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Tamim's initial retirement decision in 2023 was reversed within 24 hours following the intervention of Bangladesh's then-Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The former captain conveyed his decision to the Bangladesh selectors in Sylhet on Wednesday. Despite the Gazi Ashraf Hossain-led panel urging him to rejoin the national team for the upcoming Champions Trophy, Tamim remained firm on retiring. While some Bangladesh players, including captain Najmul Hossain Shanto, requested him to reconsider, he took an additional day before ultimately confirming his retirement