



The Bomb Disposal Unit of Rab detonates explosives found inside the knapsack and on the body of a suspect they shot and killed in Khilgaon in the capital yesterday morning. The suspect was riding a bike with no plates and when Rab personnel at a checkpoint signaled him to stop, he tried to force his way through, claimed Rab officials. PHOTO: STAR

Biker killed at city checkpoint

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The incident happened a day after a suicide bomber blew himself up at a Rab barracks in Ashkona, injuring two personnel of the elite force.

Yesterday, Rab claimed to have recovered several bombs attached to a vest the biker was wearing and a homemade improvised explosive device from the backpack he was carrying.

The identity of the youth, aged around 25, could not be known.

Three bullets pierced through his chest and another through his right leg, said a forensic doctor who conducted the autopsy.

The incident took place around 4:45am at Shekher Jaiga. There were no houses within 300-400 yards of the spot.

Briefing reporters on the spot, Rab-3 Commanding Officer Lt Col Tuhin Mohammad Masud said Rab personnel at the checkpoint signalled the biker to stop but he tried to speed away. The Rab members opened fire on the man "because of the situation", and the biker fell on the ground.

Two Rab personnel were slightly injured when the youth tried to force his way past the checkpoint, he claimed.

Rab officials said they could not take the man to hospital as they suspected the bag had explosives in it. Later, Rab's Bomb Disposal Unit rushed to the spot and recovered bombs from the bag, which were later detonated.

In the meantime, the youth had died on the spot, which is around 6km east of Rampura Bridge.

Rab officials suspect that the man might be a militant. They found some documents inside his bag but those could not reveal his identity.

The spot where the body was seen was cordoned off with yellow tape. As soon as the barricade was withdrawn, journalists, onlookers and locals rushed there. A bullet was found on the blood-smeared soil, which surprised many as to how such an important piece of evidence could escape law enforcers' eyes.

A plainclothes man identifying himself as a Rab member took the bullet away. The Daily Star correspondent captured some pictures of the bullet on mobile phone and minutes later the man approached and asked him to delete the photos. He even wanted to see the phone. However, the man left after journalists there pro-

tested.

The Daily Star correspondent did not see any recent dents or scratches on the red TVS Apache motorcycle. It had no number plate.

Abdus Salam, senior assistant superintendent of Crime Scene unit of the Criminal Investigation Department, told reporters on the spot that they found six to seven bullet injury marks on the body. They collected DNA samples and other evidence from the crime scene.

Enquired about the abandoned bullet, he said, "I have collected evidence that I needed. I don't know anything about it."

Locals told this newspaper that they did not hear any gunshots, as the incident occurred on a hardly used road.

Mohammad Shimul, who has been driving an auto-rickshaw for the last three years in the area, said he usually avoids trips on the road after 10:00pm, as mugging incidents had become quite frequent there.

Following the Ashkona incident a day before, all prisons across the country were put on alert while security was stepped up at all domestic and international airports and Rab offices.

Three cheers

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Sanjana's mother, who runs a hospital and a school for the poor, taught her the value of charity. And the principal of her school, Safia Ghazi Rahman, inspired her to love and care for others.

"I am also grateful to my father for ingraining in me the discipline that is inseparable from my ambitions."

Inspired by her idol Marie Curie's words, "Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood", Sanjana took 15 subjects in O-level and achieved remarkable results.

She now dreams of studying astronomy and chemistry of exoplanets.

"But no matter where I go, I will always remember to serve my nation with the utmost dedication and love," Sanjana said in her speech at the ceremony.

Mohammed Mohaimen, who achieved 13 grade As with 10 A* in one sitting in O-level from Mastermind English Medium School, thanked the Almighty, his parents and his teachers for the achievement.

Mohaimen said the academic achievement was significant, but more important to him is courage as well as persistence and patience.

"So I will urge you people to shift your focus from gathering certificates to developing yourself....," he added.

Two killed

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Sensing police's presence, the gang members opened fire on them prompting the police personnel to retaliate which triggered a gunfight, the OC said.

At one stage, Zahirul was caught in the line of fire and died on the spot while his associates managed to flee the scene, Ahammed said adding that police later recovered his body and sent it to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police also recovered a pipe-gun, four cartridges, 12 cocktails and some sharp weapons from the spot.

