

Bangladesh orphanage hid militant camp

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DHAKA, Bangladesh -- Bangladeshi authorities say an orphanage run by a British charity was being used as a training camp and arms factory for Islamic militants.

Authorities arrested a teacher and three other people at the Green Crescent madrassa and orphanage on the island of Bhola in southern Bangladesh after finding arms and explosives, The Times of London reported Wednesday.

Officials are reportedly searching for a British citizen known only as Faisal who is the head of the charity.

"We found small arms -- about nine or 10 in total -- plus equipment to make small arms, about 3,000 rounds of ammunition, two walkie-talkies, two remote control devices and four sets of army uniforms," Lt. Col. Munir Haque of the Rapid Action Battalion told the newspaper.

"We also found enough explosives and other equipment to make several hundred grenades," he said. "We found some ordinary Islamic books but others that are in line with extremists like (Osama) bin Laden."

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