

Fingers crossed

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Talking to this correspondent, Religious Affairs Secretary Abdul Jalil said they were hoping to complete the visa process of all pilgrims by today. Saiful Islam, director of Hajj Camp at city's Ashkona, said although the deadline for sending visa applications for pilgrims ended yesterday [Sunday], Saudi Embassy in Dhaka has agreed to receive applications until noon today.

Asked, he said one to two percent pilgrims might not be able to perform hajj this year due to different reasons, including deaths and illnesses. "Every year around 1,000 pilgrims miss the hajj on various grounds. The number may be 600-700 this year," he added.

Meanwhile, Haab leaders yesterday told this correspondent that they were worried about getting Biman's air tickets for the pilgrims before its deadline of August 26.

Shakil Meraj, Biman general manager (public relation), said as of 8:00am yesterday, a total of 84,546 pilgrims were sent to Saudi Arabia by Biman and Saudia.

Biman was scheduled to operate 10 hajj flights in the 24 hours from 8:00am yesterday, which means at least 4,000 pilgrims were likely to fly to Saudi Arabia in those flights, sources in Biman said.

In the last seven days, Biman and Saudia did not cancel any hajj flights due to shortage of passengers, sources at the two airlines said.

HAAB secretary general last night said Biman and Saudia would have to send around 37,000 pilgrims within August 28. Biman's last hajj flight is on August 26 and Saudia's August 28.

Biman was forced to cancel 24 flights in which over 11,000 pilgrims could have been sent. Saudia was forced to cancel four flights in which around 1,500 pilgrims could have gone to Saudi Arabia, airlines officials said.

A total of 1,27,198 Bangladeshi pilgrims are scheduled to perform hajj this year. Of them, Biman and Saudia are scheduled to carry equal number of pilgrims.

Due to frequent cancellation of hajj flights and despite getting permission to operate 21 additional flights, Biman has a tough challenge, top officials of the national flag carrier said.

"We have taken various measures, including requesting the Saudi government to extend the deadline to operate the hajj flight by one or two days. If the deadline is not extended, we will seek assistance from Saudia," said a top marketing official of Biman wishing anonymity.

ISIS SUICIDE ATTACKERS Canadian of Bangladesh origin on Interpol's list

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A Canadian man of Bangladesh origin is on an Interpol list that identifies Islamic State fighters believed to have been trained for suicide attacks in Europe.

Former Toronto resident Tabirul Hasib, 25, is among 173 ISIS fighters Interpol has named as potential suicide bombers, based on data uncovered by US intelligence.

The list was distributed amid concerns that, as ISIS collapses in Syria and Iraq, it will attempt to send waves of trained operatives to the West to conduct attacks.

The Canadian government would not confirm if it was aware of the existence of the Interpol list.

"While we do not comment on national security operations, we can say that the Government of Canada monitors all potential threats and has

robust measures in place to address them," Scott Bardsley, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale's press secretary, said yesterday.

Terrorism researcher Prof Amamath Amarasingam, who found the Bangladeshi-Canadian on the list, said Interpol disseminated it because "they are scared of many of these guys sneaking into various countries to launch attacks."

Amarasingam said most of those named were Iraqis, who would "not really be on the radar of European law enforcement." But he added that the list also included several Westerners, including Hasib.

Hasib was part of a group of friends of Bangladeshi and Indian origin who were recruited in Toronto by André Poulin, a Muslim convert originally from Timmins, Ont. who called himself "Abu Muslim."

2schoolgirls

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The accused also threatened them that they would upload the video clip on the internet if they told their families about the incident, the girls said.

Two days after the incident, the video clip went viral.

The father of a victim said, "Finding no other way, I went to Sujanagar municipality Mayor Abdul Wahab for justice. The mayor along with influential local AL leaders held a meeting on August 4 where family members of the accused were present."

The mayor assured them of justice, but nothing happened to this end.

"We wanted to lodge a case with the local police station, but we could not do this because of continuous threats by the rapists backed by local influential leaders," alleged the brother of another victim.

Shahinur Rahman, secretary of Sujanagar municipality unit AL, said the accused were involved in AL politics and followers of the mayor.

Those who committed the crime would not get any political support, Shahin added.

The victims filed the cases with a Pabna court under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, said Rajiullah Ronju, lawyer of the complainants.

Additional District Judge Md Emran Hasan recorded the statements of the victims.

Rajiullah added that the court asked police to investigate.

Contacted, Sujanagar municipality Mayor Wahab said families of the accused supported the AL and the accused took part in AL's political programmes regularly.