Meanwhile in Feni, suspected drug peddler Fakir Ahmad was killed and two others injured during a police raid on their den in Sonagazi upazila of Feni yesterday, police said. The gang members opened fire on the police forcing them to shoot in retaliation.

Six police personnel were injured during the incident, Humayun Kabir, officer-in-charge of Sonagazi Model Police Station, said.

The deceased Fakir Ahmad, 35, hailed from Chharait Kandi village under Sonagazi upazila in Feni.

Police arrested three alleged criminals during the raid at Ahmad's house at Chharait Kandi village. They also seized 805 yaba tablets, 10 kilograms of hemp, 100 small packets of heroin and two bottles of foreign liquor, the OC said.

Police have filed two cases in this connection.

Tigers close in on rare away victory

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especially incisive in the second session of the day, which saw Sri Lanka lose five wickets for 63 runs -- all shared by the left-arm duo.

Resuming the last session on 199 for six and leading by 60 runs, Sri Lanka had placed all their hopes on opener Dimuth Karunaratne, who was batting on 110, his fifth Test century. He added a further 18 runs with Dilruwan Perera before Shakib drew Karunaratne forward and induced an edge that was caught by Soumya Sarkar at slip. Skipper Rangana Herath then came in and proceeded to put up dogged resistance, as he had done in Galle and in the first innings here. A review followed when umpire turned down a leg-before appeal against Perera from Shakib, but the replay showed that the ball would have turned past off stump.

With Bangladesh having exhausted their second review in anticipation of getting their quota refilled after 80 overs, saved Perera in Shakib's next over as a leg-before appeal was negated, and replays showed that the ball struck in line and would have hit middle stump.

Mustafizur came back with the new ball and was causing the batsmen a lot of problems with movement in the air. A sharp inswinger beat Herath's whip on the leg side in the 85th over and this time S Ravi held up his finger to the appeal, but Herath's review was upheld as the ball was shown to be going a touch over middle and leg.

But Tajjul Islam was called back into the attack in the 92nd over and struck immediately by trapping Herath in front, and the Sri Lanka skipper's review was to no avail. Suranga Lakmal and Dilruwan Perera, who displayed great resolve with an unbeaten 126-

Man shot dead

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investigation, reports Reuters.

A police source said he was known to the police for theft and drug offences.

An army spokesman said he was shot dead after a struggle with a female soldier on patrol in the airport terminal after he had earlier shot and wounded a police officer with an air pistol during a police check on the opposite side of Paris.

The man's father and brother were taken into police custody, a judicial source said. BFM TV, without giving a source, said the attacker had texted his father saying: "I've screwed up. I've shot a policeman."

President Francois Hollande said the case had been turned over to anti-terrorism prosecutors and a number of operations were under way. The incident had shown the need for the "Sentinelle" security operation brought in after an outbreak of attacks by militants in 2015, he said.

More than 230 people have died in France in the past two years at the hands of attackers allied to the militant Islamist group Islamic State, whose strongholds in Syria and Iraq are being bombed by an international coalition including France.

These include coordinated bombings and shootings in November 2015 in Paris when 130 people were killed and scores injured.

Strengthening France's security is at the heart of the campaign for presidential elections in April and May, where centrist Emmanuel Macron is predicted to hold off a strong challenge from far-right-winger Marine Le Pen, who advocates tough measures against illegal immigrants and radical Islamists.

Yesterday's train of events began at

Stains, near Le Bourget airport in northern Paris, where the man fled in a car after he shot and wounded a police officer at a road check.

Soon afterwards, he was involved in a carjacking in another Paris suburb Vitry where he threatened customers of a bar, Interior Minister Bruno Le Roux told reporters.

Soon afterward at Orly, he tried to seize a Famas assault rifle from a young woman air force member who was patrolling the airport as part of the army's "Sentinelle" security operation.

The man and the soldier fell to the ground after an "extremely violent attack", an army spokesman said. In the ensuing struggle on the ground, other members of the patrol opened fire, killing him, an army spokesman said.

One witness, who gave only his first name of Dominique, said he saw a man seize the woman soldier by the arm and take hold of her weapon. Her comrades tried to reason with her assailant.

