

Man stabs

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Britain's Counter-Terrorism Command is investigating.
"We are treating this as a terrorist incident," CTC leader Richard Walton said in a statement.
Amateur video showed a pool of blood and bloody footprints at the ticket gates of Leytonstone Tube station.
Shouts are heard as the suspect is seen remonstrating with people before swinging at one of them.
Footage shows officers shouting "Drop the knife!" and firing Taser electric stun guns, one of which connects.
"Who is this idiot?" one onlooker said of the suspect, adding: "Yes! Stupid idiot," after the man is Tasered.
Officers shout "Put the knife down!" and "Drop it now!" at the stunned man, who did drop the short-bladed knife as he quivered on the ground.
On his front, the man was

handcuffed behind his back while another officer pinned him down with his knee and passers-by were told to get back.
One man then shouted at the suspect: "You ain't no Muslim, bruv! You're no Muslim, bruv! You ain't no Muslim!"
The hashtag YouAintNoMuslimBruv was trending on Twitter on Sunday as people reacted to the news.
Witness Khayam told the BBC that when the suspect was taken to a police van, "I saw pedestrians shouting at him... one pedestrian tried to throw a bottle."
Witness Michael Garcia, 24, a financial analyst from Leytonstone, said he had seen "a guy, an adult, lying on the floor with a guy standing next to him brandishing a knife of about three inches (7.5 centimetres)", the BBC reported.
"He was screaming 'go on, then, run' to everyone else. He was pacing back and forth next to the guy on the

floor."
Police said they were called at 7:06 pm (1906 GMT) Saturday to reports of a number of people being stabbed at the Central Line station.
"The male suspect was reportedly threatening other people with a knife," Scotland Yard police headquarters said, adding that a man was arrested and taken to an east London police station where he remains in custody.
Britain's national terror threat level was raised in August 2014 to severe, the second-highest of five levels, meaning an attack is considered highly likely.
"I would urge the public to remain calm, but alert and vigilant," Walton said.
London's transport system was hit in July 2005 by a series of suicide bomb attacks that killed 52 people.
Leytonstone station was open again yesterday, with a police officer standing guard outside.

Facebook asked

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State Minister for Telecom Tarana Halim, State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak and representatives from the police, the Director General of Forces Intelligence, the National Security Intelligence, the Rapid Action Battalion, and the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission were also at the meeting.
The government presented two cases before the Facebook officials -- the religious provocation behind the Ramu incident, and the killings based on the rumour of convicted war criminal Delwar Hossain Sayeedi's face being seen on the moon.
In response, the Facebook officials said they were not aware of the incidents and would report the concerns and the government requests to the top management of Facebook.
They also said they would hopefully return within a short time.
The government said Facebook needs to understand the culture and values of Bangladesh, according to a senior official who attended the meeting.
"In the meeting we said that it is a very large market for Facebook but they haven't given it the proper attention. They have not even respected the government's requests," said a top official requesting not to be named.
After the meeting, the home minister said Bangladesh requested Facebook to establish a filtering mechanism for the country.
He told reporters at his office that the meeting was very fruitful.
"Sometimes it is used for propaganda, creating anarchy to score political points and promote activities that threaten national security," he said.
The Facebook officials declined to talk to the media.
However, a senior official of a law enforcement agency quoted Vikram Langleh as saying, "There should be regular interaction between the government and Facebook. We will try to convince our management to continue the engagement with the government."
Bangladesh follows France and the European Commission who have reached out to internet companies recently to take actions in line with their requests.
France and the EC have demanded faster action on online terrorism incitement and hate speech following the Paris attacks.
Facebook, Google and Twitter were, albeit quietly, stepping up efforts to combat online propaganda and recruiting by Islamic militants, according to a Reuters report.
The discussions with the Facebook officials came nearly three weeks after the government blocked access to Facebook, its messenger app, WhatsApp and Viber on security grounds.
Kamal said the government would soon lift the ban on Facebook.
On November 30, Tarana Halim sent a letter to Facebook, seeking the social networking site's cooperation in ensuring cyber security in Bangladesh.
Tarana raised the issue of violence against women in the meeting and said sometimes Facebook statuses of users prompted girls to commit suicide.
"We know Facebook has their own standard on values and culture, but there is a huge difference between values of the US and that of Bangladesh," said Tarana.
The representatives from the law enforcement agencies raised the security issue. They claimed that they had reached out to "Facebook thousands of times" since 2012 but had received no response.
According to the Global Government Requests Report of Facebook released last month, the company has not provided any data to Bangladesh government since it was introduced in 2013.
The Facebook officials also met Tariq Ahmed Siddique, the prime minister's security adviser, sources at the telecommunication division said.
At the meeting, the PMO asked the Facebook officials to establish an office in Dhaka in order to deepen relations between the government

