

On money trail

Focus on bomb plot funding

EXCLUSIVE

By PAULA DOWNMAN

AUSTRALIAN authorities are investigating the money trail of Mohamed Haneef in part of a national sleeper cell of foreign doctors established here to fund overseas terrorist activities during the United Kingdom in the United Kingdom.

Federal and Queensland police are tracking overseas and local transactions from the bank accounts of Haneef, an eighth suspect arrested over the attacks in London, and Glasgow late last month, law enforcement sources said.

Each overseas transaction which would avoid any scrutiny from AUSTRAC — a Federal Government regulator of transactions of \$10,000 or more.

In the funds can be directly in the hands of the British authorities could extradite Dr Haneef, 27 who remains in custody at the Brisbane police warehouse.

It comes as the Queensland Government has been ordered to open a locker at the Gold Coast Hospital where Dr Haneef has been working as a junior registrar since September.

A bank room at the hospital was swept by a squad of officers which included a bomb disposal officer for any explosive devices.

It is understood the bomb squad was used as part of Haneef's investigation by police, followed by major crime investigations.

A key found in Dr Haneef's belongings triggered the search — however,

the locker did not belong to him.

The Sunday Mail can also reveal that police are examining signature stamps on Dr Haneef's laptop.

Police suspect the stamps, believed to be of Indian origin, may be from an overseas university.

Law enforcement sources said the discovery of the stamps that they could be used to falsify documents.

It is understood an AFP officer will go to India to trace the origin of the stamps.

The joint investigation by Queensland police and the Australian Federal Police will also look at whether Dr Haneef used false identities to conceal any activities while in Australia.

Dr Haneef was arrested on Monday as he tried to board the 11.45pm Singapore Airlines flight to Bangalore, India, with a one-way ticket.

Police believe Dr Haneef had been involved in a plot to attack the 2007 Commonwealth Games after a tip-off that authorities were closing in on him following the terror attacks in the UK.

One suspect arrested in Brisbane was Dr Haneef. He was given a SIM card and internet access since the doctor came to the Gold Coast last year.

Investigators are examining Dr Haneef's mobile



INVESTIGATION: A federal police officer leaves the Gold Coast Hospital yesterday

phone records, emails and other data.

On Thursday night a Brisbane man who was arrested by AFP investigators authorities under the counter-terrorism laws to hold Dr Haneef.

Dr Haneef's every association and movement since his arrival in Australia last year will come under scrutiny as police seek to determine whether he had any involvement in the terror plot.

Which no scenario ruled out, flight schools will be contacted to see if Dr Haneef was taking flying lessons, and Gold Coast

aircraft sales will be checked.

Up to 50 specialist investigators from Queensland police's state crime operation command and forensic units will be on the ground with the Australian Federal Police.

The FBI yesterday confirmed a report Dr Haneef had sought to work at a US hospital last year before his arrival in Australia.

Dr Haneef and Jordanian neurologist Mohammed Jamil Asha contacted a Philadelphia-based organisation that certifies foreign-trained doctors to work in

the US. However, neither doctor had ever visited the US.

Dr Asha, 36, and his wife, Marwa, 27, a medical technician, were arrested by British authorities after a car bomb attempt at Glasgow airport.

Dr Haneef and Jordanian dentist Hani Al-Hadadi, 34, were arrested last night charged with conspiring to cause explosions. He was a passenger in the Glasgow car.

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VISIT: Gillian Hicks in London... emotional

Survivor meets her saviours

THE Australian woman who survived the July 7 bombings in London two years ago has made an emotional visit to meet the team of hospital staff who saved her life. Gillian Hicks, 38, lost both legs when a suicide bomber blew up her Piccadilly Line underground train.

She returned to St. George's Hospital, the scene of the attacks to meet the medical staff and others who aided her recovery.

"They never gave up hope and gave me the best possible chance to rebuild my life," she said at the reunion.

Only because of their ambition, which to further peace and improve progress, about a nurse on the ward where Ms Hicks spent months recovering, said the Australians had inspired the staff.

Ms Hicks overcame her grief to marry her husband, Joe Kerr, in December 2006.

Ms Hicks is an ambassador for Peace Direct, a charity which tries to foster better community — ROMA HUDSON

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AUSTRALIAN authorities are investigating whether Gold Coast doctor Mohamed Haneef is part of a national sleeper cell of foreign doctors established here to fund overseas terrorist activities including the botched bomb attacks in the United Kingdom.

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Federal and Queensland police are currently tracking overseas and local transactions from the bank accounts of Indian-born Dr Haneef who was the eighth suspect arrested over the attacks in London and Glasgow late last month, law enforcement sources said.

Each overseas transaction is believed to be below \$10,000 which would avoid any scrutiny from AUSTRAC -- a Federal Government regulator of transactions of \$10,000 or more.

If the funds can be directly linked to terrorist activity, UK authorities could extradite Dr Haneef, 27, who remains in custody at the Brisbane police watchhouse.

It comes as the Queensland police bomb squad was used yesterday to open a locker at the Gold Coast Hospital where Dr Haneef has been working as a junior registrar since September last year.

A staff room at the hospital was sealed off as bomb squad officers opened the locker and swept it for any explosive devices.

It is understood the bomb squad was used as part of "standard safety procedures" followed in major crime investigations.

A key found in Dr Haneef's belongings triggered the search -- however the locker did not belong to him.

The Sunday Mail can also reveal that police are examining signature stamps found in computer software on Dr Haneef's laptop which was seized during raids at his Gold Coast unit last Tuesday.

Police suspect the stamps, believed to be of Indian origin, may be from an overseas university.

Law enforcement sources said the discovery of the stamps has sparked concerns that they could be used to falsify documents.

It is understood an AFP officer will travel to India to trace the origin of the stamps.

The joint investigation between Queensland police and the Australian Federal Police will also look at whether Dr Haneef had used false identities to conceal any activity.

Dr Haneef was arrested on Monday as he tried to board the 11.45pm Singapore Airlines flight to Bangalore, India, with a one-way ticket.

Police believe Dr Haneef booked his flight to India after a tip-off that authorities were closing in on him following the terror attacks in the UK.

One suspect arrested in Britain had used Dr Haneef's mobile-phone SIM card and Internet access since he came to the Gold Coast late last year.

Investigators are currently examining Dr Haneef's mobile phone records, emails and computer

files.

On Thursday night a Brisbane Magistrate gave the AFP investigators authorisation under the counter-terrorism laws to hold Dr Haneef until tomorrow.

Dr Haneef's every association and movement since his arrival in Australia last year will come under scrutiny as police seek to determine whether a terror cell had taken hold here.

With no scenario ruled out, flight schools will be contacted to see if Dr Haneef was taking flying lessons and Gold Coast internet cafes will be checked.

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