

SONIC DEVICE FOR CROWD CONTROL

Too much for human ear

Health experts warn of nerve damage as police start using the controversial device to disperse protesters



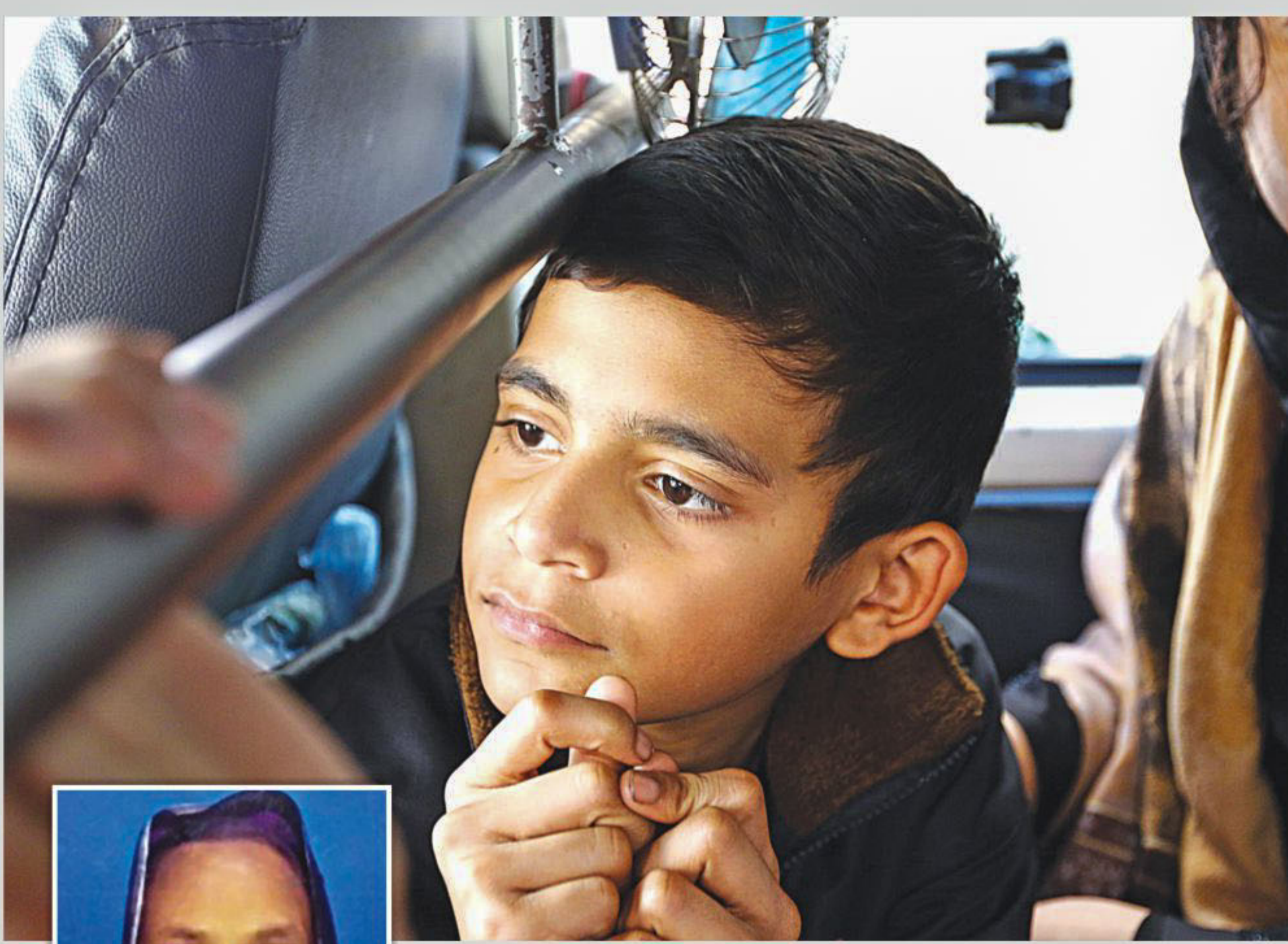
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The controversial sonic device procured recently by the police to disperse protesters has the potential to damage nerve system of ears for good, according to doctors and records.

