

48 abandoned gold bars recovered at Dhaka airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence officials recovered 48 abandoned gold bars, weighing over 15 kilogrammes, at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka in the early hours of yesterday.

The bars, wrapped in sticky tape in nine packets, were left in a trash bin at a washroom in boarding bridge area, said Shahidul Islam, director general of Customs Intelligence and Investigation Department (CIID).

However, no one was arrested in this connection, he added.

CIID officials said smugglers sometimes left gold in this manner to avoid arrest. Many with security passes work as their agents and take the gold out of the airport.

The director general of CIID said they are investigating yesterday's incident.



Amid demo

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wrong-side, hit Antar when he was returning home during a break, said Golam Morshed, in-charge of Hashara highway police outpost.

In Chattogram, a motorcyclist died as he lost control over the motorcycle and went under the wheels of a lorry at Customs intersection. The deceased is Osman Gani, 29, of Chandpur.

He was declared dead at Chittagong Medical College Hospital, said ASI Alauddin Talukdar of CMCH police outpost. (Our Barishal, Dinajpur, Munshiganj and Chattogram correspondents contributed to this report)

Cigarette sales rampant

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and district administration several times. They do take action but the tobacco sellers somehow find their way back again and again."

"The police force has to handle numerous other issues which are more concerning. Given the situation, it is difficult to prioritise this issue," Chattogram Metropolitan Police Commissioner Mahbubur Rahman told The Daily Star.

About the Bita study, he said, "The findings are alarming. We will take action as per the law. I will alert my team."

Chattogram Civil Surgeon Azizur Rahman Siddiqui said hospitals and clinics had been directed through circulars not to allow consumption or sale of tobacco within 100 yards of their premises.

"But we do not have the power to execute the law. I will request the deputy secretary to issue a directive," he told this correspondent.

Md Elias Hossen, deputy secretary of Chattogram district administration, said he had been notified about the Bita study. "Due steps would be taken," he said, adding, "Containing sale of tobacco inside the metropolitan is quite a challenge because it is a densely populated area."

Established in 1994, Bita focuses on human rights, cultural expansion and poverty alleviation.

Students of Government BM College in Barishal bring out a procession in the city's Nathullabab area yesterday, demanding road safety and punishment for those behind Friday's accident that left seven people, including a student of the college, dead and six others injured.

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Impose higher tax

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Strategic Studies (BISS), said tax is an effective tool to reduce the usage of tobacco, and it has been proven by many studies.

"Price of tobacco products is increasing around the world due to higher taxes. But compared to people's purchasing power, the price in Bangladesh doesn't increase," he added.

In a keynote paper, Mahfuz proposed to the government to reduce cigarette's price level from four to two [high and low], remove price division among bidi with or without filters, and revoke tariff value system on smokeless tobacco products, like

jorda and gul.

He also proposed to impose a specific supplementary tax on all tobacco products and reduce the price gap between low and high category cigarette.

AAMS Arefin Siddique, former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, said the increase of tobacco products' price is a must to protect the youths from its grasp.

Nazneen Ahmed, senior research fellow of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies; Nasiruddin Ahmed, former chairman of NBR; ABM Jubair, executive director of Progga; and Mortuza Haider Liton, convenor of ATMA, also spoke at the press conference.

No injustice to businesspeople

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the flammable objects.

The issue of relocation of chemical warehouses came to forefront once again after the February 20 inferno in Chawkbazar that claimed the lives of 71 people.

The fire -- that originated from a perfume factory on Haji Waled Mansion -- forced the authorities to form a taskforce comprising 14 government agencies, to carry out drives. A section of traders had been protesting and creating obstacles to a number of drives.

At yesterday's programme, President of Dhaka South City Businessperson Oikya Parishad Abdus Salam demanded that the

taskforce discontinue its drives in Old Dhaka.

"We are requesting to stop the drives of taskforce... Businesspersons live in constant fear," he said just before the Rab DG's speech.

He claimed that traders of Old Dhaka have already relocated the 35 chemical items listed as highly flammable.

Dhaka South City Corporation Chief Executive Officer Mostafizur Rahman said businessmen have to be aware, and their warehouses have to be relocated to stop recurrence of incidents like Chawkbazar.

Top Rab officials and leaders of different business associations in Old Dhaka were also present at the programme.

Lack of

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Through the programme, Montu said, they will also protest the fresh proposal for raising gas tariffs.

He urged the people of all walks of life, including students, to participate in the programme.

