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kill 5 amid raid

dead, 40 hurt in 'bomb attacks' near Sylhet militant hideout; Parts of the building; Operation Twilight still on

... could not say who carried it out. The explosion, law enforcers found while raiding the surrounding areas, suggesting that there were bombs inside it, led in the bomb disposal unit but exploded suddenly, he said. After the blasts, US-based SITE Intelligence said terror group Islamic State claimed credit for the attack. Islamic State's Amaq News Agency said that the group is responsible for a "series of attacks on Bangladeshi forces in Sylhet," on its website. Bangladesh government denies its presence in the country. On Friday, Para Commandos of the Sylhet division evacuated 78 residents who had been trapped inside the hideout since early hours Friday. Law enforcement tracked down the hideout barely after busting two militant dens in the area. Law enforcement officials told reporters about Operation Twilight.



People lie wounded on a road after an explosion yesterday evening just 400 metres away from a militant hideout in Shibbari of Sylhet city. More photos on page 2. PHOTO: STAR



Tamim Iqbal scored 127 to lay the foundation for Bangladesh's victory over Sri Lanka in the first ODI. PHOTO: AFP

Tigers roar with team effort

SAKEB SUBHAN from Dambulla



For long-time watchers of Bangladesh cricket, yesterday's first ODI against Sri Lanka must have seemed strangely familiar. Within the first 10 overs of the innings the outcome was more or less certain. Halfway through the innings home fans were cheering every boundary scored, not because the hit to the fence furthered their team's chances of winning, but because it gave them something to cheer about after a long day of cricket. It was familiar because Bangladeshi fans had endured such events in Mirpur count-

less times. It was strange because yesterday, the venue was the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium and the team swimming against the tide were the home team Sri Lanka. The hosts were at first subjected to a leather-hunt as Tamim Iqbal's eighth ODI ton drove Bangladesh to 324 for five, their highest score against Sri Lanka, before relying on a valiant yet futile half-century from Thisara Perera to be all out for 234 in 45.1 overs and lose the match by 90 runs. In chase of the steep target, Sri Lanka were almost out of the running by the 11th over.

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