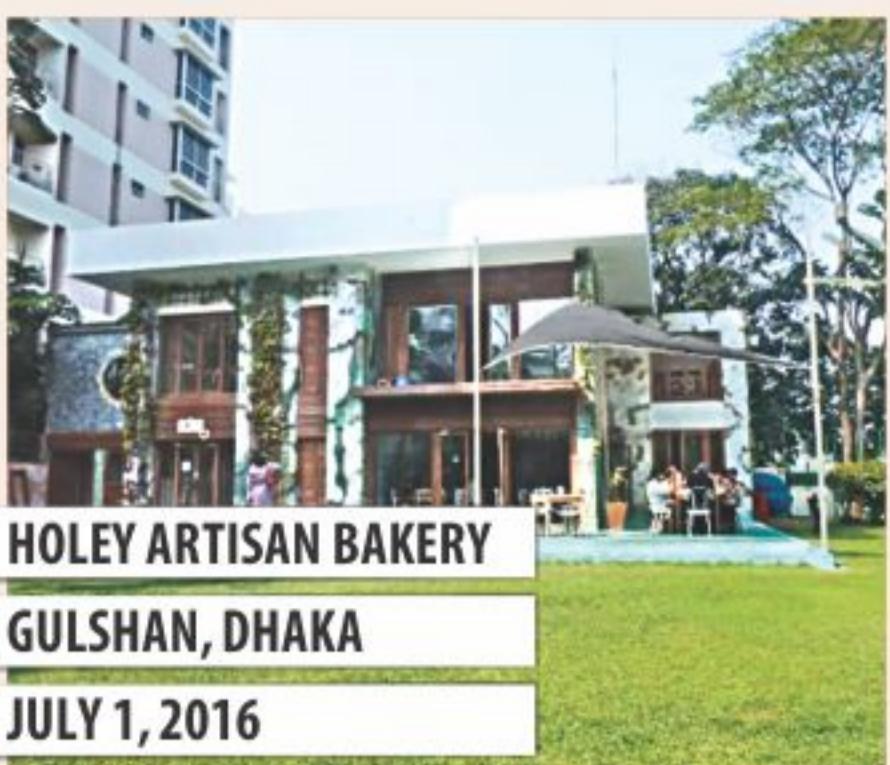




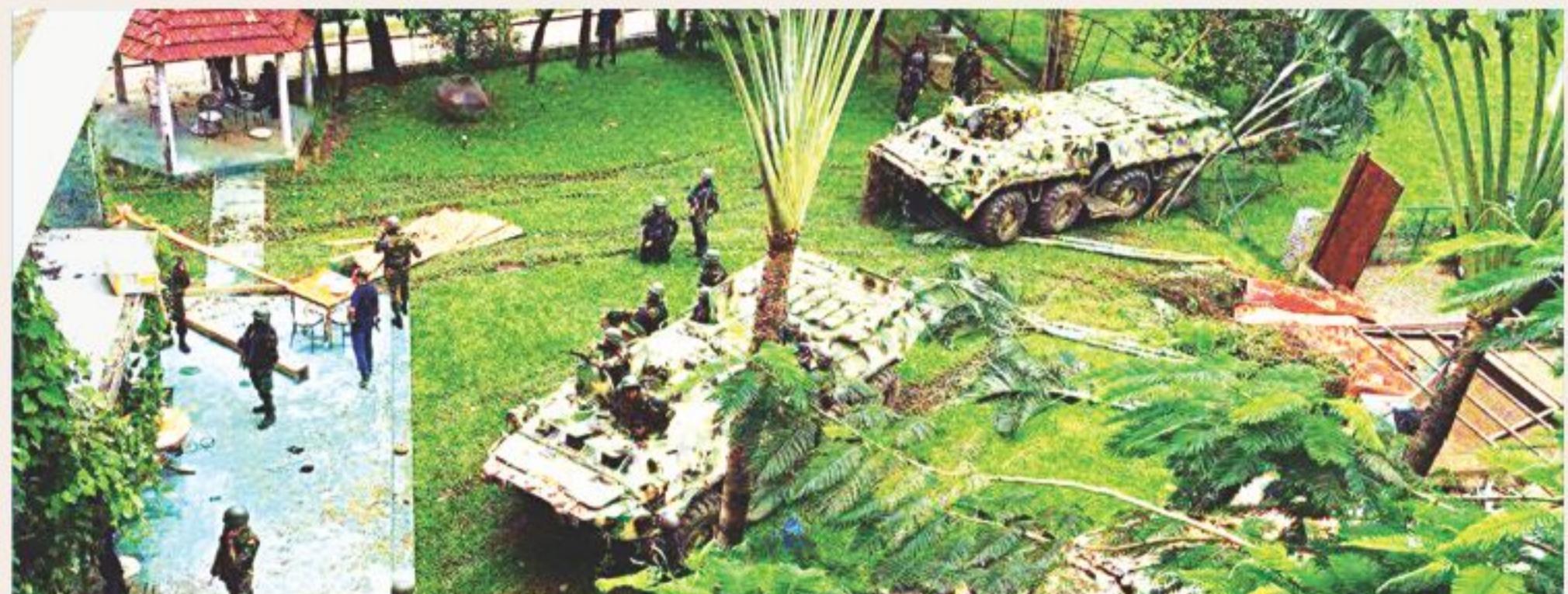
THE UNFOLDING OF TERROR



HOLEY ARTISAN BAKERY
GULSHAN, DHAKA
JULY 1, 2016



THE VICTIMS
● 20 hostages, including 17 foreigners killed
● 2 police officers shot dead by militants
● One chef killed and a hotel staffer died later
● 29 police officials injured



THE ATTACK
● Attack began around 8:40pm
● There were 5 attackers
● They were equipped with heavy arms, machete and knives



RECOVERY
● 3 AK-22 rifles, 79 bullets, 7 magazines, 5 pistols
● 50 bullets, one machete, 3 knives, 200 bullet shells

OPERATION THUNDERBOLT
● Army-led operation began at 7:40am (July 2)
● 5 militants, one chef killed
● Operation ends at 8:30am (July 2)

INVESTIGATION
● Yet to be completed
● Hunt on for 5 suspects
● 8 more militants who played 'key role' killed in raids later

Not lullabies, gunshots filled baby's night

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Shakhawat and Shaila were about to go home with their newborn from the clinic on July 1. But they decided to prolong their stay at Lake View Clinic to let the new mother and her baby have the nursing care given by the clinic for another day.

But what happened that night was beyond their worst nightmare.

Shakhawat's brother, sister-in-law and one of his friends came to visit them at the hospital with Iftar and Sehri. After breaking the Ramadan fast in the evening, Shaila was feeding the baby and Shakhawat and his brother were chatting on the veranda when the first few explosions in

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Education a mirage for them

Bangladesh has nearly 10m children, adolescents and youths who are not enrolled at school

OUT-OF-SCHOOL POPULATION IN BANGLADESH

Primary level	Adolescents (lower secondary)	Youth (upper secondary)
0.8 million	2 million	7.1 million

GLOBALLY THERE ARE 264M OUT-OF-SCHOOL CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, YOUTHS

REAZ AHMAD and WASIM BIN HABIB

There are about 10 million out-of-school children, adolescents and youths in Bangladesh, says a new Unesco policy paper.

The country has the fifth highest number of out-of-school adolescents and the third largest number of out-of-school youths in the world.

The total number of out-of-school children (6-11), adolescents (12-14) and youths (15-17) across the globe is nearly 264 million, says the paper, titled "Reducing global poverty through universal primary and secondary education".

