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NY attacker linked to IS

Uzbek-origin man ploughs pickup into cycle path killing eight; 'domestically radicalised' suspect shot, arrested

AFP, New York

The Uzbek immigrant who killed eight people in New York's worst attack since September 11, 2001, was associated with the Islamic State jihadist group but became radicalised after moving to the United States, it emerged yesterday.

The driver, who moved to America in 2010, mowed down pedestrians and cyclists over a mile-long stretch of a bike path on Lower Manhattan's West Side as children and their parents prepared to celebrate Halloween on Tuesday afternoon.

Police shot the 29-year-old suspect, Sayfullo Saipov, in the abdomen after he crashed into a school bus and exited his pickup truck, brandishing paintball and pellet guns. He remains in custody but is expected to survive the shooting.

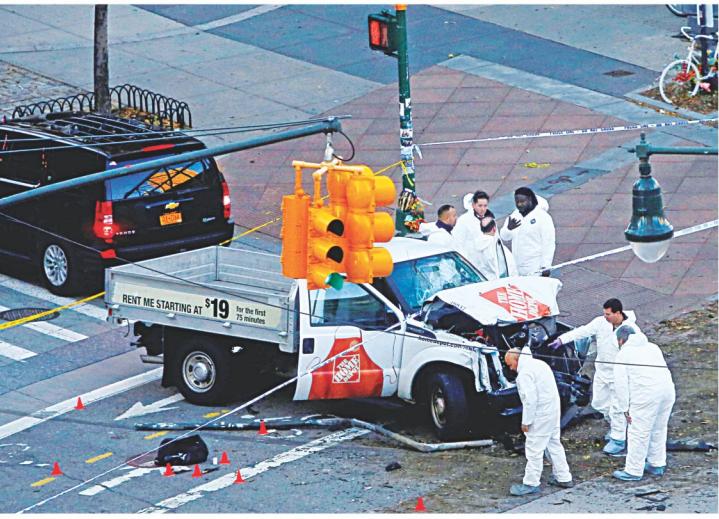
"He's a depraved coward is what he is, and he was associated with ISIS, and he was radicalized domestically," New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo told CNN.

The suspect's truck was found to contain what officials said was written in Arabic and pledged allegiance to the jihadist group. Saipov also reportedly shouted "Allahu akbar" ("God is greatest").

"After he came to the United States is when he started to become informed about ISIS and radical Islamic tactics," Cuomo told CNN.



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Police collecting evidence from the rental vehicle used by a suspect to ram people on the West Side Highway in Manhattan, New York, early yesterday. At least eight people were killed in the first terrorist attack in New York since 9/11.

PHOTO: REUTERS

SPBn takes charge of PMO security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Special Security and Protection Battalion, a special police unit, yesterday took over the charge of the security of the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

SPBn-1, which has 700 members, has replaced a Dhaka Metropolitan Police Unit (DMP) unit of 1,000 members. The members of the new unit would be stationed outside the PMO fence.

Haider Ali Khan, special superintendent of SPBn-1, told The Daily Star last night that they took the charge as it is their duty to provide security to the PMO.

SPBn was formed to ensure security to the VIPs, including the prime minister, the president and foreign guests of same status, he said, adding that the members of the new unit would be supported by two-tier security to the PMO.

The SPBn members yesterday replaced the DMP personnel, "a top official of the DMP headquarters told this newspaper."

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Journo sued under Section 57, sent to jail

Accused of taking screenshot of dubious FB post

STAFF REPORT



Another journalist has been arrested under controversial Section 57 of the Information and Communication Technology Act.

And this time the case was filed against him allegedly for taking a "screenshot" of a Facebook post involving the president and the prime minister and showing it to the plainfiff and some other local people.

While being taken to court yesterday, reporter Anisur Rahman, Rounami upazila correspondent of Daily Sangbad, said he had been once a Chhatha

46m mobile phone users' data stolen

Malaysia probes largest data leaks in Asia

REUTERS, Kuala Lumpur/singapore

Malaysia is investigating an alleged attempt to sell the data of more than 46 million mobile phone subscribers online, in what appears to be one of the largest leaks of customer data in Asia.

The massive data breach, believed to affect almost the entire population of Malaysia, was first reported last month by Lowyat.net, a local technology news website. The website said it had received a tip-off that someone was trying to sell huge databases of personal information on its forums.

The country's internet regulator, the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), was looking into the matter with the police, Communications and Multimedia Minister Salleh Said Keruak yesterday.

"We have identified several potential sources of the leak and we should be able to complete the probe soon," he told reporters in parliament.