Another suspect in Japanese woman 'murder' arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Police have arrested another accused in a case filed for the "murder" and secret burial of Japanese woman Hiroe Miyata in October.
HM Jakir Patwari Ratan, a business partner of Miyata, was held from Benapole border area in Jessore. He was on the run, said Officer-in-Charge of Uttara East Police Station Abu Bakar Siddique yesterday.
Ratan was among the six accused in the case filed by the police station.
The five others, who were arrested in late November, are now in jail on completion of a four-day police remand.
According to the case statement, Miyata was "killed" on October 29 allegedly by her business partners. She was later buried in an Uttara graveyard. But the five accused denied killing her.
The incident surfaced after an official of Japanese embassy in Dhaka complained about her missing in a general diary lodged with Uttara East police on November 19.
Forensic doctors at Dhaka Medical College conducted an autopsy on Miyata, whose body was exhumed on November 27 following a court order, but found no injury marks as the body was decomposed.
Police are now waiting for the viscera report to determine the reason

Flaw in charge

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Nur had talked to another accused Arif Hossain, a former Rapid Action Battalion official, over phone on several occasions before the murders, said the court, citing confessional statement of another accused.
Petitioner's lawyer Abdul Baset Majumder told the court that accused Ali Mohammad in his confessional statement mentioned names of 15 people involved in the gruesome killings. However, they were not implicated in the charge sheet.
He said separate first information reports (FIRs) were filed, and two separate charge sheets were submitted to a trial court in connection with the same killings -- which is illegal.
Baset Majumder said some other culprits could be identified had Nur been placed on remand.
He also prayed to the HC to pass an order on the police to conduct a further investigation into the case "in the interest of a fair trial".
Deputy Attorney General Shaikh

AKM Moniruzzaman Kabir opposed the revision petition, claiming that there was no illegality in the charge sheet.
If the investigation officer finds any new information about the incident of killings, that can be included in the supplementary charge sheet as well, he said, adding that there is no scope for making the trial proceedings lengthy now.
In her petition, Selina Islam, victim Nazrul's wife, also claimed that names of five people were included in an FIR but those were dropped from the charge sheet later.
The five are Yasin Miah, Aminul Haque, Hasmat Ali, Iqbal Hossain and Anwar Hossain. They are local influential people and politicians, it said.
Seven people, including Nazrul and senior lawyer Chandan Sarker, were abducted from the Dhaka-Narayanganj Link Road on April 27, 2014. Their bodies were found floating in the Shitalakkhya river a few days later.

Tiny metal that kills

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and kill them off. Once that is done, the metal can then biodegrade.
"The advance here is that we have a drug-delivery technique that may enhance the effectiveness of the drugs being delivered, can help doctors locate tumors, can be produced in bulk, and appears to be wholly biodegradable with very low toxicity," said Zhen Gu, one of the authors of the paper, in a statement. "And one of the advantages of this technique is that these liquid metal drug carriers -- or 'nanoterminals' -- are very easy to make."
To make the drug, researchers put the metal into a solution that has two different molecules in it. That is then hit with ultrasound, which transforms them to make them into carriers.
Scientists can then introduce cancer drugs into the solution, take the nanodroplets and put them into the

bloodstream.
Because of the way that they are created, the tiny droplets seek out cancer cells and become latched onto them. The cancer cells themselves then absorb the droplets and so sends the drug straight into the cell.
The researchers have already tested the treatment in a mouse, and found that it is far more effective than injecting it straight into the patient. There didn't seem to be any toxic reaction from the mouse's body, the researchers said.
"This was a proof-of-concept study, but very encouraging," said Gu. "Like the fictional Terminator, this carrier is transformable: smashed from bulk material, fused inside cancer cells and eventually degraded and cleared. We are hoping to do additional testing in a large animal study to get closer to potential clinical trials."

