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## Terror attack near British parliament

Cop, 2 others killed, 20 injured; attacker shot dead by police

AGENCIES, London

Three people were killed in a "terrorist" attack in the heart of London yesterday when a man mowed down pedestrians on a bridge, then stabbed a police officer outside parliament before being shot dead.

At around 2:40pm (1440 GMT), media reported gunfire outside parliament and that several people had been injured in an incident on nearby Westminster Bridge, a busy traffic route that is also a popular tourist spot with its views of parliament and the Big Ben, AFP reported.

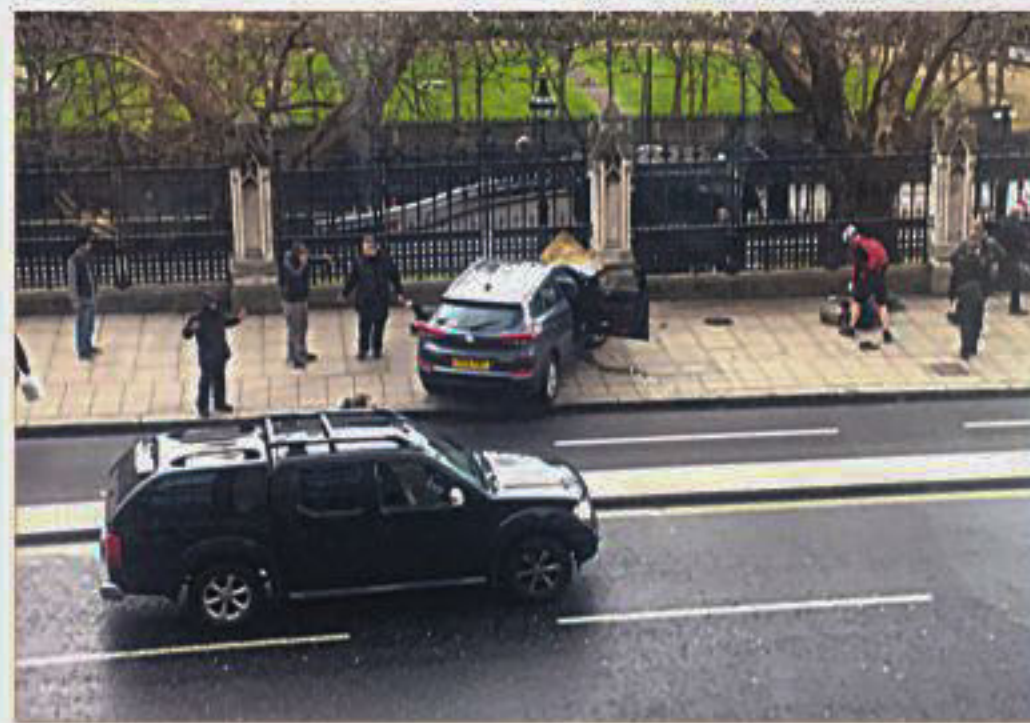
Britain's top anti-terror police officer Mark Rowley said a car had rammed into several people on the bridge, including three police officers.

The car then crashed into railings outside parliament and a knife-wielding attacker tried to enter the building, stabbing a police officer.

Rowley said four people had died, two on the bridge as well as the police officer and the assailant.

A woman was pulled alive, but with serious injuries, from the Thames, the Port of London Authority said. The circumstances of her fall into the river were unknown. Three French schoolchildren aged 15 or 16 were among those injured in the attack, added Reuters quoting French officials.

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Paramedics on Westminster Bridge near the Houses of Parliament in London take a victim to hospital after an attacker went on the rampage there yesterday. Bottom right, a video grab shows the attacker's car after it hit the railings of the Palace of Westminster. Bottom left, people rushing out of the parliament.

## Intensive care scanty for kids

No govt hospital except one in Ctg has paediatric ICU; patients forced to stay at wards or go to expensive pvt hospitals

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY and SHAHEEN MOLLAH

Fourteen-month-old Afrin was lying on a bed at the neurosurgery ward of Dhaka Medical College Hospital. With a worried face, her mother Jesmin Begum kept staring at her. Sitting on an adjacent bed, Afrin's father Rintu Qazi looked hapless.

Diagnosed with brain tumour three months ago, Afrin was admitted to the ward on January 16. There, doctors said the child must be shifted to an Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

But, the DMCH, the country's largest government hospital, does not have one for children of her age. And Afrin's parents are too poor to take her to a private hospital, which has that particular ICU known as Paediatric ICU (PICU).

So they kept her at the neurosurgery ward of the DMCH.

"I have learnt that private hospitals charge around Tk 20,000 for each day at the PICU. I cannot afford to pay even Tk 2,000 for a day," Rintu, a human haulier driver, told The Daily Star late last month.

The family from Munshiganj's Sreenagar was still at the hospital yesterday. "Doctors say my child was not yet in a condition to undergo surgery," said Rintu.

