This is in reference to the US Ambassador's letter in The Daily Star (November 7). The letter categorically spells out not only the hypocrisy but also the mindless bloodthirsty nature of the Talibans who would go to any length to

deprive and starve the innocent men, women and children of Afghanistan. However, these are not isolated cases. History is replete with such barbaric acts of evil in Afghanistan. Since the past more than 10 years or so after the end of Soviet rule whatever bloodshed they have been collectively

committing is/was against their own blood-- their brothers and sisters. What Her Excellency perhaps deliberately omitted from mentioning is the despicable acts of scourge these people have been indulging against the very basic tenets of Islam-- trading in heroin, opium and practising and living on interest on capital/loans at cut throat rates strictly prohibited in

May I, therefore, join Her Excellency the US Envoy in appealing to the valued readers' of The Daily Star to extend their patient thought to the above and minutely follow the aforesaid acts of callous scourge that, are daily practised by these self righteous Talibans.

Rokeya Kasim Putool

Chittagong

Unilateral view!

While I was reading the US ambassador's letter to The Daily Star on November 7, some questions came to my mind. Ms Peters pointed out that the Talibans have been oppressing the Afghan people since 1996 and are responsible for the prevailing humanitarian crisis. But it is not quite clear how that justifies the massive bombing operations being carried out by the

We would like to believe that efforts have been made to minimise civilian casualties. But obviously, such efforts have not been very successful. There have been two instances of the US bombs striking Red Cross warehouses in the month of October. According to an AP report published on The Daily Star on October 29, there were two cases of apparent stray strikes crashing into residential areas. Apart from that, a hospital in Herat has also been struck by stray bomb blasts. So the question is, to what extent is it possible to avoid civilian casualties in such a massive bombing operation?

Ms Peters has accused a DS editorial of "inaccurately conveying the nature of the campaign in Afghanistan", probably because she expects

everyone to promote the American side of the story. Earlier, a number of Americans had expressed their opinions by writing to the Editor of DS. And what are their expectations?

They expect us to support all their policies and actions blindly simply because we receive aid from the US. Because we are not as wealthy and powerful as the Americans are, we are not entitled to our own opinion. That is exactly the message those letters seemed to convey, perhaps in a roundabout manner.

From an American point of view, it may appear that the innocent Afghans are being treated with the utmost regard. But think about the poor children who are being maimed by the 'stray' bombs and those who are losing their parents and loved ones. How are they going to interpret these events? I do not think they are going to believe what the Talibans or the Americans want them to believe. They are always going to be haunted by the traumatic experiences that robbed them of their childhood. Can we blame them if their innocent minds presume that they were the actual targets? Who is to blame for the seeds of anger and hatred that are being planted inside them? S. Hossain, one-mail

Who they are and what they stand for

Bill Rouchell in his letter "Who we are, and what we stand for" (November 14), trying to draw sympathy of the rest of the world could not hide the haughty tone of superiority, pride and intent to inflict punishment. That is exactly what the rest of the world think what they are.

The September 11 tragedy which caused them to shed tears is but one thousand part of the avalanche of pains they inflicted and still inflict on mankind. It started with the Red Indians. Then there were inhuman tortures on the Black African slaves during the old savage days, which still continues on the coloured people-- black, brown and yellow, in outwardly sugar coated refinement of the modern time. They siphon world wealth and dole out pittance to embalm misery of the impoverished. They go about distributing arms and dissension among the nations and play the role of arbitrators as de facto owners of UNO. Their cruelty in inflicting pains to millions is well hidden make believe mask of civilised refinement.

The rest of the world maybe wrong, but that is what they think who the Americans are and what they stand for.

Zillur Rahman Karwan Bazar, Dhaka

America saved

Since the terrorist attacks on the US, many people have been blaming the US for bringing this misfortune through its wrong foreign policy initiatives. But the critics tend to forget that though the US foreign policy has not been perfect, and American policymakers have made many mistakes, on the whole, the US foreign policy has been a success story.

Because of the strong US leadership during the Cold War, Soviet expansionism in Western Europe and the Middle East was stopped. If America decided to withdraw within its borders after the World War II, as it did after the World War I, the Soviet Union, which had emerged as the most powerful military power in Europe, would have certainly conquered the whole of Europe and the Middle East in the name of global communist revolution. Militarily weak, oil-rich states like Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Iran and others would have fallen easy victim to the Soviet military might, and the Soviet Union would have imposed its rule over these Muslim countries in the same way it imposed its rule over the Muslim Central Asian republics where religion was tightly controlled by the Soviet authorities.

