

Press Release**Alleged Suicide Attack will be Another Pretext for the Regime to Further
Repress the Ideological Islamists**

On 17/03/2017, a suicide bomber reportedly blew himself up in a suicide bombing near a temporary barrack of police's elite force Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) in Ashkona area of Dhaka. The attack took place a day after police conducted a raid in Chittagong's Sitakunda area where two persons, who were said to be members of home grown militant organization by the police, blew themselves up to evade arrest. As usual, we now see disputes over the presence of the self-styled 'Islamic State (IS)' group which officially took credit of the attack on Friday, whereas Bangladesh Police has denied IS's involvement in this attack and rather put finger on home grown militants.

Whatever the case, against the backdrop of this attack and the on-going dispute over the existence of IS, what is abundantly evident is that the 'thorny issue' for this government that has captured headlines of all the news channels for last few days, that is, Hasina's upcoming visit to India to sign few controversial subservient military deals, has all but disappeared from the mainstream news media. Apart from this tactic of evasion and diversion, this tyrant regime will be adamant to advance its own evil agenda i.e. suppressing the work for establishing Islamic rule (Khilafah/Caliphate) in the country. An atmosphere of fear is already being created after the Friday attack where people are being harassed and panicked by police in broad daylight in the name of checking and searching. The government wants the people to be more frightened to talk about Islamic political solutions publicly and engage with the Islamic activists. Also the anti-Islamic Hasina government will do its best to further paralyze the Islamic political parties by having them more compliant to the current status-quo as well as to repress its real political opposition, the ideological activists of Hizb ut Tahrir in the name of combating terrorism.

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