Wahab refuted the allegation of backing the accused.

The six accused are Hazrat Ali, Al Amin Hossain, Mohammad Shahin, Mohammad Mithun, Mohammad Panku and Mohammad Sohel of the municipality's Charbhabanipur area. They are aged between 18 and 22.

US warship

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just after completing a secret mission delivering parts of the atomic bomb used in Hiroshima.

The vessel sank in just 12 minutes, meaning it was unable to send a distress signal or deploy life-saving equipment, according to the history division of the US Navy.

Some 800 of the ship's 1,196 sailors and marines initially survived the maritime disaster, but only 316 ultimately lived after enduring several days in shark-infested waters where they also faced risks of dehydration and drowning. Of those survivors, 22 are still alive today, the US Navy said.

Cries for justice

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This means there is still a long way to go to complete the trial conclusively in order to provide the victims and their families with justice, according to legal experts.

Until then, the surviving victims and the families of those killed would have to wait in agony for justice.

EFFORTS MADE TO DERAIL INVESTIGATION

The grisly grenade attack was carried out during the BNP rule and the attackers left the venue without facing any hurdles.

The then BNP government allowed agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Interpol to visit Dhaka to assist the probe only when world leaders expressed grave concerns and there was international pressure.

After the attack, BNP launched a campaign blaming the AL itself for carrying out the attack on its own rally.

The BNP-led alliance government even tried to establish through several investigations that the AL had killed its own activists to tarnish the government's image.

As part of a plan to pin the blame on the AL, the investigators cooked up a story involving one Mokhlesur Rahman, an AL leader and former ward commissioner of Moghbazar in the city.

On instructions of the government high-ups, they also attempted to feed the public with another story woven around one Joj Mia, a petty criminal.

They forced Joj Mia to make a confessional statement naming Mokhlesur as one of the plotters. The whole story turned out to be fabrication by the investigators.

Through a judicial commission led by a Supreme Court judge, it even tried to prove that "foreign enemies" had instigated the carnage and some wanted criminals hiding in India had taken part in it, according to the charge sheet.

However, things took a different turn during the past caretaker government led by Fakhruddin Ahmed. A new Criminal Investigation Department official was given the charge in July 2007 to conduct a fresh investigation into the carnage.

On June 11, 2008, the CID submitted charge sheet accusing 22, including Huji leader Mufti Hannan and former deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu. The charge sheet hinted at involvement of some gov-

ernment and security high-ups in the plot.

After the AL came to power, the prosecution filed a petition on June 22, 2009 with the court for further investigation to identify the suppliers of Arges grenades and sources of financing.

The court on August 3, 2009 ordered for further investigation, following which a new CID official was assigned to do the job.

In July 2011, the CID submitted the supplementary charge sheet. According to the supplementary charge sheet, the grisly attack was an outcome of collaboration between the militant outfit Huji, a section of influential leaders of BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami, and a section of senior officials of the home ministry, police, Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI), National Security Intelligence (NSI) and Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Lutfuzzaman Babar, the then state minister for home affairs, Harris Chowdhury, political secretary to the then prime minister Khaleda Zia, Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, secretary general of Jamaat and the then social welfare minister, NSI director general Brig Gen Abdur Rahim and DGFI director Brig Gen Rezaqul Haider Chowdhury masterminded the attack, according to the supplementary charge sheet. Involvement of Tarique Rahman was also alleged in it.

Jamaat leader Mojaheed was dropped from the charge after his execution in a war crimes case in November 2015.

According to the supplementary charge sheet, Huji leader Tajuddin, supplier of the grenades and brother of Abdus Salam Pintu, were allowed to leave the country for Pakistan on instructions from Babar. The then premier Khaleda Zia was aware of this, according to the charge sheet.

Tajuddin was provided with a fake passport with the name "Badal". Khaleda's nephew and private secretary Saiful Islam Duke, his brother-in-law and the then DGFI official Lt Col Saiful Islam Joarder, and another DGFI official Maj Gen ATM Amin helped Tajuddin flee the country on October 10, 2006 at the flag end of the BNP rule, said the supplementary charge sheet in March 2011.

Three other accused -- Huji leaders Mufti Hannan and Shahedul Alan Bipul and Jamaat leader Mojaheed -- were executed in connection with a grenade attack on British High Commissioner Anwar Chowdhury and war crimes respectively.

