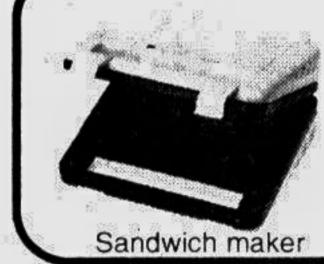
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# Flood comes as a boon to boatmaker Zakir

By Rafiq Hasan

trader.

"As most of the saw mills in

the area have gone under flood

water, we have to bring cut wood

from Barisal," said Kamrul Is-

lam of Bangladesh timber. Ear-

lier, they would bring wood

from Barisal and other districts

and cut those at saw mills

around Tongi Bazar and Abdul-

lahpur. Most of the buyers come

from low-lying areas of Dhaka

city, like Mugda, Basabo, Kam-rangir Char, Khilkhet, Gan-

daria and Faridabad, Kamrul

boats at a little lower price to

supply those to various tempo-

profit of around Tk 200 to 300

from each boat, traders said.

rary markets, he added.

traders alleged.

Many people buy several

The boat makers make a

As seven to eight saw mills

went under water, owners of the

other mills increased the

charge for cutting wood, timber

however, denied the allegation.

But they said the mill could not

meet the demand of customers

though it was operating round

several boats and engaged those

in ferrying flood-affected peo-

ple as a brisk business. Besides,

many day labourers and poor

people hire boats on daily basis

and ferry people to make a liv-

rikshawvans on the road be-

tween Tongi and Mahakhali is

now a common sight. New boats

are also being brought from as

far as Mymensingh, Tangail,

Joydevpur, Bormi and Sripur,

business is dominated by people

from Swarupkathi under Piro-

watching the launches and

boats plying in the strong cur-

rent underneath. Nearby, army

personnel with shovels and

sandbags were preparing to

board a mechanised boat. "If the

water remains at the same level

nothing will happen to the DND

embankment," a soldier said

when asked about the condition

correspondent turned round to

return to its starting point at

Rayerbazar, it was immediately

swept by the current. Near the

under-construction second

Buriganga bridge, the current

was so fierce that the boat was

swept almost under an an-

chored launch and it was about

boatman struggled to row up-

stream in the darkness, hun-

dreds of people were heard

shouting "dacoits, dacoits" in a

nearby village. Within few

minutes, a mechanised trawler

rushed downstream focusing a

rangirchar," said the boatman

Abdul Baten. "Every night, you

BNP offers

spl munajat

jat after Asr prayers at 29

Minto Road, the official resi-

dence of Leader of the Opposi-

tion, yesterday seeking divine

blessings for saving the country

from the devastating flood, re-

Quran khwani and milad

BNP chairperson Begum

mahfil were also held on the oc-

Khaleda Zia also offered muna-

jat accompanied by hundreds of

leaders and workers of the

3 business

houses looted

at Chittagong

From Staff Correspondent

Three business houses were

looted allegedly by an unidenti-

fied gang last night at Agrabad

committed after the gang made

the four on-duty night guards

unconscious by feeding them

and other valuables after

breaking open the doors of the

three business houses, includ-

ing a shipping agency, police

Doublemooring thana but none

A case has been filed with

The unconscious night

guards were admitted to a hos-

The miscreants looted cash

some seductive food.

was arrested so far.

Police said the crime was

commercial area in the city.

CHITTAGONG, Sept 12:

party and its front organisa-

BNP offered a special muna-

hear the same shouts," he said.

"This place is called Kam-

At around 10:30 pm as the

As the boat carrying this

of the embankment.

to sink.

powerful torch.

jpur district, they mentioned.

Timber and boat-making

traders said

People on rooftops

Carrying of new boats by

A section of people bought

Employees of a saw mill,

Zakir Hossain, a carpenter at Tongi Bazar is earning Tk 800 to 1000 daily by making boats, the mode of transport in

the flood-hit areas. Starting early in the morning. Zakir works till midnight and makes six to eight kosha (small boats). He takes Tk 120 to 150 as making charge for a boat. He employed two boys as helpers, who get around 15 per cent of his earning.

