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SHARIFUL ISLAM

Thirty-eight people, who went abroad for jobs and studies in the last few years, may have been radicalised in several countries, including Turkey and Malaysia, according to a police investigation.

Many of them are believed to have entered Syria through Turkey to join global terror organisation Islamic State, say sources at the police headquarters. "Our immigration police are on alert. If any of them tries to enter the country, he will be arrested," said a police official seeking anonymity.

The records of the 38 Bangladeshis, who had gone missing in eight countries, have already been sent to the immigration police, the official added.

Of them, 13 went out of trace in Singapore, nine in Turkey, seven in Malaysia, four in the United Arab Emirates, two in Japan and one each in Qatar, Iran and Saudi Arabia, say the sources.

They are among the 51 missing people suspected to have been radicalised. The remaining 13 went missing from different parts of Bangladesh over the last couple of years.

Meanwhile, Rapid Action Battalion last night published a list of 70 missing people with their permanent addresses and pictures. Many of them are also on the police list.

The police headquarters has finalised the list of 51 after scrutinising other lists prepared independently by different law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

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USA's Michael Phelps competes on his way to winning the gold medal in the Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay Final during the swimming event at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games at the Olympic Aquatics Stadium in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday. The 31-year-old won the 19th gold medal of his Olympic swimming career.

PHOTO: REUTERS



Phelps at it again

ATIQUE ANAM from Rio de Janeiro

The tension was palpable, yet the resolution supreme. Here was a man bent on righting the wrongs of his post-2012 past; here was a man looking to give the term 'greatest' an altogether new meaning. Michael Phelps had seen it all; he had won it all. Yet one last leap of faith had him come out of retirement and back into the US Olympic swimming team for Rio 2016. He was destined for one last dive into glory.

There was a lot of speculation regarding whether the Baltimore Bullet would be part of the relay team for

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Militants spinning their web from jail

Thanks to lax monitoring, they meet, strategise over terror activities, keep networks operational thru' visitors

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prison walls are failing to contain a thriving terror web as militants behind bars apparently take advantage of lax surveillance to discuss ideas and make plans and keep their networks operational outside through visitors.

Banned militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT) chief Jasimuddin Rahmani, Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) chief Saidur Rahman and those accused in the August 21 grenade attack case often hold meetings in Kashimpur Central Jail.

The accused militants, who subscribe to similar ideologies, manage to communicate with one another through various means since they have been staying in the same jail for quite a long time, according to an intelligence report submitted to the home ministry recently.

The identities of the persons, who meet the militants claiming to be family members, are not properly verified, according to the report.

It read that only copies of the identity cards are required for these visits but this is not enough to authenticate a visitor's relation with the inmate.

"Gaining unfair advantages, the militants are keeping their networks operational beyond the prison walls," reads the report, which recommends increasing surveillance on those visits.

Based on the findings, the ministry directed the authorities concerned to take stringent measures in this regard and also increase surveillance on those released on bails.

Of the accused militant inmates, Sikandar Ali Noki, a close accomplice

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Tamim's dangerous Canada connection

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

He looks intelligent, his eyes a little dreamy.

But behind those eyes lies the unrelentingly cruel, vicious and demented mind of a terrorist.

Meet Tamim Chowdhury -- the man who is now thought to have masterminded the Holey Artisan attack in Gulshan that left 20 diners, 17 of them foreigners -- dead on July 1. Only a week later, he led the attack near the Eid congregation in Sholokia that left four, including two cops, dead.

Terrifying new information has been gleaned about Tamim, a longtime resident of Calgary in Canada. He used to mix with people who had joined IS, and many of them went to Syria where the terror group controls a large part of territories.

He was deemed such a dangerous man that religious leaders in Windsor, where Tamim was born, had asked him around 2013 not to mix with youths at the mosques, fearing that he might radicalise them.

