

# GUNFIGHT WITH JOINT FORCES UPDF member killed in Khagrachhari Says ISPR

STAR REPORT

An armed member of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) was killed in a gunfight with a team of joint forces in Khagrachhari Sadar upazila yesterday evening, ISPR said.

However, the identity of the victim could not be known immediately.

Lt Col Mohammad Rashidul Hasan, director of ISPR, told The Daily Star that the forces came to know that some 15-20 armed members of UPDF were in a secret meeting with their party chief at Kutukchhari.

They were planning to commit subversive activities in different areas. After the meeting, they returned to their den, the ISPR said in a statement.

A team of the forces went to Datcupia and Bhuachhari areas around 6:00pm, found the den and surrounded it, the statement added.

Sensing the presence of the forces members, the criminals opened fire. The joint forces then returned fire, triggering the gunfight.

During the gunfight, a member of the UPDF was killed, who was in a military uniform. The others managed to flee, the statement said.

The forces recovered a Chinese submachine gun with 49 bullets and a magazine from the spot.

They also recovered a G3 rifle with 19 bullets and a magazine, a walkie-talkie, a mobile phone and a bag belonging to the criminals, the statement added.

The forces cordoned off the area and were carrying out a combing operation till filing of this report around 1:00am.

## Now Clinton

and everything that came out on 'Access Hollywood,' you know, he was really all wrought up, and you could just sense how much anger he had," Clinton said, referring to a video leaked last week showing Trump making lewd comments about women.

"And so he was really trying to dominate and then literally stalk me around the stage and I would just feel this presence behind me."

Trump rejected criticism about his debate performance at a rally on Monday.

"So I'm standing at my podium by my chair. She walks across the room. She's standing in front of me, right next to me," he said.

"And the next day I said what did the papers say? They said, 'he invaded her space.'"

"Believe me," he added, "The last space that I want to invade is her space."

Last week's video showed Trump boasting in 2005 of groping women with impunity because he was famous, sending the White House race into unprecedented levels of vulgarity.

Since then, at least six women have accused him of making unwanted physical advances, most of them after Trump asserted in Sunday's debate that he had never sexually assaulted a woman.

During her interview, Clinton praised First Lady Michelle Obama for blasting the Republican nominee in a powerful tirade on Thursday.

"The speech that she gave, I think, put into words what so many people are feeling," Clinton said. "And not just women and girls. Men and boys."

## Kachchi Biriyani

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dinner menu. Poached giant king prawn and cream of mushroom soup were served to the guests as starters while smoked eel fish on crispy salad bed with a drizzle of light oyster sauce was there as entrée.

Chicken tikka, kachchi biriyani with shami kabab served with minted house sauce and poppadom; szechuan style shredded beef with onions, capsicum and mixed vegetables and plain rice were served to guests as main dishes.

The high-profile guests got traditional malai chop, seasonal fresh fruits and petit fours as dessert.

Prior to the dinner, a cultural programme was organised in honour of Xi Jinping at the Drabali Hall, with artistes from Shilpkala Academy performing there.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, former president HM Ershad and entourage members of the Chinese president, among others, attended the dinner.

Earlier, Xi had a meeting with Hamid at the Cabinet Hall of the presidential palace. The Chinese leader signed the Visitor's Book at the Bangabhaban.

## 13 companies to invest

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Ministry of Youth and Sports and state-owned Bangladesh Power Development Board.

On the Chinese side, around eight are state-owned and the rest are from the private sector, Xiao said at a media briefing after the signing ceremony at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka.

Under one of the agreements, a Chinese construction company will build a cricket stadium at Cox's Bazar while Beximco and Meghna signed deals for power generation.

"The 13 agreements are different from the other agreements signed in the last two days before and during the visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping in Bangladesh," Xiao said after a forum meeting among the Bangladeshi and Chinese businessmen.

The companies did not reveal the details of their investment plans yet, he said. Seven Chinese state-owned companies signed investment and import agreements worth \$186 million with 13 Bangladeshi companies on Thursday, aiming to boost bilateral trade.

