

# London attack

Seven people killed, 48 wounded and three assailants shot dead by police



## Kohli, Yuvraj

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with none for 32 in 8.1 overs.  
But fellow left-arm fast bowler Wahab was hugely expensive, his wicketless 8.4 overs costing 87 runs.  
Wahab's day was summed up when he was unable to complete his ninth over after falling awkwardly in his delivery stride.

Before the match, players, officials and a crowd of 24,156 -- a record for a one-day international at Edgbaston -- observed a minute's silence for the victims of Saturday's London terror attack that killed seven people.

Pakistan captain Sarfraz Ahmed won the toss in what was the opening Group B match for both the Asian giants in a tournament featuring the world's top eight ODI teams.  
Sharma was fortunate when, on 21, he edged Amir just beyond a diving Azhar Ali to slip for four.

Pakistan were donated a wicket, however, when Dhawan hoisted a full toss from teenage leg-spinner Shadab Khan straight to Azhar at deep midwicket.  
Sharma went 43 balls without a boundary in the face of tight Pakistan bowling before cover-driving and pulling Wahab for a four and a six off successive deliveries.

But eyeing what would have been his 11th ODI hundred, Rohit was run out when he just failed to beat Babar Azam's throw to wicket-keeper Sarfraz after Kohli's call for a tight single.

It was the end of a 119-ball innings featuring two sixes and seven fours.

Yuvraj should have been out for eight but Hasan Ali, sliding round at long-on, dropped the two-handed catch off Shadab.

Hasan eventually had Yuvraj lbw on review but by then the damage had been done.

Kohli had made 43 when he was missed by substitute Fakhar Zaman, who could not hold a top-edged hook off Wahab.

A blizzard of boundaries followed, with Kohli flat-batting Hasan down the ground for six to complete his fifty.

Pakistan, who only just qualified for the Champions Trophy when eighth in the International Cricket Council's ODI rankings, saw Azhar Ali make exactly 50 in 65 balls with six fours.

But no member of India's attack leaked runs in the way Wahab had done.

Azhar was caught at deep square leg by Hardik Pandya, trying to hit left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja for six.

New batsman Shoaib Malik did loft Jadeja for a straight six.

But Jadeja had his revenge by running Shoaib out with a direct hit from backward point to leave Pakistan all but out of the game at 114 for four in the 24th over.

Umesh Yadav (three for 30) ended the match when Hasan fell for a duck.

## Hasina

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give a fresh impetus towards strengthening bilateral ties between the two countries.

Besides, Hasina would call on Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf.

Earlier, the PM visited Sweden in 2009 to attend the European Development Days.

The European Development Days is a forum organised each year by the European Commission to bring the development community together to share ideas and experiences.

Hasina is expected to return home on June 17.

## 7 dead in London attack

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gathered around Borough Market, which is full of restaurants and bars.

Gerard Vowls, 47, said he saw a woman repeatedly stabbed, and threw chairs, glasses and bottles at the attackers in a bid to stop them.

"They kept coming to try to stab me... they were stabbing everyone. Evil, evil people," he told The Guardian newspaper.

Another witness called Eric told the BBC he had seen three men get out of the van and thought they were going to help tend those who had been run over.

Instead they "started kicking them, punching them and took out knives. It was a rampage really," he said, adding that he heard a shout of: "This is for Allah".

An Australian was among those hospitalised, while a Spaniard was slightly wounded.

Among those stabbed was a London Transport Police officer, who was one of the first to respond to emergency calls.

A vigil for the victims will take place at nearby Tower Bridge on Monday evening.

**PRAYING FOR LONDON**  
Britain was already on high alert following the recent attack on a concert by US pop star Ariana Grande in Manchester, northwest England, in which seven children were among the dead.

Grande, who headlined a benefit concert in Manchester on Sunday, alongside stars including Pharrell Williams and Justin Bieber, tweeted that she was "Praying for London".

"A lot of people suffered and I had some second thoughts coming, especially with what happened last night in London," ticket holder Abdullah Mala, 34, told AFP. "But we got to move on".

The national threat level was raised to maximum after the Manchester attack and troops were deployed at key public sites, but reduced to its second highest level last weekend.

Some citizens were taking matters into their own hands, with a taxi driver showing an AFP reporter a spade that he now keeps in the car, explaining: "If someone tries to have a go at me with a

knife, I'll shove that in his metatarsal." Prime Minister May, who served as interior minister for six years before taking office after the Brexit vote last summer, said Britain's response to the terror threat must change.

"We cannot and must not pretend that things can continue as they are," she said, adding there was "far too much tolerance of extremism in our country."

The ruling Conservatives and the main opposition Labour party suspended national campaign events for the day, but May insisted the election would go ahead as planned on Thursday.

Saturday's rampage is the latest in a string of attacks to hit Europe, including in Paris, Berlin and Saint Petersburg, and the French, German and Russian leaders sent messages of support.

