



Clouds cover the mountains of Petion Ville in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince on Monday. Hurricane Matthew left one person dead and another missing in Haiti as it churned through the Caribbean as the worst storm in nearly a decade. PHOTO: AFP

# Khadiza fighting for life

FROM PAGE 1  
similar claims.

It claimed that Badrul was a teacher at a school in Sunamganj and that a job service holder cannot be a member of the organisation.

A Facebook profile that appears to be of Badrul's, however, tells a different story.

It shows Badrul purportedly mentioning himself as the senior assistant secretary of the Sust BCL.

On September 12, Badrul purportedly uploaded a picture of what seems to be an Eid greetings pamphlet featuring a collage of pictures of himself along with three central leaders of BCL.

Wishing not to be named, several activists of the BCL unit said Badrul was indeed holding the post.

Following the attack, Khadiza was initially admitted to Sylhet Osmani Medical College where she had undergone a surgery.

The gruesome attack was carried out on the campus of Murari Chand College (MC College) where the victim had gone to take part in one of her examinations.

A part of the attack was filmed by presumably a bystander with a mobile phone. The clip went viral.

In the clip, a youth is seen repeatedly hacking a girl lying on the ground. There were some bystanders but no one seemed to have intervened.

sioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police.

In the case, Kuddus said, "As he started to harass my niece, we told him to leave our house. Although he left the house, he kept stalking Khadiza on her way to college."

Khadiza's family then contacted Badrul's parents and informed them of the matter.

But instead of stopping him, his parents "tried to encourage" Badrul to continue with his activities, said the case statement.

The statement also said Khadiza came under attack when she was returning home after one of her second-year examinations at the MC College.

Badrul ambushed her when she was going past a pond on her way home. Khadiza's classmates tried to save her but they had to run away on being threatened by Badrul, added the statement.

Later, the students along with locals caught and beat Badrul up and handed him over to police.

Meanwhile, students and locals blocked the Sylhet-Tamabil highway for one hour from 11:00pm, demanding justice for Khadiza.

## 10 civilians killed in Yemen rocket attack

AFP, Geneva

At least 10 civilians were killed Monday, including six children, when an artillery shell hit a busy street near a popular market in Tazeh in southern Yemen, the UN said yesterday.

The United Nations rights office also said 17 people, including six more children and three women, were injured in the attack on Monday evening in the Bir Basha area of Tazeh, allegedly carried out by affiliates of the Huthi rebels.

Military and medical sources had previously put the civilian toll from the attack at six dead and eight wounded.

UN rights office spokesman Rupert Colville cited witnesses saying that "the street where the market was located was crowded with people at the time of the attack."

# ATTACK ON NAVY MOSQUE 2 suspects on fresh remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday placed two accused on a one-day fresh remand in a case filed in connection with grenade attacks at two mosques inside Bangladesh Navy's Issa Khan Base in Chittagong during Juma prayers on December 18 last year.

Police submitted a petition with the court, seeking a 10-day remand for each of the two accused -- Issa Khan Base's former ball-pickers Abdul Mannan and Ramjan Ali.

After hearing the petition, Chittagong Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Abdul Kader granted a one-day remand for each of them, said court sources.

During the hearing, Kazi Shahabuddin Ahmed, assistant commissioner (prosecution) of Chittagong

Metropolitan Police, claimed before the court that the two accused were involved with militant activities and said Counter Terrorism Unit of police wanted to interrogate them to collect important information about their activities.

Earlier, police had quizzed the accused for six days during their two-term remand, the police officer told the court.

At that time, the court asked Shahabuddin then why they sought more remand for the two.

In reply, the police official told the court that police gleaned important information from the accused, but this time Counter Terrorism Unit of police wanted to verify that information.

On December 18 last year, at least 24 people, mostly civilians, were injured in two incidents of explosions

at two mosques inside Bangladesh Navy's Issa Khan Base.

Commander Abu Sayeed, naval provost marshal of Chittagong, filed a case with EPZ Police Station in this connection on September 3 under the anti-terrorism act, accusing ball-pickers Mannan, Ramjan, Bablu Rahman and navy's former member Sakhawat Hossain and some unnamed others.

Of the accused, Mannan and Ramjan are now in jail and the rest are absconding.

According to the First Information Report (FIR) of the case, Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) Chittagong region chief coordinator Raisul Islam Khan Noman alias Fardin alias Nasif coordinated the attacks. Fardin was reportedly killed on April 3 in Bogra while making bombs.

## Bangladeshi

FROM PAGE 16

The affidavit alleges that from September 28, 2015 to early 2016, Das used social media to express his support for ISIS, including support for terrorist attacks in Paris, France, and San Bernardino, California.

On October 26, 2015, Das tweeted the name of an individual and the city where they lived, stating that the individual "aspires to kill Muslims".

Das knew that the individual hoped to become a member of the US military.

The ISIS members and supporters have posted identifying information about US military personnel in hopes that those inspired by the Islamic State would carry out attacks against them.

The affidavit alleges that Das was advertising the individual's identity and whereabouts in order to inspire violence against that individual.

