shahjajal International Airport to King Abdulaziz International Airport in Jeddah began yesterday morning.

In the first flight Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying 401 passengers departed the airport at around 8:10am. Civil Aviation Minister Rashed Khan Menon and Religious Affairs Minister Matiur Rahman saw off the pilgrims at the airport.

Biman was scheduled to operate three more flights - at 2:05pm, 4:45pm and 11:55pm - yesterday, general manager (public relations) of Biman Khan

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Sholakia attacker killed in 'shootout'

He was in Rab custody during the 'gun battle with militants' in Mymensingh; his 'accomplice' also killed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two "militants," including Shafiul Islam who was among the Sholakia attackers, were killed in a "gunfight" between Rab and Shafiul's associates in Mymensingh, Rab and police claimed.

Identity of the second victim could not be known immediately.

But Commanding Officer of Rab-14 Lt Col Shariful Islam claimed he was an associate of Shafiul and was among those who attacked the Rab convoy.

Three Rab members suffered splinter injuries during the encounter and they were admitted to Nandail Upazila Health Complex in Mymensingh, Rab said.

The Rab official said Shafiul, also known as Saiful, had been undergoing treatment at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) under Rab custody since he was

caught from the attack scene in Kishoreganj on the Eid day.

After doctors released him yesterday, he was being taken to Kishoreganj to be handed over to the police, he said.

They came under attack at a place in Nandail when the attackers tried to snatch away Shafiul by hurling bombs and opening fires, he claimed.

A gun battle ensued when Rab fired back, leaving the two hit by bullets, he added.

Two motorcycles, several bombs and arms as well as some ammunition were recovered from the spot.

Nandail police said the "gunfight" happened around 11:00pm near a brickfield at Dangrigoshpala area under Chandipasha union, some three to four kilometres east of Nandail upazila headquarters.

Arif Mohammad Ziauddin, emergency

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HUMILIATION OF TEACHER Police probe finds no truth!



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In the second week of May, a video clip went viral on the social media. It was a telltale evidence of how a school headmaster in Narayanganj was humiliated and made to squat holding his ears in the presence of a local lawmaker.

The incident stirred nationwide outrage and the High Court directed police on June 9 to submit by August 4 a detailed report on the incident of public humiliation of Shyamal Kanti Bhakta, headmaster of Piyar Sattar Latif High School.

After conducting a probe for nearly two

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Brazilian exoticism to highlight opening

ATIQUE ANAM from Rio de Janeiro

The football event of the Rio Olympics 2016 may have already kicked off, but the real deal starts in earnest on Friday when the opening ceremony takes place at the iconic Maracana Stadium. The most eagerly anticipated event of any sporting extravaganza, the opening ceremony is expected to draw a television audience of three billion people worldwide.

Although the details of the opening ceremony have been kept quite close to the chest, organisers have been revealing glimpses of a few key attractions as teasers regarding who will perform in the opening ceremony, which gets underway at 5:00am Saturday Bangladesh time. The ceremony will be dominated by Brazilian music and dance, with two of the South American nation's famous singers -- Gilberto Gil and Caetano Veloso -- handpicked to enchant the audience.

Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bundchen, who made an appearance at the prize giving ceremony of the FIFA World Cup at the same venue two years ago, will play the part of the famous 'girl from Ipanema'. The 35-year-old Victoria's Secret model is expected to be accompanied by 6,000 dancers from 12 Samba schools who will celebrate 'the evolution of the people of Brazil'. This section of the show will include tributes to the rainforest and will capture the spirit of the Rio Carnival, a festival held before Lent every year and considered the biggest carnival in the world.

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Rejoinder, our reply

Grey Bangladesh has sent a rejoinder to a report run by The Daily Star on June 23 under the headline "Cannes Gold Lion for Grey".

The rejoinder reads, "The article states that Grey Bangladesh teamed up with Grameen Intel Social Business Ltd. ('It teamed up with Grameen Intel Social Business, a Dhaka-based social business company, to create a cooling system consisting of used plastic bottles and a piece of cardboard that fits in any window.'). whereas, the product was designed by Grey Bangladesh, and an employee of Grameen Intel volunteered only to help install the Eco Cooler in one of the many villages."

It adds, "Secondly, the article says that as of February Eco Cooler has reached 25,000 homes, (As of February, the two organisations have ensured the cooling system in more than 25,000 households) whereas no such numbers were ever estimated as Eco

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Students stand in knee-deep floodwater in front of Nimdi Government Primary School in Bauphal upazila of Patuakhali on Wednesday. Water from the country's flood-hit northern region continued to recede yesterday and approached some places of the southern region, according to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre.

Bogra barrister, wife missing for 16 months

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A barrister from Bogra and his wife along with their 18-month-old daughter have been missing since they left Bangladesh to perform Umrah in Saudi Arabia some 16 months ago.

The three are AKM Takiur Rahman Sifat, son of Abdul Khaleque, a wealthy businessman from Kalitola area of Sadar upazila, and Sifat's wife Rijita Rayla, and their daughter Rumaisha.

The 30-year-old lawyer last contacted one of his relatives in July last year and said they were in Turkey and were alright, Khaleque told reporters at his home at Kalitola yesterday.

However, police and Sifat's relatives suspect they might have entered Syria, part of which is an Islamic State stronghold.

Khaleque said his son along with his wife and daughter used to live in the capital's Kalabagan area. They went to Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah on April 4 last year.

Everyone had advised Sifat to perform Umrah later but he said it was the right time as some of his friends were also going to do so.

His father, however, could not say who the "friends" were or whether anyone indeed went with his son and his family.

On April 13 and 14 that year, Sifat called his father over

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