"We ran off, down the staircase. Afterwards, we heard two shots," he told BFM TV.

"Sentinelle" is the government's stepped-up security response to the January 2015 Islamist attack on the satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo which killed 12 people. The operation was reinforced after the November 2015 attacks in Paris.

Saturday's attacks would have no impact on a trip to Paris by Prince William, second-in-line to the British throne, and his wife Kate, who are due to end a two-day visit to the French capital yesterday, a British spokesman said. The British royals earlier yesterday met some of the survivors of the Paris attacks in a visit to a military hospital.

'Suspect' dies

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district, bore no marks of significant injury, said Sohail Mahmud, head of the forensic medicine department of Dhaka Medical College, after an autopsy.

"We collected samples from the heart, lungs and blood for tests. A report will be prepared on receiving the results of the tests."

Friday's blast at the barrack took place around 1:00pm.

More than three hours later, Rab men picked up Hanif for his suspicious movement around the barrack and took him to a Rab camp in Uttara. As he felt chest pain inside the camp, he was rushed to Kurmitola General Hospital, according to Mufti Mahmud Khan, Rab's legal and media wing director.

Doctors declared him dead that day around 5:45pm, he said.

The media ran news on Hanif's death yesterday after the body was sent to DMC morgue for autopsy.

Meanwhile, Rab filed a case with Bimanbandar Police Station, stating that the youth aged between 25 and 30 who sneaked into its barrack and blew himself up had seven to eight associates around the spot. The suicide attacker was wearing black pant, white half shirt and a black and yellow border cap and carrying a bag on his shoulder.

The law-enforcement agency also said the attack was made in revenge for continuous crackdown by its members on militants.

The attacker kept his right hand on his chest when he was told by Rab lance corporal Mizanur Rahman to give his identity. As he did it, the bomb he was carrying exploded, according to the FIR.

His identity could not be known yet. Upon an autopsy on the attacker's

body, Sohail Mahmud, of DMC, said the youth was killed by the explosion and that the body had electric wires, belt and scotch-tapes attached to it.

All key establishments including prisons, airports and offices of Rab and police have been on alert since the country's first-ever attack inside the compound of a law enforcement agency. Checkpoints have been set up at major points in the capital to avoid further such incidents.

Mufti Mahmud said law enforcers were trying to find a match of the attacker's fingerprint from the national database.

Meanwhile, a 55-year-old woman named Amirun went to the Rab's barrack and claimed that the suicide attacker was her son Rafique who had been missing for the last five days.

Tracing back her village home in South Chinguria under Bhandaria upazila of Pirojpur, The Daily Star talked to her husband's second wife Niru Begum.

Niru said Amirun had become mentally sick after the death of her eldest son Faruq Hossain, a readymade garment worker, 10 years ago.

"As the woman [Amirun] claimed the attacker was her son, we are interrogating her and trying to verify the claim," said Mufti Mahmud, Rab's legal wing director.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a party programme yesterday said the government would continue its strict action against militancy and terrorism.

"There'll be no place for militancy and terrorism on Bangladesh's soil."

Inspector General of Police AKM Shahidul Hoque in Bogra said militants in the last two attacks in a span of 24 hours tried to send the message that they exist, but law enforcers had been trying to uproot them, reports our Bogra correspondent.

Gone broke for broker

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had to spend three months. I had to have surgery and use a wheelchair for three months as my spine was fractured," he said.

The ill-fated man returned home empty-handed. "Migration gave me nothing but pain... I never want to go abroad again," he said, adding that when he approached the local broker for compensation, he refused to pay.

Mohammad Niaz Uddin, another migrant worker from Sitakunda of Chittagong, went to Kuwait through a middleman in 2012. He had to spend Tk 2.5 lakh to go there.

"The dalal promised me a job at a chicken farm with a monthly salary of Tk 20,000 ... After arriving in Kuwait, I found myself unemployed for six months. I had to spend money that I had earned in Bangladesh to survive....," he said.

Niaz worked at different places and

managed some part-time jobs in a shopping mall as a janitor.

