

# 'ISIS play Jihadi John like a piano - he's being used'

## Defector says ISIS created celebrity to attract jihadists from Europe

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A former Isis fighter has described Mohammed Emwazi, the man revealed to be executioner "Jihadi John" as a loner who shunned other jihadists.

Abu Ayman, who has since left the so-called Islamic State, said he met the 26-year-old in Syria two years ago, before he started his killing spree in the group's gory propaganda videos.

After the beheading of US journalist James Foley, British aid worker David Haines and several other hostages, Emwazi has come to be seen as a poster boy for the extremist group.

But Ayman said there was "nothing special" about the Westminster University graduate and that ISIS had engineered his twisted fame.

"Some joined Isis after watching and admiring him -- they take him as an example," he told the BBC.

"ISIS play him like a piano. He's a celebrity to attract our Muslim brothers in Europe but some think he is showing off. They think he's



being used by ISIS."

He claimed to have met Emwazi shortly after his arrival in Syria, when they were both with Islamist groups fighting Bashar al-Assad's regime in the civil war.

The pair were among a number of British fighters in the town of Atme in the north of the country, where they managed to take over homes and bragged about "five star jihad" on Twitter and Instagram.

Ayman said Emwazi always stood apart from the group, adding: "He was cold. He didn't talk much. He wouldn't join us in prayer."

"He'd only pray with his friends ... the other British brothers prayed with us, but he was strange."

"The other British brothers would say 'Hi' when they saw us on the road, but he turned his face away. The British fighters were always hanging out together, but he wouldn't join them."

Ayman said he defected from ISIS after superiors ordered him to murder women and children and believes that others will also flee at the first opportunity.

# Iraq forces take on Tikrit

## 30,000 troops and militia pounds jihadist positions

AFP, Kirkuk

Some 30,000 Iraqi troops and militia backed by aircraft pounded jihadists in and around Tikrit yesterday in the biggest offensive yet to retake one of the Islamic State group's main strongholds.

Government forces have battled their way north for months, notching up key victories against ISIS, but Tikrit has been their toughest target yet with the jihadists having resisted them several times.

Commanders voiced hope the broadest operation since IS overran swathes of the country last year would be a step towards the liberation of Mosul, the jihadists' main hub in Iraq.

"Security forces are advancing on three main fronts towards Tikrit, Ad-Dawr (to the south) and Al-Alam (to the north)," a senior army officer on the ground told AFP by telephone.

The operation began in early morning after being announced by Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi the previous evening.

The army officer said the forces involved were from the army, police, counter-terrorism units, a government-controlled volunteer group known as the Popular Mobilisation units and Sunni tribes.

Military sources said warplanes were involved but it was not immediately clear whether foreign air support -- Iranian or from the US-led coalition fighting ISIS -- was also called in.

Both Iraqi and Iranian media said Qassem Soleimani -- the commander of the Al-Quds Force covert operations unit of Tehran's elite Revolutionary Guards -- was in Salaheddin province to help coordinate operations.

Abadi urged the security forces to spare civilians during the offensive, a message echoed by the UN and responding to fears of reprisals against the area's Sunnis.

Hadi al-Ameri, the Popular Mobilisation units' powerful com-

mander, on Saturday urged Tikrit residents to leave their homes within 48 hours so government forces could "wrap up the battle of the revenge for Speicher".

Speicher is a military base near Tikrit from which hundreds of new, mostly Shiite, recruits were kidnapped before being murdered execution-style in the early days of the IS offensive that swept through much of the Sunni Arab heartland north and west of Baghdad in June.

Shiite militias in particular have vowed to avenge the murders, sparking fears of mass killings against Sunnis if Tikrit were to be recaptured.

Some Sunni tribes have been accused of direct involvement in the Speicher massacre.

Abadi appealed to residents to turn against the jihadists, who have suffered a string of losses since Iraq's foreign partners stepped up their support.

IS replied with a video showing the execution of four men they said were Sunni Arabs belonging to a tribal group working against IS near Tikrit.

It also released pictures dated yesterday that showed jihadists still manning checkpoints in Tikrit and Al-Alam.

Iraqi forces tried and failed several times to wrest back Tikrit, a Sunni Arab city on the Tigris river about 160 kilometres north of Baghdad.

AKE Group analyst John Drake said the new assault stood a better chance of success because Shiite groups had more resources and were less stretched.



# ISIS is being defeated: Kerry

CNN ONLINE

Secretary of State John Kerry insisted that the United States' allies in the Middle East remain on course to defeat ISIS -- though he acknowledged the challenge in Syria is a particularly difficult one.

"Each time the Iraqis have now gone forward in an offensive effort, together with allies, the coalition, we have routed ISIL," Kerry said, using an alternate name for the group, during an appearance on ABC's "This Week" on Sunday.

He said opponents of the group have regained "a fixed, significant percentage" of the ground that the group had taken.

"Now Syria is a different matter. Syria is a bigger challenge. We will need people on the ground," Kerry said.

