



Gunpowder, bomb and jihadi books seized from JMB men detained in Sirajganj yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

# Sirajganj JMB

FROM PAGE 16 they were holding a secret meeting, Abu Yousuf, additional superintendent of district police, claimed. They seized one kilogram of gunpowder, 10 crude bombs, a large amount of bomb-making materials and several inciting books, he said. Joynal Abedin is the designated most senior in the local body of JMB and a key organiser of Sirajganj JMB, he claimed, adding that he used the madrasa and his two sons for this purpose. "Joynal is the brother-in-law of top JMB leader Tarikul who was killed earlier this year in Sherpur of Bogra." Another son of Joynal, Raihan, was earlier detained in Bogra and remains in jail. Meanwhile, at a press conference held at the Sirajganj police superintendent's office on Tuesday SP Miraz Uddin Ahmed said the arrestees raised funds from JMB operatives in the district to run their organisation. "They collected funds from recruited JMB operatives in the name of religious activity and deposited it with Abu Bakar Siddique," the SP said. The detainees once belonged to Ahale Hadith and got involved in JMB a long time ago through Tarikul, according to police. Some 25 JMB operatives, including eight females, have been detained in Sirajganj over the last three months.

# Brangelina splits

FROM PAGE 16 "This decision was made for the health of the family," Jolie's attorney Robert Offer said in a statement circulated to US media. "She will not be commenting at this time, and asks that the family be given their privacy during this difficult time." Two of the world's biggest stars, Pitt and Jolie formed a Hollywood power couple second to none, so famous they were known simply by their combined first names. The A-listers wed in France in August two years ago, but have been a couple since 2004 and have six children together, three of whom are adopted. Jolie is seeking physical custody of the children, with visiting rights for Pitt, according to TMZ, which said she was not seeking spousal support. The couple was last seen together in public in mid July, just ahead of their second wedding anniversary. Pitt came into the public eye 25 years ago with a much-talked-about shirtless debut as eye-candy in the hit movie "Thelma and Louise" -- and went on to become a household name in Hollywood. A three-time Oscar nominee for his acting, Pitt took home a golden statuette for best picture in 2014 as a producer of "12 Years A Slave."

2014 in London. One of the world's most visible symbols in the battle against cancer, she underwent a double mastectomy and removal of her ovaries and fallopian tubes to prevent an aggressive form of the disease that killed her mother, grandmother and aunt. Jolie had been married twice before, to actors Jonny Lee Miller and Billy Bob Thornton. News of her third divorce spread quickly on social media, with #brangelina the top trending hashtag on Twitter. Many users posted memes featuring former "Friends" star Jennifer Aniston -- Pitt's previous wife -- including one of her on the phone saying: "And that, my friend, is what they call closure." "STRANGE FRIENDSHIP" Pitt, born to a middle-class family in Oklahoma, studied journalism and advertising before heading West to Hollywood where he supported himself at first with part-time jobs, including as a chauffeur, removal man and even dressing up in a chicken suit to advertise a fast-food chain. But from 1987 the work started to trickle in, with bit parts in the television series "Dallas" and "21 Jump Street" and a few low-budget movies. His position as a Hollywood golden boy was assured by his 2000 marriage to Aniston, which made them one of the hottest couples in the world. Pitt and Jolie fell in love four years later on the set of action film "Mr & Mrs Smith," although they didn't get engaged until 2012. In May 2006 Jolie gave birth to their first child, a girl named Shiloh. "Because of the film, we ended up being brought together to do all these crazy things, and I think we found this strange friendship and partnership that kind of just suddenly happened," Jolie Pitt told Vogue in 2006. Their joint fortune is estimated at over \$300 million, and they are among the highest paid stars in Hollywood. Jolie, the daughter of Oscar winner Jon Voight, made her directorial debut in 2011 with "In the Land of Blood and Honey," an unflinching drama about rape as a weapon in war-time Bosnia. Her fourth feature behind the camera, historical thriller "First They Killed My Father," is being released on Netflix later in the year.

