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Player of the match

Kiwis have the last laugh

By Al-Amin

The Wills International Cup cricket tournament could not expect a more befitting start when, in an spectacular turn-around of events, New Zealand pulled off a sensational win over Zimbabwe in the last ball. The Kiwis won by five wickets in a thriller of an opener in the nine-nation knock-out meet at the flood-lit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

very much in the hands of tournament underdogs Zimbabwe when the Kiwis were left with a well-nigh impossible target of scoring 40 runs from the last 18 deliveries. But the face of the game changed rapidly when Harris started a terrific assault

of scoring 14 runs from the final six deliveries. With the pressure mounting on both sides, things were however made easier for New Zealand by an unimaginative Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell, who in a stunning

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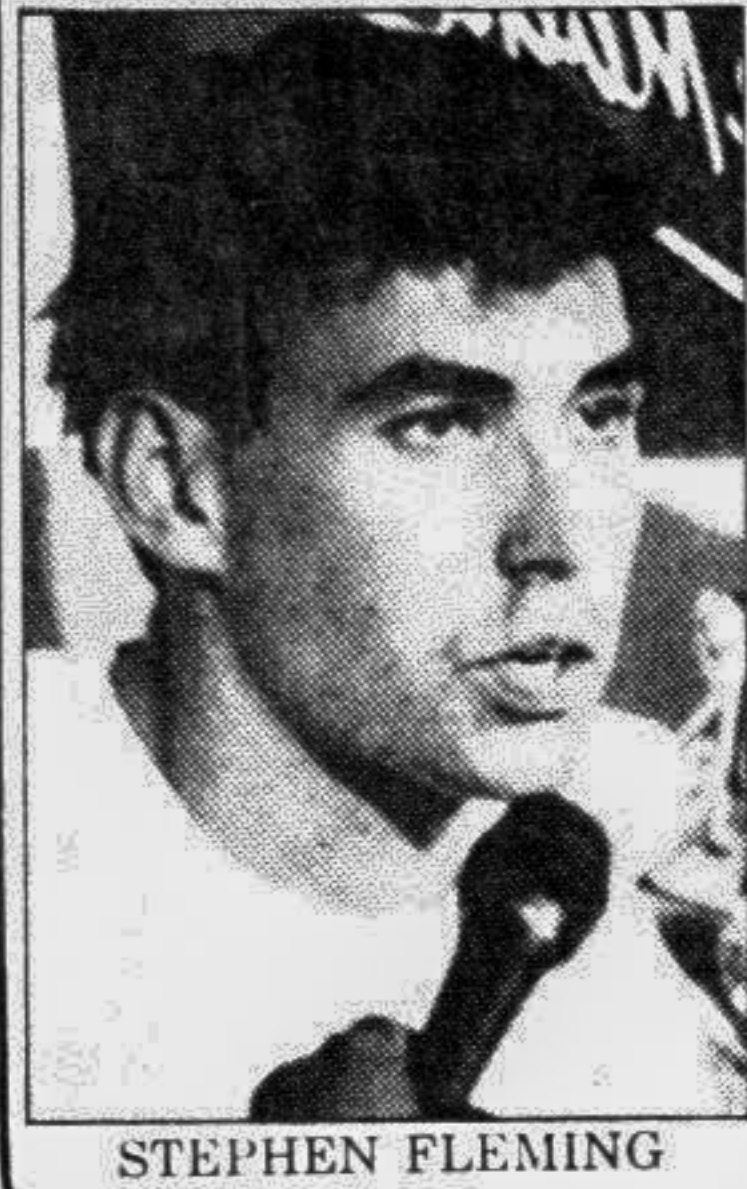
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much to the delight of a nearly 15,000 audience at the big bowl. The seasoned all-rounder clobbered 18 runs from the 48 over that included three consecutive boundaries against Neil Johnson. Harris then pulled Heath Streak over mid-wicket for four in the penultimate over, which yielded 10 runs. But it was still, a long way to go when New Zealand were left with the tough proposition

move handed the ball to Johnson. The rookie right-arm seamer after being delivered the first ball was called 'no' by umpire Peter Willey. Harris, who was on strike, pushed for a sharp single, and according to the latest playing condition New Zealand were awarded with two runs, leaving the equation at 12 runs from six deliveries.

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STEPHEN FLEMING

Where have the tickets gone?

Where have the tickets gone? The pertinent question arose as two-thirds of the galleries of the Bangabandhu National Stadium remained vacant during the opening match of the Wills International Cup between Zimbabwe and New Zealand yesterday, writes UNB. It was not expected that the stadium will be jampacked during the match between the two low-ranking teams among the Test playing nations. But many enthusiastic spectators were found desperate in the last several days for getting

Crazy indeed!

