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Negligence of local admin, cops evident

Says NHRC, home minister contradicts rights watchdog's views on B'baria attack

STAR REPORT

Negligence, callousness and a lack of farsightedness of the local administration and the police made it possible for religious zealots to attack Hindu homes and temples in Brahmanbaria's Nasirnagar on Sunday, the probe committee of the National Human Rights Commission has found.

"Giving permission for the rally, inadequate security arrangements and a lack of foresight paved the way for the attack," the committee said in its report yesterday.

Asked, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, however, contradicted the committee's findings.

"Of course, we have controlled [the incident] properly and taken prompt action."

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Hindu women during a human chain formed near Shahbagh intersection in the capital yesterday. Sammilito Samajik Andalan, a social organisation, organised the programme protesting the attacks on minorities in Brahmanbaria and several other places in the country.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

GULSHAN ATTACK Firearms came from border

4 'Neo JMB men' who supplied those held in city, say police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police claim to have arrested four suspected "Neo JMB" operatives who supplied firearms and materials for making grenades for the Gulshan attack from Chapainawabganj border.

During interrogation, the arrestees said another "Neo JMB" member, Chhoto Mizan alias Tara, delivered the raw materials and firearms, including pistols, to the key planners of the July 1 Gulshan café siege -- Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury and Nurul Islam Marzan.

Tara had collected the arms and explosive-making materials from Chapainawabganj border through the four, according to DMP's official news portal Dmpnews.org.

Officials say that the arms and other materials came to Dhaka hidden in baskets of mangoes and other fruits.

Around 9:00pm on Wednesday, DMP's Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit arrested the four in the capital's Darus Salam area.

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Back to studies with promise of freedom

APURBA JAHANGIR

The boom in the export-oriented Bangladeshi garments has caused more women to enter the workforce than ever before. A lot of these workers include Higher Secondary Graduates who came into this profession either to fight poverty or due to family tragedies. To enable these women reach their full potential and utilise the unused treasure of human resources, Asian University for Women (AUW) introduced their newest initiative -- "Pathway for Promise".

The programme aims to provide free education among Bangladeshi RMG workers. Their promise is to empower

women by giving them expertise and knowledge not only to expand as people and leaders but also to increase work opportunities.

The initiative is the brainchild of Kamal Ahmad, founder of AUW whose main aim was to demonstrate to the world that the millions of women currently working in garment factories represent an untapped pool of potential.

The programme started from January 2016 and currently has

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Jubilant RMG workers, who have been enrolled in a programme -- "Pathway for Promise" -- introduced by Asian University for Women, flash V-sign on campus recently.

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The fate of the world is teetering

Obama says as he stumps for Clinton with time running out to sway voters

AFP, Washington

With four days to go until the election and time running out to sway undecided voters, US President Barack Obama is stumping for Hillary Clinton yesterday in the bitterly contested must-win state of Florida.

Republican Donald Trump will hold a



rival rally in the city of Jacksonville just hours before Obama's event, highlighting both candidates' laser focus on Florida with the race tightening in its final days.

Clinton painted a grim picture of life under a Trump presidency Wednesday as she invited voters to envisage her defeat.

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"The success of the security operation for England's visit has encouraged hopes that more Test teams will tour Bangladesh."

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BPL kicks off today

SPORTS REPORTER

Less than a week after the world witnessed Bangladesh's value as a destination for a Test tour, focus shifts to the very opposite end of the spectrum with the start of the fourth edition of the Bangladesh Premier League today. The differences may be vast between cricket's oldest format and the newest, T20s, that will be the centre of attention till the final on December 9, but the effect of showcasing Bangladesh as a prime cricketing destination will be similar to England's tour.

The BPL opens with
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