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# Fake currency makers active ahead of Eid

## 8 arrested in city

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Detectives during separate drives in the capital on Thursday arrested eight members of a gang of currency counterfeiters and seized from them fake notes of Tk 52 lakh and Indian Rs 8,000.

Police during a raid in Paltan area arrested Mohammad Saddam, 23, Barek, 25, Sumi Begum, 20, and Mohorrom Miah, 38, for possession of fake Bangladeshi and Indian currencies.

After gleaning information from the four, police later conducted another drive in Kotowali area and picked up four more -- gang leader Rezaul Karim alias Munna, 26, Abdul Kader alias Opu, 28, Latif, 25, and Fazar Ali, 29. Soheli, the fifth member of the gang, managed to flee.

Monirul Islam, additional

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Fake notes and their printing materials are on display at the DMP media centre yesterday, a day after those were seized from the capital. Money counterfeiting gangs are active ahead of Eid-ul-Azha when people spend a lot for buying cattle. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

# Be cautious about Zika

*Health minister advises pregnant women to avoid affected countries*

**STAR REPORT**

Health Minister Mohammed Nasim yesterday advised pregnant women not to travel to Zika-affected countries, including Singapore and Malaysia.

The instruction came a day after 10 Bangladeshis were reported to have been tested positive for Zika in Singapore, where 189 people have been infected until yesterday.

"The Bangladeshis infected with Zika in Singapore are fine," the minister told reporters during a visit to Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital.

He said the authorities were enquiring about Bangladeshi expatriates in the countries that have been affected by Zika.

A new study, meanwhile, said Bangladesh is one of the Asian and African countries that may be at greatest risk of local outbreaks. Other countries of the region include India, China, the Philippines, Indonesia, Nigeria, Vietnam and Pakistan.

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# GULSHAN TERROR ATTACK

## Cops hunt for militant who supplied grenades

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Sohel Mahfuz, who has been a key leader of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) for over a decade, supplied grenades used in the Gulshan café attack.

"He supplied the fruits [militants call grenades fruits] which were used in the attack," said Monirul Islam, chief of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Sohel played an important role in the Gulshan attack, he told journalists yesterday.

Monirul, also an additional commissioner of DMP, said many JMB leaders did not join "Neo JMB", but Soheli did. Hailing from Kushtia, Soheli is believed to have badly injured his left hand while making bombs.

However, the DMP official did not elaborate on when Soheli joined the new militant

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# Terror may 'sneak' in if rule of law not upheld

