

Man held in Ctg with stun gun

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Intelligence and Investigation Directorate.
Representatives of intelligence and law enforcement agencies, after examining the device (stun gun), confirmed that it is a high-tech defense weapon, he said.



The stun gun, an electroshock weapon, seized in Chittagong.

The other seized device is a 2.4 GHz Quadcopter with on-board high definition (HD) camera, which is able to fly over three to four-storied building, said officials of the directorate.
Such a device could be used for spying and for collecting information from the country's important establishments, they added.
The quadcopter is able to take photos and videos while in flight and the captured images and clips could be seen live and also be transmitted, said a senior official, preferring anonymity.
Mohammad Solaiman, 32, of Chittagong's Patiya upazila was held on Tuesday after he arrived from Dubai on a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight that landed at the airport at

8:55am.
On information, a team from the directorate intercepted him at 9:30am while he was crossing the Green Channel of the airport's Customs Hall. The items were found after checking his luggage, said ADG Hossain Ahmad.
During primary interrogation, Solaiman said he has business in Dubai and claimed that the items were toys, he said.
According to his passport, Solaiman frequently travelled to Dubai and China, officials said.
ADG Ahmad said officials of intelli-

gence and law enforcement agencies confirmed them that the items could pose a risk to the country's security and its people, as criminals could use them to harm people.
Contacted, Moinul Khan, director general of customs intelligence, said permissions from home and commerce ministries are required to import any weapon and ammunition.
Assistant Revenue Officer Jahir Ali of the directorate filed a case against Solaiman with Patenga Police Station yesterday under section 1 (B) of 25 (B) of Special Powers Act.
According to the FIR, the passenger did not follow sections 6 and 8 of the Import Policy Order 2012-2015 and violated sections 16 and 18 of the Customs Act 1969 by bringing in the items from abroad through concealment in order to evade tax and violating import and export control.
The arrestee was handed over to Patenga Police Station, while the seized items were kept at the custodian branch of Chittagong Customs House.

Bring Wasa, Rajuk under DCCs

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Sewerage Authority (Wasa) and Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (Rajuk) entirely or partly be under the jurisdiction of the mayors' offices.
His frustration stems from his experience in the last 8 months. The DNCC mayor yesterday gave instances of how they were facing difficulties in doing their job.
Highlighting the lack of coordination affecting service quality, he said whenever the city goes under rainwater, the blame game begins. "It is very difficult to work," he said.
In the matter of city governance, the mayors are hapless as they are unable to make a master plan and take measures.
At a programme of Rajuk in September last year, DSCC Mayor Mohammad Sayeed Khokon expressed his frustration as "the authority designed a 20-year master plan of the capital without consulting his office".

At another programme on last November 19, Khokon said, "We are guardians of roads. We repair roads. Vehicles ply on our roads. But the BRTA pockets all the revenue."
Dhaka's first elected mayor in 1994, Mohammad Hanif, Khokon's father, had first proposed a metropolitan government to improve city governance and services.
Bangladesh University organised the programme yesterday to unveil the results of three researches conducted on how to make Dhaka a better place to live in.
Member of the board of trustee of Bangladesh University Iqbal Habib in a presentation showed how water routes could be created alongside streets by reviving Narail, Rampura, Dholaikhal, Panthapath, and Kalyanpur canals.
In reply to a question of the mayor, Habib said waterways would not narrow existing roads as "many build-

ings are erected illegally on those roads".
Another research result shows that average noise level at the capital's Sankar, Agargaon, Mohammadpur, Farmgate, Shyamoli, and Tejgaon was higher than the tolerable level of 70 decibels. Among the areas, the highest average was in Tejgaon area, 139dB and the lowest in Mohammadpur area, 83dB.
Their research also found that particles were alarmingly high in the air of Dhaka.
Their third research was on the benefits of making nine important points under DNCC illegal for parking and building a 60-foot-wide street from Mohammadpur to Basila.
Quoting their preliminary findings, Habib said their research suggested that over Tk 1,000 crore would be saved every year if the nine places were made illegal to park.