# Lone suspect

FROM PAGE 16 people. President Barack Obama, in New York at the UN General Assembly with world leaders, called on Americans "not to succumb to fear" as presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump sparred over how best to combat terror attacks. Obama stressed that investigators saw no connection between the East Coast bombings and the Minnesota stabbings, where police said the assailant made "some references to Allah" in carrying out the attack. Ahmad Khan Rahami, 28, was initially spotted by a police officer outside a bar in Linden, New Jersey around three hours after the FBI released his mugshot and described him as "armed and dangerous." When the officer approached the suspect, he immediately whipped out a handgun and shot the officer in the torso, hitting his protective vest, said acting Union County prosecutor Grace Park. In a subsequent police shootout, Rahami was shot multiple times outside an auto repair shop, several blocks west of the bar, she said. The handgun was recovered at the scene and Rahami was taken to hospital where he underwent surgery, officials said. Neither the first officer nor a second hit in the head by a fragment of bullet suffered life-threatening injuries, the prosecutor said. Rahami was stretched into an ambulance in the town of Linden, wearing a bloodied bandage on his right arm and moving his head moments after being taken into custody. "Critical but stable," New York police commissioner James O'Neill told CBS News yesterday when asked if the suspect would likely survive. \$5.2 MILLION BAIL, WIFE IN PAKISTAN He was charged with five counts of attempted murder of a law enforcement officer and on two unlawful weapon possession counts, Park announced. A judge set bail at \$5.2 million. Little is known about a suspect, who was not on the authorities' radar before the attacks. Born in Afghanistan, he worked at his family's fried chicken restaurant in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and is a US citizen. Investigators will now focus on whether he had co-conspirators and on his motive in allegedly bombing New York's Chelsea neighborhood and detonating a pipe bomb along the route of a US Marine Corps race. Another pressure cooker device was found and defused close to the scene of the Manhattan blast, and five pipe bombs were discovered late Sunday in a trash can in Elizabeth. These were also defused.

# UN suspends Syria aid

FROM PAGE 16 Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov opened a meeting of the 23-nation International Syria Support Group (ISSG) in New York, where world leaders have gathered for the UN General Assembly. UN chief Ban Ki-moon opened the assembly debate with a call to end the fighting in Syria. "I appeal to all those with influence to end the fighting and get talks started," Ban said. Monday's strike on the aid convoy provoked outrage from UN officials, with aid chief Stephen O'Brien warning that if deliberate "it would amount to a war crime". The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said Monday night's raid destroyed at least 18 of 31 vehicles, as well as a Red Crescent warehouse in Orum al-Kubra in Syria's Aleppo province. "Much of the aid was destroyed," the IFRC said in a statement, stressing that "the attack deprives thousands of civilians of much-needed food and medical assistance." Omar Barakat, who headed the local Red Crescent branch, was wounded in the strike and later died, IFRC spokesman Benoit Carpentier told reporters in Geneva. 'DARK DAY' FOR AID WORKERS UN humanitarian agency OCHA said that the movements of all aid convoys in Syria had been suspended as an "immediate security measure" after the raid. The attack marked a "very, very dark day for humanitarians in Syria and indeed across the world," OCHA spokesman Jens Laerke said, adding that it was "paramount that we are able to establish the facts through an independent investigation." A Syrian military source denied any regime involvement, telling state media: "There is no truth to media reports that the Syrian army targeted a convoy of humanitarian aid in Aleppo province." The Russian defence ministry also said that both its forces and the Syrian air force "did not conduct any strikes against the UN aid convoy." The strike came just a few hours after the Syrian army announced the end of the truce on Monday night, accusing rebels of failing to "commit to a single element" of the US-Russia deal. Heavy fighting almost immediately resumed, with activists and AFP correspondents on the ground in Syria reporting bombardments overnight and yesterday in several areas. In the battleground city of Aleppo, air raids and artillery fire hit rebel-held districts until approximately 2:00 am, an AFP correspondent said. 'READY FOR BARREL BOMBS' Residents spent the night huddled in their apartments sharing news about the collapsing truce via text messages and heard loud intermittent booms yesterday morning. At least 39 civilians were killed in overnight bombardment of Aleppo and the surrounding province, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said, and fresh clashes erupted on the city's southern edges. In the week after the truce was declared on September 12, only 27 civilians were killed as fighting dropped significantly across the country. In the northwestern province of Idlib yesterday, activist Nayef Mustafa said planes circled over the opposition-held town of Salqin. "It's calm now, but there was machinegun fire by military aircraft overnight," Mustafa told AFP. "The ceasefire has collapsed and people are getting ready to be hit by barrel bombs." At least four air strikes hit the central rebel-held town of Talbisseh yesterday morning after artillery fire throughout the night, activist Hassaan Abu Nuh said. Kerry and Lavrov had negotiated the truce deal earlier this month, hoping to put an end to more than five years of conflict in which more than 300,000 people have been killed. Aid to desperate civilians was a key element of the deal, but deliveries were minimal during the truce and cross-border assistance never entered Syrian territory. The ceasefire was already under massive strain after a US-led coalition strike on Saturday hit a Syrian army post near the eastern city of Deir Ezzor, where government forces are battling the Islamic State jihadist group.

