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'Standoff ends with 7 dead

Rab men find charred remains of militant suspect, his 2 wives, 2 kids at Darus Salam flat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab officials sweeping the flat of a militant suspect in the capital's Darus Salam found remains of seven people yesterday, a day after the suspect allegedly detonated bombs there causing a blaze.

The suspect holed up there caused the explosions beginning at 9:50pm Tuesday, killing himself, his two wives and two children and possibly two of his employees, said Director General of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) Benazir Ahmed.

"We so far found seven skulls and the bodies were burnt to ashes. Bones were seen scattered here and there," he said while briefing reporters on the spot yesterday afternoon.

He identified five of the dead as Abdullah, son of late Yusuf Ali of Chittagong, Abdullah's wives Fatema and Nasrin and sons Osman and Omar.

The Rab officials said they were collecting evidence, including DNA samples.

Rab cordoned off the six-storey "Kamal Proba" since 12:40am on Tuesday. The Rab officials said that he had repeatedly asked the militant to surrender and gave him time until 8:00pm. But he wanted another half an hour, they said.

At 9:50pm, several explosions rocked Abdullah's rented flat on the fourth floor of "Kamal Proba", ending the stand

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An interior view of militant suspect Abdullah's flat.

Tigers fight back but Aus on top

MAZHAR UDDIN from Chittagong

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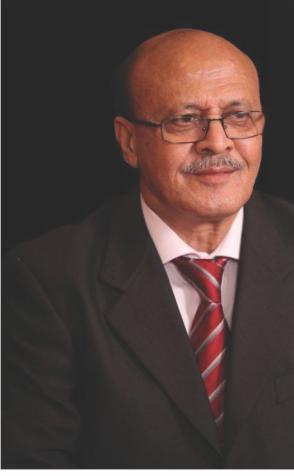
A better approach and an attacking mindset on the third day after a rather defensive attitude the previous day saw Bangladesh in second stage a recovery in the second Test, although Australia were still well ahead when stumps were drawn at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

With a lead of 72 runs on the board and their last pair remaining at the crease, Australia will definitely feel they have the upper hand when Bangladesh come out to bat for the second time as the Tigers have never been at their best in their second essay.

Bangladesh did manage to take seven wickets in the rain-affected third day, where the first session was completely

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HANDSET ASSEMBLY

Govt drafts guidelines to encourage manufacturing, assembling at home

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'WRONG, CRUEL'

Obama slams Trump for ending 'Dreamers' programme

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A Rohingya woman, who just crossed into Bangladesh, walks with her baby in search of shelter in Amtali area of Cox's Bazar's Ukhaa upazila.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

India shares
Myanmar's
concerns
Modi says after
meeting Suu Kyi

REUTERS, Niyapattu



Prime Minister Narendra Modi said yesterday that India shared Myanmar's concern about "extremist violence" in its Rakhine state, where a security force operation against Muslim rebels has sent about 125,000 people fleeing to Bangladesh.

Modi spoke after talks

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NEWS ANALYSIS
THE MYANMAR CAULDRON
Birth of Arsa

INAHM AHMED and SHAKHAWAT LITON

At the grand Oslo City Hall on a June afternoon in 2012, Aung San Suu Kyi delivered her Nobel lecture and uttered the very fundamental truth of any conflict: "Whenever suffering is ignored, there will be the seeds of conflict, for suffering degrades and embitters and enrages."

Only a year down the line, her words became true for Myanmar when an armed group styled the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army or Arsa emerged in Rakhine state in 2013.

Intent on taking revenge on the killing machine of Myanmar, the Arsa insurgents launched their first attack in October last year and killed nine policemen, sparking a new wave of persecution on the Rohingyas by the Myanmar military.

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Suu Kyi slams
'fake info' on
Rakhine unrest

UN secy gen warns of
regional destabilisation

REUTERS, Shamilpur

Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday blamed "terrorists" for a huge iceberg of misinformation on the violence in Rakhine state but made no mention of the nearly 125,000 Rohingya Muslims who have fled over the border to Bangladesh since Aug 25.

The leader of the

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Dhaka protests
unprecedented
Rohingya influx

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka yesterday summoned the Myanmar envoy to Bangladesh for the fourth time in less than two weeks and handed over a strongly worded protest note against the unprecedented level of influx of Myanmar nationals to Bangladesh since August 25.

Expressing deep concern about the escalation of violence in Rakhine due to the ongoing military operations on civilian populations which caused a high number of casualties and the burning of thousands of houses, the note said streams of affected civilians have been entering Bangladesh to escape from violence and save their lives.

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**Shanties sprout as
exodus swells**

PORINOL PALMA and MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAT, from Cox's Bazar

Bangladesh faces an uphill challenge of providing shelter to tens of thousands of Rohingyas fleeing persecution in Myanmar's Rakhine State. NGOs and government officials fear the influx would continue as the Myanmar security forces carry on atrocities in Rohingya villages in response to Rohingya insurgents' attacks on Myanmar police on August 25.

According to UN agencies, the number of new arrivals was around 150,000 till yesterday.

"This is scary. We don't know how many Rohingyas are coming and how the Bangladeshi government is going to provide them with shelter," said an official of Kutupalong registered Rohingya camp in Cox's Bazar, seeking anonymity.

In the past, no unregistered Rohingya was allowed to stay in Kutupalong camp in Ukhia. But this time an exception had to be made to cope with the huge flow of Rohingyas.

The newly arrived Rohingyas are staying at the registered camp. Many of them are staying in the open," the official told The Daily Star yesterday.

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A valiant freedom fighter and Managing Director of Impress-Newtex Composite Textiles Ltd.

Janab Akram Khan

breathed his last on 6th September at Bamrungrad International Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand (Inna lillahi wa inna elahi rajaen)

Janab Akram Khan was a brave freedom fighter and he successfully steered Impress-Newtex Composite Textiles Ltd. to its present heights as its able Managing Director and was also the Managing Director of Newtex Group

He hails from Swadip and was the Vice President, Chittagong (North) District Awami League.

Marhoom Akram Khan's Namaz-e-Janaza will be held on 8th September after Jumma prayer at Gulshan Central Mosque (Azad Mosque).

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Acting DU VC takes charge amid holidays
No ceremony held

DU CORRESPONDENT

Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman started working as the acting vice-chancellor of Dhaka University yesterday when the university was on Eid-ul-Azha holidays.

Usually, the newly appointed VC takes over the charge from the outgoing VC. However, Prof Akhtaruzzaman took office yesterday morning without any ceremony.

Many teachers said the new VC could have waited until the university vacation ended and take charge from his predecessor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique.

However, they said Prof Anwarul Islam Chowdhury took office of the VC without any ceremony a day after the BNP assumed power in the 2001



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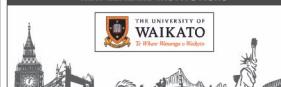
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