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# Makkah 'terror attack foiled'

**Suicide bomber blows himself up at a building near grand mosque; 11 including cops injured**



AFP/Riyadh

Six foreign pilgrims and five security forces were hurt on Friday in Saudi Arabia when a suicide bomber targeting Islam's holiest site of Makkah blew himself up, the Interior Ministry said.

The incident happened around the Grand Mosque, where hundreds of thousands of worshippers gathered for early afternoon prayers on the last Friday of this year's Ramadan, the Muslim fasting month.

Ministry spokesman General Mansour al-Turki told Saudi television that police "foiled the terrorist plan that targeted the security of the Grand Mosque, pilgrims and worshippers."

In dawn raids on Makkah and the Red Sea city of Jeddah officers arrested five suspects, including a woman, before surrounding the bomber's location around the Grand Mosque.

"Unfortunately he started shooting towards security personnel once he noticed their presence in the area, which led to an exchange of fire before he

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With millions of city dwellers gone to celebrate Eid in their villages, Dhaka streets look deserted. The photo of Farmgate intersection was taken yesterday around 1:45pm.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

# 15 lakh Yaba pills seized

**5 Myanmar citizens among 12 held**

Staff Correspondent, Cg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) seized about 15 lakh yaba tablets worth an estimated Tk 75 crore on the street and arrested 12 people after intercepting a fishing trawler coming to the country from Myanmar early yesterday.

The arrestees, five of whom are Myanmar citizens, were bringing the haul to Chittagong, Rab said.

On information that a trawler was on its way, Rab intercepted it at the outer anchorage of Chittagong port, said Rab-7 Commanding Officer Lt Col Mifiah Uddin Ahmed at a press conference at his office yesterday.

Searching the trawler, Rab personnel later uncovered the large haul, he said.

The trawler, named 'Mayer Doa [mother's blessings]' was fitted with a bus engine to be able to go faster, he added.

The five arrested Myanmar citizens are Ismail, 20, Abdul Khalek, 20, Saddam

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# Where there's a will

**University student funds study through farm labour**

EAM Asakuzzaman with Andrew Eagle

When he's in the field labouring as a farmhand, Abdul Mazid from Songtoshi Kachari village in Nilphamari sadar upazila hardly stands out from the crowd. But the 19-year-old is ambitious. Enthusiastic about education since his boyhood, the youngest of four siblings is an unlikely first-year student of clinical psychology at Rajshahi University. Through day labour during university holidays, Mazid funds his study.

"Mazid always had a thirst for knowledge," remarks his father Babul Islam, 60, a part-time worker in a ceramics factory. "As a child, whenever he used to find a piece of paper lying on the ground he'd pick it up and try to read it. I enrolled him in primary school, but only so he could learn basic literacy and maintain our household accounts."

"He always liked reading," says Mazid's mother Monwara Begum, 50. "My elder daughter used to collect old books for him from her employer's house, when she worked as a domestic help."

Being enrolled in primary school, Mazid didn't need a second invitation.

In recognition of his enthusiasm, good results and personal background, Sonarai-Songtoshi High



Abdul Mazid

School and College Principal Md Baharuddin permitted Mazid to complete his secondary studies free of cost. In 2014, Mazid secured a GPA 5 in science in his Secondary School Certificate; subsequently he completed his Higher School Certificate with a GPA 3.92 at the same institution.

With financial assistance and moral support from his schoolteacher Shobhanur Aktar, Mazid secured university admission last year.

To move to Rajshahi was a big change. "The city was buzzing with life and new experience and at first I felt helpless," Mazid recalls. "Some of the other students from wealthier backgrounds kept their distance; but I relaxed a lot when I understood that most students are friendly."

A bigger challenge was money. "I can hardly feed the family," admits Mazid's father. "There was no way to bear his education costs."

Thus Mazid took to the field. "I have to pay Tk 800 per month for hostel accommodation and Tk 1,500 for meals. As a labourer I can earn Tk 300 per day."

Ironically, just as some of his classmates had

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# Licence to kill!

**New Hampshire accidentally passes bill allowing pregnant women to murder with impunity**



Independent.Co.Uk

Women in New Hampshire were almost allowed to commit murder with impunity, when Republican legislators failed to read the fine print in their own bill.

New Hampshire Senate Bill 66 is one of dozens of "foetal homicide" laws across the country that allow foetuses to be considered people in cases of homicide or manslaughter.

The New Hampshire bill defines a foetus as

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**SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS**

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
29	25	6-53	
30	26	3-40	6-53

**PRAYER TIMING JUNE 25**

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha

JAMAAT 3-46 12-45 5-00 6-53 8-15

ANNAAT 3-56 1-15 5-15 7-03 8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

# Ratha Yatra begins today

Star Report

Ratha Yatra, the festival of chariot of Sri Jagannath Dev, one of the major festivals of the Hindu community, will begin today.

The festival will come to an end with Ulto Ratha Yatra (reverse journey) on July 3, reports BSS.

Religious organisations and temple committees have drawn up various programmes to observe the festival. The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKON) will organise a nine-day programme in the capital.

As in previous years, the country's largest Ratha Yatra festival will be held in Dhaka's Dhamrai upazila.

The programmes of the festival begin in the morning with rendering of Harisankirtan, holding Agnihootra Jagna seeking world peace and people's welfare, recitation of verses from Srimal Bhagabat Geeta, distribution of Mahaprasad, discussion, rendition of paucal kirtan and are cultural

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Chinese military police and rescue workers at the site of a landslide in Xinmo village of Sichuan province yesterday. Over 100 people are feared buried after a landslide hit the village in southwest China.

PHOTO: AFP

# 112 missing after China landslide

**15 bodies recovered**

Rescuers yesterday scoured through an avalanche of rocks into the night in an increasingly bleak search for more than 100 people whose southwest China mountain village was buried by a huge landslide.

At least 15 bodies were pulled from the rubble while just three survivors – a couple and their one-month-old baby – were found after 62 homes in Xinmo village vanished under a mass of mud and rocks.

Heavy rain caused the side of the mountain to collapse onto the riverside village in the early morning, according to authorities.

Qiao Dashi, the baby's father, said he had woken up after 5:00 am to change his crying son's diaper when he "heard a big noise coming from the back".

"The house shook," he told state broadcaster CCTV from his hospital bed. "Rocks were in the living room. My wife and I climbed over, took the baby, and got out."

"I have superficial injuries. Overall, I'm okay. But psychologically, it's hard. The entire village, with dozens of families, was flattened," he said, with a bandage around his head.

The Maoxian, or Mao county government said 15 bodies were found while 112 people remained missing. State media had earlier revised the number of missing people down from 141 to over 120.

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