## Says chief justice

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

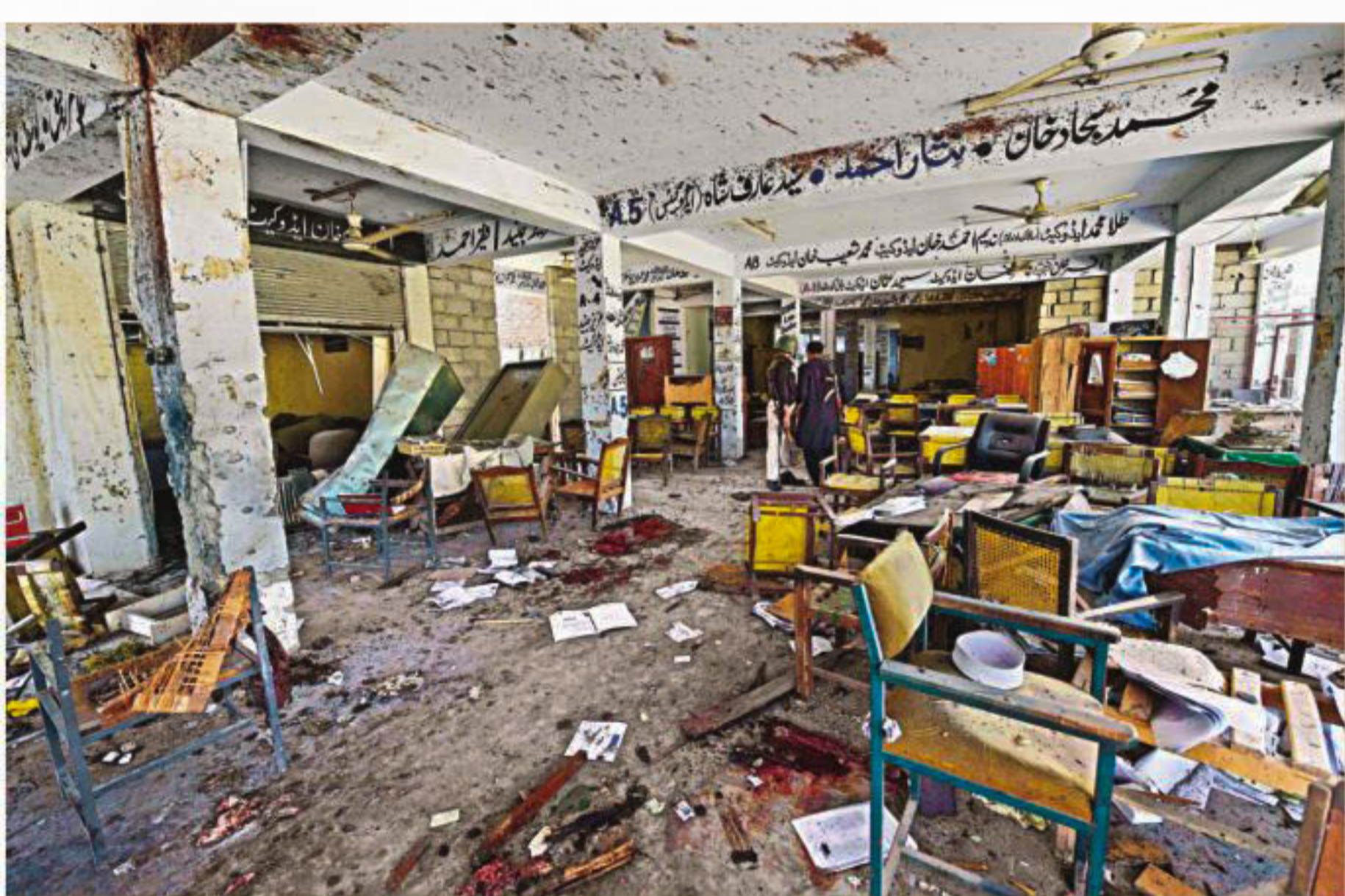
Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha yesterday said terrorism may "sneak" into a country if the rule of law is not maintained there.

"For example, due to lack of the rule of law, one of the European countries is not qualified to be member of the European Union," he said.

SK Sinha was speaking as the chief guest at the launch of Bangladesh Legal Times, a monthly law magazine, at Hotel Radisson in the capital.

"Terrorism is an instrument of the worst enemies

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Pakistani security personnel inspect the site of a suicide bomb attack at a district court in Mardan yesterday. At least 14 people were killed and 58 wounded in the incident.

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# Blasts near Pakistan court kill 14

## 58 injured; 4 suicide bombers target Christians, shot one dead; Taliban faction claims both attacks

**AGENCIES**

Two bombs killed at least 14 people and wounded dozens outside a court complex in northwest Pakistan yesterday, a rescue official said, hours after militants killed two people in a Christian neighbourhood in the same region.

Both attacks were claimed by Jamaat-ur-Ahrar, a breakaway Pakistani Taliban faction believed to be behind some of the past year's deadliest attacks, including last month's bombing of lawyers in the city of Quetta that killed 74 people.

The bomber shot his way through the main gate leading to the district court, before throwing a hand grenade and detonating his suicide vest among the morning crowds, senior police official Ejaz Khan told reporters.

Rescuers picked their way through scattered human remains and blood-stained office equipment and files to collect survivors, witnesses said.

The twin attacks in the northwest came one day after Pakistan's army touted the successes of its fight against myriad armed jihadist groups, though a spokesman acknowledged there was still a long way to go.

Nasir Khan Durrani, provincial police chief, told AFP the death toll had reached 14, with at least 58 people

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