The party also demanded security on the roads in front of public and private hospitals, installation of footbridges and speed-breakers on roads in front of educational institutions, a stop to extortion in the transport sector, creating a fund supervised by a regulatory body for victims of road accidents, and taking suggestions from experts and giving priority to people's interests in constructing roads and bridges and working out transport strategies.

An effort to nurture

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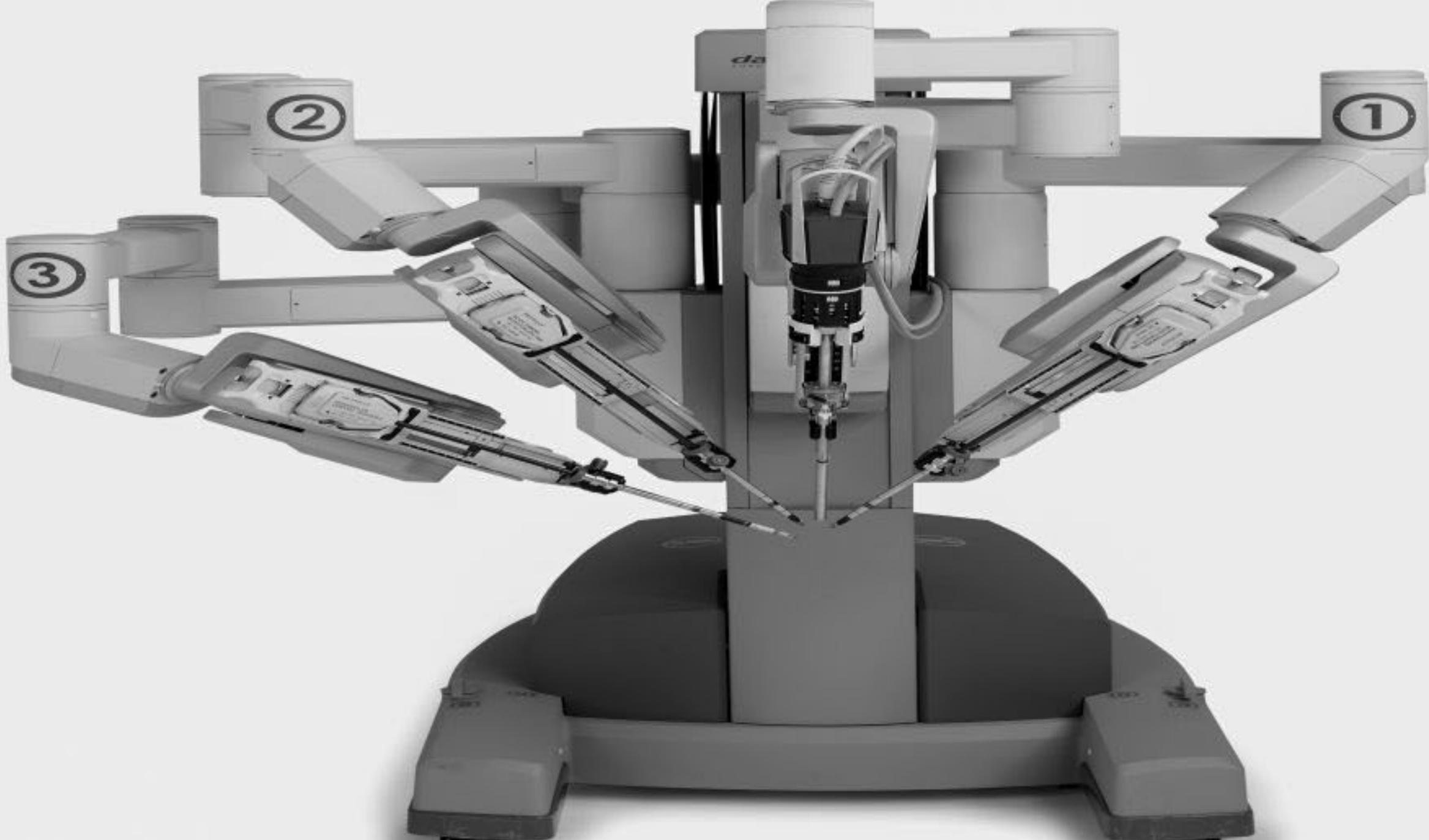
mentor and an inspiring presence in the intellectual and cultural sphere.

"There is no alternative to build a humanitarian world without studying social science and humanities," said ULAB pro-VC Prof Shamsad Mortuza.

Bengal Foundation Director General

Luva Nahid Choudhury said teachers who would take the spirit of Gyantapas Abdur Razzaq.

A total of 70 students, from undergraduate and post-graduate levels from different universities, gave interviews to take part in the course. The authorities selected 30 of them.



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