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'LONE WOLF' PHENOMENON

Act of single man, threat to many

A study on how and why a Buet student murdered a fellow student

ZAYADUL AHSAN writes for The Daily Star

Declaring zero tolerance against militancy, the government has concentrated on rooting it out using law enforcement agencies.

But in the absence of any comprehensive anti-terrorism campaign, the government has not yet sufficiently focused on the phenomenon termed in the West "lone wolf" -- in which an ideologically motivated loner takes upon himself or herself to indulge in an act of terrorism.

A lone wolf is not involved with any organisation; he doesn't have contacts with militants; he has no training from groups like Islamic State or al-Qaeda.

He becomes a militant on his own and decides to attack or kill people all by himself.

Recently in the US, 29-year-old Omar

SOME ACTS OF LONE WOLVES

JULY 22, 2016
Munich shooting

JULY 18, 2016
Würzburg train attack

JULY 14, 2016
Nice truck attack

JUNE 12, 2016
Pulse nightclub shooting

NOVEMBER 4, 2015
Stabbing at University of California

Mateen single-handedly killed 49 people at a nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

Another lone wolf, a Tunisian named Mohamed Lahouaiej-Bouhlel, 31, ploughed a truck into a crowd watching Bastille Day fireworks in the French city of Nice, killing 84 and injuring 200 people.

There are radical websites that inspire people to become lone wolves following the ideologies of al-Qaeda and IS. They upload techniques to make bombs at home using kitchen utensils, and guidelines on how to determine a target and

what to do before the attack.

Since lone wolves make and execute plans all alone and contact no one before an operation -- they remain out of the radar of law enforcers.

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Abdul Kader is weaving lungi at his house in Ruhitpur of Dhaka's Keraniganj. The "lungi of Ruhitpur" was once very famous, and there were about five thousand handlooms in the area about a decade ago. The number has come down to only 10 to 15. Abdul Kader says many weavers left the profession and became rickshaw pullers or auto-rickshaw drivers, failing to compete with big factories. Kader, however, weaves four to five lungis a week and sells each for Tk 400 to 500.

PM to brief media today on Rampal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will brief the media today on the Rampal power project close to the Sundarbans amid concerns over the coal-fired plant's environmental impacts on the world's largest mangrove forest.

She would point out various aspects of the project such as environmental issues, the country's interests and the ongoing movement for the project's cancellation, said a source at the Prime Minister's Office.

This would be the PM's first official statement on the 1,320-megawatt power plant to be built by Bangladesh-India Friendship Power Company, a joint venture of Bangladesh Power Development



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From music to militancy

Engineering student turns JMB's website administrator, says Rab

RAFIUL ISLAM with DIPANKAR ROY

He had a passion for music from his childhood and loved to play guitar for his family and friends.

He also used to write down the lyrics of his favourite songs in a diary.

But things started to change four years ago when Mostafizur Rahman alias Sifat returned home in Khulna after staying in Dhaka for around eight months. Family members said he worked as a sub-assistant engineer at a private firm at the capital's Niketon in 2012. The company provides service in telecom engineering field.

The 27-year-old, who was arrested by the Rapid Action Battalion in Dhaka on August 10, had become a "dreaded militant" who was preparing to carry out suicide attacks, Rab said.

His family members said Sifat told them that he had been working as a freelancer since he returned from Dhaka. He used to stay up all night for the work.

"Sifat stopped playing guitar, started keeping a beard and spending



Mostafizur Rahman

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GULSHAN ATTACK Home minister sees political instigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday claimed that political instigation was behind the Gulshan and Sholakia attacks.

"I want to make it clear that those who are being caught [in connection with militancy] admitted that they are either Jamaat cadres or were known as Jamaat men. And they are the ones who are doing these things [militant activities]," he said.

They are not only members of Jamaat but also of banned militant outfits, said the minister.

He was talking to journalists after a discussion at Krishibid institute

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England's tour as planned

To play two Tests, three ODIs against Bangladesh in Oct

SPORTS REPORTER

It was a burning question, an issue that had been bothering Bangladesh's cricket fans for the last one-and-a-half months. Would England stick to the schedule and tour Bangladesh in October this year? Or would they follow Australia's path and postpone the series due to security concerns?

The answer arrived late on Thursday night following a meeting between England's players, officials from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and members of the security delegation which visited Dhaka to assess the situation last week.

At around 2:30am (Bangladesh time) on Friday, Andrew Strauss, the director of England cricket informed reporters after the meeting that the England tour of Bangladesh would continue as planned in October. The ECB also stated that it would continue observing the security situation in Bangladesh until their date of arrival.

"England's tour of Bangladesh will continue as planned," said Strauss.

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BNP protests govt 'move to revoke' Zia's award

STAR CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday said it would be suicidal for the Awami League government to revoke the Swadhinata Padak (Independence Award) given to BNP founder Ziaur Rahman posthumously.

Referring to media reports, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, "We along with the people are anxious and frustrated over the move ... It will be suicidal for the Awami League if the award is taken back."

There would be no time for the AL to make amends when it realises that it has made a mistake, he said during a press conference at

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People go on a weekend outing near the Hardinge bridge at Rooppur point in Pabna yesterday afternoon, as the place, usually a dry land, has been inundated following a sudden rise in water level of the Padma. Inset, a photo of the same point on July 16.

PHOTO: ANWAR ALI

Sudden rise in Padma water level

Close to danger mark

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

The Padma river in Rajshahi city is likely to cross the danger level by this evening as India has begun releasing water through the Farakka barrage in full scale.

"Water level in the Padma did not rise so high in last three or four years, but there is nothing to fear as the city protection dam is much higher than the danger level," said SM Ali Mortuza, sub-divisional engineer of Hydrological Department of Water Development Board in Rajshahi.

Moreover, water is also receding fast through the Jamuna river, which is flowing below the danger level, said Mokhesur Rahman, WDB executive engineer in the district.

Rahman claimed that the rate of increase in the water level has already been declining. He said the rise in water level was 15 centimetres in 24 hours on

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