Sexual Abuse Complaint filed against 5 policemen

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A woman yesterday filed a case with a Dhaka court, accusing five policemen, including officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station, of sexually abusing her.
Judge Shafiqul Azam of the Second Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression recorded the statement of the complainant and fixed today for passing order on the issue.
The accused are OC Aboni Shankar Kar, Sub-Inspector Md Jasim, Assistant SI Md Jamal, constable Debashish of Jatrabari Police Station and SI Abdul Kader of Mugda Police Station.
The woman in her complaint said her younger brother Imran Hossain married SI Kader's daughter, but the policeman did not accept the marriage. Later, Kader lodged a case under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act.
Out of grudge, on November 3, 2015, the accused also tried to sexually abuse her in Jatrabari Police Station, the complainant claimed.
Contacted, Aboni Shankar said he was not involved in any kind of sexual abuse. "If anyone has made a complaint against me, it is false and baseless."

HC clears

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The lower court framed charges against him in the case.
Mosharraf, who has been recently released from jail on the Supreme Court order of bail, filed the criminal revision petition with the HC in November last year, challenging the legality of the Dhaka court order.
The BNP leader in the criminal revision plea prayed to the HC to stay the trial proceedings in the case.
Meanwhile, Mosharraf recently filed a writ petition with the HC, seeking stay on the trial in the case, the ACC lawyer added.

Saudi accuses Iran

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Zarif said Saudi Arabia had devoted itself to trying to stop Iran's nuclear deal with world powers and blocked attempts at dialogue in the Middle East, reports AFP.
Over the weekend, a historic international deal lifted crippling economic sanctions on Iran in return for a scaling back of its nuclear capabilities.
Six major world powers including China helped broker that agreement. But Riyadh fears it will further embolden Iran, which it accuses of interference in countries including Yemen and Syria, where Riyadh and Tehran support opposite sides in civil wars.
Amid the rising tensions, Khamenei yesterday condemned the embassy attack.
"Like the British embassy attack before it, this was against the country (Iran) and Islam, and I didn't like it," he added.
Britain's embassy in Tehran was stormed and ransacked by a mob in 2011.
The arson attack on Saudi Arabia's embassy -- for which local media reports say as many as 140 people have been arrested -- led to Riyadh quickly severing diplomatic ties with Tehran.
His remark underscored that the embassy attack had no sympathy from within the Islamic republic's establish-

ment. Iran's President Hassan Rouhani at the time said the violence was committed by "rogue elements" acting against the country's interests.
Meanwhile, China has signalled its support for Yemen's government, which is fighting an Iran-allied militia, on the first day of a visit to Saudi Arabia by Chinese President Xi Jinping, reports Reuters.
Saudi Arabia and China said in a statement yesterday that the two countries affirmed their support for the unity, independence and sovereignty of Yemen. The statement was released by China's Foreign Ministry after Xi met Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz in Riyadh on Tuesday.
All social, religious and political groups in Yemen should maintain their national solidarity and avoid any decisions that may cause social disruption and chaos, it said.
China relies on the region for oil but has tended to leave Middle Eastern diplomacy to the other four permanent members of the UN Security Council - the United States, Britain, France and Russia.
However, China has been trying to get more involved, especially in Syria, and recently hosted its foreign minister and opposition officials.

No legal basis

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amendment to the constitution on the basis of this "illegal judgment", added Mahbub, also an adviser to the BNP chairperson.
The president of the SCBA, dominated by pro-BNP lawyers, said they had repeatedly stated that writing a judgment after retirement was unconstitutional and it had now become clear following the CJ's statement.
Cancellation of the caretaker government system and holding the national election under the ruling party were the reasons for the present political crisis and violence in the

country, said the lawyer.
Despite making several attempts, this newspaper could not reach Justice ABM Khairul Haque over the phone for his comment.
However, Attorney General Mahbub Alam told The Daily Star that the SCBA's demand was politically motivated. "There is nothing unconstitutional in writing verdicts by retired judges because they are under oath when they announce the verdict."
The chief justice "perhaps made the comment in the present context as a few judges are making delays in writing judgments", he added.

OC talks like AL man

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despite delay, realised that they have no alternative other than joining the Awami League."
As gleaned from a video clip obtained by The Daily Star, he started his speech by praising Motahar Hossain MP, district AL president and former deputy minister, and his son Mahmudul Hasan

Sohag, Hatibandha upazila unit AL general secretary.
On Monday evening, he addressed another programme where 500 more BNP and JP defectors joined the AL.
He delivered a similar speech there, too, thanking the defectors and highly praising Motahar and Sohag.