Before the signing of the agreements, Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed at the Bangladesh-China Business Forum held at Sonargaon Hotel demanded duty-free facility for all Bangladeshi products exported to China.

Currently, Bangladesh enjoys duty benefit on export of 5,054 products to China under bilateral agreement. Besides, under the WTO rules, Bangladesh as a least developed country (LDC) enjoys duty benefit on export of 97 percent Bangladeshi-originated products to China.

"Had the Free Trade Agreement been in place between the two countries, both the partners would have benefited," the minister said.

"We have decided to award a special economic zone for Chinese investors at Chittagong to attract more Chinese investment in the country."

The minister also said the exports from Bangladesh to China will reach \$2 billion in next three to four years as Bangladesh exported goods worth \$808.14 million in fiscal year 2015-16.

In the last fiscal year, Bangladesh imported goods worth \$9.64 billion from China, the largest trading partner of Bangladesh.

Tofail said Bangladesh's investment policy for foreigners is very flexible and the investment is legally protected. So, the Chinese investors can invest in Bangladesh.

Regarding the widely discussed Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar economic corridor, the minister said once the agreement on this is fully operationalised, all the participating

countries would be benefited in carrying goods.

"We believe that more Chinese investment will come to Bangladesh once the special economic zone for Chinese investors is set up," said Chen Zhou, vice-chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT).

Bangladesh would also be immensely benefited from the Chinese investment in the special zone because of the employment generation from such initiative, he said. He suggested Bangladesh transform and upgrade its products for higher growth of exports to China.

It is a matter of encouragement that Bangladesh joined the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank from which Bangladesh would be immensely benefited, he said.

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and CCPIT jointly organised the forum meeting.

FBCCI President Abdul Matlub

Ahmad sought Chinese investment in agro-processed goods, leather and leather goods, ICT products, frozen foods, jute and jute goods, pharmaceuticals and shipbuilding sectors.

"If we look at infrastructure, multimodal transport, ports, and connectivity are being developed, many of which are progressing with the support from China," Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed said.

Moreover, several investment agreements were signed between Bangladeshi and Chinese companies at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) yesterday.

**Attacker in clown mask stabs man in Sweden**

APP, Stockholm

A man in Sweden has been stabbed by an attacker wearing a clown mask, police said yesterday, as a wave of hysteria about sightings of "creepy" or "killer" clowns sweeps the United States and European nations.

"A man born in 1997 was stabbed in the shoulder by an unknown person who ran away," police in Halland county in southern Sweden said on their website.

The incident late on Thursday came after two people in clown costumes threatened to kill a woman in the centre of Sweden on Wednesday.

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## Tutul

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writers' association and freedom of expression charity, in memory of Nobel Laureate playwright Harold Pinter. The prize is awarded every year to a writer of outstanding literary merit.

The prize is shared with an international writer of courage who has been persecuted for speaking out about their beliefs, according to English PEN website.

On October 31 last year, militants hacked Faisal Arefin Dipan of Jagriti Prokashani to death and critically injured Ahmed Rashid Tutul, publisher of Shuddhashar, in Dhaka in two separate incidents.

Tutul and two bloggers Ranadipam Basu and Tareque Rahim came under machete attacks on the same day. Ansar Al Islam (AQIS Bangladesh) claimed responsibility for the twin incidents.

Shuddhashar, which won Shahid Munir Chowdhury award by the Bangla Academy in 2013, published many young and free-thinking writers. Tutul's writings were also published in numerous newspapers, magazine, and blogs.

Following the attack, Tutul went to Norway early this year and is living there as one of the International Cities of Refuge Network's guest writers, where he is continuing to write poetry and hopes to start an online magazine, according to English PEN.

Addressing the awards ceremony at the British Library, Tutul called on his critics to counter his views in writing, rather than with violence.

"There is a strong effort in Bangladesh to turn the wheels of civilisation backwards and repeat the events and lies of a barbaric era – but we cannot allow this initiative to go unchallenged.