One candidate

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Ulamae Islam Bangladesh and Gonotontri Party.
As many as 1,219 mayoral candidates have filed their nomination in 235 municipalities that will go to polls on December 30. Of them, 711 have nominations under party tickets, while the rest will contest independently.
Three major political parties -- Awami League, BNP and Jatiya Party -- have 564 candidates, while 17 other parties have 147 aspirants.
For the first time, the municipality polls are going to be held on partisan lines. Political parties registered with the EC can contest the polls by nominating their candidates.
There have been 40 registered political parties in Bangladesh so far and of them 20 are contesting the polls.
Election Commissioner Shah Nawaz has meanwhile urged VIPs, including MPs and ministers, to obey the electoral code of conduct, and

warned that action would be taken against the violators.
Shah Nawaz was talking to reporters at his office at the EC Secretariat yesterday afternoon.
Asked if the EC would take steps for violation of electoral code by two MPs and some mayoral aspirants on Thursday, the commissioner said no one had filed any complaint with the EC.
"If anyone files any complaint, we will surely take action," he said.
Lawmakers in Natore and Dhamrai in Savar accompanied party-nominated candidates while filing nominations and some AL mayor candidates staged showdowns, brought out processions and motorcades before filing nominations, according to media reports.
Meantime, the EC yesterday sent separate letters to the Cabinet Division and the speaker in parliament requesting them to monitor activities of ministers and MPs so that they do not

BNP doubts

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party's Nayapaltan central office in Dhaka their electoral slogan would be restoring democracy and establishing people's rights.
Fakhrul, released on bail five days ago, said leaders and activists of the opposition party had been arrested and implicated in false cases.
"Despite such an adverse situation, we are in the election race in the interest of democracy."
The EC can hold fair elections if it tries, Fakhrul said.
"During the caretaker governments in the past, the Election Commission played a neutral role. But we didn't find any sign of neutrality of the present EC in national polls or local ones."
The BNP leader alleged the EC had hurriedly formulated election rules and codes of conduct, which were inimical to fair and inclusive elections.
Most of the parties registered with the EC could not complete their preparation for the polls, he said, adding, "Such an attitude of the commission also means that it is acting on orders of a particular party."
Describing BNP's decision to participate in the polls as an appropriate move, Fakhrul said, the party would join the elections as part of its movement for democracy.
"Though there'll be no change in the government through the local polls, there's a chance to restore democracy. So, as a liberal party, we

11 'militants'

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Six "militants" took part in the robbery directly while the rest aided and abetted them, Dipak said, adding that seven accused have confessed before a court.
DEATH IN CUSTODY
Egypt arrests nine cops

AFP, Cairo
Nine Egyptian policemen have been arrested in an investigation into the death of a man in police custody in Luxor, officials said Sunday, after authorities vowed a crackdown on police abuses.
The nine, including three lieutenants and a captain, were arrested on Friday and Saturday as part of a probe into the death of the 47-year-old man at a police station last month.
Their arrests came amid at least two investigations into deaths in police custody and after President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi last week warned that police officers found guilty of "committing mistakes" would be punished.

Climate talks

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climate change, even though officials say it will not be enough to prevent global temperatures rising beyond a dangerous threshold.
"All the difficult political issues remain unsolved and will be solved by the ministers," European Climate and Energy Commissioner Miguel Arias Canete said. "It's easier to get a weak agreement than a strong agreement."
An accord will not define specific measures or targets, which are being undertaken at a national level.
But it should create a legal framework on key issues such as climate finance for developing nations, beyond a goal of \$100 billion a year already set for 2020, and set a long-term goal for the shift from fossil fuels.
The text, running to 43 pages including a 21-page core agreement, leaves most of those issues to be worked out.
"We had hoped that our work would be further advanced," said Nozipho Mxakato-Diseko of South Africa, who speaks on behalf of more than 130 developing nations. She said rich nations should lead in cutting emissions, and provide more finance.
Many participants noted that the Copenhagen conference never even got as far as a formal draft laying out the options.
"The situation couldn't be more different from Copenhagen ... when delegations were more interested in grandstanding," said Richard Black, director of the Energy and Climate Intelligence unit think-tank.
He said the chances of a deal next week "now look pretty good".
All sides agree that the promises made so far for curbs on greenhouse gas emissions still fall far short of what

is needed to limit global warming to a UN goal of 2 degrees Celsius (3.6F) above pre-industrial times.
But some developing nations said the new text showed a widening acceptance by rich nations to help them to cope with loss and damage from major impacts of climate change, such as droughts, floods, hurricanes or sea level rise.
Police still
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Festival set up as part of a month-long festival known as raaspujima mela organised by the Hindu temple, said police and victims. The site was about 500 yards from the temple.
A circuit like mobile motherboard and an electric wire were found at the site following the blast, which might have been used in the explosion.
The probe is focused on two aspects -- whether it was an act of militants or a feud between the groups that participated in the bid for the mela led to the incident, the SI said without elaborating any further.
The local administration has asked the mela organisers to stop jatra and circuses.
The turnout in the mela yesterday was about ten percent less than that before the blast, said Premnath Roy, executive member of Dinajpur Rajdebotar State Trust that runs the temple as well as is responsible for the mela arrangements.
Meanwhile, the six victims admitted to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital have been recovering gradually, said the hospital's Assistant Director Mohammad Ali.
Three of them were operated on to bring out splinters, he added.
continued his militant activities. He took part in open and secret meetings, and gave lectures and training to Talaba activists at training camps.
It recommended that the university authorities take administrative action against him for allowing Faruque to use his room, and initiate a thorough investigation into the matter. It also suggested cancellation of Saiful's firearm licence that he had obtained when he was DU proctor.
Contacted, Saiful refuted the allegations against him, and claimed a vested quarter was conspiring against him.
He, however, admitted that he had been involved with Talaba in his student life.
He also claimed that Talaba is "a non-political organisation and has no connection with militancy."
The DU probe, however, says the charters of both Islami Oikya Andolan and Talaba state that their main objective is to destroy the current political system and establish Islamic rule in the country through "Jihad".

