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If not Tamim, who's amir?

Question raised after IS magazine article

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tamim Ahmed Chowdhury, alleged mastermind of Gulshan attack, wrote an article under the name of Abu Dujanah al-Bengali in a new propaganda magazine of IS -- Rumiyah. The magazine identified him as the "Former Head of Military and Covert Operations of the Soldiers of the Khilafah in Bengal".



This, however, has raised a question. If Tamim is Abu Dujanah and the former military commander, then who is Shaykh Abu Ibrahim al-Hanif who had earlier been described as the "Amir of the Khilafah's Soldiers in Bengal" by another IS propaganda magazine, Dabiq?

Initially, law enforcers also had suspected Tamim as Shaykh Abu Ibrahim al-Hanif. Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Sanwar Hossain, additional deputy commissioner of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime unit of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police, however, said Tamim and Abu Dujanah was the same person.

"Analysing documents seized during the Narayanganj raid [operation 'Hit Strong 27'], we have learnt that Tamim was called Abu Dujanah who coordinated the Holey Artisan attack," he said.

On August 27, police carried out the raid on a Narayanganj building and killed Tamim and two of his aides.

Sanwar claimed that police had already gathered some information about Shaykh Abu Ibrahim al-Hanif, who might be in Bangladesh now.

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Debris flies through the air as the eye of Hurricane Matthew nears Daytona Beach, Florida, US, yesterday. Inset, local residents take shelter at a school in St Augustine, Florida, on Thursday. PHOTO: REUTERS/AFP

Hurricane toll jumps to 842 in Haiti

Storm lashes Florida

REUTERS, Port-au-prince

Hurricane Matthew killed more than 800 people and left tens of thousands homeless in its rampage through Haiti earlier this week before it lashed Florida yesterday with howling winds and rolled northward up the US Atlantic coast.

The number of deaths in Haiti, the poorest country in the Americas, surged to at least 842 yesterday as information trickled in from remote areas previously cut off by the storm, according to a Reuters tally of death tolls given by officials.

Matthew, potentially the first major hurricane to hit the United States head on in more than a decade, triggered mass evacuations along the coast from Florida through Georgia and into South Carolina and North Carolina.

South Florida escaped the brunt of the storm overnight, but US President Barack Obama urged people

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Scrap Rooppur plant deal

10 eminent citizens tell government

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's 10 eminent citizens yesterday called upon the government to cancel the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant deal with Russia as the project involves potential environmental risks.

In a statement, they said as per the Nuclear Power Plant Act 2015, nuclear safety should be given the highest priority. Handling, treatment, conditioning and disposal of all types of radioactive waste have to be fully secure.

"The government at different times had said the Russian company would take full responsibility of managing the radioactive waste, but in fact the company was trying to pass on the responsibility to Bangladesh. Under no

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Reconsider the decision, please

Urge anti-Rampal coal plant campaigners

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The proposed Rampal power plant might place Bangladesh in an economic straightjacket from which the country might not escape since it is a "second-class" plant for its outdated and inadequate technologies, say five foreign experts.

Even if the power plant is moved away another 10 to 40 kilometres, it will not bring any difference because of its technology, which is not sufficient to reduce air pollution, said Indian air pollution control expert Dr Ranajit Sahu.

Mentioning that the plant is not a state of the art, he said its proposed nitrogen oxides control technology is about 30 years old and such a system would never be permitted in the developed countries.

He said this over Skype yesterday in a press conference organised by the National Committee for Saving the Sundarbans (NCSS) at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) for publication of an evaluation report of impartial international experts on Rampal plant.

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India to completely seal Pak border by 2018

TNN, Jaisalmer

Indian Union home minister Rajnath Singh yesterday said that the India-Pakistan border would be sealed by December 2018 for which a time-bound action plan will be prepared.

Rajnath made the announcement after chairing a security review meeting of the four states bordering Pakistan. "The action plan will be frequently monitored at multiple levels to ensure we do not miss the deadline. It would be monitored not only by the security agencies but also the chief secretaries of the four states. A monitoring framework would be prepared for monthly, quarterly and annual review of the implementation of the action plan," he said, while interacting with the media persons after the meeting.

He said that besides the army, the government will use technology for sealing patches on a difficult terrain.

Rajnath added that a new concept of a Border Security Grid will be formed with all stakeholders as its members.

"The proposed security grid is a new concept, which needs to be given a final shape. The Centre will issue a notification about it later. All lapses will be monitored not just by the Army but even by chief secretaries of the various bordering states. Complaints will be adhered to in time," he added.

When asked about the ongoing tension between India and Pakistan, he admitted that tensions between the two countries have increased. "The nation must have faith in its army. Nation's security will not be risked. Like a farmer protects his crops, our soldiers will protect the country," he said.

The meeting, chaired by Rajnath, was attended by Rajasthan chief minister Vasundhara Raje, deputy chief minister of Punjab Sukhbir Singh Badal, Gujarat's minister of state for home Pradeepsinh Jadeja and Jammu and Kashmir chief secretary Brij Raj Sharma.

Senior BSF officials were also present at the meeting which reviewed

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'Magic solution' to energy problems



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One of the world's first commercial-scale, kite-driven power stations is set to be created near Stranraer in Scotland in what could be a major step towards finding the "magic solution" to humanity's energy problems.

While kites have until now largely been flights of fancy that have entranced generations of children, Renaissance genius Leonardo da Vinci and poets like Robert Louis Stevenson and Joyce Carol Oates, their practical uses have seemed limited.

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Condition of Khadiza improves a bit

STAR REPORT

The condition of Khadiza Begum Nargis, who is struggling for life at the Square Hospital, improved slightly and she could breathe without ventilator support yesterday.

According to the hospital's information section, she was given oxygen

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				8-00

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



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Making each day a little more bearable, a nurse and a relative look after a cancer patient (pixelated) at the Centre for Palliative Care at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University. The photo was taken on Wednesday.

Care when cure not possible

Palliative care unit of BSMMU holds out hope for the hopeless

PORIMOL PALMA

Former college teacher Mitali Akter these days finds instances when she is able to reminisce about the glory days she spent at the vast campus in Kishoreganj.

For someone living with unbearable pain in the stomach, frequent vomiting and lack of appetite, being able to have the peace of mind and recall the enduring memories of her beloved students and colleagues is a blessing.

Compared to the state of mind she was in only a few months back, Mitali is more at peace now since she was admitted to the Centre for Palliative Care (CPC) at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) in the capital.

Mitali has been fighting with uterus cancer since December last year when she was diagnosed with it in an advanced stage. Her diet now has mostly been

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