



Munitions experts said the numbers on this piece of shrapnel confirmed that Lockheed Martin of the US was the maker of the bomb that killed 40 children and 11 others in the August 9 airstrike in Northern Yemen. PHOTO: CNN

Kofi Annan passes away

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who lived in Switzerland, was a career diplomat who projected quiet charisma and was widely credited for raising the world body's profile in global politics during his two terms as UN chief from 1997 to 2006.

tainable pragmatic solutions. Sheikh Hasina said the people of Bangladesh "will remember him always for standing by us in our efforts to promote democracy and economic development."

2007, and yesterday the two main players in that crisis, former president Mwai Kibaki and his opposition rival Raila Odinga celebrated his efforts.

The first secretary general from sub-Saharan Africa, Annan led the UN through the divisive years of the Iraq war and was later accused of corruption in the oil-for-food scandal, one of the most trying times of his tenure.

"He (Annan) also rendered his support always to our contribution in the promotion of global peace through our participation in the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations," she said.

Odinga hailed "what became known as 'the Annan Doctrine' in which he made it clear that the need to respect sovereignty cannot be used as a shield by governments to brutalise their own citizens and that the international community has a right to intervene".

"It is with immense sadness that the Annan family and the Kofi Annan Foundation announce that Kofi Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Laureate, passed away peacefully on Saturday 18th August after a short illness," the foundation said in a statement.

The United Nations said it would fly flags at half mast at all of its locations around the world through Tuesday.

However Annan resigned from the peace mission for Syria in 2012, saying a Security Council stalemate had turned it into a "mission impossible".

"His wife Nane and their children Ama, Kojo and Nina were by his side during his last days." Annan, who lived in Vaud Canton, not far from the UN European headquarters in Geneva, died in hospital in the German-speaking part of the country, Swiss news agency ATS reported.

And Ghana's President Nana Akufo-Addo announced a week of mourning for "one of our greatest compatriots".

He later set up his foundation devoted to conflict resolution and joined the Elders group of statesmen which speaks out on global issues.

The tributes began pouring in immediately. Current UN chief Antonio Guterres described his predecessor as "a guiding force for good".

In 2001, as the world was reeling from the September 11 attacks in the United States, Annan was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize jointly with the world body "for their work for a better organised and more peaceful world".

Kofi Annan lashed out at the state of global leadership in an exclusive interview with AFP last year, urging more cooperation to deal with terrorism, migration and climate change.

"In many ways, Kofi Annan was the United Nations," he said. UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein said Annan was "a friend to thousands and a leader of millions".

Another Nobel laureate, retired South African archbishop Desmond Tutu, described Annan as "an outstanding human being who represented our continent and the world with enormous graciousness, integrity and distinction."

"Honestly speaking, we are in a mess," the Nobel peace laureate said on December 12 ahead of a major climate conference in Paris.

In condolence message, Bangladesh President M Abdul Hamid expressed profound shock at the death of Kofi Annan.

Born in Kumasi, the capital city of Ghana's Ashanti region, Annan devoted four decades of his working life to the UN and was the first chief to rise from within the organisation's ranks.

"In the past when we went through this sort of crisis, you had leaders who had the courage and the vision to want to take action, to understand that they needed to work with others."

"World people will remember Kofi Annan for his outstanding contribution to establishing democracy and human rights," BSS quoted him saying.

An inquiry cleared Annan of any serious wrongdoing, but found ethical and management lapses linked to his son Kojo's ties with a Swiss firm that won lucrative contracts in the oil-for-food scheme.

He was almost same day, Dhiraj, a textile engineer, left for Khagrachhari Friday night and Mammon last night.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid rich tributes to the former UN chief, saying that he will always be remembered for his support to the forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals.

His tenure as UN chief was tarnished by a 2005 investigation of Annan and his son over the oil-for-food scandal, seen by some as payback for his comments that the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq was "illegal".