By Staff Correspondent. A cricket crazy high official of T&T department's Motijheel exchange allegedly disconnected five telephone lines of the Federation Branch of IFIC bank after he was refused 'VIP gallery' tickets for the mini world cup. According to IFIC bank sources, the telephone lines remained disconnected from Thursday noon following a row between some officials of the bank and the T&T official. T&T authorities however refuted the allegation saying that disconnection of the lines and the row between the bank officials and the T&T official was co-incident. The IFIC bank's Federation Branch sold tickets for the mini

ICC donates Tk 50 lakh to PM's relief fund

The International Cricket Council (ICC) yesterday donated Tk 50 lakh to the Prime Minister's flood relief fund, reports UNB. ICC President Jagmohan Dalmiya announced the donation before the start of the opening match. On this occasion, the

PM opens tourney, enjoys match

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina formally opened the Wills International Cricket Cup tournament yesterday, reports UNB. "I hereby declare the Wills International Cup tournament open," said the Prime Minister amidst thunderous cheers and claps from thousands of cricket fans at the stadium. Releasing a white pigeon and a bunch of balloons the Prime Minister declared the gala tournament open at 1:50 pm. She was later introduced to the players and officials of the New Zealand and Zimbabwe teams, playing the opening match. After opening the tournament, the Prime Minister took her seat in the VVIP gallery

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A VIEW FROM THE GULLY

By Tawfiq Aziz Khan

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I almost finished my script knowing fully well what's going to happen. Forty-four off 22 balls was no joke at that moment and in that kind of a match, Chris Harris could have spared me the extra work. Damn you, Chris. All the handwork of Campbell and Andy Flower was set to naught by the marauding New Zealander setting up a date with the world champions Sri Lanka. It was a nail-biting finish to a highly competitive match like the one we saw in January between India and Pakistan here in Dhaka at the Independence

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Alistair Campbell, the Zimbabwe captain drives on his way to scoring a century during yesterday's opening match of the Wills International Cup against New Zealand at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

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Theft of certificates Arrested four placed on remand

By DU Correspondent. The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday placed on a one-day police remand four persons arrested for alleged involvement in the stealing of 26 master's certificates of the Dhaka University, Ramna police said. The office of the Controller of Examinations of the university had filed a case with Ramna thana in this regard. Two of the arrested — Kazi Khairul Basher and Billal Hossain — are employees at the

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Body of woman found near TSC of DU

By Staff Correspondent. Body of a young woman was recovered from near bus passenger shed on the Dhaka University campus yesterday afternoon, according to police and medical sources. The body was identified as Monowara Begum, 30, wife of one Idris Ali of Bhashantek area in Cantonment thana, the medical sources said. When contacted, the Ramna police confirmed the incident saying an unnatural death case was registered in that regard. The body was found near the TSC of Dhaka University at about 2:00 pm. Later it was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy. Medical sources said the victim consumed poisonous substance.

Bodies of two kidnapped young men recovered

From Our Correspondent. KUSHTIA, Oct 24: Police recovered the bodies of two youngmen from the septic tank of Daulatkhal High School in Daulatpur thana this afternoon. The bodies were identified as Akkas Ali, 24, son of Sher Ali and Jowadul, 20, son of Jasimuddin Mollah of Daulatpur. Akkas was kidnapped on October 11 while Jowadul on October 14 by a group of armed terrorists for ransom, family sources said. The two youths were killed as their parents failed to meet the demand of the abductors, sources added. No case was filed in this connection, police said.

Arafat, Netanyahu sign land-for-peace deal

WASHINGTON, Oct 24: After a sleepless night of marathon diplomacy, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed a breakthrough land-for-peace agreement at an emotional White House ceremony, reports UNB. President Bill Clinton mediated the dramatic climax to nine days of tortuous negotiations and hailed the details of an agreement designed as a steppingstone toward a broader Middle East peace. "People around the world should be heartened by this achievement today," Clinton declared Friday. "Israel can have the genuine security and recognition it has sought for so long. The Palestinian people can at long last realise their aspirations to live free, in

safety, in charge of their own destiny. The agreement will give the Palestinians 13 per cent more of Israeli-held territory on the West Bank of the Jordan River. In return, the Palestinians pledged steps to fight terrorism by Islamic militants and agreed to abolish provisions in their charter that call for abolishing the Jewish state. Exhausted at the end of their summit on Maryland's Eastern Shore, the leaders flew to Washington for a celebration attended by leaders of Congress and an ailing King Hussein of Jordan. Friday's hard-won accord is an important interim step toward a final agreement due to be completed by May 4, 1999, on