He also worked at a vegetable garden with a monthly salary of only Tk 7,000. "After my daily expenses, I had no money to send home." He worked there for almost four years, but could neither save nor send any money home due to the poor salary. Eventually, he returned home in October 2015.

"My father had to sell his livestock to help clear my debts. Now we have no other source of income," he lamented. He could not find a job in Bangladesh yet.

The exploitation and sufferings of the migrants at the hands of the agents and the brokers came out in the stories of 150 Bangladeshis in a book titled "Untold Stories of Migrants: Dreams and Realities" published by Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU).

The nexus of agents and brokers

compels migrants to pay money in phases from the beginning to the end of contracts.

They take 80 percent money as profit and spend only 20 percent for processing visas. The RMMRU and Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) recently made public the information from their separate findings.

The sending of workers abroad is almost entirely controlled by brokers, said TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman after releasing a report titled "Good Governance in Labour Migration Process: Problem and Way Out" on March 9.

The corruption watch-dog in its report stated that around 90 percent of five lakh Bangladeshi male workers had to pay two to three times the usual migration cost last year to obtain work visas for seven countries, including five in the Middle East.

Trump not safe in White House!

PTI, Washington

US President Donald Trump is not safe inside the White House and even the Secret Service would not be able to protect him during a terror attack, a former Secret Service agent who had guarded previous presidents have warned.

Former Secret Service agent Dan Bongino's statement came a week after the arrest of a man who jumped the White House fence and roamed around the highly-secured property for more than 15 minutes.

Trump refuses

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The veteran German chancellor had arrived at a snowy White House hoping to reverse a chill in relations after Trump's incendiary election rhetoric.

The visit began cordially, with the pair shaking hands at the entrance of the White House.

But later, sitting side-by-side in the Oval Office, Merkel's suggestion of another handshake went unheard or ignored by Trump -- an awkward moment in what are usually highly scripted occasions.

In footage of the photo opportunity, as photographers call for the two to shake hands, Merkel can be heard saying: "Do you want to have a handshake?"

Trump briefly turned towards her, but continues sitting with his legs apart and hands together.

She then turned back to face the cameras, smiling thinly.

There was never going to be an easy rapport between the cautious German chancellor and impulsive US president.

For years, Merkel -- a trained physicist -- had been president Barack Obama's closest interna-

tional partner, with the two sharing a strong rapport and a similar deliberative approach.

Before coming to office in January, Trump had set the tone by calling Merkel's acceptance of refugees a "catastrophic mistake" and suggested she was "ruining Germany."

In a similar vein, Merkel has sought to remind -- some in the White House would say lecture -- the real estate mogul about democratic values.

Comments like that have prompted some of Trump's fiercest critics to declare Merkel the new "leader of the free world" -- a moniker normally taken up by the occupant of the White House.

But even the lighter moments were tinged with tension.

Amid a furor over Trump's unfounded allegations that he was wiretapped by Obama, the new president cracked a joke referring to past revelations that Merkel's phone had also been bugged by his Democratic predecessor.

"As far as wiretapping, I guess, by this past administration, at least we have something in common perhaps," he said.

Police quizzing 'militant couple'

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alias Johirul Islam and Arjina alias Rajia Sultana -- arrested at another militants' den on Wednesday.

The couple were taken to Sitakunda Police Station around 2:00am yesterday after a Chittagong court granted 12 days' remand for each in two separate cases filed in connection with recovering arms and explosives from "Sadhan Kutir".

Officer-in-Charge Md Iftekhar Hasan of Sitakunda police said they

had learned that another militant couple -- Md Kamal Uddin and his wife Jobaida -- who were killed during the raid at "Chhayaneer" were the brother-in-law and sister of Jasim.

They both hailed from Baisari of Naikhyangchhari upazila in Bandarban.

Jasim had rented the houses at "Sadhan Kutir" and "Chhayaneer" providing fake NIDs to the owners, said police source.

"We are interrogating Jasim and his

wife to find out the identities of the other militants killed during the operation," said the OC.

The police on Wednesday conducted the drive at "Sadhan Kutir" in Amirabad area of Nambarbar in the same upazila and arrested the militant couple with a pistol, grenades and explosives.

After gleaning information from them, the law enforcers got existence of another den at "Chhayaneer" in Premtala area.

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