Probe finds

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Saiful, who was DU proctor from 2009 to 2013, also worked as pro-vice chancellor at a private university in the capital. He was removed from the post after allegations of his involvement in militant activities surfaced.
Talking to The Daily Star, Arefin Siddique said they already asked the law enforcement agencies to carry out a thorough probe into Saiful's alleged involvement in militant activities. "We are waiting for their response."
Contacted, an official of Dhaka Metropolitan Police said they were looking into the matter.
Monirul Islam, joint commissioner of the Detective Branch of the DMP, told this correspondent, "Though the organisation [Talaba] is not banned, we monitor its activities like those of some other Islamist organisations."
The report mentions, "He [Saiful] did not sever relations with radical organisations even after he became a teacher at Dhaka University. He secretly

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

1	Agency	Teletalk Bangladesh Ltd.
2	Procuring Entity	Project Director, Modernization and Expansion of Teletalk's 2G/3G Network up to Rural Areas (M&E Project).
3	Invitation for	Preparation of BTS Room, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Various Types of Towers at different BTS Sites on Turn-Key Basis under the Project titled "Modernization and Expansion of Teletalk's 2G/3G Network up to Rural Areas"
4	Invitation Reference No.	TBL/MEP/PD/CIVIL/02/PROCU/BTS Room & Tower/2015-2016/03
5	Date of Invitation	03-12-2015
6	Date of Publication	07-12-2015
7	Procurement Method	National Open Tender Type-2 (NT-2)
8	Source of Fund	Teletalk's own fund
9	Tender Document Selling Dates & place	a) Selling Start: 07-12-2015 & End: 05-01-2016 during office hours. b) Places: i) Procurement Department, Teletalk Corporate Office, House # 39, Road # 116, Gulshan-1, Dhaka-1212 & ii) M & E Project Office
10	Pre-Bid Meeting Date, Time & Place.	Office of the Project Director, M & E Project at 11:00 Hrs (BST) on 17-12-2015
11	Tender Closing Date, Time & Dropping Place	a) Closing Date: 06-01-2016, Time: 14:00 Hrs (BST) b) Places: i) Teletalk Corporate Office ii) M & E Project Office
12	Tender Opening Date, Time & Place	Opening Date: 06-01-2016, at 14:30 Hrs (BST) Place: M & E Project Office
13	Eligibility of Bidder	Bidders having proper experiences of doing works mentioned in Tender Document
14	Description of Works	Supply & Construction of BTS Room (Indoor/Outdoor), Towers, Poles, Grid Pole including installation of Electrical Goods, Earthing System, Fire-Detection System, Fire-Extinguisher & Outdoor Type Cabinets at different parts of the country under 5 (five) Lots.
15	Tender Document Price	For (1) Lot-1: TK. 12,000.00 (2) Lot-2: TK. 10,000.00 (3) Lot-3: TK. 8,000.00 (4) Lot-4: TK. 6,000.00 & (5) Lot-5: TK. 5,000.00 in Cash (non-refundable) with an application in letter-head pad.
16	Tender Security	For (1) Lot-1: TK. 60,000.00 (Sixty Lac) (2) Lot-2: TK. 20,000.00 (Twenty Lac) (3) Lot-3: TK. 16,000.00 (Sixteen Lac) & (4) Lot-4: TK. 10,000.00 (Ten Lac) & (5) Lot-5: TK. 5,000.00 (Five Lac) in Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guaranty as per Tender Clause No. 16 of Chapter-1
17	Official Inviting Tender	Deputy Project Director, Modernization and Expansion of Teletalk's 2G/3G Network up to Rural Areas Project, House No# 15, Road No. 105, Gulshan-2, Dhaka-1212.
18	This procurement process shall be guided by the Procurement Policy of Teletalk (PPT) and related GoB rules. The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.	
19	The detail specifications will be available at Teletalk web page: www.teletalk.com.bd .	

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