

KASHMIR BORDER Indian forces kill 5 militants

Indian Security forces yesterday killed five militants attempting to cross into Indian-administered Kashmir from the Pakistan side of the disputed frontier, reports said.

The five were killed in a major gunbattle in the Machhil sector of the border in northern Kashmir, the reports said quoting an Indian defence spokesman.

"A major infiltration bid was foiled today in the Machhil sector by alert troops," Press Trust of India news agency quoted the spokesman as saying.

The spokesman said weapons were recovered but did not indicate which group the militants belong to.

Indian forces have now killed about 40 militants this year trying to cross the Line of Control which has acted as the unofficial border since Muslim-majority Kashmir was divided in 1947. India and Pakistan both claim all of Kashmir.

DU to hold

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unit, 1,250 for 'Ga' [Business] unit, 1,540 for 'Gha' [combined] unit and 135 for Fine Arts faculty," he added.

Students who passed HSC examination this year only can have all the detailed information at the university website <http://admission.eis.du.ac.bd>.

Eligible candidates have to pay Tk 350 through Sonali, Agrani, Janata or Rupali Banks for the admission process.

UNIT-WISE SCHEDULE

The admission test under 'Ga' unit for the students of business studies will be held on September 15, followed by 'Kha' unit for students of humanities on September 22, 'Ka' unit for students of science on October 13 and 'Gha' unit for students from all disciplines will be held on October 20.

The entry test under 'Cha' unit for admission into the fine arts faculty will hold two entry tests -- general knowledge on September 16 and drawing on September 23.

Scotland

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scheme to pipe music into 40 London underground stations to reduce anti-social behaviour.

"Incidents of verbal and physical abuse fell, so I thought let's give this a go," he told the newspaper.

Relations between police and community at Broadwater Farm have been poor for decades. In 1985, there was a riot that resulted in the murder of a police officer.

When Weber was assigned to the estate, his instructor told him: "It's a maze that they know better than you. Good luck".

Weber, one of a new batch of recruits from the Police Now scheme that attracts graduates to policing to help drive reforms and innovation, also had the idea of asking the local authority to cut the electricity to a communal area in Tangmere block on the estate where gang members used to charge their phones.

"I hoped they would go home when their batteries died. And it seems to be working," he said.

Taliban-IS

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Mohammad Noor Rahmani, head of Sar-e Pul's provincial council, said 44 of the 50 victims were believed to be civilians, with the ALP militia also suffering casualties.

"This is not the final toll. It might change because the area is inaccessible and no telephone networks are working to get an update," he told AFP.

Afghan president Ashraf Ghani condemned the reported massacre of dozens of civilians.

"Criminal terrorists have once again killed civilians, women and children in Sayad district of Sar-e Pul province, adding to their crimes.

"This barbaric act of them is deemed a direct violation of human rights and a war crime," Ghani said in a statement.

The Taliban and IS fighters have regularly clashed since the latter

Court sends

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were presented before the Court of Additional District and Sessions Judge.

Both the mother and daughter voiced objection to going to a safe home when an appeal was made to that end on security ground, said prosecutor Amanullah.

In the face of their objection, Judge Emdadul Haque of the Juvenile Court asked the victim's father if he could ensure security of his daughter.

In reply, the father expressed his inability and the judge sent the girl to a safe home and her mother to a victim support centre.

The ruling came in the wake of growing concerns if the victims could return home from the hospital and stay safe.

Abdul Motaleb Hossain, chief of surgery department, told journalists both the mother and daughter were physically sound and did not need to stay at the hospital anymore.

Sanatan Chakrabarty, additional superintendent of police, said preparations were being made to send the girl to Rajshahi divisional safe home.

Abul Kalam Azad, investigation officer of the case, said Tufan in his three-phase remand did not admit to raping the girl, but his associates Atik, Munna and Jibon Rabidas have already given confessional statements before a court admitting the incident.

Earlier on July 17, Tufan, convener of Bogra unit of ruling Awami League's workers front, allegedly abducted the girl from her house and raped her. He also allegedly asked his party cadres and a woman councillor to make sure everything was hushed up.

Following his order, they picked up the student and her mother, tortured them for four hours and shaved their heads.

The victim's mother filed a case on July 28, following which police arrested 11 people including nine accused.

Dhaka to open

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Bangladeshis, raise export and trade and establish political link with other countries.

According to an official estimate, over seven million Bangladeshis now live abroad and remit around \$15 billion a year.

Officials said there was a common perception that the government spent a huge amount of money to run the foreign missions. But some missions, including those in the Middle Eastern countries, Malaysia, Singapore, the USA, the UK and Italy earn good revenue and send foreign currencies to Bangladesh by providing consular services to people.

Foreign ministry sources said the prime minister recently gave consent for the opening and reopening of consulates in Toronto of Canada and Sydney of Australia as a large number of Bangladeshis were not getting consular access and other services.

According to them, over one lakh expatriate Bangladeshis live in Toronto, but the country has no mission there to serve them. There are consulates of 92 countries in Toronto, including those of India and Pakistan.

Foreign ministry officials said most

Mirpur suffers

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8:00am yesterday, say witnesses.

As workers from nearby factories joined in, the demonstrators blocked the two streets in front of Sony Cinema Hall around 10:30am, putting hundreds of commuters and schoolgoers in trouble. People were seen walking to their destinations amid long tailbacks.

A worker, wishing not to be named, said the authorities of the garment factory were paying their wages after the 12th of each month. Also, they were rumours that the factory might be moved to Gazipur after this Eid-ul-Azha, she said.

