



## Blast kills 1 near airport police box

'Bomb attached to the man's body explodes', 3 more bombs found later; police rule out suicide attack as claimed by IS-linked website



Police seal off the spot in front of the police box near Shahjalal International Airport last night soon after a man was killed in a blast there.

A man was killed when a bomb attached to his waist exploded near a police box at the Airport intersection in the capital yesterday, police said. No one was injured in the incident. Hours after the incident, Islamic State claimed responsibility for the blast. Terrorism monitoring group SITE Intelligence citing IS's mouthpiece Amaq news agency reported it as "suicide bombing". The incident took place just a week after a man sneaked into a Rab barrack in the capital's Ashkona and blew himself up there. Two Rab members were slightly injured.

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## Police raid Sylhet den

Militants hole up with explosives; 100 trapped inside building; SWAT from Dhaka joins raid

STAR REPORT

Law enforcers have cordoned off a five-storey building in Sylhet city where suspected militants are believed to have been holed up since yesterday morning with a huge cache of explosives.

Around 100 residents remained trapped inside the building, "Atia Villa", till last night, while police managed to evacuate 70 others from an adjacent four-storey building.

At least two suspected militants -- a male and a female -- were inside one of the six apartments on Atia Villa's ground floor in Pathanpara's Shibbari area, said police.

Law enforcers couldn't enter the building as the militant suspects blocked the entrance to the main building with a refrigerator.

"We saw the militants trying to attach grenades to the refrigerator," an official of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime Unit of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, who was present at the spot, told The Daily Star.

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## GENOCIDE DAY TODAY



When ballots countered by bullets

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Dateline: Meherpur, May 13, 2005- Some workers of the local municipality were digging drains to improve the sewerage of the town. They dug up a number of skeletons including six skulls at the Puratan Dakghar area in the city. Locals told newsmen that the skeletons might be of the martyrs of the Liberation War of 1971.

Dateline: Netrokona, May 29, 2011- Family members of Abdul Hamid Talukder of Purbadhola Upazila were digging their house premises for construction work. They stumbled upon some skeletons and other remains of human bodies.

According to locals of Rajpara village the remains were of a local physician Hem Chandra Bagchi, owner of the house, and his family members who were

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## 'My name could have been on list of dead'

Witness to Jagannath Hall massacre recalls the Black Night of March 25

WASIM BIN HABIB and PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE

Everything changed as soon as twilight descended on Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University on March 25, 1971. A ghostly calm took hold of the entire campus.

In their two-room, tin-shed staff quarter at the hall, the family of Ram Bihari Das was discussing the tension that stemmed from Yahya Khan's dilly-dallying over handing over power to prime minister-elect Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The uneasiness turned into foreboding when they



Rabindra Mohan Das

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## Fire safety at BB HQ 'inadequate'

Probe body members visit spot; documents, computers burnt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fire safety measures were not adequate at the Bangladesh Bank headquarters in the capital's Motijheel, according to a top fire service official.

Furniture, computers and documents in two rooms at the Foreign Exchange Policy department were burnt in the fire that broke out around 9:30pm on Thursday.

Twelve firefighting units managed to put out the flames around 10:30pm.

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## Ten killed as truck crashes in Bhaluka

Victims include five of a family

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Rezia Begum along with her husband and three children was heading for Balikhan in Mymensingh to see her ailing father.

The hard-up family boarded a truck in the capital early yesterday as it was much cheaper than a bus trip.

But it turned out to be the last journey of their life. A tragic road accident in Mymensingh's Bhaluka upazila claimed their lives.

Including them, 10 people were killed and four others injured in the accident.

Dreaming for a better future, Rezia's

husband Azizul Haque, 40, came to Dhaka seven months ago. The family lived in the capital's Bashabo, Rezia's brother Jahidul Islam told The Daily Star.

Azizul was a rickshaw-puller and his 35-year-old wife worked as a domestic help in local houses.

The couple wanted to educate their children, but they didn't have enough money. So they decided to relocate to Dhaka to earn more, Azizul's brother Nazrul Islam said.

Zahurul Islam, a sergeant of Bharaduba Highway Police Station, said the Sherpur-bound truck carrying bags of cement from

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### অভিনন্দন

জনাব ঞন্দকার মশিউজ্জামান (রোমেশ), বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম ট্যাংকার ওনার্স এসোসিয়েশন (BPTOA)-এর সন্মানিত সভাপতি ব্যবসায় অসামান্য অবদানের স্বীকৃতি স্বরূপ বানিজ্যিকভাবে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ব্যক্তি (সিআইপি) মনোনীত হওয়ার গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের মাননীয় মন্ত্রী জনাব তোফায়েল আহমেদ, এমপি এর নিকট থেকে সিআইপি কার্ড গ্রহণ করছেন। উল্লেখ্য বর্তমানসহ পরপর তিন বার জনাব ঞন্দকার মশিউজ্জামান (রোমেশ) সিআইপি নির্বাচিত হলেন।

বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম ট্যাংকার ওনার্স এসোসিয়েশন (BPTOA)-এর সন্মানিত সভাপতি এবং পিপলস এম্পের মাননীয় চেয়ারম্যান ও সি.ই.ও. জনাব ঞন্দকার মশিউজ্জামান (রোমেশ) এর কৃতিত্বপূর্ণ অর্জনের জন্য নির্বাহী কমিটির সকল সদস্য ও সাধারণ সদস্যগণের পক্ষ থেকে আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন জানাচ্ছি এবং তাঁর সর্বাঙ্গীণ সাফল্য কামনা করছি।

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### The Independence Day

## A reflection of Struggle and Pride

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