Amarnath Amarasingam, a fellow at the George Washington University's programme on extremism, who also co-directs a study of Western foreign fighters at



the University of Waterloo in Canada, first came to know about Tamim in 2015 while investigating jihadis in Windsor.

He interviewed friends of a jihadi named Ahmad Waseem, also known as Abu Turab, who returned to Canada after being injured in fighting in Syria. Tamim's name appeared then. Tamim was thought to have left for Syria to become a terrorist although when exactly he left is uncertain.

But Waseem slipped into Syria on a fake passport after his mother seized his original travel document, according to the National Post, a Canadian newspaper, although his family, community and police tried to convince him to stay home.

A friend of Waseem told Amarnath that Tamim, facing harassment from law enforcement agencies in Canada, had decided to simply move back to his ancestral home in Bangladesh.

Since then he had been recruiting youths, radicalising them and masterminding ruthless attacks, according to police.

Investigators say Tamim accompanied the five Holey Artisan Bakery attackers from

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Taliban kill 70 in Pak hospital

Suicide bomber targets mourners for slain lawyer in Quetta; more than 100 injured

AFP, Quetta

A Taliban suicide bomb packed with ball bearings tore through a Pakistani hospital yesterday and killed at least 70 people, as witnesses described tearful staff rushing towards the smoking blast site to help the wounded.

The bomber struck a crowd of some 200 people gathered at the Civil Hospital in the Balochistan provincial capital Quetta after the fatal shooting of a senior local lawyer earlier in the day. More than 100 were wounded, officials said.

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PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

An elderly man trying to clamber over a barbed wire fence on the central reservation on Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue to cross the street. Only a few yards away, a young woman, *inset*, is seen doing the same to get to the other side of the road. They not only risk getting hit by vehicles on the busy road but also suffering injuries from the barbed wire fence. The photos were taken yesterday.

Will consult senior leaders in future

Khaleda tells party high-ups amid row over new committee

RASHIDUL HASAN and PRABIR BARUA CHOWDHURY

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has assured some senior party leaders that she would consult with top leaders about forming different committees in future to avoid controversy.

She gave the assurance to four senior leaders on Sunday night when they met her at her Gulshan office.

Meanwhile, several senior BNP leaders, including Abdullah Al Noman and Golam Akbar Khandaker, are likely to quit their posts as they think their role in the party was not evaluated properly.

The Daily Star came to know that over 20 senior and mid-ranking BNP leaders were thinking of becoming inactive in the party and resigning their posts.

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ACC arrests 19 cops for forging FF certificates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday arrested 19 police constables in Pabna on charges of forging freedom fighter certificates to get the job.

All of them, of Belkuchi upazila of Sirajganj district, were appointed to the police department between 2012 and 2014 under the freedom fighter quota.

A case was filed in November 2014 against them with Sirajganj Police Station.

The accused -- Aiyub Ali, Kamrul Islam, Abdul Kuddus Sheikh, Ali Abbas, Mohammed Ali, Sabuz Miah, Abu Hanif, Saiful Islam, Md Fardous, Saiful Islam, Hyder Ali, Budhhi Miah, Sumon Kumar Sarkar, Shahidul Islam, Abdul Awal, Amirul Islam, Al Amin, Sohel Rana, and Sumon Ahmed -- were working for Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).

They came to Pabna ACC office yesterday in compliance with an ACC notice but failed to show original freedom fighter certificates. They were then arrested there, said Abu Bakar Siddique, deputy director of the ACC.

On receiving the allegation against them, the DMP had suspended them, Sirajganj Superintendent of Police Miraz Uddin Ahmed told our Pabna Correspondent.

Meanwhile, the ACC arrested former Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) official in Pabna Tajunnahar for misappropriating Tk 79.7 lakh in collaboration with two others.

Tajunnahar, of Mohimganj village in Gaibandha district, is a former sociologist of the LGED, Pabna office.

She along with her two colleagues embezzled the money

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