"Had we been together, I could have done something for my brother," Mammon lamented while talking to The Daily Star.

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Dhiraj was kind, benevolent, and involved in social welfare activities, including blood donation, the brother said.

Sheikh Hasina said Kofi Annan's work as the Chair of the Commission has brought the plight of the Rohingyas into light and offered sus-

Despite the lows, he left the post as one of the most popular UN leaders ever, and was widely considered a "diplomatic rock star" in international diplomatic circles.

Apart from Dhiraj, three more bystanders were killed when gunmen opened fire at two places in Khagrachhari town yesterday.

Imran Khan sworn in

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the words of the oath administered to him by President Mamnoon Hussain during the ceremony, televised live by the state broadcaster PTV.

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another grandson Radwan Mujib, the release added.

He swore to "discharge my duties and perform my functions honestly, to the best of my ability... and always in the interest of the sovereignty, integrity, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of Pakistan".

He enjoyed some success in ending post-election turmoil in Kenya in

Other accounts or pages run in the name of Bangabandhu's daughters Hasina and Rehana and the prime minister's daughter Saima Wazed were not theirs.

The 65-year-old former cricketer, who captained Pakistan to World Cup victory in 1992, had won a confidence vote in the National Assembly the previous day.

embraced the powerful Pakistan army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa.

The release urged all to remain alert against those unapproved IDs and pages. If any member of Bangabandhu's family operates Facebook or other social media platforms in future, it will be informed through the media, it added.

In parliament on Friday he came out fighting with a divisive speech in which he vowed to hold corrupt officials accountable.

Later, Khan went to the Prime Minister's house in the capital, where he was met by a guard of honour.

Asked, ADC Najmul said, "If she [Luma] had been that girl, we would have definitely filed a separate case [against her]".

The July 25 election that brought his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party to power was branded "Pakistan's dirtiest", with accusations throughout the campaign that the military was trying to tilt the playing field in Khan's favour.

Khan campaigned on promises to end widespread graft while building an "Islamic welfare state".

He said they were yet to identify the girl seen in the clip. "We are investigating".

The army and Khan have denied claims from rival parties of "blatant" vote rigging.

He also defended himself against widespread claims the military had targeted the formerly ruling PML-N, especially its leader Nawaz Sharif, and fixed the playing field in Khan's favour.

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Khan had invited the rest of the 1992 cricket team to the ceremony, and fast bowler Wasim Akram was pictured smiling among the crowd.

No prime minister of Pakistan has ever completed a full five-year term. Khan will have to contend with the same issue as many predecessors: how to maintain a power balance in civil-military relations.

At a press conference in the capital on Friday, Luma's family members, however, said the allegations were baseless.

Another cricketer-turned-politician India's Navtej Singh Sidhu, was seated in the front row and earlier warmly

The new 15-member cabinet was announced by PTI in a tweet.

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Khan and his cabinet face a myriad of challenges including militant extremism, water shortages, and a rapidly growing population negating growth in the developing country, among others.

End crackdown, free protesters

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who were peacefully exercising their human rights," said Omar Waraich, AI's deputy South Asia director.

tained during the protests. A private university student, who was hit by rubber bullets fired by the police on August 6, told Amnesty International: "Police are using CCTV footage to identify students and pick them up. Many students who suffered injuries after the police fired rubber bullets are not even going to the hospital to receive treatment out of fear of arrest. They are still living in a lot of fear and trauma. We do not know what may happen. Our movement was non-violent but we've been labelled as members of the [Jamaat-e-Islami] party."

students who were arrested solely for peacefully exercising their human rights are prisoners of conscience. They must be released immediately and unconditionally," said Omar Waraich. CONCERN ABOUT SHAHIDUL'S HEALTH

"The students were overwhelmingly peaceful, and only a tiny minority of people were involved in violence. Their actions must not become a pretext for an attack on civil society where dissent is punished and people live in fear that they will be arrested next," he said.

