



GULSHAN, SHOLAKIA ATTACKS

## Money came from Dubai thru' hundi

Arms brought in through India, source unknown; investigators looking for financiers, several 'Neo JMB' leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A portion of the fund for the deadly Gulshan and Sholakia attacks in July had come from a Middle Eastern country, police say.

According to an investigator, the amount was Tk 13.40 lakh and it arrived in Bangladesh from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) through Hundi, a system for transferring money without legal protection or supervision.

The sender is a sympathiser of "Neo JMB", an offshoot of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh, added the official.

Investigators believe "Neo JMB" carried

out the two attacks -- one in Gulshan's Holey Artisan Bakery on July 1 killing 20 hostages and the other near the Sholakia Eidgah on July 7 leaving two policemen, a housewife and a militant suspect dead.

At a briefing yesterday, Monirul Islam, chief of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said they are yet to identify the sender but they know who received the money from this end.

"We have his identity. We are trying to catch him. Most of the money was spent for house rent and weapons," Monirul told reporters at the DMP Media Centre.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina talking to Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi at the United Nations headquarters in New York yesterday.

## PM calls for protection of migrant rights

UNB, New York

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday stressed the need for protection and promotion of the rights of migrants and refugees.

"For harmony across our diverse societies, protection and promotion of the rights of migrants and refugees are equally essential," she said.

The PM was addressing the high-level plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants at the UN headquarters.

She observed that mutual trust and respect, shared responsibility and inclusiveness are critical to comprehensively address the migration issue.

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## Return \$15m to Bangladesh Bank

Philippines court orders the country's central bank

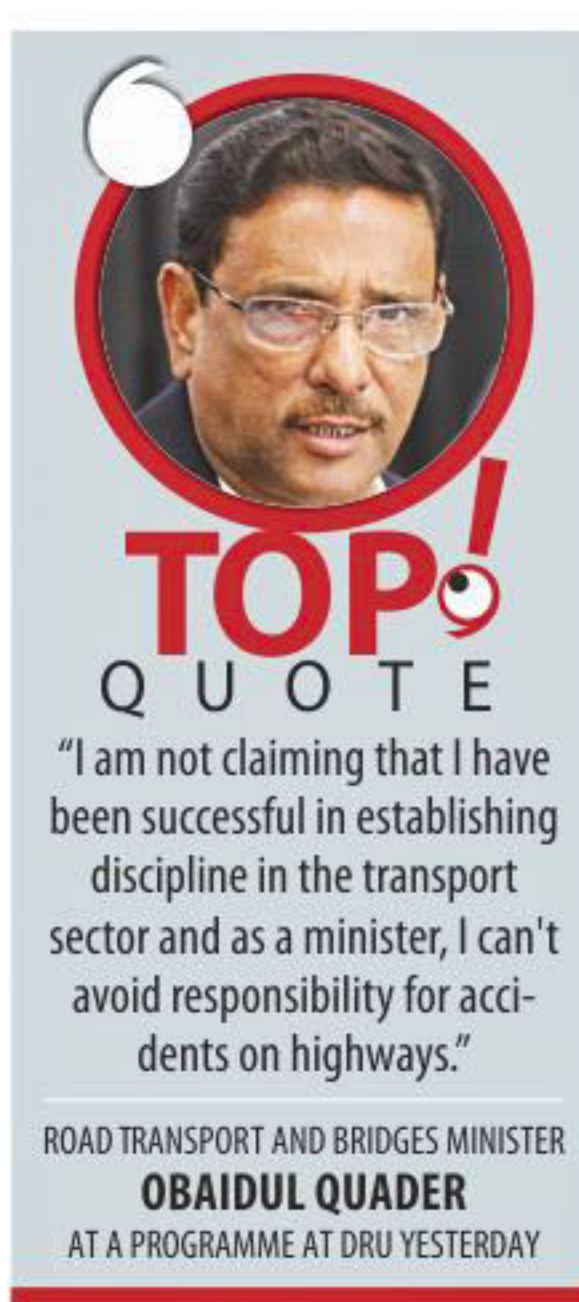
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Philippines court yesterday ordered the country's central bank to return nearly \$15 million, a part of the Bangladesh Bank's stolen fund that has been recovered, to the BB.

The court ruled that the BB is the legal owner of the funds, which were wired into the island nation's banking system by unknown hackers in February this year, BB officials said.

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), the central bank of the Philippines, will now have to comply with the court order, according to BB officials.

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## 6 MONTHS SINCE TONU MURDER Investigation sees no progress

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Criminal Investigation Department could not find any suspect in the Sohagi Jahan Tonu murder case to cross-match the DNA samples collected from the victim's clothes four months ago.

Therefore, the arrest of anyone involved in the sensational murder on March 20 has remained a far-away thing, frustrating Tonu's family.

In May when CID officials said DNA test results had found three spermatozoa on Tonu's clothes and that she had been raped before her murder, the family started hoping for justice.



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## India weighs response to Kashmir attack

Modi meets cabinet colleagues, asks for evidence to isolate Pakistan at global forums

AGENCIES

India stepped up patrols along its de facto border with Pakistan yesterday after gunmen killed 18 soldiers at a nearby army base, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration weighed its response to an attack India blames on its neighbour.

The assault, in which four commando-style gunmen burst into the brigade headquarters in Uri at 5:30 am on Sunday, was

among the deadliest in Kashmir and has sharply ratcheted up tension between the nuclear-armed rivals.

Army officials said some of the critically wounded had been flown to a hospital in New Delhi and one had died while undergoing treatment. Most of dead and wounded suffered severe burns after their tents and temporary shelters caught fire from incendiary ammunition while they were sleeping.

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