# HC summons

FROM PAGE 16 person for an offence under the ICT Act, but the executive magistrate sentenced the student under that law. Issuing a suo moto rule (a move the court makes on its own), the HC asked the UNO and the OC to produce relevant documents and papers on the allegation and conviction against the schoolboy before it on the same day. The HC also granted Sabbir, a student of Protima Bonki Public High School, bail and asked him to appear before it on that day with relevant papers to ascertain his age. It also asked the UNO and the OC to explain why the conviction and sentence of Sabbir under the ICT Act through a mobile court should not be declared illegal. The HC bench of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Ashish Rajgan Das came up with the order and rule following a report published in The Daily Star yesterday under the headline "Boy jailed for FB comment about MP". Supreme Court lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan had placed the report before the bench for passing necessary orders, saying that convicting and sentencing a person under the ICT Act by a mobile court on the basis of a general diary was an abuse of powers. An investigation was supposed to be launched into the allegation as a CD had been lodged against Sabbir, but the schoolboy was detained on the basis of the CD and a day later he was produced before the magistrate and was sentenced, he said. Khurshid said the victim has to file a first information report with a police station against the accused and a court would then conduct the trial proceedings. A mobile court can convict an offender on the spot during committing of an offence, but the mobile court sentenced Sabbir while he was in custody, the lawyer said. He said the UNO, who led the mobile court, has reportedly considered Sabbir to be 19 years old even though he is a ninth grader. If the schoolboy is under 18, he should have been tried in the juvenile court, Khurshid Alam added. Executive Magistrate Rafiqul Islam on Saturday sentenced Sabbir, a day after police detained the boy following the filing of a general diary by Anupam Shajahan Joy, Awami League lawmaker of Tangail-8 (Basail-Sakhipur) constituency. Sabbir was sent to Tangail district jail on Monday. Magistrate Rafiqul claimed that Sabbir wrote "abusive and humiliating words" in his message to the lawmaker's personal Facebook ID on Friday.

# Unesco calls for revised

FROM PAGE 1 The government would have to respond by October 11. Contacted, Nasrul Hamid, state minister for power, energy and mineral resources, told The Daily Star yesterday that the ministries of energy, and the forests and environment were preparing the response. "We hope we will be able to make our response ready by next week," he said. Nasrul, however, claimed that the Unesco report was largely based on the opinions of the people and groups who are against the power plant. Asked whether the government would conduct a new environment impact assessment on the Rampal project as requested by the Unesco, he said the government had not decided on the issue yet. So far, the Unesco has expressed concerns about the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest with "Outstanding Universal Value", for the third time in the last two years. The Unesco report came at a time when the Bangladesh India Friendship Power Company Ltd (BIFCL) is expected to sign a loan agreement with the Exim Bank, India and the physical work of the Rampal power plant is to start soon. Expressing concerns about the potential damage to the Sundarbans, the report said the world heritage site and its biodiversity will be dangerously affected if the thermal power plant is built there. Recently in an interview with The Daily Star, Environment and Forest Minister Anwar Hossain Manju said the Unesco expressed their concerns but specifically could not say what kind of damage it (the power plant) would cause. The government would not go for the power plant if the Unesco or some other organisation could specifically say about the harm. "An inter-ministerial committee will decide about the government position on the response to the Unesco," he said. The World Heritage Committee of the Unesco will discuss the issue in its upcoming 40th meeting due next month. Earlier in the 39 annual meeting held in 2015 in Bonn, Germany, the Unesco had requested the government to undertake a comprehensive Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in order to assess the indirect and cumulative impact from power plants and other developments in the vicinity of the Sundarbans, according to the website of the Unesco. They mentioned to include a specific assessment of potential impacts on the "Outstanding Universal Value (OUV)" of the Sundarbans. According to the Unesco, only those heritage sites have OUV that contain the most important and significant natural habitats for the situconservation of biological diversity. Expressing concerns, the Unesco in an earlier report had requested Bangladesh to provide further details on the mitigation measures taken for the power plant project considering the findings of the SEA. Since the oil spill in the Sundarbans in 2014, the Unesco has been pursuing the government to monitor the long-term impact on the biodiversity of the Sundarbans. It also urged the government to take measures to prevent such incidents in the Sundarbans areas. It was not possible to reach the minister or the secretary of the environment and forest ministry for a comment on the issue as they were abroad. However, Nurul Karim, joint secretary of the ministry, said the government received a report but declined to comment as he was not "dealing with the matter". Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of Bangladesh Environment Lawyers Association, said it was not new that the Unesco expresses concerns about the Rampal power plant. Contacted, Ishtiaq Uddin Ahmed, the country representative of IUCN Bangladesh, said no body contacted them for the advice note.