Often, children like Afrin suffer, even die, due to the absence of PICU at government hospitals. Of all the public hospitals in the country, only Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) has this special facility.

Run by paediatricians, PICU is meant for child patients aged between 28-days and 12 years.

The DMCH has a neonatal intensive care unit that deals with child patients aged up to 28 days old. Operated by neonatal specialists, the NICU is meant only for the newborns and the equipment available there is specially designed for them.

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## Indian army chief arrives on March 30

REZAUL KARIM

Indian Army Chief Gen Bipin Rawat arrives in Dhaka on March 30 on a two-day visit to discuss bilateral defence cooperation with top Bangladesh officials.

He would be visiting Dhaka ahead of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's tour of India next month when the two countries are expected to ink a comprehensive defence cooperation deal.

Gen Rawat will fly in from Kathmandu at the

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Gen Bipin Rawat

## Wastewater Management Bangladesh scores low

UN study also finds only 2pc of water in Dhaka safely managed

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Bangladesh is among the countries with the lowest level of wastewater treatment in the Asia Pacific region.

The country treats only 17 percent of its wastewater, says the United Nations World Water Development Report 2017 released yesterday.

On water management system in Dhaka, the report said only two percent of its water was safely managed.

It also stressed the need for improving the efficiency of wastewater management systems in order to increase the proportion of wastewater that is safely managed.

Contacted, Prof Mujibur Rahman of Buet, who has been monitoring the discharge of wastewater into the Buriganga river for years, said, "The finding is not too far away from the reality."

"Bangladesh is far away from reaching the satisfactory level as the water treatment issue is still neglected in the country. We have to work really hard for improving the situation."

He said the issue was very alarming and that the government should give immediate attention on it to prevent water crisis in future.

"If you look at Dhaka, there are rivers around it but you can't use their water. The situation is same in other major cities," he added.

The report said Asia and the Pacific region were experiencing increased competition across key sectors over limited freshwater resources, while an estimated 80-90 percent of all wastewater produced in the region was released untreated, polluting ground and surface water resources, as well as coastal ecosystems.

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## Hannan to seek presidential clemency

Death warrant issued

STAR REPORT

Death row convict Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islam Bangladesh (Huji) chief Mufti Abdul Hannan would seek presidential clemency, according to the jail authorities.

"The copy of the verdict was read out to Mufti Hannan and he told us that he would file a mercy petition to the president," Mizanur Rahman, senior jail superintendent of Kashipur High Security Jail, told The Daily Star yesterday.

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## Five jailed for court order forgery

They managed to get 106 accused released with fake bail orders in 2015

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced five people, including a bench assistant (peshkar) of another court, to 14 years' imprisonment each for issuing fake bail orders forging signature of a judge of the latter court.

In 2015, the case was filed against them in connection with releasing 106 accused in 76 criminal cases by the fake bail orders through forging signature of a judge of the Second Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka.

The court also questioned the role of Assistant Director of the Anti-Corruption Commission Mohammad Shafiullah for his gross negligence and indifference in discharging his duties to find out the clues about the incident.

Judge Md Akhtaruzzaman of the Special Judge Court-5 handed down the verdict in presence of three convicts -- Bench Assistant Moslehuddin Bhuiyan, peon Sheikh Mohammad Naim and muster-roll clerk Mohammad Ismail Hossain.

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## NEWS ANALYSIS Recipe for happiness

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The latest World Happiness Index did not get serious attention here. But the index offers food for thought for the policymakers.

According to the index released on Monday, people of the countries with effective democratic institutions and good governance are much happier than those having deficiency in those areas.

Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Switzerland and Finland rounded out the top five countries in the index. Democratic institutions and governance system are strong in these five countries. This contributes to improving the quality of their people's lives, resulting in an increase in their happiness.

In contrast, sub-Saharan African countries and those hit by conflict scored low and were at the bottom of the index due to their fragile state of democracy, rule of law, and pervasive corruption.

Rwanda, Syria, Tanzania, Burundi and Central African Republic are at the bottom.

Where does Bangladesh stand in terms of the quality of life of its citizens? Bangladesh ranked 110th among 155 countries surveyed for the index by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network. This exposes, once again, poor governance and the deficient democratic structure in the country.

How do good governance and strong democratic institutions contribute to increase people's happiness?

The World Happiness Report measures "subjective well-being" -- how happy the people are, and why. It also takes

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**Capt. Syed Ali Asghar Rizvi**  
(22nd April 1944 – Feb 20th 2017)

**INNALAHA MAA US SABREEN (AL-QURAN)**  
(ALLAH IS WITH THOSE WHO HAVE PATIENCE)

To pay homage, respect and pray for the MAGHFERAT of the departed soul of our beloved

**Capt. Syed Ali Asghar Rizvi**

We request your kind participation at The CHEHLUM to be held on Friday, 24th March 2017 after Asr Prayers at the Gulshan Azad Masjid

**The Rizvi Family**

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