When equipped with HS-16 Acoustic Hailing Device (AHD), the device in question, a trigger-happy cop also runs the risk of causing serious nerve injury to many, mostly innocents, if it is used at the maximum volume on a crowded street.

Police, who added 12 AHDs to their crowd-control armoury last year at a cost of Tk 50 lakh each, are happy with the results as the piercing sound can drive protesters at least one kilometre away from the device mounted on a vehicle.

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Numb with grief and no tears in eyes, the son of Helena Begum wears a blank look while accompanying the body of his mother in an ambulance in front of the DMCH morgue as the family members are about to leave for their village home in Barisal. Helena, inset, died during a mugging incident in the capital's Dhanmondi area yesterday morning.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

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Muggers' car runs over, kills woman

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers in a car pulled the handbag of a woman, dragged her about 200 yards on a street and drove the vehicle over her in Dhanmondi area of the capital yesterday morning.

She was killed right there.

The victim, Helena Begum, a 40-year-old caregiver at Green Life Hospital, and her husband had just returned from their village in Barisal's Bandar upazila.

They reached Sadarghat by a launch around 4:30am and got off a bus in Dhanmondi Road-6 area on their way to their home on Green Road. The incident happened around 5:15am when the couple was crossing the Mirpur Road.

All of a sudden, two muggers came in the car and pulled the bag in Helena's left hand. The hand, however, got stuck in the front window and the

KHALEDA'S GRAFT CASE

BNP wary of Feb 8 verdict

Party top brass sit today to decide next course of action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia has called an emergency meeting of her party's standing committee today as a Dhaka court fixed January 8 for announcing the verdict in a graft case filed against her.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30pm at the party chief's Gulshan office, BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi told The Daily Star.

He said the meeting would discuss the country's overall political situation and the latest developments.

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N'GANJ MAYHEM

Police find Niazul's gun in flowerpot

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police yesterday recovered the pistol of Niazul Islam "which he lost" on January 16 during a fierce clash between supporters of Narayanganj Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy and local Awami League lawmaker Shamim Osman.

Niazul, a close aide of Shamim, was one of them who brandished guns during an attack on Ivy and her supporters on that day.

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Nightmares of Rohingya kids

Traumatized refugee children, witnessing murder, rape and torture, fear return to Myanmar

AFP, Cox's Bazar

The disturbing drawings of homes engulfed in flames, and stickmen hanging from trees that are produced by Rohingya children in overcrowded refugee camps are slowly giving way to the flowers and sunny days that psychologists expect from healthy youngsters.

But the prospect of returning to Rakhine, where the Myanmar army and Buddhist mobs orchestrated a campaign of ethnic cleansing, could reverse the healing and damage children forever, say experts.

"My friends were slaughtered by the military and Buddhists when we were trying to escape. There were dead bodies everywhere," 12-year-old Sadiya told AFP in a trembling voice, wiping away tears

with her headscarf.

"If we go back now, they will kill all of us. I don't think we will ever go back. I don't want to."

Sadiya is one of the 690,000 Rohingyas who have pressed into Bangladesh since last August. Two thirds are children.

Thousands arrived alone, many carrying with them a handful of pitiful possessions and graphic stories of seeing their families murdered and their villages burned in an orgy of communal violence.

The United Nations estimates 170,000 children are suffering from some form of mental trauma, having witnessed rape and torture.

For months they have lived in the camps that have spread from the riverine border, where desperate conditions have steadily improved.

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Bangladesh seek maiden trophy

Tri-series final today

MAZHAR UDDIN

After remaining almost invincible in the tri-series group matches before the crushing defeat in the last league game, it will be interesting to see whether the Tigers will be able to overcome the pressure of never having won a tri-series and continue playing the fearless brand of cricket when they take on Sri Lanka in the final at the Sher-e-Bangla National stadium in Mirpur today.