On January 30, 2016, Das tweeted a picture of an AK-47 assault rifle along with the text, "This is more than just a gun. This is a ticket to Jannah (paradise)."

According to the affidavit, on April 30 Das attended the Handgun Qualification License class at a firing range in Maryland.

After the class, Das told another individual that he wanted to buy a Glock 9mm handgun and an AK-47.

Over the next five months, Das returned to the firing range to practice firing weapons, and submitted his fingerprints to obtain a handgun permit.

During May 2016, Das met a confidential human source (CHS) working for the FBI.

On July 23, Das told the CHS that he wanted to kill a particular military member who lived in Prince George's County, Maryland, and whose identifying information Das had obtained the prior year from a list posted online by

## 6,000 rescued

FROM PAGE 16

According to the International Organisation for Migration, around 132,000 migrants have arrived in Italy since the beginning of the year, and 3,054 have died in their attempts.

## 4 'activists'

FROM PAGE 16

the local associates of the arrestees, he added.

Both Moniruzzaman, who is Hizb-ut's ameer in Netrakona, and his wife, Sumaiya, are accused in two cases filed under the Anti-terrorism Act. Another case was filed against Moniruzzaman for possession of drugs, Akanda also said.

SI Anwar said during initial investigation the arrestees admitted to be members of Hizb-ut Tawhid and they confessed to have been staying in Netrakona for the last six months to gear up activities of the organization.

Police would investigate whether they had been involved in any terrorist activities, Anwar also said.

A Netrakona court sent all four to jail after police produced them before it, showing arrested under Section 54.

## Wasabi

FROM PAGE 16

It was not immediately clear how many incidents there had been.

"Because many of our overseas customers frequently order extra amounts of pickled ginger and wasabi, we gave them more without checking first," the chain's operator said.

"The result was unpleasant for some guests who aren't fans of wasabi."

The story was picked up by national media which pointed to comments online complaining of so-called "wasabi terrorism" -- and racism.

"That is no apology; it's an excuse. What they did was a hate crime," @sakeuchi317 wrote on Twitter.

# Forget Saarc, think of Bimstec

FROM PAGE 1

The organisation also suggested trilateral sub-regional cooperation among Bangladesh-India-Myanmar for moving forward with massive development.

Despite many efforts by the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc), the three-decade old regional forum could not be made effective due to hindrance from Pakistan, ORF's distinguished fellow Pinak R Chakravarty told a group of visiting Bangladeshi journalists on Monday. The newsmen are in the Indian capital on an invitation of the external affairs ministry.

He called upon the Bangladesh government to concentrate very carefully on Bimstec. "I think East could be more relevant for Bangladesh."

"Forget the Saarc at least for the time being," said the former Indian high commissioner in Dhaka, adding that Saarc members Afghanistan and the Maldives would be made observers of the Bimstec. "So, you will really have [Bimstec like] Saarc minus Pakistan plus Thailand and Myanmar."

The ORF was trying to make the Bimstec more active for regional cooperation as Pakistan wants to use Saarc as leverage for their purpose, Pinak added.

His remarks came amid postponement of the 19th Saarc Summit, which was scheduled for November in Islamabad, after most of its members, including Bangladesh, refused to join.

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, the Maldives,

and Sri Lanka are members of the Saarc, while the Bimstec is composed of Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan.

The former diplomat said connectivity in the region could be a good gesture among the three states. "We have settled maritime boundary and Bangladesh-Myanmar and India could work in a tri-lateral way to explore energy in the Bay of Bengal. We can share our resources to explore energy and all the three countries would be benefited."

Bangladesh-India-Myanmar can expand a pipeline to share petroleum resources, he observed.

Noting that terrorism is a problem in the region, he said Bangladesh and India will have to set up better structure to fight the menace.

# Morning commute turns nightmare

FROM PAGE 16

Jahedul said he got off the bus and headed towards his destination on foot.

Soumen, who lives at a mess in Adabor, said he started for his sister's house in Jhigatola on a rickshaw. "But I had to leave the rickshaw near Dhanmondi-15 due to severe traffic jam," he said.

Traffic Sergeant Asadur in Farmgate said the gridlock was caused by the road blockade by the students of

Home Economics College.

In an effort to ease the city's nagging traffic congestion, the government in 2010 divided the capital into seven zones and fixed separate weekly holidays for shops, shopping arcades and other commercial establishments.

Of the seven, the zone-4 includes Karwan Bazar, Kathalbagan, Hatirpul, Manik Mia Avenue, Rajabazar, Indira Road, Monipuripara, Tejturibazar, Tejkunipara, Farmgate, a section of

Tejgaon, Nilkhet, Kataban, Elephant Road, Kalabagan, Sukrabad, Sobhanbagh, New Elephant Road, Dhanmondi, Hazaribagh, Jigatala, Pilkhana, Rayerbazar and a part of Lalmatia.

Congestion in the areas is usually less on Tuesdays compared to that of other days and residents can move more comfortably. But the picture was different yesterday as the roads were clogged with vehicles.

## Five railway

FROM PAGE 16

reading out the charges before the accused, who are now on bail. They however pleaded not guilty and demanded justice.