AUGUST 21 BLACK DAY

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2011, July 3

The CID submits supplementary charge sheet accusing 30 more individuals, including politicians, senior officials of civil and military intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

2012, March 18

Court frames fresh charges against 30 individuals accused in the supplementary charge sheet, taking the number of accused to 52. Khaleda Zia's elder son Tarique Rahman; then state minister for home Lutfuzzaman Babar; Harris Chowdhury, political secretary to then PM Khaleda; Jamaat leader and then social welfare minister Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed; then BNP MP Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaikobad; then DGFI director Brig Gen Rezaqul Haider Chowdhury; then NSI director general Brig Gen Abdur Rahim; owner of Hanif Paribahan Mohammad Hanif; and then councillor of DCC Ward-53 Ariful Islam Arif are charged with masterminding and approving the attack plan executed by Huji men and their accomplices. Huji founder Abdus Salam, Huji leaders Moulana Sheikh Farid, Moulana Abdur Rouf and Moulana Abdur Hannan Sabbir, Kashmir-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) leader Abdul Malek alias Golang Mohammad, Pakistan-based LeT leader Yusuf Butt alias Majid Butt, Mufti Shafiqur Rahman, Mufti Abdul Hai, Hafiz Moulana Yahya and Babu alias Ratul Babu are indicted for killing, causing grievous hurt, attempt to murder, abetment and criminal liability. Then IGP Shahudul Haque and then DMP commissioner Ashraf Huda are charged with providing financial and administrative support to the attackers. Then deputy commissioner (East) of the DMP Obaidur Rahman and then DC (South) of the DMP Khan Sayeed Hassan are charged with having the evidence of the attack vanish and providing the killers with administrative assistance. Lt Commander (ret'd) Saiful Islam Duke, also the nephew and private secretary to then PM Khaleda; then director of Counter Terrorism Intelligence Bureau of DGFI Maj Gen ATM Amin; and then DGFI official (later sacked) Saiful Islam Joarder are charged with protecting militant Tajuddin, who supplied the Arges grenades used in the attack, and helping him flee to Pakistan. Then senior officials of the CID -- SP Ruhul Amin, ASP Munshi Atiqur Rahman and ASP Abdur Rashid -- and former IGP Khoda Baksh Chowdhury are charged with misleading the case and creating the ridiculous Joj Mia drama to save the killers. Ruhul Amin, Atiqur Rahman and Abdur Rashid were the officials who led the first investigation when Khoda Baksh was IGP.

March 27
Re-trial begins.
2017, Aug
Recording of defence witness going on.

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Ex-post evaluation

JICA Bangladesh Office seeks proposals from interested NGOs/ Consultants/ Firms/companies for its internal Ex-post evaluation on "The Project for Improvement of Digital Mapping System of Survey of Bangladesh" and "The Project for Development of Human Capacity on Operation of Weather Analysis and Forecasting"

All interested agencies may collect the detail Terms of Reference and proposal related documents from bd_oso_rep@jica.go.jp by a formal request between **21st to 24th August 2017 (4.00 pm)**. Interested agencies are requested to submit their bids in sealed envelopes marked with "Proposal for Internal Ex-post Evaluation" to JICA Bangladesh Office, Bay's Galleria, 3rd Floor, 57 Gulshan Avenue (CWS-A19), Gulshan Circle-1, Dhaka-1212, by **10th September 2017 (4:30 PM)**.

Qatar blocks planes from transporting hajj pilgrims

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Saudi Arabia last week reopened its land border with Qatar for Muslim pilgrims and said it would provide transport for Qataris from Doha to Makkah, in a temporary lifting of a months-long boycott of Qatar.

A major diplomatic crisis that saw Riyadh and its regional allies cut relations with Doha over allegations that the emirate supported Islamist extremists.

Around 120 Qataris entered Saudi territory on Thursday through the Salwa border, also known as Abu Samrah, Saudi state television reported, after King Salman called for the border to be opened for pilgrims without electronic permits.

The government separately allocated seven flights of the Saudi national carrier to bring pilgrims from Doha at the monarch's expense, state news agency SPA announced.

Ten Huji men

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Osman, Hafej Zahangir Alam Badar, Maulana Abu Bakar alias Hafej Selim Howlader, Hafej Maulana Yahia, Mufti Shafiqur Rahman, Mufti Abdul Hye and Maulana Abdur Rauf alias Abdur Razzaque.

kilometer would be completely destroyed if the bombs exploded.

Mufti Hannan was the planner while several others assisted him, the judge said adding that Wasim, Mehedi and Rashed possessed the bomb making materials, explosives and planted the bombs at the place.

The 76kg bomb was found at Sheikh Lutfor Rahman Ideal College in Kotalipara upazila on July 21, 2000. Sheikh Hasina was supposed to address a rally there the next day.