US President Donald Trump offered his help, tweeting "WE ARE WITH YOU. GOD BLESS!" -- and highlighting his thwarted ban on travellers from six mainly Muslim countries.

**ECHOES OF WESTMINSTER ATTACK**  
Several people said they were ordered by police to stay inside pubs and restaurants as the terror raged outside late Saturday.

Alex Shellum at the Mudlark pub said a woman had come into the bar "bleeding heavily from the neck", telling the BBC: "It appeared that her throat had been cut."

Italian photographer Gabriele Sciotto, who was watching the European Champions League football final at the Wheatsheaf pub in Borough Market, said he saw three men shot just outside the premises.

"In two or five seconds, they shot all the three men down," Sciotto told the BBC.

The rampage had harrowing echoes of the attack on Westminster Bridge in March, when British Muslim convert Khalid Masood rammed his car into pedestrians before crashing into the barriers surrounding the parliament building.

He stabbed a police officer to death before being shot dead by a ministerial bodyguard.

He was "mandatory in the proposed budget", and they demanded withdrawal of the excise tax on Bank deposits. "Otherwise, people will be discouraged to deposit their money to their bank accounts," he added.

Mohammed Nasim, spokesperson for the 14-party alliance, said they thanked the finance minister for this ambitious budget, and it proved that the country was advancing and it would boost the country's economy.

"By implementing the proposed budget, we will move towards a higher middle class country."

"We have discussed the excise tax on bank deposits. We have some observations about the proposed budget. Some proposals of the budget have failed to meet people's desire. We hope that the prime minister and the finance minister will address the negative issues in the budget," said Nasim, also the health minister.

The meeting also condemned the arson attack on the Chakma community in Rangamati's Longadu by Bangalee settlers on Friday and demanded exemplary punishment of the culprits. It also decided to send a team of the 14-party alliance to visit Longadu tomorrow.

## Duty-free

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deprives the country of revenue and is a drawback for those having to pay tax to import goods.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith's proposals for the baggage rule for the next fiscal year include withdrawal of the Tk 5,000 tax for televisions measuring 22" to 29".

Another says Tk 70,000 still has to be paid for those measuring 53" and above, albeit up to 62". Those carrying televisions sized 66" and above will be charged Tk 90,000.

Another withdraws tax on carpets with a maximum area of 15 square metres. For every square metre afterwards, Tk 150 has to be paid.

## Key suspect

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Mosharraf told The Daily Star last night, "If Babul is not involved in the murder then why has he 'left the job'? His 'extramarital affair' also came to the fore through some media reports which should be investigated."

Babul, now working as a director of a private hospital, told this newspaper that his father-in-law was making such claims as he started living with his two children in a separate house.

"I have not followed his instructions to keep my children at his house and marry a girl, one of his relatives, that's why my father-in-law is now against me," said Babul.

He left Mosharraf's home in December last year.

He refused to comment on the murder, saying it might not be wise to comment on an under trial case. He demanded a proper investigation.

## Withdrawal

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foreign ministry spokesman Bahram Ghasemi said, according to the IRNA news agency.

Trump announced on Thursday that the United States would withdraw from the 2015 Paris agreement on climate change, joining Syria and Nicaragua as the only non-signatories to the agreement.

"Non-compliance with commitments in the Paris accord by a government which is the second-largest producer of greenhouse gases and is one of the most polluting countries, is unacceptable," said Ghasemi.

Iran faces particular challenges from climate change, having suffered years of worsening drought and dust storms, compounded by poor water resource management.

"The global community must compel the new US administration to implement its international commitments precisely and completely," Ghasemi said.

"It is imperative to avoid undermining global agreements such as the Paris agreement, which is a global symbol of joint cooperation and has strengthened multilateralism."

Iran is concerned that Trump may also make good on his threat to pull out of the nuclear deal signed with the United States and five other world powers in 2015 that lifted sanctions in exchange for curbs to Tehran's atomic programme.

## Rights groups

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no religious structures on court premises, Sultana told The Daily Star on Friday.

"I said, yes, I agree with you. There should be no religious structures inside court premises. Not even mosques," she said.

In a press statement yesterday, rights body Ain o Salish Kendra said Hefajat, a communal organisation, issued the threat misinterpreting Sultana Kamal's comment.

The threat is a clear violation of article 39 of the constitution which guarantees freedom of speech.

ASK demanded the government take quick legal action against those who issued the threat.

Human Rights Forum of Bangladesh, an alliance of 17 rights organisations, issued a similar statement on Saturday.

The spirit of the Liberation War and people's dream of democratic progress will be shattered if such threats are tolerated, it said.

Separately, 10 cultural activists and Liberation War researchers condemned Hefajat's threat in a statement yesterday.

Freedom Fighter Sultana Kamal is uncompromising in her fight against injustice. Recently, her comment about the sculpture has been distorted intentionally and circulated in different social media platforms, the statement said.

"It is our moral duty to stand by persons like Sultana Kamal. It's because they stand against injustice and wrongdoing. They are vocal against the anti-liberation forces and talk for social and cultural activities and environment.