China, in turn, would have moved in to impose its own brand of communism. In short, totalitarian Soviet and Chinese communist powers would have become the rulers of much of the world.

It was mainly because of American military, political and economic clout that such a catastrophe could have been averted. Similarly, it was again American-led NATO military intervention that saved mostly Muslim Bosnians and Kosovans from being exterminated by the murderous Milosevic regime in the Balkans. Today, only the United States has the military and political prowess to save the world from total anarchy that would follow in the event of any American withdrawal from the world, which seems to be the goal of the terrorists.

As Zbigniew Brezezinski, former President Carter's national security adviser, so correctly pointed out: "The bottom line is that in facing the challenge posed by terrorism, the heavy lifting will have to be done by the United States largely on its own. Only an America that can muster the strategic will to wage both a comprehensive political and military campaign can prevail, and that reality is a sobering reminder of the fact that American preponderance is currently the only practical alternative to global anarchy." Mahmood Elahi

Ottawa, Canada



The ruined Kabul

"Harrowing tales of depravity"

I want to thank those who have come forward to thank The Daily Star Roving Team for their courageous work to reveal the truth. Those who are committing such heinous crimes are inhuman and I would use the same term for those who are denying the facts.

The newly appointed Foreign Minister has recently commented that he has not seen any atrocities in Chittagong. In the era of Information Technology, the Foreign Minister or the Home Minister cannot hide the fact from the rest of the world even if they themselves turn a blind eye to the oppression on the minorities. The minorities in Bangladesh are to enjoy similar privileges as that of the majorities. Their contribution to the nation is no less significant than that of the rest of the population. The government's reluctance to take action against the perpetrators will further alienate the minorities and luas an economist, foresee that there would be serious negative impact on my motherland. How can one expect to build "Sonar Bangla" (better Bangladesh) leaving the minorities at bay?

I can only hope that the government will identify the criminals and bring them to justice. That's the only way to bring back confidence among minorities.

Prodip Saha Dallas, TX, USA

Save the minorities

The tales published in The Daily Star ("Harrowing tales of depravity") are just the tip of the iceberg of what actually is happening in Bangladesh. Thousands of such cases may be documented. The administration is silent. Not a single action has been taken. The present Prime Minister, who is a woman, did not even find time to visit the affected areas and the victims. The ruling party workers are threatening the Hindus to either convert to Muslims or leave the country (Abed Khan, Prothom Alo, November 12, 2001). Where would these 200,00,000 populations go?

I am citing the proportionate distribution of Hindus in the then East Bengal (present Bangladesh) between 1941-population census and 1991-population census. In 1941, the Hindus were 41 per cent of the total population in the then East Bengal. This figure has significantly came down to only 13 per cent of the total population in 1991.

The Hindus are denied their rights in every aspects of life. Despite high rates of literacy among them very few have government jobs. The present government has a less profiled Hindu minister. Likewise, no ambassadorial/or other important positions are offered to the Hindus. The issue is going to be another human problem of this century. I appeal: save the Hindus, save children, save women, save human rights in Bangladesh.

Shaheen Akhter

Nandan Kanan Lane, Chittagong Torturer on minorities

For the last few days The Daily Staris full of horrifying tales the minority communities of Bangladesh have faced after the election. However, it did not surprise me. I do not blame the Muslims in general, they are as good or bad as any other people. Most of my friends are Muslim. The main culprit of this religious bigotry is madrasa education. To quote Ardesir Cowasjee, the prominent Pakistani columnist "Total Doctorare Dirge given by all Muslim country put together is 1000 but India alone gives 5000 in a year."

The time has come for all sensible people to come forward to stop torture on minorities be in Bangladesh, India or anywhere in the world. One should learn to live with all types of human race.

But it is no secret that, after 11 September, most common people are viewing Islam and Muslim as the

common enemy of humanity. It is Muslim clergy and mollahs, who destroyed the most beautiful and famous statue of Buddha, who incite Muslim masses, from Bosnia to Indonesia, largely responsible for

They do not understand that the total GDP of all Muslim countries put together is far less than the GDP of Japan.

M.K. Barua, on e-mail

To the Home Minister

Mr. Home Minister, you have denying any oppression on the minority community since the October election. Now what's your opinion about it after the assassination of Principal Muhuri in Chittagong? Minorities are also the citizens of this country and they have equal rights. But from the oppression on this community it seems very much the otherwise.