the most difficult issues of Middle East peace. Arafat pledged, "We will never leave the peace process and we will never go back to violence and confrontation." At that, the audience broke into applause. Netanyahu declared, "Today is a day when Israel and our entire region are more secure. Now this has required sacrifice from both sides, and reaching into what Lincoln called the better nature of mankind." Clinton said he will travel to the Mideast in several weeks to address the Palestinian National Council and urge reconciliation, tolerance and respect. Netanyahu, who had threatened to walk out on the talks Wednesday night, and Arafat agreed to the deal as the first

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Cessna crash inquiry may be strengthened

By Special Correspondent. The three-member inquiry committee investigating the crash of Cessna-150 aircraft on September 27, killing two young pilots is likely to be expanded adding two more experts, highly placed sources said. The committee headed by a civil aviation official was formed immediately after the crash and assigned to complete its investigations in one month. Selina Hossain, mother of Fareaa Lara, one of the two pilots who died in the crash, petitioned the Civil Aviation Ministry on Monday seeking inclusion of two more experts in the committee. She said the committee should have at least two persons who have an in-depth knowledge on Cessna aircraft.

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16 hurt during half-day shutdown at Dholaikhal

By Staff Correspondent

Sixteen people were injured, one of them bullet-hit, during the half-day shutdown in Dholaikhal area in the city yesterday. Police arrested 19 pickets from the area. A young man, M. Ibrahim, was caught in a cross-fire between supporters and opponents of the shutdown and bullet-hit in the chest when he was passing through Nasiruddin Sardar Lane in the area at about 10:30, witnesses said. He was admitted to the DMCH. Among the other injured persons, autorickshaw driver MA Jahangir, 30, was also admitted to the DMCH with head injury. He was beaten up and his vehicle was damaged by pickets. The shutdown was called by the people of the area Friday night to protest the killing of Akbar Hussain, a teenaged boy

of the area, during Thursday's half-day countryside hartal, called by the opposition BNP. Local people said that yesterday's shutdown in the area was backed by the city unit of BNP. Shops and businesses remained closed in the area during the shutdown and vehicles were off the roads in the area. Pickets also torched a BRTC truck, requisitioned by police. Police put out the fire with the help of some local people who opposed the shutdown, witnesses said. Supporters of the shutdown brought out a procession and blasted crackers. Clashes took place between the supporters and opponents of the shutdown during which gunshots were exchanged, witnesses said. Police used batons and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the clashing groups.

Biman's bid to buy old planes raises questions

By Shehab Ahmed

Bangladesh Biman is going to make a request to the CAAB to permit it to operate the two aircraft, Biman sources said. But the deal fuelled speculations about alleged wrongdoing by some quarters in Biman, the sources said. They claimed that the two aircraft are not only old but also far below their worth, which may force Biman to spend more on their overhauling to make them flight worthy. One of the aircraft is resting at Biman's hangar, needing overhaul.

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16 proposals for private radio channels viable

By Rafiq Hasan

The technical sub-committee on private radio channel has found viable 16 of the 23 proposals for opening private radio channels in the country. The sub-committee, headed by the chief engineer of Bangladesh Betar held several meetings in the last two months scrutinised the proposals and submitted an evaluation report to the National Regulatory Committee on Private Radio-TV Channel, sources in the committee said. The proposals, received by the information ministry earlier, were sent to the technical sub-

committee in July to examine their viability. Out of the 16 proposals, two were submitted by two NGOs. The 16 proposals which were found viable for opening private channels are: F M Broadcasting Ltd, Subachan Ltd (B G U S A Private Radio), Metrowave Ltd, Mass Line Media Centre, Akjer Betar, Eximco Media Ltd, Anwar Silk Mills Ltd, Radio BRAC, United News of Bangladesh, Eastern Broadcasting Co. Ltd, Radio Maria (Christian Communication Centre) Northern Broad-

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No work, no relief as their homes, farmlands still under water