Timber traders and saw mill owners are also doing brisk business, like Zakir, due to heavy demand for kosha because of the flood.

About 10 to 20 boats are sold daily at each of the about 60 timber shops at Tongi Bazar Several temporary 'boat bazars have also grown up in the city's Rampura, Jatrabari, Mirpur, Mohammadpur, Khilkhet and Bishawa road areas.

The price of one kosha varies between Tk 1000 and 3000 depending on the size and quality of the timber. Most of the boats are made of mango. chambal and karoi wood.

"We have run out of timber stock because we could not guess that the flood would last so long," said Bulbul, owner of a timber shop at Tongi. He said the price of timber has gone up as the transport cost has increased. "We have to pay around Tk 5000 for each consignment of wood as toll to mastans at different points and bribe to police," he alleged.

According to him, the boat making business has increased by three times this year than that in the previous years because of a long-lasting flood.

"We could not meet the demand for boats due to shortage of carpenters and timber," said Shahjahan, another timber

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had left for the capital.

they said.

everywhere.

tering of boats." Suja Mia said

pointing out that most villagers

on the building said, after the

flood, the things they will need

first are house-building mate-

rials like bamboo, bamboo

fences, rope wire and nails.

Prices of those materials are al-

ready showing an upward trend.

correspondent took to the river.

strong current swept it towards

Sadarghat. As it passed by the

villages, people called out

loudly for a lift. An acute short-

age of transport could be seen

lagers abandoned their houses.

A few people took shelter on top

of buildings and kept vigil on

the passing boats, they said

they were constantly under

threat of robbers who come by

engine boats. "The dacoits come

here and move from house to

house, robbing the helpless ma-

rooned people and disappear

along the Buriganga river near

Zinzira were busy doing emer-

gency repairs to the anchored

ships and launches. Welder Nu-

rul Haq said shipbuilding work

had come to a halt but lot of

ships, launches and trawlers

need emergency repair work for

Thousands of onlookers

Food import

stood on the Buriganga bridge

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rice and one lakh tonne of

wheat are now under process. At

least 2,18,000 tonnes of wheat

purchased on commercial basis

will reach Chittagong port be-

tween the last week of this

month and the middle of the

next month, the handout said

adding, 1,40,000 tonnes of rice

will also reach Chittagong port

At present, two ships at Chit-

tagong port await unloading of

Indian foodgrains

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payee assured to stand by them.

ciate itself with the relief work

in Bangladesh now and in the

post-flood rehabilitation pe-

riod," Vajpayee said in his mes-

Prime Minister, in response to

an earlier request, told Sheikh

Hasina that New Delhi "is ac-

tively considering selling to

Bangladesh 3.5 million tons of

foodgrains to meet food re-

quirement during the post-

flood rehabilitation," EPW said.

worth one lakh US dollars in

floods.

its initial response to the

India earlier sent medicines

"India stands ready to asso-

Meanwhile, the Indian

during that period.

13,000 tonnes of rice.

which they were 'very busy'

Workers at the dockyards

quickly," said an elderly man.

At Nawaberchar, most vil-

As the boat carrying this

Villagers keeping their cattle

By Staff Correspondent Asma, whose only functioning kidney was 'mistakenly' removed by doctors at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital a month ago, is still very

"Asma is suffering from acute renal failure. It will take at least six months before things become normal," said Prof Haroon-ur-Rashid, who is supervising her treatment at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Hospital.

The existing 'unstable' state of Asma's health has to improve before she can be ready for a kidney transplant, he told this correspondent yesterday.

Prof Rashid said, "Her heart condition at the moment is not stable. Her heart has enlarged. She is now being treated by cardiologists.

Asma still suffers from haemoglobin deficiency and excess fluid in her body. "We will remove at least two to three litres of fluid from her body until it's normal. She will also receive blood transfusion until her haemoglobin count reaches standard level," he said.

One killed in gas cylinder explosion

A technician was killed as a day, reports APB.

Hospital sources said Farhad, 25, received severe burn injuries while the gas cylinder exploded as he was repairing a refrigerator at a house at about 10.30 am.