Unless all the citizens are treated equally and protected the same way, it is better to withdraw voting rights. of this community. What's the use in casting vote if they are not treated as the citizens of this independent

Ratan Kumar Fukuoka, Japan

How can you sleep, Mr Home Minister?

Probably you are too busy to read my letter. Anyway, I feel sorry for you. How can you sleep at night? Can you really sleep? Your own party cadres and workers, along with the Jamaat cadres and workers, have unleashed a reign of terror in the country. Every single day we hear about horrible news of rape, murder, arson, atrocity, looting committed by them and by some "unidentified" goondas and you are yet to take any drastic action. Sometimes you, sorry to say, try to ignore the fact that the law and

The other day, you went on to visit the residence of the murdered Professor Gopal Krishna Muhuri (a freedom fighter and also Hindu by religion). But you had to leave the place in a hurry and under police protection because of the protesting mass. How could these people show disrespect to the Home Minister!

order situation is declining.

I feel sorry for you. Even though you and me are no comparison, you are a Home Minister and I am just an expatriate citizen. But, at least, I can have a good night's sleep. At least I know nobody is going to call me early in the morning to let me know about yet another murder, another rape, and another looting.

Syed N Wadood North Carolina, USA

Gasexport

Again the question of gas export has occupied the newspapers following a statement made by the State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources. We fail to understand why the government has to make such statement off and on to feel the pulse of the nation following pressure of multi-national companies. Whatever the estimate of gas reserve made till today is based on assump-

tion and cannot be taken as facts. The consumption of gas will no doubt increase manifold in the coming years with industrialisation of northern and south-western regions of Bangladesh which till date remained unexplored due to absence of gas supply. The opening of Jamuna Bridge has paved the way for gradual establishment of industries in these regions. Besides the increase of domestic consumption with increase of population cannot

be overruled. If the then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina could sustain the pressure of the USA on the question of gas export why cannot Khaleda Zia show similar attitude? Why cannot the exploring international companies set up LNG plants, urea fertiliser factories and gas fired electricity in

order to export them instead of advising us now and then what we have to do with our reserve of gas. We do not like to become another Mexico or Nigeria.

The Prime Minister should be bold in her commitments and foresee the utilisation of gas to the maximum advantage of future generation.

GMFAbdur Rob New DOHS, Dhaka

I am deeply disturbed by the recent move of the newly elected government to export gas through pipeline (or be it in other form) to India. While in opposition this party was

Kibria's past

I was amused to read Shah AMS Kibria's article in the memory of his friend Fakhruddin Ahmed (November 13, "Fakhruddin Ahmed: Profile of a friend").

Firstly, he mentioned that during the Pakistan regime not many Bengalis could join the Foreign Service. In the same article he mentioned that in the 1954 batch of Pakistan Foreign Service there were six probationers of which three were Bengalis, two Panjabi's and one Bihari.

Secondly he mentioned which was highly exaggerated that when he

Great expectations dashed

Great expectations were created in public mind when BNP returned to power with a massive mandate of the electorate in the October 1 election. I, like millions of non-party voters, voted for BNP in the hope that the party had learnt its lessons from the last one-decade. Khaleda Zia's address to the nation on October 19 reinforced and strengthened public expectations that she will sincerely try to eliminate terrorism, corruption and naked politicisation from society including the universities and other educational institutions. But now after one month of BNP administration people's expectations have started to transform into despair and frustration. Let me give two examples.

Immediately after the election, the armed non-students and activists of JCD, entered and occupied all the men's residential halls of Dhaka University. And everyone knows that they are the men of a BNP MP, Nasiruddin Pintu. The BNP government could have these "Pintu Cadres" and other armed groups driven out of the DU halls in one or two days. Unfortunately this has not been done.

Secondly, Professor Anwarullah Chowdhury, a former Dean of the Social Science faculty of the university, has replaced the incumbent VC of Dhaka University. It has been reported that this replacement was finalised due to lobbying by influential people including Nasiruddin Pintu, MP, Abdul Awal Mintoo and some BNP Ministers and MPs. It has surprised and shocked most of the non-party teachers and pro-BNP teachers who have been totally ignored and humiliated. The vast majority of teachers wanted an honest and fair-minded person as the new VC. We hoped that considering the past record and financial scandais of Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury, the government would consult the pro-BNP and non-party teachers and had chosen a respectable and honest person as the new VC. But that was not the case.