It was released last week ahead of the UN High Level Political Forum starting on July 10 in New York. The forum would focus on poverty eradication in pursuit of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The out-of-school population includes children who were in school but have since dropped out, who were never in school but are expected to enter at a later period and also those who were never in school and are not expected to enroll ever.

The global primary out-of-school rate has remained static for eight years in a row, said the paper, adding that global poverty could be more than halved almost within a generation if all adults completed secondary school.

Data compiled by the Unesco Institute for Statistics (UIS) shows that Bangladesh has 7.1 million out-of-school school youths, the third highest in the world after India (46.8 million) and Pakistan (9.8 million).

There are two million out-of-school adolescents in Bangladesh, fifth highest in the world with India (11.1m), Pakistan (5.4m), Ethiopia (4.6m) and Indonesia (2.2m) topping the first four slots in the category.

With 0.8 million children (primary age-level) out-of-school in the country, Bangladesh fared comparatively better in this category compared to higher numbers in the adolescent and youth categories.

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The night the horror struck

WASIM BIN HABIB and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

It was a quiet afternoon at the Holey Artisan Bakery on road 79 in the capital's Gulshan on July 1, one of the last days of Ramadan in 2016.

As the sun went down, the Western-style café in the posh neighbourhood got busier. Diners started arriving at the upscale restaurant with a lawn.

By 8:00pm, the place was abuzz with both expatriates and Bangladeshis.

At one of the tables on the ground floor, Italian national Nadia Benedetti was having farewell dinner with several Italian businesspeople.

A few yards away, Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain was having a conversation with his friends Abinta Kabir and Tarishi Jain.

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Living in the memories of loved ones

MUNTAKIM SAAD and ZAHANGIR SHAH

Sami lost his father a year ago, but he still lives in his memory.



Thinking of his father, the eight-year-old often cuddles his uncle Shamsuzzaman Shams while he sleeps.

Mohammad Rabiul Karim, an assistant commissioner of the Detective Branch of Dhaka

Metropolitan Police, was killed by terrorists during the July 1 hostage-taking at the Holey Artisan Bakery last year.

Rabiul's daughter Raina, aged eleven months, was not even born when he passed away. The little girl kisses her father's photographs as if she would feel the warmth of his love.

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful



FARAAZ AYAAZ HOSSAIN
April 15, 1996 - July 1, 2016

FARAAZ'S 1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

July 1, 2017

As we commemorate our beloved Faraaz's first death anniversary we remember July 1st 2016, the night that shattered us and engulfed our lives with intense grief; yet the courage and the valiant manner in which Faraaz stood to protect his friends during the last few moments of his youthful, joyous, dream-filled life do give us some solace and immense pride. We, his family, remain forever grateful as our dearest Faraaz's strength of character, and depth of belief in humanity, has been honoured both at home and abroad.

That horrific night at the Holey Artisan Bakery, 2016, the mindless massacre of 22 shook Bangladesh and stunned the world. Among those families who lost their sons, daughters and loved-ones; it was the most unimaginable, heartrending experience not only because of the untimely and irreparable loss but also because of the sheer beastliness of the act itself.

A year since July 1st 2016, Faraaz's parents, brother, grandparents, family and all those who knew him, remember him for his act of valour and love for fellow human beings and pray to the Almighty for his Eternal Peace and to grant him a Heavenly Abode.

We Faraaz's family, extend our gratitude for the unstinting support and love that has encircled us from all sections of society, both at home and abroad.

We wish your kind presence at the Milad to be held today, Saturday, July 1, 2017 after Asr prayers (5.30pm) at House # NE(J)-4, Road # 83, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.

Simeen Hossain, Waquer Hossain, Zaraif Hossain
&
Latifur Rahman, Shahnaz Rahman and family

In loving memory of all the souls that we have lost

Abinta Kabir
Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain
Tarishi Jain Christian Rossi
Rabiul Karim Salauddin Khan
Ishrat Akhond Vincenzo D' Allestro Nadia Benedetti
Marco Tondat Claudia Maria D'Antona
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