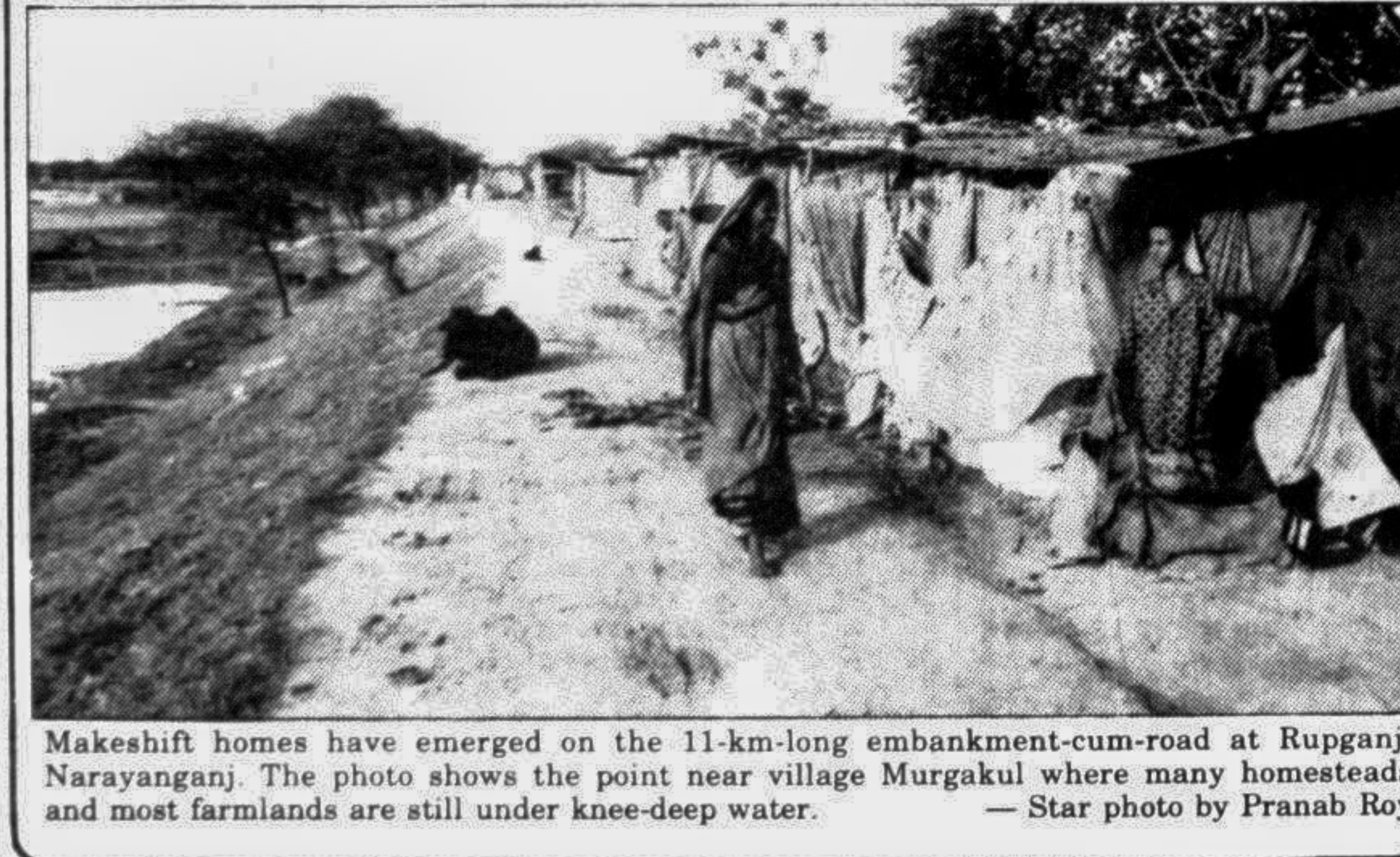
By Nazmul Ashraf and Parveen Ahmed, back from Rupganj

Amina with her two teenage daughters has been living in a makeshift shelter on the road since their homestead went under flood water nearly two months ago. "It was waist-deep then, but the water-level has now come down to knee-deep," said Amina, awaiting their original home to become fit for living. Her older daughter in her early teens, the lone earning

member of the family, weaves Zamdani. But she is now out of work. Matlab Ali, a farmer, whose houses and farming land are still inundated, awaits the flood water to go as he plans to cultivate mustard and lentils in his fields. "There's only a week left now to do the sowing, in fact, I should have done it two weeks back," said Ali with uncer-

tainly written on his face. He is now living on petty commerce. A mason, Anwar Hossain, is maintaining his 10-member family with borrowed money since he shifted his family on to the road two months ago. He is now waiting for the start of repairing the damaged buildings in the area to resume earning. These are the stories of some of several hundred flood-affected people in the area.

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Makeshift homes have emerged on the 11-km-long embankment-cum-road at Rupganj, Narayanganj. The photo shows the point near village Murgakul where many homesteads and most farmlands are still under knee-deep water. —Star photo by Pranab Roy

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