Ateacher of Dhaka University

very much against such export. Moreover, as far as I know it was not in their election manifesto either. We wonder why on earth the ruling party is in a hurry to decide on this

It appears that it is always the ruling parties whoever that may be are in support of exporting and the party in opposition to opposes it.

People cannot be blamed if they doubt our politicians' patriotism. They are driven by selfish interest to make some money out of every-

What disturbs me most is that more than eighty per cent of our total population is yet to enjoy gas facility and the government is planning to export it!

The natural gas found in our land should be used for our own purpose and then if we have surplus we can consider exporting it. Till then the government should concentrate on its peoples' needs and demands.

Md. Kamrul Hassan Berlin, Germany

The right to appraisal constitutional privilege to make a few remarks on the state of the nation when he addresses the Parliament, as pointed out by The Daily Star Editor (November 1).

puppet, ceremonial President in this fast changing time, when the collective will of the nation is so impor-President's recent address to the

What is the point in having a

I was disappointed to listen to the Parliament. He was not talking like President Shahabuddin Ahmed. It is a courtesy that the draft of the speech may be shown to him for marginal comments. Now that the regime enjoys over-

all majority, the relevant amendments may be made to enable the President to exercise his personality as projected in the public image. It is strange that he has no right to edit his 'own' speech. Acitizen

Dhaka

and Late Fakhruddin Ahmed served in New York in the early sixties, during the long winter evenings they used to talk about Bangladesh. The concept of Bangladesh started in 1966 with Agartala conspiracy and took shape after the Military crack-

down on 25th March 1971. If you see the voting pattern of the just concluded election of 1" October, people have given a clear mandate that they are not interested in the bitter issues which divides the nation. They want to move forward for the economic emancipation for the betterment of the country and the common people. They are not interested in harping over the past. Articles like this are motivated as well as distorted and can no more mislead the people.

Everyone knows whose interest Shah AMS Kibria was serving when he was the Chief of ESCAP.

Abdul Mazid Rankin Street, Wari, Dhaka

Kibria's obsession

It was painful to read "The neutral caretaker government: an assess-The President should have the ment" by Shah AMS Kibria (November 4) aimed at vilification and slander of the performance of the former Chief Advisor of the caretaker government, Justice Latifur Rahman . By levelling unsubstantiated charges, insinuations and innuendoes against him for his alleged "little secret", "driven by an unseen hand", "constitutional autocracy", "treachery and betrayal" and lack of "neutrality" etc to harm the Awami League and bring win to the 4-party alliance led by the BNP he himself looks ridicule

His disparaging remarks not only calls into questions the integrity of Justice Latifur Rahman but also cast damaging doubts and aspersion on what he describes as the "unexpected behaviour of army personnel" and the viability of the institution of the caretaker government. Kibria's obsession with a caretaker gate may be a ploy and vain attempt to cover up his failure to deliver as a campaign manager of the Awami

all his actions from day one when the caretaker government took office were directed at launching a hate and smear campaign against the caretaker government and very little to bring home to the voters convincing arguments for returning

League. As an election co-ordinator,

Abdul Hannan Dhaka

Biased editorial

the Awami League to power.

I read your newspaper with much interest. Recently, I read the editorial "De-activation of JCD central committee" (19.11.01). In the editorial you have said that the members of the "JCD committees, especially those which have been reported against, to be de-activated ...

You are nakedly biased towards the BNP, otherwise you should have written "those which have been reported against should be brought to justice for their criminal activities, not only to be deactivated."

It is the editorials like yours, which tacitly supports and harbours terrorist elements in the country is taking the whole nation back to the Dark Age.

Hasan Murshed M.D. USA

BNP and Awami League

Like USA, Republican and Democratic, two party system, we have also stepped into two party system, BNP and Awami League to vitalise democracy in our country.

All our political parties especially the two major political parties BNP and Awami League should take lesson from their past errors, arrogance, greediness, superiority complex and experiences.

Let not the BNP or Awami League repeat their old political game 'Tit for tat' any more. It is time for action not contemplation.

We would also strongly emphasize the need for democratic rights, freedom of speech for all categories of party leaders, supporters and activists in the greater interest of democracy.

