



Traffic halts as Sramik Karmachari Peshajibi Muktiyoddha Somonnoy Parishad brings out an anti-militancy procession right in the middle of Purana Paltan intersection in the capital. People suffered immensely yesterday as city traffic became unbearable also due to student protests and movement of VIPs. The photo was taken around 2:00pm. More photos on page 5.

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## POST-TAMIM 'NEO JMB' Badly hit, not knocked out

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The elimination of top militant Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury came as a big blow to "Neo JMB" and officials now believe it will be possible to contain the activities of the terror group.

The group, however, might reorganise itself for further attacks as some key members are still at large, law enforcers said.

Police are still trying to hunt down eight to 10 members of "Neo JMB" who were involved in the deadly attacks on a Gulshan café and a police checkpoint near the Sholokia Eid congregation.

Earlier, officials had said there could be a few hundred members of the group, formed by some mainstream Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) members who did not accept the leadership of Saidur Rahman.

Apart from Tamim, eighteen other members of "Neo JMB" have been killed in law enforcers' drives or "crossfire".

Another top militant, sacked army official Syed Ziaul Haq, operation commander of Ansar al Islam, is still a major concern, said an official.

Ansar al Islam, which is said to be the Bangladesh chapter of al-Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent, had claimed responsibility for the killing of a number of secular bloggers, a publisher and an LGBT activist.



Tawsif Rabbi

## A tale of 2 militants

Tawsif returned from Malaysia with Nibras; Rabbi was missing since April

STAR REPORT

One of the two militants killed along with terror kingpin Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury has been identified as Kazi Fazle Rabbi from Jessore.

Police suspect the other militant is 24-year-old Tawsif Hossain from the capital's Dhanmondi.

Tawsif, a close friend of Nibras Islam -- one of the Gulshan café attackers -- studied at Monash University in Malaysia. Rabbi, 22, was a second-year

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## Fighting terror tops agenda

Kerry's 9-hour visit today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

In the wake of militant attacks in Bangladesh, US Secretary of State John Kerry arrives this morning to discuss the global challenge, preventing the rise of

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## Stabbed by stalker, schoolgirl Risha dies

Death sparks protest; attacker still at large

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four days after being stabbed by her stalker, Suraiya Akter Risha, a class-VIII student at Willes Little Flower School in the capital, lost the battle for her life yesterday.

She died at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) around 8:40am, her father Ramjan Ali told The Daily Star.

As the news of her death spread, a few hundred students took to the streets and



demonstrated for three hours from 10:30am, blocking the Kakrail intersection in front of the school.

Holding placards that read "We want justice for Risha", they demanded immediate arrest of the attacker.

An unidentified youth stabbed Risha on the Kakrail footbridge near her school on Wednesday noon. The incident happened when she was going home in Siddique Bazar area from the school.

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## Traffic chaos on city roads

Procession, road blocks by agitating students grind traffic to a halt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The capital suffered a traffic nightmare yesterday following student protests blocking roads, an anti-militancy procession and movements of two VIPs, according to the city police's traffic control room.

These only compounded the city's usual Sunday gridlocks. As a result, commuters had to face untold sufferings throughout the city on the first workday of the week, after a two-day weekend and the Janmashtami holiday.

Students of Willes Little Flower School and Jagannath University demonstrated blocking several streets to press home their demands, which contributed to the gridlocks.

The situation worsened when traffic had to be restricted (for sometime) to facilitate the movements of the president to the airport and the prime minister to the Osmani Memorial Auditorium, said officials at the traffic control room of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

An anti-militancy procession, led by Shipping

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