"We are challenging this process through rational thinking and through our writing. Anyone who wishes to counter them can do so through their writing. But please do not issue fatwas to have me, to have us, killed. Do not dispatch undercover assassins with knives and guns."

Tutul said somehow he survived the attack, but the joy of unexpected survival fades when he remembers the killings of the secular bloggers and free thinkers in Bangladesh, and those living in "total insecurity".

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## South Asian tensions

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situation, and obviously terrorism is a very important part of that," Amar Sinha, the Indian foreign ministry official responsible for the BRICS file, told a pre-summit briefing.

### NOT JUST A "JOLLY PARTNER"

Where Modi and Xi may see eye to eye, at least privately, is in a shared desire for Islamabad to restrain Islamist militants who, in Beijing's view, pose a threat to China's plans to build a \$46 billion trade corridor that runs through Pakistan to the Arabian Sea.

"Contrary to the public messaging in Islamabad, China is not the perpetual jolly partner when it comes to its relations with Pakistan," said Michael Kugelman, a senior program associate at the Wilson Center in Washington who focuses on South Asia.

"With China's investments and economic assets growing in Pakistan, it's only natural that it would worry. All militants, whether 'good' or 'bad' as characterised by Pakistan, threaten stability and by

extension China's economic interests."

In addition to launching what it described as cross-border "surgical strikes" against suspected militants in Pakistan, in response to a Sept 18 attack on an army base that killed 19 Indian soldiers, New Delhi has mounted a diplomatic offensive to isolate Islamabad.

Pakistan has denied any part in the attack on the Uri army base, near the de facto border that runs through the disputed territory of Kashmir. It also denies any "surgical strikes" took place, saying there was only border firing that is relatively common along the frontier.

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Meeting sources said Khaleda, at one point of the meeting, told Xi that her party continued "its fight to restore democracy" in Bangladesh in the face of "oppression from the government".

Without giving a direct reply, the Chinese president said they want to see a peaceful Bangladesh and a peaceful world. He focused mostly on China's "One belt, One road" initiative, which he said would play a vital role in the development of this region, the sources added.

BNP standing committee members Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Mahbubur Rahman and Nazrul Islam Khan, chairperson's advisers Reaz Rahman and Sabihuddin Ahmed were present at the meeting.

### MEETING WITH SPEAKER

During a meeting with Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Xi stressed that the parliamentary bodies of China and Bangladesh should enhance exchanges and dialogues, reports Xinhua.

Noting that cooperation between the two countries' parliamentary bodies is a significant component of China-Bangladesh ties, Xi said China appreciates the great importance the Bangladeshi National Assembly attaches to developing bilateral ties.

He urged the two countries' parliamentary bodies to strengthen communication, increase public support for improving political mutual trust and aligning development strategies and provide a sound legal guarantee for the two countries' political, economic and trade cooperation as well as people-to-people exchanges.

Speaker Shirin Sharmin hailed Xi's state visit as a milestone in the development of bilateral relations, saying that she believes it will bring bilateral ties to a new height.

## Putin's secret

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The decoys, made of material rather than rubber, are designed to appear lifelike from as close as 300 yards, yet be able to vanish in minutes.

The inflatable T-80 tank, one of the company's standard products, weighs 154 pounds, costs about \$16,000, and is delivered in two duffel bags. It can inflate and deflate in about five minutes.

Russia's new fighting force includes tanks, complete with gun barrels, an S-300 missile launching truck, MiG fighter jets and entire radar stations.

Manufacturer Rusbal has been dealing with defence bosses since 1995 but refused to say how many air-filled models have been made, sold and deployed.

A hot air balloon enthusiast founded Rusbal in 1993 and later diversified into bouncy castles. On its website, the firm now offers a huge range of military vehicles.

However, the technique is not new. During World War I Britain mocked up wooden tanks which were towed around the country by horses, using a set of concealed wheels behind their pretend tracks.

And in World War II disused British airfields were dressed up like military runways, complete with dummy planes and fuel resources, to confuse German bombers and soldiers.

"There was a lot of skepticism at first," Maria A Oparina, the director of Rusbal and daughter of the founder, told the times.

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