# Chinese

FROM PAGE 16 of deals but they have not been finalised yet. After the Dhaka visit, the Chinese president will leave for India to attend the BRICS Summit in Goa. On August 21, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader in Chittagong said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Chinese President Xi Jinping would jointly inaugurate the work on the tunnel beneath the Karnaphuli river on a day between October 10 and 13.

# Cop shoots

FROM PAGE 16 Tarok was attached to Rajarbagh Police Lines, police said. Hanif told journalists at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) that he heard a bang when he was waiting to get passengers at Paltan intersection. He later discovered he was wounded. A probe body, led by Additional Deputy Commissioner (Motijheel division) Tareq bin Rashid, was formed to investigate the incident. Police had taken Hanif to the DMCH around 3:50pm. He was released from the hospital later, but police took him to Rajarbagh Police Lines Hospital. Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Paltan Police Station, said even though Hanif was released from the DMCH, he was kept under observation at Rajarbagh Police Lines Hospital.

# BSF shoots

FROM PAGE 2 "All residences living in Dahagram have relatives in different areas inside India, especially in Maynaguri, and we all have to visit our relatives now and then," he said. Commanding Officer of Lalmonirhat BGB 15 Battalion Lt Col Ahmed Bazlur Rahman Hayati said a letter has been handed over to BFS during a flag meeting seeking return of the Bangladeshi national's body. BSF will return the body after post-mortem, he said.

# Billionaire's son

FROM PAGE 16 "I don't understand all the show-off posts on (social media)," read the post alongside the photos. "What's the point? Don't make me do it!" In China, an iPhone 6 costs 6,988 yuan (\$1,047), while the larger iPhone 7 Plus goes for 7,988 yuan (\$1,197). This isn't the first time Wang has doted on Coco in this fashion. In 2015, he attracted widespread outrage in China after posting photos of the dog wearing two Apple Watches with luxury bands worth upwards of \$37,000. He's part of China's fu'er dai or second-generation rich -- the sons and daughters of tycoons that are best known for flaunting their decadent lifestyles. Nicknamed "the nation's husband" for his status as China's most eligible bachelor, Wang has come under fire from state media for his outrageous displays of wealth. Last year, the official Xinhua news agency published a blistering commentary about Wang accusing him of having "stained the purity of the Chinese (people)" and warning others not to copy the "arrogant and coarse celebrity." That came after Wang created a furore by saying the only characteristic he looked for in potential girlfriends was the size of their breasts, causing Xinhua to accuse him of having "Berlusconi-style arrogance." Criticism over "buxomgate" got so strong that Wang's father appeared on state television to address the controversy, blaming his son's behaviour on "Western schooling."

# Bangladesh

FROM PAGE 1 region and beyond," she said. Hasina, who is now in New York to attend the 71st UN General Assembly, said she is deeply saddened to learn about the dastardly terrorist attack on the army base on September 18. On behalf of the government and the people of Bangladesh, the PM has extended her sincere condolences to those who lost their precious lives and conveyed sympathy to their bereaved families. Hasina also prayed for early recovery of the injured personnel of the valiant armed forces of India.

# Five suspects

FROM PAGE 2 Asanullah, 23, of Boila Tarapasha in Kishoreganj Sadar upazila; and Tara Miah, 58, of Raipura upazila in Narsingdi. On Eid-ul-Fitr day on July 7, two police constables were killed while a dozen others, including six cops, were injured as seven to eight militants armed with explosives, machetes and firearms battled with law enforcers for more than an hour. A woman and a suspected attacker also died during the fight which ensued when the attackers tried to cross a police checkpoint near a school in an attempt to reach the Sholakia Eidgah.

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