The court fixed October 18 for starting trial of the case.

On December 26, 2014, Jihad died after falling through a 17-inch-diameter abandoned shaft near his house at Bangladesh Railway Colony in Shahjahanpur while playing with friends. His body was pulled out by a band of indomitable volunteers the next day, around 15 minutes after the fire service had called off a nearly 23-hour search.

On April 17, 2015, Shahjahanpur police Sub-inspector Abu Zafar pressed charges against Jahangir and Salam over the death. But on June 4 last year, the victim's father filed a no-confidence (Naraji) petition against the investigation into the incident.

The court later ordered for further investigation. As per the order, detectives on May 31 again pressed charges, this time against the six.

# Obama, DiCaprio talk about climate change

AFP, Washington

Hollywood star Leonardo DiCaprio and US President Barack Obama joined forces Monday night on the White House lawn, calling for a strong and rapid mobilization to curb rising worldwide temperatures.

"We are really in a race against time" said the US president, who has made the fight against global warming a priority of his two-term administration.

Obama's appearance with DiCaprio, who visited the White House to screen a new documentary, occurred as the Paris agreement on climate change is soon to come into force.

Nearly a decade after his first environmental documentary "The 11th Hour" hit screens, the actor and producer, who won an Oscar earlier this year for his role in "The Revenant," screened his new climate change flick "Before the Flood," which includes

cameos by Obama and Pope Francis.

The meeting between Obama and DiCaprio took place as part of a festival on the White House lawn titled South by South Lawn, which is meant to celebrate creativity and innovation and is modeled after the tech, movie and music conference South by Southwest, which is held every year in Austin, Texas.

"Urgent action must be taken," said DiCaprio, a vocal Democrat, before turning his sights on the US presidential election on November 8.

"If you do not believe in climate change, you do not believe in facts or in science... and therefore in my humble opinion you should not be allowed to be in public office" he said.

The reference was a thinly veiled allusion to Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, who has openly questioned the existence of global warming and the impact human activities have on it.

# Arrests of terrorists help

FROM PAGE 16

we seek to arrest or otherwise detain perpetrators of terrorist attacks. Because that is the best way to win and get information on other members of the network," said a senior US official on Tuesday.

In an interview with UNB at the US Embassy, visiting US Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Robert Berschinski said the US seeks to 'deepen collaboration' on counterterrorism, among other things, with Bangladeshi law enforcement agencies.

Responding to a question, Berschinski said the best way to counter extremists is to have close ties among people and police and other security services that support them.

Asked how Bangladesh can deal with homegrown terrorists while keeping important issues of relating to human rights in mind, he summarised his answer saying, "But in the context of counterterrorism, it's counterproductive."

The US official said terrorism and violent extremism is a problem that affects all around the world and there were attacks in the US and attacks across the Europe. "This is a problem that countries around the world are facing together. I think we can learn from each other," he said.

Asked what lessons Bangladesh can learn from the US, Berschinski said the US, he thinks, has some lessons to share but other countries have lessons to share, as well.

"That is part of the reasons why a strong dialogue with Bangladesh is so important. I think we have things to learn from people and the government of Bangladesh, as well," he added.

The US official, however, did not make any comment on US drone strikes in Afghanistan and Syria.

terms of both safety of workers and their ability to freely associate with one another.

"So making progress in the RMG industry is going to have positive impact in other industries," he said adding that they are proud partner of Bangladesh's various gains and they want to be a stronger partner of Bangladesh.

**FUTURE ELECTIONS**

Responding to a question on the 2019 general election in Bangladesh, the US official said they hope there will be an environment so that all "peaceful political parties" feel comfortable to come to the table and engage in electoral process and giving people of Bangladesh a true range of choices.

He also said a free and fair election is essential to make sure that all voices can be heard and all can express differences peacefully.

Speaking generally on recommended guides for electoral commission (Election Commission) Berschinski said the message from the US is global as they convey the same message to other countries.

He referred to creating a level-playing field for all political parties and creating an environment where all voices can be heard and all can express their views freely.

US Deputy Assistant Secretary Bangladesh is a strong and important country because it values what the US share - respect for democracy and tolerance.

Berschinski is her on a four-day visit and he also attended the fifth round of Bangladesh-US security dialogue held in October 2 here.

He will also meet opposition political leaders and members of the civil society during his stay in Dhaka.

## Political leaders, PM

FROM PAGE 2

Rahman, has been honoured with 27 awards till now.

Taking part in the discussion on the motion, lawmakers from the treasury, opposition benches and independent members said Bangladesh under the leadership of Hasina is moving forward to empower women and become a middle-income country by 2021.

The lawmakers said the PM received the "Planet 50-50 Champion" and "Agent of Change Award" this year, which she dedicated to the people of the country.

They said Hasina has brightened the image of Bangladesh in the international arena by winning the awards for empowering women in the country at every sector.

## Four die

FROM PAGE 2

A total of four families lived in the tin-roofed building as tenants, said locals.

Fire service with the help of the army, police and locals were conducting search and rescue operation till filing of this report at 10:00pm.