

## 7 shot dead in Rangamati

2 polling officials, 4 Ansar personnel among the victims who were returning from UZ election duty

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At least seven people, including two polling officials and four Ansar personnel, were shot dead in Rangamati's Baghaichhari upazila in a violent turn of events in the second phase of upazila polls yesterday.

Two jeeps came under a hail of gunfire in Noymile area around 6:00pm, leaving four dead on the spot, Abul Manjur, officer-in-charge of Baghaichhari Police Station, told The Daily Star.

The attackers are unknown.

The security personnel, including two women, and the polling officials were returning to the upazila town with election results and polling materials, he said.

They had just discharged their election duties at Konglak Government Primary School centres in Sajek union, reported our Rangamati correspondent, quoting police.

Fourteen people were injured in the attack. Of them, three died after being taken to Baghaichhari Upazila Health Complex.

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An Ansar man lies wounded on a bed at Baghaichhari Health Complex in Rangamati yesterday. Inset, another injured is brought there.

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AL candidates, rebels fight in low turnout election

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Awami League candidates and party rebels fought hard in yesterday's second phase of upazila polls that saw a low turnout.

AL contenders bagged 38 posts of chairman while the rebels 25. Jatiya Party candidates got two posts and independent contenders 11, according to results collected from the returning officers.

Results of 76 out of the 116 upazilas were available till 12:15am today.

Apart from the casualties

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Terror attacks by non-Muslims get less media coverage  
Says US report

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Terror attacks carried out by non-Muslims get less coverage compared to those by Muslims, said a report by the University of Alabama.

The study titled "Why Do Some Terrorist Attacks Receive More Media Attention Than Others?" showed that of the 136 terrorist acts that occurred between 2006 and 2015 in the US, "Muslims" were linked to only 12.5 percent of them but received more

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## NZ pledges gun control

Cabinet agrees to reform laws after mosque attacks as families yet to receive bodies

AFP, Christchurch

New Zealand will tighten gun laws in the wake of its worst modern-day massacre, the government said yesterday, as it emerged that the white supremacist accused of carrying out the killings at two mosques will represent himself in court.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said her coalition was unified on the need to reduce the availability of the kind of weapons used by Brenton Tarrant as he went room to room shooting Muslims gathered for Friday prayers.

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FIGHT AGAINST TERROR  
Hasina, Trudeau for joint action

Talk over phone for 20 minutes

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau have underscored the need for initiating a global movement to stamp out terrorism.

They expressed the view while talking over the phone yesterday morning.

"The Canadian premier phoned Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina this [yesterday] morning and strongly denounced the terrorist attacks on two Christchurch mosques in

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## DUTCH TRAM SHOOTING

## Turkish-origin gunman kills 3

Five injured in apparent terror attack; 37-yr-old suspect held

REUTERS, Utrecht

Dutch police arrested a Turkish man suspected of shooting dead three people and wounding five on a tram in the Dutch city of Utrecht yesterday.

Police said the suspect, 37-year-old Gokmen Tanis, had been taken into custody after an hours-long manhunt and had earlier run-ins with authorities in the Netherlands.

The city was put into lockdown after the shooting, shortly after the morning rush hour, which authorities initially said was an apparent terrorist attack. Police conducted raids in several locations after issuing an image of Tanis and warning the public not to approach him.

But hours after the shooting, the gunman's motive

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Situation gets even more critical

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The situation in what was then East Pakistan, and is now Bangladesh, was getting more critical by the day.

Bangalees already showed the spirit and will to do anything for the freedom of their land -- even if it meant sacrificing their own lives.

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