On condition of anonymity, a policeman of Hatibandha Police Station told this correspondent that OC Matin "has now become a pure AL Man." Matin sometimes "identifies himself as a close relative of Motahar Hossain MP," he added.
Talking to this correspondent, Matin stressed he was a police

officer and not a politician. Asked whether he, as a law enforcer, was entitled to make political speeches, he said his speech was aimed at maintaining law and order, and not at politics.
Contacted, TM Mozahidul Islam, superintendent of Police in Lalmonirhat, declined to comment on the matter.

Taliban strike Pak university

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An AFP reporter saw pools of blood and overturned furniture at the hostel, where security forces cornered the four gunmen.
"More than 30 others including students, staff and security guards were wounded," Wazir added.
He said the attackers had "taken advantage of the fog", adding that visibility was less than 10 metres (30 feet) at the time.
Umar Mansoor, a commander of the Hakimullah Mehsud faction of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistani (TTP), claimed responsibility for the attack.
Security forces believe he was the mastermind behind a similar attack on an army-run school in nearby Peshawar in 2014 that left more than 150 people dead.
The TTP's central leadership denied any involvement.
"TTP strongly condemns today's attack and disassociates itself completely from this un-Islamic attack," spokesman Muhammad Khurasani said on Twitter, vowing that the group would bring those behind it to justice.
The denial appeared to indicate continued infighting in the Pakistani Taliban, as the Islamic State group seeks to recruit its disaffected fight-

ers.
A senior security official said the faces of the attackers were recognisable and their fingerprints had been taken, adding: "We hope we will soon identify them."
One had a mobile phone in his hand connected to Mansoor's faction, he said.
The official said two of the attackers were teenagers while the others were in their early 20s. They were armed with hand grenades and Kalashnikovs.
TEACHER FIGHTING BACK
Witnesses said the professor killed in the assault, Syed Hamid Husain, had fought back against the intruders, adding he had been known as "The Protector" even before he died shielding his students.
Geology student Zahoor Ahmed said the chemistry lecturer had warned him not to leave the building after the first shots were fired.
"He was holding a pistol in his hand," he said.
"Then I saw a bullet hit him. I saw two militants were firing. I ran inside and then managed to flee by jumping over the back wall."
Another student told reporters he was in class when he heard gunshots.

"We saw three terrorists shouting, 'Allah is great!' and rushing towards the stairs of our department," he said.
"One student jumped out of the classroom through the window. We never saw him get up."
He also described seeing the chemistry professor holding a pistol and firing at the attackers.
"Then we saw him fall down and as the terrorists entered the (registrar's) office we ran away."
"He would always help the students and he was the one who knew all their secrets... He was referred to by students as 'The Protector'," geology student Waqar Ali told AFP.
A university security guard told AFP the attackers had scaled a wall to enter the campus, apparently killing a caretaker in a school guesthouse before moving on to the boys' hostel.
An AFP reporter described a TV remote lying in a pool of blood in front of the television near an electric heater and thermos of tea inside the guesthouse, whose walls were scarred by bullets.
There had been no threat against the university, its vice chancellor said.
ECHOES OF 2014 MASSACRE
Yesterday's attack spurred wide-

spread outrage from social media users in Pakistan, with a candlelight vigil for the victims held in the southwestern city of Quetta and dozens of people protesting in the port mega-city of Karachi.
Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif declared a national day of mourning for Thursday and directed the country's security agencies to hunt those responsible for the attack, his office said.
The assault, which Amnesty International said could be branded a war crime, was also condemned globally, including by India, the EU and the US.
It had chilling echoes of the Taliban assault on the Army Public School in Peshawar in December 2014, Pakistan's deadliest-ever attack. Most of the victims were children.
After a public outcry, the military intensified an offensive in the tribal areas where extremists had previously operated with impunity, and the government launched a crackdown.
Mansoor, the alleged mastermind behind the attack who also claimed yesterday's assault, vowed in 2014 to continue his "revenge" for the military crackdown.

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)
for
Outreach and Public Awareness Specialist

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit for payments under the contracts for the Services of Outreach and Public Awareness Specialist under Second Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP-II). The overall objective of this assignment is to lead and coordinate, as a core member of the RTIP-II Project Management Unit (PMU), all aspects relevant to the Outreach and Policy Communication strategy of the project, in accordance with the provisions of the legal agreements prevailing for the RTIP-II and in line with relevant government rules and regulations. The consultant will assist the project to manage the public awareness campaign and implement related activities and prepare printed and audio-visual materials regarding the project and its components.

a) **No. of the Post: One**
b) **Duration of the Service: 15 (Fifteen) months**
c) **Educational Qualification**

