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### **ABSTRACT**

Bangladesh is progressing gradually with an aspiration to lift from lower middle-income to middle income country. A stable political and social environment are prerequisites for the smooth transition of this economic journey. The development process might face number of impediment and terrorism is one of them. Terrorism is a global phenomenon in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is no more limited by area demarcation or the number of population. Cyberterrorism, religious extremism, and Rohingya insertion are adding values to future trends of terrorism. Police, RAB and other law enforcing agencies are responsible for countering terrorism in Bangladesh. Armed forces of Bangladesh being the guardian of sovereignty is likely to be utilized for any unforeseen situation. Armed forces of Bangladesh has proved its worth while dealing with internal and international issues. Future trends of terrorism drawn from the global and internal statistics helps us to predict terrorism as a big threat in the coming decades. Thus a requirement persists to re-shape the armed forces and provides adequate training to face the new challenges. Though terrorism is not a problem related to armed forces but armed forces can contribute a major share with other machinery of government. Thus the research was carried out to determine the sectors where armed forces can be utilized to mitigate terrorism.