In a series of public statements, the Bangladesh government sought to cast the student protests as an attempt by the BNP and Jamaat to "destabilise the government" ahead of general elections later this year.

National Geographic has expressed deep concern regarding the health and well-being of renowned photographer Shahidul Alam.

No action has been reported to investigate and prosecute police officers that used unnecessary and excessive force against the largely peaceful protesters, or members of the pro-government student front Chhatra League, who were allegedly using machetes, tree branches and metal rods to attack students and journalists, as reported by victims and witnesses, said the rights watchdog.

The authorities have also arrested three other people under section 57 of the ICT Act. They include photographer Shahidul Alam, actress Quazi Nawshaba Ahmed, and Faria Mahjabin, owner of a Dhaka cafe.

In a statement on Thursday, it said, "National Geographic is deeply concerned about the health and well-being of renowned photographer, educator and humanitarian Shahidul Alam. A bright light in the photographic community, Mr Alam is currently being detained in his native Bangladesh. We join together with others across the world who are troubled by Mr Alam's arrest and support his immediate and safe release."

Students and other activists say they are being subjected to intensive surveillance, online and offline, leaving them fearful of commenting on the protests on social media and even seeking medical help for injuries sus-

Section 57 has long been used as an "instrument to criminalise people" for freely expressing their views and opinions.

Meanwhile, Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan) yesterday expressed deep concern at the arrest and harassment of students over the quota reform and safe roads movements and demanded unconditional release of the arrestees.

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In a statement, Shujan said, "We are noticing with concern that the students who led the two movements are being arrested and harassed in different ways."

Ferry delays add to misery

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as bus operators struggled to maintain their timetable due to the traffic congestion on the highways and delays at ferry terminals.

Meanwhile, many passengers were stuck in railway stations in the capital, mainly Kamalapur Railway Station, yesterday as several trains were delayed by more than an hour.

morning, with many coming hours before schedule.

Rajib Hossain, a ticket master of Shyamoli Paribahan, said most of their buses, particularly the morning and night coaches, for the northern districts were two to three hours behind schedule due to traffic congestion on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway.

FERRY TERMINALS Hundreds of passengers of 21 southern districts of the country, including children and women, remained stuck for more than two hours on both sides of the Padma, as the vehicles were held up at Paturia-Daulatdia terminal due to ferry services being disrupted by strong water currents.

Sajedul Haque, a university student, came to the station at 10:30am to catch the Joyntika Express set to depart at noon for Sylhet. But the train left one and half hours after schedule.

Mohammad Moin, who came to the bus terminal in Gabtoli from Gazipur at 1:45pm to journey to Barisal told this correspondent at 4:30pm that his bus of Sakura Paribahan had not arrived yet.

BIWTA Manager (marine) at Paturia Abdus Sattar said ferries now needed twice the usual time to cross the river due to the strong current.

"I collected the ticket after waiting for eight hours. So I came to the station a little earlier as I didn't want to miss it. But, I have to wait here again due to delays," he said.

"I have been standing for the last three hours. The bus was supposed to start at 2:15pm, but their schedule changed several times. Till now, the bus hasn't arrived and I don't know when it will," said Moin, a dredger operator.

A ferry needs 35-40 minutes on average whereas it was now taking 80-90 minutes which resulted in lesser trips, he added.

Sitangshu Chakraborty, manager of Kamalapur Station Railway, said 25 trains had left Dhaka till 1:00pm and five of them were behind schedule. However, several trains leaving after 1:00pm were also delayed.

Mohammad Harun, a ticket master of Sakura, said the bus for the Barisal route had remained stuck in a tailback at Daulatdia ferry terminal in Rajbari and that caused the delay.

Services at the Shimulia-Kathalbari route could not be resumed in the last eight days due to poor navigability at several points of the river, reports our Munshiganj correspondent.

"We think passenger number will reach their peak from Monday after the garments factories closure," Alamgir Kabir, joint director of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), told The Daily Star yesterday.