We would request both the BNP and Awami League that instead of criticising each other they kindly make self assessment of their respective errors, lapses, omissions, irregularities, negligence of duties and excess and abuse of power. This is the demand and verdict of the people in the general elections 2001 AD. From October 1, 2001 to next general elections in 2006 AD the people would once again observe, monitor, feel and experience the activities, conduct and behavior of BNP and Awami League and decide their respective fitness and quality to govern the country. Like life of a man or woman is mortal so power or government is also not permanent. Have not we proved in 1945, 1955, 1970, 1991, 1996 and 2001 that ballot is more powerful than bullet?

OHKabir Dhaka-1203

Tasks before the new government

What are the jubilant JCD leaders and workers doing all over the country? Is it the 'reward' for which the people tendered their opinion? The Central Leaders are uttering 'grand words', but the 'grand deeds' are still

Why our Hindu brethren are made to weep here? Does not the ruling party fear a heavenly curse that usually descends against the unjust? If the party-supporters think that the minority communities usually vote for the AL, then why does not the BNP party think-tank find out the causes of such 'communal'voting?

If most and even all published BNP-atrocities on the minority communities are the poly-tricks of AL, then what is the elected Govern-

ment doing by not exposing? We all know well that the BNP central leadership is not pro-

terrorism as was the AL. But the JCD leaders and workers lag culturally far behind that of BCL, and the former group resorts to unbridled terrorism, although these are often stray incidents. If the moderate BNP is to consolidate power, the JCD should be 'cultured' properly if the so-called student politics prevails.

The two-third majority in the JS should not be used for reestablishing the notorious Indemnity Ordinance or for more 'Islamization'. Instead, Article 12 (omitted through the 5th amendment) may be re-instated to show due respect to the minority communities. The spirit of secularism is very much in conformity with the spirit of Islam (Vide, 'There is no coercion in Religion' -Al-Quoran-2 256).

M.A.S. Molla Dhaka

BNP facing student front

It is good news that the BNP high command has decided to sort out the dubious image of the political youth fronts. It is a big challenge, and may be a turning point in politics in this country if BNP can tame its front organisations in the right direction. It will change the political culture in other parties, and the public and families will heave a sigh of relief as pointed out so many times by former President

Shahabuddin Ahmad. BNP has to decide whether it wishes to run with public support or JCD tarnished support. If some one has compiled the history of the front organisations during successive

decades; and unethical practices were confined and kept out of the main-stage. Now it is dirty open fight in open sight. To feel ashamed is some compensation. Why is this display of naked immorality?

The political parties are inviting trouble from the outside, once again, once they reach the point of no return. This hanging politics will hang us ultimately. Act before it is too late.

A frustrated citizen Dhaka

The role of the opposition leader

was thinking of what is the standard role played by the Leader of Opposition in Bangladesh. I have ligured out a list-

1. Not to accept election result. 2. Not to attend the Parliament. 3. Not to agree on any point with

the government, no matter whether

it is good or bad. 4. To visit the home of any person who had unnatural death. 5. To provide a bad picture to the

foreign press and dignitaries. 6. To plot how he/she can come to

7. To create situation which embarrasses the government and

8. To justify his/her deeds and misdeeds during his/her tenure as the Chief Executive.

9. To create situation so that he/she can protect his/her wealth, and party members.

10. Not to work for the people in his/her capacity.

11. To move with like-minded

Back to the Taliban age!

I would like to bring your attention to an unprecedented incident that took place in Bangladesh on November 18-- cancellation of nearly all the ISP licenses and disconnecting all the telephone lines connecting to those ISPs. Our Bangladesh based sub-contractors (software developers) who were doing some online jobs for our clients in the US found thisout

My question is why? Is it because the government wants us to use the old fax machines to export software? Or is it because the policy makers. want to take us back to the Dark Age? Do the government wants us to stop software export? Is there any sense working at all?