#### Trawler capsize

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local people and labourers at the ghat immediately started a rescue operation. Some passengers of the capsized trawler managed to swim ashore. The rescuers recovered the

body of a teenaged boy, whose identity could not be known immediately.

Keraniganj police said 26 passengers of the capsized boat were rescued and were identified by them. Some more people might have been rescued by the volunteers but they did not contact police.

Thirteen passengers injured in the incident were admitted to Mitford Hospital, police added. Fire brigade divers reached the spot after about an hour and searched the area for about three hours but failed to recover

drivers of the trawler who were also its owners. The drivers Bhebol and Premnath - who were brothers, were rescued by local people. They told police that at first they tried to anchor their trawler at Rajarghat. But they could not do so due to heavy congestion and moved towards Balurghat where also

passengers, the boatmen deboatmen.

As the trawler was approaching the pontoon, its en-

The boatmen failed to restart the engine. Driven by the current, the 40 feet long steel body trawler hit the pontoon, broke into pieces and capsized, police said quoting the boat-

A case was filed with Kerani ganj thana in connection with the incident yesterday.

### Rubel murder

When asked whether the findings of the commission would be made public, he said, "The commission is not autho-

cial commissions were formed to probe different incidents earlier but their findings were

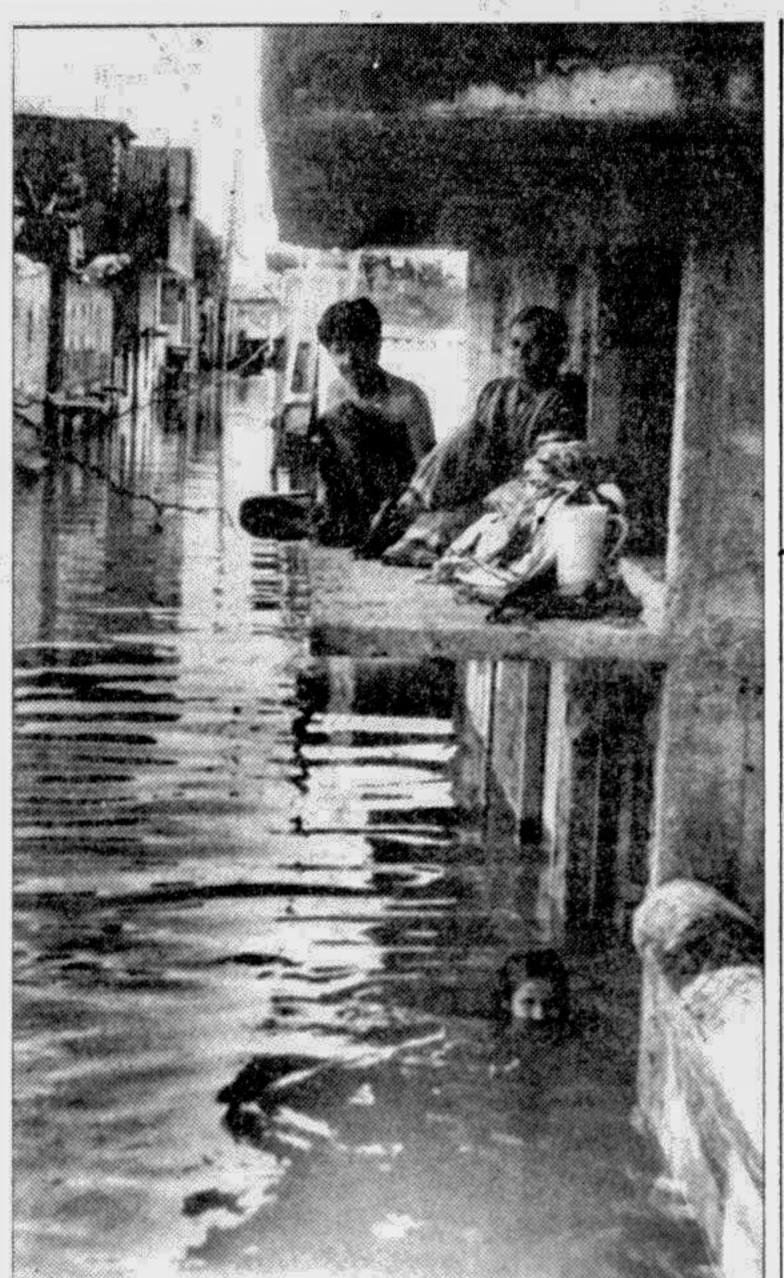
asked whether he would recommend it in his report to make its findings public. "It totally depends on the government decision," he said. Meanwhile, sources close to

the CID told The Daily Star last night that they would submit the charge sheet sometime next week.