There is no doubt that the 10-wicket defeat after being bundled out for just 82

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Numerous posters have flooded the Dhaka Medical College Hospital complex ahead of class-IV employees' union election to be held today. The DMCH authorities have reportedly asked the candidates to remove the posters and banners, but those are still there causing visual pollution at the country's leading public hospital.

Criminals kill 3 pro-AL men

STAR REPORT

Three leaders of Chhatra League, Jubo League and Sramik League, all pro-Awami League organisations, have been hacked and stabbed to death in separate incidents in Savar, Feni and Dhaka over the last two days.

Jubo League leader Jahangir Hossain, 35, died of his injuries yesterday, hours after he was hacked allegedly by his business rivals in Birulia of Savar on the outskirts of the capital on Thursday night.

He was an organising secretary of Birulia union Jubo League, a pro-AL youth body, and had an internet business in the area, said his uncle Javed Hossain.



Ibrahim

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Punish BCL men for attack on protesters

Demands Chhatra Jote; 'BCL's act tarnished DU image'

DU CORRESPONDENT

Pragatisheel Chhatra Jote, an alliance of leftist student organisations, staged a solidarity rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday, demanding punishment of Chhatra League activists for carrying out attacks on protesting students and alliance activists at different educational institutions across the country.

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খানা তথ্যভাণ্ডার শুমারি
১৪ জানুয়ারি থেকে ০২ ফেব্রুয়ারি, ২০১৮

দেশের সকল খানার আর্থ-সামাজিক অবস্থার তথ্য সংগ্রহ করে একটি জাতীয় তথ্যভাণ্ডার গড়ে তোলার লক্ষ্যে শুরু হচ্ছে খানা শুমারি। ১৪ জানুয়ারি থেকে ০২ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০১৮ পর্যন্ত ঢাকা ও চট্টগ্রাম বিভাগের সকল জেলা এবং ময়মনসিংহ বিভাগের নেত্রকোণা জেলার সকল খানার তথ্য সংগ্রহ করা হবে। পরবর্তী ধাপে সিলেট, খুলনা এবং রাজশাহী বিভাগের সকল জেলায় শুমারি কার্যক্রম পরিচালিত হবে।

শুমারির লক্ষ্য ও উদ্দেশ্য

- এ তথ্যভাণ্ডার দেশের খানাভিত্তিক আর্থ-সামাজিক চিত্র ও উন্নয়ন প্রগতি সম্পর্কে পরিপূর্ণ ধারণা পেতে সহায়তা করবে যা বিভিন্ন উন্নয়ন কর্মসূচি গ্রহণে প্রয়োজনীয় সহায়ক হিসাবে ব্যবহৃত হবে;
- সরকার কর্তৃক গৃহীত বিভিন্ন সামাজিক নিরাপত্তা কর্মসূচি যথাযথ বাস্তবায়নের মাধ্যমে দারিদ্র দূরীকরণে এবং অন্যান্য সেবাসমূহ দ্রুত জনগণের দোর-গোড়ায় পৌঁছে দেবার ক্ষেত্রে এ তথ্যভাণ্ডার গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ও নির্ভরযোগ্য সহায়ক হিসাবে ব্যবহৃত হবে;

যে সকল তথ্য নিয়ে এই তথ্যভাণ্ডার তৈরি হবে

খানা সদস্যগণের নাম, মাতা-পিতার নাম, বয়স, শিক্ষা, ধর্ম, জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র নম্বর, জন্মসনদ নম্বর ইত্যাদি ব্যক্তিগত তথ্যের পাশাপাশি খানার বাসগৃহের ধরন, মালিকানাধীন জমির পরিমাণ, ব্যবহৃত পায়খানার ধরন, পানীয় জলের উৎস প্রভৃতি।

তথ্য প্রদানের সময় জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্র ও জন্মসনদ তথ্য-সংগ্রহকারীকে দেখাতে হবে।

আপনার খানার সকল তথ্য গোপন রাখা হবে এবং কেবলমাত্র সরকারি কাজে ব্যবহৃত হবে

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