Now that the potentials for more export earnings from our garments industry are increasingly diminishing, one prospect for the US \$ still stood out is software export. But is this the way to develop the IT sector? A couple of months ago we heard that Bangladesh entered into cheaper broadband, cable internet age which existed in the western

world long before. We were delighted to find out it was actually a gov-

ernment organisation which took the main initiative. Now we are hearing that is also being destroyed. What a shame! We all need to work with just and right senses. If we loose common sense then we will be in a mess in an already turmoil global economy. My 40,000\$ worth of contract is already in a jeopardy and it would be a shame for me to take it from an Indian software developer, May Allah

Sohel Sharif NY, USA

save this country.

regimes, then the trend will become clear as to the motivation of the top

leaders patronising such set-ups. The under-world of political activities is nauseating, and the public has the right to know the under-dealing perpetuated on the people over the

a money-making business. How the political parties will compensate the party workers is an internal issue, but it should not make them millionaire overnight through shortcuts, which will cut their careers short. The nation will suffer in the long run, running on unethical principles and practices. Will the killers and grabber run the country in the future? Politics in the LDCs always shows up the bad side

Politics is a voluntary service, not

Now there is another danger in the society, the trend of instant killing. The way a college principal was murdered openly in his house has sent terror waves through the society, because now no one is safe from the trigger-happy boys, who are patronised by several powerful vested groups in society. The politicians criticise the autocratic regime who take over from the politicians, but the law and order situation never went this bad in the previous intellectuals.

12. Making false, unattainable promises for the coming elections. 13. Take all effort to fool people

Kh. S. Omar Faruk San Dimas, California, USA

A failed poet I was deeply shocked to learn that the three alleged 'Harkatul Jihad' activists who had attempted to kill Poet Shamsur Rahman on January 18, 1999 were acquitted by the Dhaka Metropolitan Special Tribunal on November 14, 2001 due to lack of evidence.

Neither the poet nor anyone in his family came forward to provide evidence at the court. The fact that the most venerated poet of Bangladesh failed to show his courage at the time of need is even more shocking. Even the former Prime Minister and the Home Minister failed to persuade them to go to the court Were the poet and his familymembers lying about the whole issue all along? If not, being the composer of such poems like "Shadhinota tumi", how can he cower and not come forward to tell the truth?

If Shamsur Rahman were an ordinary man, questions would not have arisen in my mind because ordinary people like us do not claim to be the conscience of the nation. As a poet, he proved to be a failure since he failed to face the truth.

Dr. Md. Towhid Salam Los Angeles, California, USA

Vegetable-fruit war

To diversify Bangladeshi exports, the new regime may launch a "Vegetables-Fruits-Export War" with a big BMRE in the agro-processing sector.

This area had been neglected so far. The canning industry has also to be beefed up, for preserving fish

also, for off season use and export. Now a couple of companies are offering through retail bazaar shops frozen cut and processed fish and meat in plastic trays for daily use in the kitchen. The indulgent, conservative Bengalis with traditional approach have to get used to tinned and/or preserved food (vegetable, fruit, fish, meat, spices etc). Now masala powder is becoming more popular for the housewives, but desiccated coconut is not yet made locally. Gur (molasses) also is not available in hygienic mini packs (without the flies buzzing around). Canned green coconut water cannot

compete with the western colas. Bangladesh has fertile land with plenty of water, and human resources, with huge production of vegetables, fruits, fish and wood products (flooring, quality furniture handicraft, and panels; not to be used as fuel). The long-term economic planning by the government has to keep this fact in the background. The integrated planning in the 5-year plans needs to be reviewed. But politicians fight politicians, and the regime is not allowed to settle down to dedicated work in public interest. Political diversions cause systems losses in various forms, which are not counted in the economic indices.

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Dhaka

Let there be light

While returning home on November 11 night, from Motijheel, I found, the road dividers dug up at regular intervals. It was raining and it was pitch dark, just as Motijheel looks like at night due to sodium bulb emitting light comparable only to a

wickerlamp. I could not at first fathom why the road divider was dug up. Then looking up at the electric poles on both sides of the road in line with dug up holes, it dawned upon me that the digging was being done for shifting of street lamp-poles, possibly, for

better lighting. For those of us who have been visiting Motijheel regularly for the last 20 years, or more, Motijheel previously looked brighter with tube lights, though the poles were then on

both sides of the roads. I then used to drive my car simply with sidelights on. No body would dare do it now. It is only the headlights of the vehicles that keep the road illuminated. The sidewalks are also pitch dark, which should be sufficiently lighted. Because of this poor lighting why mugging is so rampant here as also

elsewhere. Now, if it is to shift the poles that road dividers, have been dug up, it is welcome, provided no more sodium light, which emits very little light. Otherwise it will be wastage of

This shifting of streetlights should not be restricted to Motijheel alone and should be carried out everywhere. It is necessary to change the streetlights and illuminate the roads properly. People's lives are in danger at night, because the roads are not

C.M. Dahr Ispahani Colony