cused in the Rubel murder case. will be produced in the CMM's court today, as her two-day remand expired yesterday, the CID sources said. She had been denying her involvement in the arrest of Rubel, although handwriting experts confirmed that her handwriting was found in the 'chit' recovered by the CID earlier.

Of the ten persons involved, eight have been arrested. They are - AC Akram Hossain. Mukuli Begum, Inspector Aminul Islam, SI Hayatul Islam Thakur, ASI Abdul Karim,

The two others SIs Nurul Alam and Tarek are 'missing' since the killing of Rubel in DB custody, sources added.



STILL UNFAZED: Zahir Miah and his wife are still surviving. Their house went under water weeks ago, forcing the couple to move to the roof, which also vanished days later. This window sunshade of an abandoned house in Kamrangirchar has now been their home for the last seven days. (Below) For their only daughter, swimming in the stealthy water has become a good -Star photo by Sk Enamul Haq

### Pressure on DND dam

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remained under knee-deep water across the embankment.

going to do when the water rolls back finally. I have borrowed Tk 200 yesterday from my mahajan (the wholesaler of puffed rice) and bought food."

food on a kerosene stove beside the wooden box which is serving as the five-member family's temporary home on the station platform.

As the aroma of Hilsha fish being stewed in a simple curry, a tiny kitten hovered around the stove. Hug had salvaged the kitten along with his belongings when he abandoned his shanty on the verge of collapse.

"Its mother died when we abandoned the home. But could not leave behind the kitten, it's so small and helpless, Huq said managing a rare smile on his weary face as he squatted beside the stove.

He is thinking hard how to renew his life hawking puffed rice again, how to repay loans and resume the business that provided him an income of Tk 50 to 60 a day.

Nearby, Meser Ali. 45, who pedalled a rickshawvan before the floods was guarding his neighbour's milching cows. now surviving on water hyacinths.

Ali also failed to answer what he is going to do when the water recedes. He has lost his home, rebuilding the shanty and getting back to padalling the van hauling freights would take time. But Renu, 20, a small-time

vendor whose husband is blind. and Rezia, 29, clutching her nine-month-old baby, whose fragile body was blistered with sores, were thinking hard.

Renu was returning home carrying a two kg bag of rice, a gift from the country's former military ruler General Ershad,

The report provided evidence

of what prosecutors say was an

effort to sway the testimony of

his trusted Oval Office secre-

tary, Betty Currie, and Ms

Lewinsky, the youthful former

intern whose grand jury testi-

mony about her unlikely affair

with Clinton has dragged him

to a vulnerable point in his

before the report's release. Clin-

ton apologized for the first time

to Ms Lewinsky, but vowed a

vigorous defense against any ef-

legations about his relationship

with Ms Lewinsky, no matter

how graphic, can alter the fact

that the president did not

commit perjury, he did not ob-

struct justice, he did not tamper

with witnesses, and he did not

David Kendall, the president's

private lawyer, told reporters at

gations in the prosecutor's re-

ferral, but there is no credible

evidence of impeachable of-

"There are a lot of lurid alle-

the White House.

fenses," he added.

abuse the power of his office.

"No amount of gratuitous al-

fort to remove him from office.

At a prayer breakfast hours

structing justice.

presidency.

while holding her husband's

She had been standing for six hours in a queue on water to get the bag of rice. She was lucky to get it as many others

But she was not worried about her precious plastic slippers she lost during melee in the

It is the future that she ponders hard like Rezia, an unemployed garments factory

### Trawler capsize: One drown in Gumti

COMILLA, Sept 12: One person drowned today in a trawler capsize in the Gumti river near Daudkandi Tollplaza here, reports BSS.

din Sarker, 30, an employee of the Law Commission, drowned when a Tollplaza-bound trawler from Hasanpur with 35 passengers on board capsized in a storm.