"Bangladesh will be defeated if we failed to resist the fundamental and communal forces; the spirit of the Liberation War would be destroyed."

They called upon the government to

SpaceX

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The supplies for special experiments include live mice to study the effects of osteoporosis and fruit flies for research on microgravity's impact on the heart.

The spacecraft is also loaded with solar panels and equipment to study neutron stars.

About 10 minutes after launch, SpaceX successfully returned the first stage of the Falcon 9 rocket back to a controlled landing at Cape Canaveral.

The rocket powered its engines and guided itself down to Landing Zone One, not far from the launch site.

"The first stage is back," Curie said on NASA live webcast, as video images showed the tall, narrow portion of the rocket touch down steadily in a cloud of smoke.

SpaceX said it marked the company's fifth successful landing on solid ground. Several of its Falcon 9 rockets have returned upright to platforms floating in the ocean.

The effort is part of SpaceX's push to make spaceflight cheaper by re-using costly rocket and spaceship components after each launch, rather than ditching them in the ocean.

The launch was the 100th from Nasa's historic launch pad 39A, the starting point for the Apollo missions to the Moon in the 1960s and 1970s, as well as a total of 82 shuttle flights.

NBR officials explained that even if deposits at a bank account cross different threshold levels several times in a given year, excise duty would be deducted for only once.

Many depositors have raised voice for waiver of excise duty altogether while others feel such different slabs and increase in duty on deposits would erode their financial capability.

They find it unjust to hike excise duty on thousands of bank depositors and suggested that the government better expand tax net and bring many solvent yet untaxed people under income tax net.

NBR sources said around Tk 1,500 crore in yearly revenue comes from excise duties -- Tk 1200 crore from bank deposits and the rest from air tickets.

According to BB officials, excise duty was collected from about 83 lakh bank accounts as of December last year.

## Punishment for Longadu

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amid such a high security? "What were the law enforcers doing? Why didn't they stop it? This should be investigated and we want answers to these questions," she said.

She criticised the government for not issuing any statement over the issue and requested a lawmaker, who was present at the rally, to take initiative and place a condemnation motion in the parliament.

Dhaka University Prof Mesbah Kamal, who has been working on indigenous rights issues for years, said the process of eliminating indigenous people from their ancestral land began since the independence. The process was accelerated on several occasions, he claimed.

He alleged the attack was carried out in a planned way to eliminate indigenous people.

He blamed the denial of indigenous people's constitutional recognition and non-implementation of the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord as the main reasons behind the recurrence of such attacks.

Prof Mesbah called for a united movement to force the government to implement the peace accord fully within this year.

Rangamati lawmaker Ushatan Talukder, also an indigenous leader, said as the attack was carried out with kerosene and petrol in presence of the law enforcers, it could be said it was planned.

He alleged that such attacks on indigenous people were carried out on many occasions but they did not get justice.

The rights body also demanded a roadmap to implement the peace

arrest those who threatened her.

The statement was issued by Syed Hasan Imam, Ramendu Mazumder, Nasir Uddin Yousoff, Ferdousi Mazumder, Mamunur Rashid, Aatur Rahman, Inamul Haque, Mofidul Hoque, Shimul Yousoff and Mannan Hira.

**FRESH THREAT**  
The Chittagong city unit of Hefajat issued a threat yesterday, saying Sultana Kamal would not be allowed in Chittagong if she did not apologise for her "derogatory remarks," says a press release.

At an iftar party at Darul Arkam Madrasa in the port city, Moinuddin Ruhi, joint general secretary of Hefajat's central committee, said "Sultana Kamal has to offer an apology to the nation. Or she won't be allowed in Chittagong like Imran H Sarker."

The statement further quoted Ruhi as saying, "Dhaka is known as a city of mosque while Kolkata is known as a city of idol. If she [Sultana] does not like the city of mosque, we have no problem if she moves to the city of idol."

In March 2013, Gonojagoron Mancha demonstrators, including Imran H Sarker, postponed their rally in the port city amid threats from Hefajat and imposition of Section 144 by the district administration there.

Meanwhile, talking to the BBC Bangla yesterday, Sultana said the government long stopped discharging its constitutional duty to provide security to human rights activists.

In the past, these forces (Islamist groups) did not have the courage to threaten someone openly. But they are doing it now.

She said the man who threatened to burn her down in a brick kiln has committed a criminal offence. "Why is he not being arrested? Why is there no action against him?"

## Excise hike

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between Tk 1 lakh and Tk 10 lakh.

For a bank balance between Tk 10 lakh and Tk 1 crore, the excise duty would be Tk 2,500, about 67 per cent higher than the current rate.

Some Tk 12,000 in excise duty, instead of the existing Tk 7,500, will be slapped on a bank balance between Tk 1 crore and Tk 5 crore. And for a bank balance exceeding Tk 5 crore, the excise duty will be Tk 25,000, up from Tk 15,000 now.

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