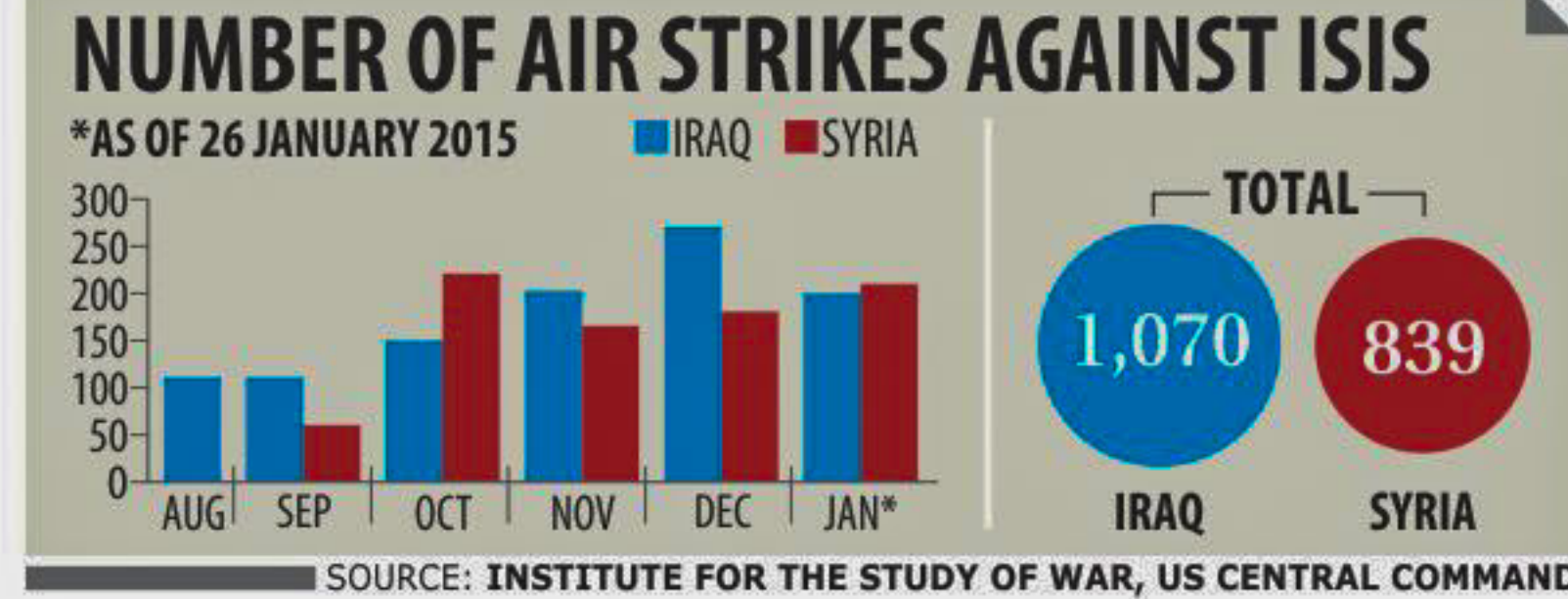
He said US forces won't be on the ground there, but "there's training and equipping of the opposition that begins this month," and Arab countries in the region are stepping up their efforts. Kerry also said he's meeting with Saudi Arabia's King Salman soon.

"There's a great deal of energy and effort being put into this and I am confident that over time, we will beat, we will, indeed, degrade and ultimately destroy ISIL, yes," he said.



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Iraqi government forces are being backed by Sunni and Shia militias.



## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Project Director Establishment of Barisal Engineering College, Barisal Invitation for Tenders (Goods)

1	Ministry	Ministry of Education.
2	Agency	Directorate of Technical Education.
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Establishment of Barisal Engineering College, Barisal.
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Equipment for Measurement & Circuit Laboratory, Equipment for Machine Laboratory, Equipment for Digital Electronic Laboratory and Equipment for Power Electronic Laboratory.
6	Invitation Ref No.	কাশিঅ/বইক/টেন্ডার ইভালুয়েশন/০৫/২০১১/২০৪
7	Date	Date: 01/03/2015.

### KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method.
9	Budget and source of funds	GOB.
10	Development partners	N/A.
11	Project/programme code	6597.
12	Project/programme name	Establishment of Barisal Engineering College, Barisal.
13	Tender package number	GD1, GD3, GD4, GD5.
14	Tender package name	Package#GD1: Supply of Equipment for Measurement & Circuit Laboratory. Package#GD3: Supply of Equipment for Machine Laboratory. Package#GD4: Supply of Equipment for Digital Electronic Laboratory. Package#GD5: Supply of Equipment for Power Electronic Laboratory.
15	Tender last selling date and time	23/03/2015 at 3.30pm.
16	Tender closing date and time	24/03/2015 at 1.00pm
17	Tender opening date and time	24/03/2015 at 2.00pm.
18	Name & address of the office(s)	Address - Selling tender document (principal) Office of the Director General, Directorate of Technical Education, F-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh. - Selling tender document (others) Office of the Chief Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Shikha Bhaban, Dhaka, Bangladesh. - Receiving tender document (principal) Office of the Director General, Directorate of Technical Education, F-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh. - Receiving tender document (others) Office of the Chief Engineer, Education Engineering Department, Shikha Bhaban, Dhaka, Bangladesh. - Opening tender document Ground floor and Room No: 106, Directorate of Technical Education, F-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.
19	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	12/03/2015, 11.00am, Ground floor and Room No: 106, Directorate of Technical Education, F-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh.

### INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

20	Eligibility of tenderer	(a) The tenderers should be the manufacturers/distributors/sole agents of related goods having authorization from the manufacturer. (b) Shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (c) Shall have experience of satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods each with a value of at least BDT 60 lac (sixty lac) for GD1, BDT 60 lac (sixty lac) for GD3, BDT 55 lac (fifty-five lac) for GD1, BDT 60 lac (sixty lac) for GD3, BDT 55 lac (fifty-five lac) for GD4, BDT 65 lac (sixty-five lac) for GD5 and at least 2 (two) single contracts in the last 5 (five) years. (d) others (as mentioned in the tender document).
21	Brief description of goods	Package#GD1: Equipment for Measurement & Circuit Laboratory. Package#GD3: Equipment for Machine Laboratory. Package#GD4: Equipment for Digital Electronic Laboratory. Package#GD5: Equipment for Power Electronic Laboratory.
22	Brief description of related services	Mentioned in the tender document.
23	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Tk. 1500.00 (one thousand five hundred) for each package.

Package No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security (Tk.)	Completion time
GD1	1	Establishment of Barisal Engineering College, Barisal	2,10,000.00	8 weeks from date of contract sign
GD3	1	"	2,10,000.00	"
GD4	1	"	1,95,000.00	"
GD5	1	"	2,25,000.00	"

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
25	Name of official inviting tender
26	Designation of official inviting tender
27	Address of official inviting tender
28	Contact details of official inviting tender
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any tender(s).

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## RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited

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### NOTICE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 10.00 am at International Convention City, Bashundhara (Pushpoguscho), Joarshahara, Purbachal Link Road, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229, Bangladesh to transact the following businesses and, if deem fit, to adopt the following resolutions as special resolutions as proposed by the Board of Directors:

#### AGENDA:

- 1) To consider amendment/alteration of Article-90 of the Article of Association of the Company regarding the Board meeting attendance fee of the directors.

**Proposed special resolution:**  
"RESOLVED that the Article-90 of the Articles of Association of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited regarding the Board meeting attendance fee of the Directors shall be amended as proposed below:

Article No	Existing Provision	Proposed
90	The Directors shall be entitled to a fee of Tk. 500/- (Taka Five hundred) only each for each meeting of the Board of Directors and/or Committee of Directors attended by them.	Each Director shall be entitled to a fee for each meeting of the Board of Directors and/or any Committee of Directors attended as may be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time.

- 2) To consider addition of a new Article, Article-106A after the Article-106 of the Article of Association of the Company for holding the meeting of the Board of Directors and/or committee of Directors by using modern communication means such as telephonic conference calls or video conferencing.

**Proposed Special Resolution:**  
**Article-106A:** The meetings of the Board of Directors and/or any Committee of Directors of the Company could be held by using modern communication means such as telephonic conference calls or video conferencing subject to the following conditions:

- a. The director(s) shall attend personally at least 4(four) meetings of the Board in every year;
  - b. The director(s) who shall attend the meetings of the Board of Directors and/or any Committee of Directors by using modern communication means such as telephonic conference calls or video conferencing shall not be considered for quorum of the meeting;
  - c. The decisions of the meetings of the Board of Directors and/or any Committee of Directors held by using modern communication means shall be ratified in a meeting of the Board of Directors where the directors are personally present;
  - d. The procedure for attending and participating in a meeting of the Board of Directors by using modern communication means shall be decided by the Board of Directors.
  - e. All information/ documents/ notices including notice of the meeting may be sent to the directors before the meeting in hard copies or by secure email (i.e. email sent by the Company) to the director's email address notified to the Company;
  - f. The video footage and /or the telephonic conversations of a meeting of the Board of Directors where modern communication means are used shall be recorded and saved."
- All members are requested to attend the meeting on the date, time and place as mentioned above.

Dhaka, Bangladesh  
March 02, 2015

By order of the Board of Directors  
Sd/-  
**(Muhammad Shahidul Islam FCS)**  
Company Secretary

- Notes:**
1. The Members whose name appeared in the Share Register of the Company or in the Depository Register on the 'Record Date' (i.e. February 17, 2015) will be entitled to attend and vote in the meeting.
  2. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his/her behalf (such proxy shall be a shareholder of the Company). The Proxy Form, duly filled and stamped, must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
  3. Admission to the meeting will be strictly on production of the attendance slip.
  4. In case of non-receipt of the Notice of the Company sent through courier, Members may collect the same from the Registered Office of the Company within 22 March 2015.

**Members may please note that no food or gift or benefit in cash or kind shall be given at the Extraordinary General Meeting.**