"We have long been demanding salaries by the seventh of each month and compensation in case the factory is relocated," said another worker, who termed the termination of his co-workers illegal.

"The authorities have now shut down the factory instead," the worker said, adding, the factory has some 700 workers.

Contacted, Jashimuddin Mollah, additional deputy commissioner of police (Mirpur Zone), told The Daily

of the expatriate Bangladeshis in Canada were not getting consular services as the Bangladesh High Commission is in Canadian capital Ottawa, about 400km off Toronto.

Opening a consulate in Toronto will greatly help Bangladesh export its products to Canada.

Sydney is home to about 75,000 Bangladeshi expatriates. Over 100 countries, including India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, have consular representatives in the city.

Opening a consulate in Sydney will immensely help Bangladesh expand its export to Australia as it has been enjoying duty and quota free access to the Australian market since July 2003.

Officials said the government recently opened a fully-fledged embassy in Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa as part of its efforts to expand trade relations with the emerging African markets.

The ambassador posted in Ethiopia has been given the responsibility to strengthen trade and investment relations with 54 African nations. The headquarters of the African Union is in Addis Ababa.

Agents want more swaps

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"The hajj agencies are now demanding 10 percent replacement hajis only for extra money," Bazlul Haq Biswas, a former director at Ashkona Hajj Camp, said.

Many agencies take Tk 10,000 to Tk 30,000 extra from replacement hajis, he said, adding that many attempts were made in the past to show registered pilgrims dead on paper to send more hajis.

Abu Saleh Mostafa Kamal, the immediate past director at Ashkona Hajj Camp, told The Daily Star yesterday that an old man came from Pabna in 2016 and told him that his agent was not sending him to Saudi Arabia although he had paid all the money.

Kamal said the hajj agency concerned had told him that the man was dead.

Hajj officials at the Ashkona Hajj Camp said like previous years, a section of unscrupulous hajj agencies have started playing "dirty games" over replacement hajis.

"When I was the director of Ashkona Hajj Camp for six years, hajj agencies used to play the same dirty game. I got many complaints from hajis that agencies did not send them to Saudi Arabia taking more money from other pilgrims," Bazlul said.

2 Sylhet BCL men

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Abdul claimed that a group of Islami Chhatra Shibir activists carried out the attack when the BCL activists went to their former college.

Sohag Ahmed, president of Sylhet metro ward-23 unit of BCL, said BCL recently arranged an orientation programme for the freshers at the college. Shibir too wanted to arrange such a programme but failed. The attack was made to take revenge, he added.

Quoting witnesses, Kotwali police said some youths on some six motorcycles carried out the attack. Factional feud of BCL and establishing supremacy could be reasons for the attack, police speculated.

Three arrested

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On Sunday night, police arrested the three -- Rashidul Sardar, 45, member of Gram Police; victim's brother-in-law Rafiqul, 40; and Rafiqul's mother Opeya Khatun, 65.

Victim's younger sister Moni Aktar said criminals killed their father in 2012 over a land dispute. A murder case is now under trial at a Nilphamari court.

Accused of the murder case are close to some AL leaders and they pressured Shefali to settle the case outside the court, but failed.

Angered, the AL leaders touted her sister, alleged Moni.

Talking to this correspondent at Rangpur Medical College Hospital yesterday, Shefali said, "On Friday morning, she went to her elder sister Aklima's house in Uttar Baishpukur village to resolve a quarrel between Aklima and her husband."

At one stage, a scuffle ensued between Aklima's husband Rafiqul

Star that they went to the scene and tried to calm down the protestors through discussions.

Police said a clash ensued as they were "attacked without provocation".

A good number of law enforcers were deployed in the area.

There was no report of any arrests.

Later in the day, the management of Meridian decided to reopen the factory today, said Siddiqui Rahman, president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), the garment makers' platform.

The BGMEA mediated between the factory management and workers and both the parties agreed to work together from today, Siddiqui said after a meeting with the owner and workers at the association office.

Hearing about the decision to reopen the factory, some protestors started leaving the streets around 8:15pm.

The rest left after workers' leaders reached the spot around 10:30pm, said several workers.

Swaraj to arrive

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meeting with Foreign Secretary Shahidul Haque at the foreign ministry yesterday.

An Indian diplomat in New Delhi yesterday confirmed the upcoming visit of Swaraj.

The visit of Swaraj and the JCC meeting will take place at a time when the two countries resolved most of their pending matters, except the water sharing issue, and were enjoying excellent bilateral ties.

This will be her second visit to Bangladesh. She first visited the country on June 25-27 in 2014 as the external affairs minister after the BJP assumed power that year.

Diplomatic sources said the JCC meeting would review the implementation and progress of decisions taken during Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in April.

The third JCC meeting was held in New Delhi on September 20 in 2014 when Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali

Al-Qaeda ousted from oil-rich Yemen province: army

AFP, Aden

Al-Qaeda's Yemen branch has retreated from an oil-rich southern province in the face of an assault by a US-backed elite government force, a senior military official said yesterday.

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), seen by the United States as the global network's most dangerous franchise, has exploited Yemen's war to expand its presence in the country's south.

But the elite force, trained by the United Arab Emirates, on Thursday launched a "major operation" against the jihadists in Shabwa province.

Bond

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nook and corner of India yesterday.

In West Bengal, the ruling Trinamool Congress and opposition BJP observed the festival through meetings, processions and rallies.

Request for Proposal

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