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Cover: Try to imagine what it's like to pack light for an international trip — taking with you your complete shack, antennas and all. Now imagine that you get where you're going and they shuffle their feet about a bit then politely suggest you should go home. It can't be much fun. Jim Smith's Bangladesh report looks at the side of the DXpedition we rarely see. **Inset:** Gee, they're sneaky! Here is an innocent-looking two metre hand-held rig with a high-performance multi-mode wide-band scanner built in. Icom's new IC-2SRA and IC-4SRA are attracting a lot of attention...

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