To avoid delays, several bus operators have already started to operate reserved buses while others have reduced the number of their trips.

During the Eid holidays, 21 ferries operate on Shimulia-Kathalbari route, carrying around 4,500 vehicles every day. But since last week, just eight to nine small ferries were in service, carrying only small and light vehicles such as private cars and bikes.

LAUNCH SERVICE Holidaymakers started to leave Dhaka through Sadarghat Launch Terminal from Friday.

Kabir Hossain, a ticket master of Hanif Paribahan, said their buses on the southern districts route were delayed by at least three hours at the ferry terminal, so they had to keep a number of buses reserved to provide uninterrupted services.

Yesterday, the authority added six more medium-sized ferries but these too transported only light vehicles as the water level had fallen in some parts of the river.

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Mohammad Rubel, a ticket seller of Eagle Paribahan, said they used to operate one bus per hour on the route for the southern districts, but yesterday they were using a bus every three hours.

Shah Md Khaled Newaz, assistant general manager of BIWTC, at the terminal, said people had to wait for a long time as they could operate ferries through only one way. Each ferry had to wait to make way for another, resulting in 20 to 25 minutes delays, he said.

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Not held over viral video

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master's student of Buet, on Messenger. Jannatun has been named as a suspect.

A Dhaka court placed her on three-day remand on Thursday.

Besides, Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday disclosed the arrest of a youth named Khaled Saifullah, 23, in a case filed under section 57.

Faria told investigators that Jannatun used to frequent her coffee shop, said police sources, adding that both the suspects were from Khulna.

Some ruling party men have uploaded posts on Facebook, claiming that the girl in the clip, in her pink attire, was Luma.

He was arrested in the city's Sabujbagh area on Thursday and was placed on two-day remand, according to DMP news portal.

The SI said they found Jannatun's mobile phone switched off and that they were looking for her.

Earlier, Luma had participated in a quota reform movement rally, wearing a similar dress. A few media outlets reported that she was arrested as the dress matched with the one worn by the girl in the video.

With Khaled, at least 27 people have been arrested under the controversial section on charge of spreading rumours on social media over the student movement for road safety.

Since the student demonstration began on July 29 bringing Dhaka to a standstill, more than 100 people, mostly students, have been rounded up in 53 cases in the capital alone over "causing violence and spreading rumours", according to Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

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FARIA 'SPREAD RUMOURS': RAB Faria, 28, owner of Nerdy Bean Coffee Haus in Dhanmondi, had circulated a prerecorded audio clip for spreading rumours on social media platforms during the road safety protests, according to Rab.

Twenty two private university students who are among the arrestees have repeatedly been denied bail by courts.

He said they were yet to identify the girl seen in the clip. "We are investigating".

"She made this prerecorded statement... audio file... and she circulated this audio file over the Internet," Rab Director General Benazir Ahmed said at a briefing at the force's media centre in Karwan Bazar yesterday.

Apartment from all these arrestees, many road safety and quota reform protesters were detained, interrogated and then released upon taking undertakings.

The ruling party men also alleged that Luma is a niece of Mufti Hannan, one of the country's most dreaded militants.

At a press conference in the capital on Friday, Luma's family members, however, said the allegations were baseless.

Police said they have gathered details about a hundred social media accounts which "incited violence" centring the movement.

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According to the Rab boss, Faria did it in an attempt to "take the country to the edge of destruction".

On July 29, school and college students began an unprecedented movement demanding concrete government steps to improve road safety following the deaths of two of their peers in a road crash in the capital.

In a Facebook post uploaded on August 7, Luma said: "I have been out of Dhaka for more than a month. I can't recall ever posting any nonsensical status. They are trying to trap me just because I was involved in a justified movement."

The Daily Star, however, could not independently verify the authenticity of the clip.

Since then, students took to the streets for eight days in a row -- blockading streets for hours -- before things rolled over to violence.

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