The leaked data included lists of mobile phone numbers, identification cards, home addresses, and SIM card data of 46.2 million customers from at least 12 Malaysian mobile phone and mobile virtual network operators (MVNOs).

Cybersecurity researchers said the leaked data was extensive enough to allow criminals to create fraudulent identities to make online purchases. Justin Lie, CEO of Cashshield, a Singapore-based anti-fraud company, compared the Malaysian case in its "degree of complexity" to the cyber attack on US credit-scoring agency Equifax Inc, which said in September that cyber criminals had stolen sensitive information from 145.5 million people.

"Now these hackers have more quality information such as birth dates, IC numbers, mobile numbers, email address and passwords," Lie said about the Malaysian attack.

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MARCH 7 SPEECH
Hasina hails
recognition
by Unesco

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said recognition of Bangabandhu's historic March 7 speech as a world documentary heritage by the Unesco is a matter of great pride for the Bangladeshi nation and Bangla language.

In a statement, she also termed the recognition another milestone in the continuation of global acclamation.

Bangabandhu's speech has been included in the Memory of the World International Register, as the world's most important documentary heritage maintained by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco).

Unesco Director General Irina Bokova announced the decision at its headquarters in Paris on Monday.

On March 7, 1971, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in his fiery speech called on freedom-loving Bangladeshes to wage a decisive struggle against the Pakistani oppressors. The speech set the tone for the Liberation War that would

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Singaporeans get 'rage room' relief



AFP, Singapore

AZIZA'S DEATH
Police suspect it may be a case of suicide
OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Narsingdi

Aziza, a 14-year-old girl from Narsingdi who was previously thought to have been murdered, may have died by suicide, police now suspect.

Last week, the teenage girl succumbed to serious burns injuries.

At the time, it was reported that she was set afire after four men tied her to a tree and doused her with petrol on suspicion of

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PRAYER TIMING NUMBER 2

Faz Zohr Asr Magrib Esha

AZAN 4-55 12-45 4-00 5-30 7-15

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Forgetting a dark past

MOSTAFA YOUSIF with
ANDREW EAGLE

Old habits die hard, so the saying goes. Chances are, for a thief like Motiur Rahman, from remote hilly Borochonkhula village in Chittagong's Rangunia upazila, a more honourable occupation will always evade him. Like many in his village, Motiur used to make his living selling soybeans from the nearby Dugdakona Dhubaparchi sanctuary. But in Motiur's case a life of thievery was not to be his destiny; and all it took to convince him otherwise was a little intervention, from a helpful snake.

"One fateful night I was busy cutting trees in the deep forest," he recalls.

"Suddenly I felt something in the dark bite my leg. It was really painful. By the time I realised it was a snake, the log I was carrying on my shoulder had knocked me over, leaving me unconscious."

When Motiur came to his senses, he really came to his senses. He had been raiding several places of Mirpur on Tuesday, according to the force, the four had close links with Abdullah, an alleged JMB leader.

Sabir is the son of Habibullah Bahar Azad, the owner of the building in the capital's Darussalam area. During the Rab operation, Abdullah alias Meer Akrabul Karim was killed along with his two wives, two



A snakebite while Motiur Rahman was stealing trees from a forest in Chittagong's Rangunia upazila changed his life. Now he makes a good living out of making, selling, and promoting vermicompost.

PHOTO: STAR

'PLOT BY PILOT'
PM's residence was the target
Rab tells Dhaka court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Binam Bangladesh Airlines Co-pilot Sabir Eman Sabir had planned either to hit the residence of the prime minister with an aircraft or take a plane along with passengers to the IS base in Syria, a Rab official told a Dhaka court yesterday.

Investigation Officer Sub-Inspector Amirul Islam of Rab-4 made the claim in the remand prayer for First Officer Sabir, who was suspended following his arrest. Later, the court placed him in custody on a severe bail remand.

On Tuesday morning, the 30-year-old refuted the allegation and claimed that he was innocent.

Sabir said he had been working at Binam since 2015 and he operated his last flight on October 30. "There was no complaint against me during my service. And all of a sudden, I was detained on the night of October 30 over militant links."

He also claimed that he did not even visit his parents' house, raided by the Rab on September 4-8, in the last five years except for one day after the arrest of his father.

"How come they [Rab] said I went to my Darussalam home and met Abdullah," he said.

The Rab arrested Sabir, his mother Sulhana Parvin, their relative Asifur Rahman Asif, and local tea stall owner Alam raiding several places of Mirpur on Tuesday. According to the force, the four had close links with Abdullah, an alleged JMB leader.

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