Police rescued 29 passengers from the river while the rest of the passengers managed to swim ashore.

#### Khaleda postpones visit to Sirajganj

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia postponed her Monday's scheduled visit to the flood affected areas of Sirajgan district due to disruption of road communication, reports

soon as road communication is restored, party sources said yes-

Indeed, the report graphi-

cally described sexual encoun-

ters between Ms Lewinsky and

the president - a cigar as a sex-

ual prop. phone sex sessions

"It is gross and I don't know

how to react to it," said Rep.

#### President visits DND embankment

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed visited the Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra (DND) embankment early yes-

terday morning, reports UNB.

The President started from Postogola point towards Fatulla and stopped at Chashara at Narayanganj. He saw sand bags were being placed on damaged spots of the embankment to stop leakages. The President was informed

that the local Engineer Brigade Command of the Bangladesh Army in cooperation with the Water Development Board, Roads and Highways and the civil administration is working day and night to protect the embankment from erosion.

The President talked to the local MP Shamim Osman, officials of the Army, Water Development Board and civil administration. They said that the situation is now under control

During the visit in and around the DND embankment, the President stopped at Shimroil-Kanchpur bridge point and Ranimahal and talked to the flood-affected people and enquired about their condition. The President was informed

that water levels of the Buriganga and Sitalakkhya were al-

#### Bangladeshi woman stabbed to death in Birmingham

LONDON, Sept 12: A Bangladeshi young woman was stabbed to death by an unknown assailant at Douglas road in Birmingham Handwarth area here on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The 21-year-old woman was identified as Rokhsana Begum, a resident of Albart road of Birmingham Handwarth and a worker of local branch office of Lloyds Bank.

Police said Rokhsana was stabbed mercilessly while she was going to her work at 8 am. Hailing from Goaspur vil-

lage under Balaganj thana in Sylhet, Rokhsana was being harassed by an African neighbour and her family has been trying to protect her from him since long, police added.

Meanwhile, police have interrogated 30 people and arrested a West Indian man in this connection. The autopsy of the body was also performed.

# US relief

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purification units. These would be given to the CARE-Bangladesh for distribution through its network of NGO partners and to the ICDDR, B, a USIS press release said.

Kibria termed the American response very generous. "The international response to help us through the floods have been satisfactory," he added. He said the water was ex-

pected to come to normal level in about two weeks. "But we have a massive task of rehabilitation of agriculture and ensuring food until the next harvest." Besides, the minister said

the people were getting the help they needed despite the disruption in transport system. He referred to his visit to Naryangani yesterday and reported that nobody was suffering from US Ambassador John Holz-

man, present at the ceremony to receive the aid consignment. said the one area in which the US could help was food since the aman crop was devastated. "There is friendship between

us and the need is there. We have committed 400,000 tonnes of grains. There is a possibility that we might consider more. Others are also helping."

Ambassador Holzman also said that the two US airforce C-130 cargo planes which arrived yesterday for a prescheduled joint exercise would be available to Bangladesh if the government wanted them for relief purposes.

never engaged in intercourse

and that the definition he was

# Apparels for export

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for a 40-feet container. "We used to pay about 850 dollars for a 20-feet container and 1700 to 1800 dollars for a 40-feet container," said an exporter. "But now, we have to pay 1300 to 1400 dollar for 20-feet and 2800 to 2900 dollars for 40feet containers.'

Quddus admitted the crisis of containers and said, "We are appealing to all concerned to act like patriots."

