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ANTI-TERROR RAIDS BY POLICE-RAB Tamim's 'stand-in' among 11 killed

STAR REPORT

In a massive anti-militancy crackdown, 11 suspected militants were killed in Gazipur and Tangail yesterday.

Seven of them were killed at Noagaon Patartek in Harinal area under Gazipur City Corporation in a drive codenamed "Operation Spate 8".

They include Faridul Islam Akash, who allegedly had been trying to reorganise "Neo JMB" after the death of its coordinator Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury on August 27, officials say.

DMP's Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) unit with its bomb disposal unit and SWAT team and Gazipur police conducted the raid from 10:00am to 3:30pm on the first floor of a two-storey building.

Two other suspected militants were killed as members of Rapid Action Battalion conducted a separate drive from around 8:00am to 10:30am at a house in Lebu Bagan, just half a kilometre off Patartek.

Based on the tenants' information submitted to police by the houseowner, Rab is suspecting that the two were Rashed Mian and Touhidul Islam from Narsingdi. It will verify if the information is authentic.

Rab members launched another drive in Kagmara area of Tangail town, leaving two other suspected militants dead.

Based on two national ID cards found on the spot, Rab officials said the two were Atiqur Rahman, 20, son of Latifur Rahman, and Sagor Hossain, 25, son of Junaid Hossain. Both were from Charchat, Rajshahi.

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Law enforcers standing on a wall as they surround an alleged militants' den in Harinal Patartek of Gazipur. The siege left seven suspects dead yesterday. Inset, another building in Tangail the law enforcers raided yesterday. Two people were killed during this operation.

PHOTO: STAR

Top Neo JMB financier dies during drive: Rab

A CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A top "Neo JMB" financier died after he jumped off a five-storey building to flee during a raid by Rapid Action Battalion in Savar's Ashulia yesterday, said the elite force.

Rab identified him as Nazmul Haque alias Abdur Rahman alias Babu alias Moynul.

Nazmul's wife Shanaz alias Ruma, their two sons and a daughter were detained, Mufti Mahmud Khan, director of the force's legal and media wing, told reporters near the building following the drive.

Acting on a tip-off, a Rab-4 team cordoned off the building, owned by one Amir Mridha, in Ashulia's Gazirchat area of Savar on the outskirts of the capital around 6:00pm.

Sensing Rab's presence, Nazmul cut the window grills of his rented flat on the

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Out in the cold, again

Speech-impaired woman starts her homeless life, this time with a newborn baby

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

Three friends came out of a Rajshahi University (RU) dormitory and went to a nearby railway station to have tea around 12:30am yesterday.

Moments later, they heard someone crying in pain. When they looked around, they saw something inside the passenger's waiting room that gave them goose bumps.

A woman was groaning on a filthy jute sack on the dirty floor. Next to her, a newborn baby boy was lying on a dirty rag. There was blood everywhere and the umbilical cord had not been cut yet.

"At first, we could not decide what to do. But a woman who lives at the station came to our rescue," said Rafiqul Islam, one of the three youths, who is doing his master's in

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Three friends with the homeless woman they helped when she was giving birth to a child in the waiting room of Rajshahi University Railway Station. The man in front is an unknown local.

PHOTO: STAR



"He's so blatantly stupid. He's a punk, he's a dog, he's a pig [...] a mutt who [...] doesn't do his homework, doesn't care. He's an idiot. Colin Powell said it best: He's a national disaster. He's an embarrassment to this country."

ROBERT DE NIRO ABOUT DONALD TRUMP

Wasa drowning in overtime bills

About 3,500 staff drew double their basic salaries in last fiscal year

HELEMUL ALAM

Almost all of the 3,500 lower tier employees of Dhaka Wasa drew more than twice the amount of their basic salaries as overtime in the last fiscal year, according to Wasa insiders.

In 2015-16, they drew Tk 56 crore as overtime while their basic wage was Tk 27 crore.

With the new pay scale effective from July this year, the amount of such overtime payments might hit Tk 80 to 90 crore, which would throw the Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority's financial discipline into disarray, they feared.

Only the lower tier employees like pump and filter operators, their assistants, and drivers can charge overtime. Some 400 Wasa officers are not entitled to overtime, Wasa sources said.

Recent media reports on Wasa's financial indiscipline prompted the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to issue a letter to the Local Government Division (LGD) in August, asking it to submit information about the Wasa overtime bills within 10 working days, said an LGD official.

On August 22, the LGD issued a letter to Wasa, asking it to submit a report on the overtime expenditure.

Six days later, Wasa Managing Director Taqsem A Khan informed the LGD that they were looking into the matter. He added that they had sought explanations from the employees who submitted excess overtime bills.

But the Wasa MD could not immediately say how his institution had sanctioned such fat overtime payments for months, and whether they had, at all, tried to prevent it.

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Do-or-die for Tigers

Second ODI against England today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh will take the field in the second one day international against England today in a desperate attempt to avoid a series defeat at home for the first time in over a year.

They can only blame themselves for losing the first game by 21 runs on Friday, courtesy of a stunning collapse that saw six wickets falling for 17 runs and the home side has more things to correct than just confronting a visiting England team that looks to have adjusted quite well with unfamiliar conditions.

Skipper Mahsrafe Bin

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