Besides, Mehedi Hasan alias Abdur Wadud was sentenced to life in prison and Anisul Islam alias Anis, Nohibullah alias Mohidur Rahman and Sarwar Hossain Mia to 14 years in prison.

Another bomb weighing 40kg was found in front of a shop adjacent to the venue.

Sub-Inspector Nur Hossain of Kotalipara Police Station filed a case under the Explosive Substances Act following the incident.

CID submitted the charge sheet against Mufti Hannan and 24 others on April 8, 2001, showing 83 people as prosecution witnesses.

Of the accused, 13 are in jail while 11 are on the run. The court acquitted 10 others, as charges brought against them were not proven.

Soon after the judgment, Dhaka District Public Prosecutor Khondaker Abdul Mannan said he was not fully satisfied as ten accused were acquitted.

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The Gopalganj court recorded statements of 40 prosecution witnesses, including complainant of the case. The case was then shifted to the Speedy Trial Tribunal for quick disposal in August 2010.

Yesterday's verdict was based on confessional statements of Mufti Hannan and four other accused, circumstantial evidences, reports by bomb disposal experts and statements of 63 witnesses.

The judge observed that the convicts' main object was to assassinate Sheikh Hasina as they believed she was against Islam. But the attempt was foiled.

In another case filed with Gopalganj Police Station, the same tribunal sentenced nine of the convicts to 20 years rigorous imprisonment for possessing bomb-making materials and explosives and planting the bombs at the place of occurrence.

Citing a statement made by a major general before the court, who was a bomb disposal expert, the judge said a radius of about one

World Vision

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

World Vision Bangladesh (WVB) invites Proposal from interested bonafide Companies (who have updated TIN, VAT Registration, Trade License and Bank A/C) for providing Office Cleaning Services.

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| RFP Reference: | WVB-SCM-RFP-0005-08/17 |
| RFP Name: | Hiring of Office Cleaning Service Provider |
| RFP Publication Date: | 21 August 2017 |
| RFP Last Collecting Date: | 03 September 2017 up to 4:00 PM |
| Proposal Last Submission Date: | 04 September 2017 up to 2:00PM |
| Point of Contact: | Tanvir Hasan, Planning and Sourcing Manager, WVB Email: wvb_scm@wvi.org |
| Address of Proposal Submission: | WORLD VISION BANGLADESH Abedin Tower (2nd Floor), 35, Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka - 1213. |

WVB reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers in full or part with or without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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EAST WEST UNIVERSITY

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TENDER INVITATION

- Tenders are invited from the bonafide / intending suppliers / firms for the following items:
 - Supply & Installation of different items for HVAC System for EWU Sub-Station (Re-Tender).
 - Making of 02 rooms for 02 Labs of the Department of Civil Engineering of East West University.
 - Printing of 5000 units Main Certificate & 3000 Units Provisional Certificate for EWU.
 - Procurement of different types of Network Accessories for Artificial Intelligence Lab for the Department of CSE of East West University (Re-Tender).
 - Procurement of 02 units Computer (Core i7) and 02 units Multimedia Projector for the Department of Civil Engineering of East West University.
 - Laboratory Equipments for Engineering Materials Laboratory and Strength of Material Laboratory, Department of Civil Engineering, East West University.
 - Procurement of Different Types of Laboratory Items for the Department of Pharmacy:
 - Freezer Dryer for Pharmacognosy and Phyto Chemistry Laboratory
 - Gel Electrophoresis Apparatus with Power Supply
 - Spectra Max (UV- Spectrophotometer with Elisa Reader)
 - Various Instruments for Organic Pharmacy and Medicinal Chemistry Lab.
 - Procurement of different types of Accessories for Data Centre Core Networks of East West University (Re-Tender).
- The schedule for the items with terms and conditions can be obtained either from the website <http://etender.ewubd.edu> or from the Finance & Accounts Department of the University up to 20 September 2017 during Office hours (up to 3:00 pm.) on payment (non-refundable) of Tk. 300/- (excluding online service charge for e-tender process) for each item. (The University will remain closed from 25.08.17 to 09.09.17)
- The interested bidders are requested to submit the tender schedule either through hard copy or e-tender process by 21.09.17 within 2:00 p.m. Hard copy of tender must be dropped in the tender box kept in the (2nd floor) of the Office of the Treasurer (Room No. 316) of the University. Submitted tenders within the deadline will be opened on the same day at 2:30 p.m. in the Conference Room (4th floor) of East West University in presence of the vendors (if any).
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Joint Chief, HR & Logistics