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BNP leader Quayum the 'big brother'

Says home minister about Tavella murder; Quayum alleges govt wants to make him 'scapegoat'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka city BNP leader MA Quayum is the "Boro Bhai" who was behind the September 28 murder of Cesare Tavella, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal told The Daily Star last night.

The minister's comment came a day after Dhaka Metropolitan Police said three youths took part in the killing of the Italian in the capital's diplomatic zone. Without disclosing his name, the police also said a "Boro Bhai" hired the three to kill any white man living in the country.

At the media briefing on Monday, police paraded four youths, including the "three hitmen", they claimed were arrested from Badda and Gulshan areas on Sunday.

Earlier yesterday, talking to reporters at his office, the home minister said the planners of the murder were under watch and that he would soon brief the



media about this.

"Of the planners, those who are still in the country are under surveillance. Our foreign ministry and the Interpol will work to bring back those who are abroad."

Later at night, the minister told a number of media outlets that probe has found MA Quayum to be the "Boro Bhai" about whom law enforcers have been talking about. He, however, said he would make an

official statement later.

Talking to the press on Monday, DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia said Tavella murder, which made headlines in local and foreign media, was part of a conspiracy to create anarchy, put pressure on the government and send a message to foreigners that they are not safe in Bangladesh.

He also said Tavella, a project manager of Netherlands-based NGO, was not the specific target. Quayum, ex-ward commissioner from Badda and

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Early morning dew drops on grass stalks herald the advent of winter. The sun bathes fields in golden light while the fog lends an added mystery to the rich mellow beauty of the pre-winter mornings. The photo was taken in a paddy field in Rajapur of Jhalakathi on Monday.

ROOPPUR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT



TOTAL POWER GENERATION

2,400MW

TOTAL COST

\$13.5b

RUSSIAN LOAN

\$12b

REPAYMENT PERIOD

28 years

INTEREST RATE

maximum 4%

First unit will be completed by 2024, second unit by 2025

With the loan, Bangladesh's debt burden will be \$42b after 5 years

Nuclear power plant to cost \$13.5b

Russian company wants construction deal in a month, credit agreement by next April

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and FAZLUR RAHMAN

Bangladesh may have to spend around \$13.5 billion to build the 2,400-megawatt Rooppur nuclear power plant, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

Of the cost, \$12 billion will come from the Russian government in loans and the rest from the Bangladesh side, he said.

The minister was briefing reporters after a meeting with a delegation of Russia's state-owned Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation at the secretariat in the capital.

The Rosatom delegation led by its Deputy Chief Executive for International Relations Nikolay Spassky told the minister that they wanted to sign a construction deal within a month to start building the plant's two units and then a credit agreement in April next year.

Usually, credit agreements are signed first and then construction deals.

Muhith told reporters that the government might consider Rosatom's proposal. "However, we will have to hold inter-ministerial meeting and consult with the prime minister."

"We will send our feedback to Russia by next month," said Muhith.

Rosatom is keen to sign the construction contract first since it takes long to install equipment for a nuclear power plant, he said.

According to Rosatom, the main construction work will start in 2017. The first unit is expected to go into production in 2022 and the second one in 2023.

Muhith, however, said the government thinks it might take a longer period to complete the project. The first unit could be completed in 2024 and the second one in 2025.

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US not sure about IS presence in Bangladesh

Says State Dept spokesperson

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A US State Department spokesperson has said the US is not certain about the presence of Islamic State in Bangladesh.

"... It's difficult to say the degree to which ISIL is or is not operating in Bangladesh. I'm not at a position where I can make that determination," John Kirby, the spokesperson, told reporters at a regular press briefing in Washington yesterday.

On the Islamic State's reported claims of responsibility for the killings of an Italian and a Japanese national in Bangladesh, he

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Manpower export to KSA in limbo

Baira says recruitment of male workers stalled as Saudis want housemaids first; women workers unwilling to go there

BELAL HOSSAIN BIPLOB

The Saudi Arabian government is allegedly putting pressure on Bangladeshi recruiting agencies to send female workers to the kingdom, although women are reluctant to go there for fear of torture by employers.

Baira Secretary General Monsur Ahmed Kalam said the Saudi embassy in Dhaka stopped issuing worker visas to Bangladeshis in August for a week, demanding the agencies send housemaids to the kingdom.

Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (Baira) at that stage wrote to the expatriates welfare ministry, seeking its intervention in this regard, he told The Daily Star.

Fear of abuse and poor salaries hold back women from seeking jobs in the Arab country, added Kalam.

The Saudi authorities are not hiring

Bangladeshi male workers through recruitment agencies since 2008. Only a few are going to the kingdom to work for their relatives' businesses there, said sources.

According to Baira, around 50 females, who had been in KSA for the last few months, returned home recently for various reasons. Many of them complained about abuse by their employers.

"Some family members of the expatriate workers sought our help to bring back their relatives as they were facing problems in Saudi Arabia," said Kalam.

Recruiting agencies alleged that the Saudi authorities were pressing for Bangladeshi female housekeepers as they couldn't hire enough women from the Philippines, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Nepal and India following media reports of alleged abuse and torture of housemaids.

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Rajon murder verdict Nov 8

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A Sylhet court set November 8 to deliver its verdict in the 13-year-old Rajon killing case after the completion of the trial procedure yesterday in just over a month.

On September 22, it indicted 13 people on charges of beating the teenager to death. His crime was, according to the accused, stealing a rickshaw van.

The Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court fixed the date to deliver the verdict after hearing testimonies of 36 prosecution witnesses, public prosecutor Mafur Ali confirmed.

Rajon's father Azizur Islam burst out crying in response

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This March 12 US Navy handout photo shows the guided-missile destroyer USS Lassen (DDG 82) during exercise Foe Eagle 2015. The United States defied China yesterday by sending a warship close to artificial islands the rising Asian power is building in disputed waters.

PHOTO: AFP/US NAVY

US warship near Chinese islands

Beijing sees it as a threat

AFP, Beijing

The United States defied China yesterday by sending a warship close to artificial islands the rising Asian power is building in disputed waters, prompting Beijing to furiously denounce what it called a threat to its sovereignty.

The USS Lassen passed within 12 nautical miles -- the normal limit of territorial waters around natural land -- of at least one of the formations Beijing claims in the South China Sea.

Chinese authorities "monitored, shadowed and warned" the guided missile destroyer in the Spratly islands, Beijing said.

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SERAJUL HUQ

on his 13th Death Anniversary

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