On the other hand, a severe congestion is now prevailing at Chittagong Port. Some 32 feeder vessels with raw materials for the garments sector are awaiting berthing at the outer-anchorage in the Bay. "There is hardly any cargo

movement there," said an exporter. "When more cargo starts coming from tomorrow, it will be a big mess." "We have arranged fast

clearance of raw materials with the help of customs authorities," said Quddus. "We are getting full cooperation from the The Y-8 aircraft, brought in

by International Project Service Systems Ltd (IPSSL), will cost 750 dollars per hour while the AN-12 will cost 1200 dollar per hour in addition to fuel and other costs. The Y-8 has come from Iran,

while the other aircraft will be flown today from Thailand. Individual garments exporters will bear the cost. "It is

going to be costly for us, but we are going to avail the chartered plane as we do not want to miss the deadline for supplying the orders," said one exporter. Already 40 exporters have

booked the planes to airlift their cargo. It may take 10-15 days to clear the heaps of apparels if the port functions smoothly. In addition to airlifting of

2 young men held for going 'close' to PM's car

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Sept 12: Security forces arrested two young men today for breaking the security ring and going near the Prime Minister's car when she was going to Khalishpur to inaugurate

a power plant. The incident took place near the local Ansar headquarters when the Prime Minister's motorcade was passing by the Khan Jahan Ali Road after she inaugurated a private eye hospital at Tilok under Rupsha thana in the morning.

Police said the two young men, Abdullah Al Baki, 18, and Shushmoy, 20, riding a Honda motorcycle without valid papers, suddenly broke the security ring and went "very close" to the Prime Minister's car. They were caught immediately, arrested under Section 54 and later handed over to Kotwali po-

Police seized the motorcycle and recovered five Indian Cyprokeptaline Hydrochloride tablets and broken parts of a sharp razor, generally used for surgical operation, from their possession

They were being interrogated till filing of this report in the evening. The young men belonged to no political party, po-

lice said. Abdullah Al Baki is the son of Nazrul Islam, SI of Police at Avoynagar thana. Shushmoy is the son of Ishaque Ali Shikdar

#### of Khalishpur Housing Estate. Bin Laden placed under house arrest by Taliban

CAIRO, Sept 12: Osama bin Laden, the Saudi dissident accused of masterminding the bombings of US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, has been placed under house arrest in Afghanistan by his Taliban hosts, a London-based Arabic newspaper said, reports AP. Bin Laden is being held in a

house in the Kandahar region of southern Afghanistan, Al-Quds Al-Arabi reported Friday. The Taliban religious army

has "prevented any contacts between him and his followers. and have prohibited" access to the media, the newspaper said, citing sources close to bin Laden. There was no immediate way

to confirm the report. But it comes less than a week after a ranking Taliban official said that bin Laden could stay in Afghanistan as long as he wants, even if his presence invites another barrage of US missiles.

#### Labour ministry From Page 1

The change has been proposed to make the name of the ministry similar to such ministries in other countries, the sources said. When asked about the rea-

son. Secretary of the Ministry Ahsan Ali Sarkar told, the words 'labour' and 'manpower' have similar connotation. "Besides, the existing name of the ministry does not cover all activities carried out by the ministry - specially training activities meant for human resources development," he said.

cargo, BGMEA has also geared up its efforts to use cargo ves-

Truckloads of garments are being taken to Kanchpur from where these are being ferried by 350 tonne vessels to Daudkandi. From there, trucks are carrying the cargo to Chittagong. A new 400 tonne vessel has also been commissioned for the purpose.

On the other hand, exporters who still have a lead in meeting the deadline for shipment, are scrambling to book space of the goods trains.

having 120 wagons in total are now all booked till September 17. However, these trains are moving very slowly and taking between 18 to 24 hours to reach Chittagong.

Two C-130 US aircraft along with 46 US Air Force personnel flew in the capital yesterday to stage a joint military exercise with Bangladesh Air Force and conduct relief operation in flood-hit areas, reports UNB.

The six-day military exercise will basically aim at increasing Bangladesh's capability to deal with natural disas-

worked out in consultation with the authorities concerned in Bangladesh," official sources The US Air Force personnel

US Ambassador John C Holzman told newsmen that the two C-130 aircraft will be available for use in the floodaffected areas, but it will depend on the Bangladesh government

name, 'Operation Sea Angel.'