- Minimum Master's Degree in communication/mass media, or relevant subject with Bachelor's Degree in Journalism/ IT/ communication/ mass media, or relevant subject.

d) **Experience & adequacy for the assignment:**

- At least 5 years' experience in the public awareness creation or mass media activities or mass communication; preferably but not exclusively in developing countries with a comprehensive and in-depth expertise in development project implementation.
- At least 5 years' experience in the mass media development, multiplication, graphic design/ audio-visual clip design, in development sector and related field.
- Demonstrated experience in building constructive relationships between Government agencies, civil society and other stakeholders including conflict mitigation;
- Demonstrated experience in applying participatory methods.

e) **Suitability:**

- Strong team player with the ability to work in a high-pressure environment;
- Understanding of local communities and the national political system with the ability to communicate policy, technical, and financial issues effectively and concisely both orally and in writing;
- Innovative and open-minded approach to all aspects of work;
- Strong interpersonal communicative skills, experience in team leadership and participatory management along with the capacity to think creatively in dealing with policy and operational issues while maintaining a strong client and results orientations;
- Strong written and oral communication skills with fluency in English and Bangla Language and Computer literacy (MS Word, Excel and internet).


The Project Director, RTIP-II, LGED now invites eligible Applicants to apply for the position. Applicants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (complete CV with other details as required).

The consultant will be selected in accordance with the selection of individual consultants procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011.

Interested Candidates are requested to collect Terms of Reference (TOR) if required from the office of the undersigned. The advertisement is also available in the website of LGED & CPTU.

Expressions of Interest shall be submitted by 5:00 PM on 22/02/2016 in sealed envelope delivered to **Project Director, Second Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP-II), LGED Bhaban (Level-11), LGED, Dhaka-1207** and be clearly marked "Request for Expressions of Interest for Outreach and Public Awareness Specialist"

The Client reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Expression of Interest (EOI).


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IS destroys ancient monastery in Iraq

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A Catholic priest from Mosul warned that its Christian history was "being barbarically levelled".
"We see it as an attempt to expel us from Iraq, eliminating and finishing our existence in this land," said Father Paul Thabit Habib, who now lives in Kurdish-administered Irbil.
IS has targeted Christians in Iraq and neighbouring Syria, seizing their property and forcing them to convert to Islam, pay a special tax or flee.
The group has also demolished a number of monasteries and churches, as well as renowned pre-Islamic sites including Nimrud, Hatra and Nineveh in Iraq and Palmyra in Syria.
St Elijah's Monastery, or Deir Mar Elia, was believed to have been constructed by Assyrian monks in the late 6th Century. It was later

claimed by a Chaldean Catholic order.
In 1743, its monks were given an ultimatum by Persian forces to convert to Islam. They refused and as many as 150 were massacred.
Fr Thabit told AP that the monastery "became a spiritual place for Christians to visit and to have religious ceremonies, and to ask forgiveness from the saint who founded this monastery."
"The monastery attracted all the people from Mosul - Christians and Muslims. All the poets, historians and travellers wrote about this monastery," he added. "It became a very important place for the history of the Church in Iraq."
In the 1970s, the monastery became a base for the Iraqi Republican Guard, and in 2003 one of its walls was damaged by the impact of a T-72 tank turret that was hit by a missile during the US-led

invasion of Iraq.
The US Army used the monastery as a base itself, before a chaplain recognised its importance and a commander ordered it to be cleared.
Stephen Wood of Allsource Analysis told AP that the satellite images published yesterday suggested the monastery was destroyed between August and September 2014, two to three months after IS captured Mosul and ordered Christians who had not already fled to leave.
The images showed "that the stone walls have been literally pulverized", Wood said. "Bulldozers, heavy equipment, sledgehammers, possibly explosives turned those stone walls into this field of grey-white dust. They destroyed it completely."
A security source in Nineveh province separately confirmed to

the BBC yesterday that IS militants had blown up the monastery, completely destroying it.

Cold wave

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an official at Dhaka Met office last evening.
Yesterday's rain brought much relief to many city residents. The rain will clean the city's air, said Giasuddin Khan from Farmgate.
However, the winter chill would bring misery to many poor people living under the open sky.
According to Dhaka Met office, it rained in the different parts of Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions yesterday morning and Khulna and Dhaka divisions in the afternoon.
The rain hit the country due to an Easterly low in the South Bay. The day's highest rainfall of 25 mm was recorded in Rajshahi.