# One killed, 2 hurt in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, Sept 12: One person was shot dead and two

din of Mithapukur village under Kaliganj thana in Jessore. The injured are Aminur Rahman and Noor Alam. According to police, Ali Rahman and Alam boarded a

injuring two of his associates. Later, the dacoits decamped

### Khulna JP leader joins AL

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Sept 12: S M A Rob, Joint Secretary General of Jatiya Party's central committee and convenor of Khulna city unit of the party today joined Awami League along with over one thousand JP workers at a rally at Goalkhali which was attended by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as chief guest.

Rob. former chairman of Digholia upazila parishad and president of Khulna Chamber of Commerce and Industry resigned from JP on Thursday blaming the party chief H M Ershad, for failing to stand by the

### Rivers fall

From Page 1 ibari, Jamalpur, Sherpur,

had affected 12 more districts of Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Bandarban, Feni, Rangpur, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat and Joypurhat. The

ing at the peak. However, Buriganga and

Shitalakhya started falling while Turag fell slightly at Mirpur but rose at Tongi points.

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### Asma still very sick, her heart has enlarged

gas cylinder exploded while he was repairing a refrigerator in the city's Eskaton area yester-

any of the missing people or trace the capsized trawler. Police interrogated two

the condition was almost same. Following suggestions from

cided to move towards Badamtoli ghat to anchor the trawler, police said quoting the

gine stopped functioning due to tremendous current of the river

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rised to make it public. Mentionably, about 40 judinot made public. He replied the negative when

Mukuli Begum, one of the ac-

Havilder Nuruzzaman, and constables Parvez and Faruk.

"I do not know what I am were not so lucky. His wife had been preparing

Witnesses said Md Jahirud-

She will visit the district as

# Clinton's conduct was wrong

and even oral sex performed while Clinton spoke on the phone with members of Congress. Lawmakers who began read-

ing it were aghast.

month.

Tom Davis. Starr himself apologized in the report for its lengthy and explicit details of 10 sexual encounters between the former intern and president but contended it was necessary to prove Clinton committed perjury both in the Paula Jones lawsuit last January and again in his grand jury appearance last

Prosecutors said the detail showed Clinton lied before the grand jury when he insisted he gave legally accurate testimony in January in claiming he did not have "sexual relations" with Ms Lewinsky.

Clinton's argument was based on the fact that the two

given did not include oral sex. Prosecutors maintained that the definition was clearly meant to encompass numerous types of sexual contacts - such as those he engaged in with Ms Lewinsky. "The president has pursued a strategy of deceiving the American people and Congress since

gation for seven months and deceiving the American people and Congress in August 1998," Starr wrote. Testimony from two of the president's closest advisers, deputy chief of staff John Podesta and adviser Sidney Blumenthal, indicated Clinton had given them false informa-

tion that they in turn passed on

January 1998, delaying and

impeding the criminal investi-

But none of the testimony was more important or devastating than that of Mrs Currie. who told prosecutors she believed Clinton had twice summoned her to the Oval Office after his deposition in the Jones case because he 'wanted her to agree with him' on his false testimony.

to the grand jury.

Two special goods trains

### US Air Force team arrives for it military exercise.

ters like flood and cyclone. "But the details of training and relief operation will be

will conduct training till September 17 and leave here on September 19.

how they want to use those. In reply to a question, the Ambassador said the US government has no plan at the moment to send US military team to Bangladesh for any long-time relief operation as it had done after the 1991 cyclone in Chittagong under the code

# as dacoits fire on potato-laden truck

others were injured when highway robbers opened fire on a potato-laden truck here early The dead was identified as Nawab Ali. 36, son of Tamizud-

potato-laden truck on its way from Rajshahi to Khulna. But the truck was stopped by a barricade put up by a gang of robbers at Lakkhipur on Jhenidah-Kushtia road at 1 am today. \* The robbers opened fire on them killing Ali on the spot and

## Kushtia thana but no arrest was reported till late tonight.

with the potato consignment.

A case was registered with

# flood-affected people.

Netrokona, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Pabna, Sirajganj, Kurigram, Comilla, Chandpur, Barisal, Kushtia, Habiganj, Magura and Narail. The nine-week flood earlier

situation in these places returned to almost normal. Despite fall at all points. Padma at Hardinge Bridge and Goalunda, Mohananda at Chapainawabganj and Shitalakhya at Narayanganj are still flow-

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