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3 killed as police fire on villagers at Araihaazar 200 hurt in daylong clashes

UNB, N'ganj
Three people were killed and over 200, including 40 policemen were injured, in clashes between police and villagers at Narandi in Araihaazar upazila yesterday. The dead were identified as Monir Hossain, 20, Billal, 20, and Hossain Mia, 25. They were killed in police firing, witnesses said. Villagers and police said the clash ensued following the confinement of four cops by the villagers in connection with the dacoity on Wednesday night. They said a gang of dacoits swooped on the house of one Awal at 1.30 am, stabbed the inmates and looted Tk 70,000. Hearing an alarm raised by the victims, villagers rushed to the scene, held ASI Rabiul Hossain, constables Mon Mohon, Jibon and Ratan Chakma and confined them to Billal's house. They then informed the police about the incident early in the morning. In the meantime, seven policemen from Araihaazar thana came to the village and requested the villagers to free their colleagues. But the villagers refused to free them before arrival of the SP. Later, a contingent of riot police came to Narandi village at 8 am and rescued the four cops by breaking open the doors of Billal's house. They resorted to baton charge on the villagers and ransacked a number of houses, villagers alleged. Thousands of angry villagers equipped with lethal weapons attacked the policemen. Police responded by opening fire, leaving Hossain Mia dead on the spot and over 200 injured. Billal and Monir Hossain succumbed to their injuries on way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. **SEE PAGE 11 COL 1**



An elderly woman mourns over the body of her grandson (left) while some injured police personnel receive treatment following clashes with angry villagers at Narandi in Araihaazar upazila of Narayanganj yesterday.

More changes in admin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government yesterday made further reshuffle in the administration, official sources said. Press Secretary to the President Rabindranath Tribedi has been made OSD and transferred to the Ministry of Establishment as Additional Secretary. Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet Abdur Razzak (additional secretary) was transferred to Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation as Chairman while Divisional Commissioner of Barisal Division Jamaluddin Ahmed to the Industries Ministry as Additional Secretary. Joint secretary of Information Ministry Mostaq Uddin Ahmed was transferred to Ministry of Communications, Member of Tariff Commission Kazi Humayun Azad Box to Ministry of Information as joint secretary, Member of Tax Appellate Commission Abdul Malek to Ministry of Youth and Sports as joint secretary, joint secretary of Youth and Sports Ministry AFM **SEE PAGE 11 COL 2**



Northern Alliance fighters retreat in the face of fierce resistance from Taliban troops in Maydan Shar yesterday after launching an assault in this town some 25 kilometres southwest of Kabul.

N Alliance moves up on Kunduz front

No agreement on surrender, say Taliban

AFP, KHANABAD, Afghanistan
Heavy fighting erupted in the far north of Afghanistan and around Kabul yesterday, amid conflicting reports that the Taliban were ready to surrender their besieged bastion of Kunduz. The Northern Alliance and US warplanes turned up the heat on Taliban troops in and around Kunduz, close to the northern border with Tajikistan, as a 24-hour ultimatum to surrender expired Thursday morning. **SEE PAGE 11 COL 7**

Bill seeking six whips tabled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed yesterday moved a bill in parliament seeking to increase the number of whips in parliament from five to six. When adopted, the bill will amend the Bangladesh (Whips) Order, 1972 that currently provides for five whips in parliament apart from the chief whip. "As the country is divided into six administrative divisions, it is justified to appoint one whip from each division," said the minister in the preamble of the bill titled The Bangladesh (Whips) Amendment Bill, 2001. As the law minister placed the bill before the House, Jatiya Party's Golam Mohammad Qadir opposed **SEE PAGE 11 COL 3**

No reforms, no aid Hosts opt for youth

World Bank VP tells Saifur
SHAHRIAR KARIM
If Bangladesh cannot improve overall governance significantly through broad-based reforms before the next Aid Club meeting, donors will not consider the government plea for increased assistance. The visiting World Bank (WB) South Asian region Vice President Mieko Nishimizu conveyed this message of the donors at the wrap up meeting with Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday, according to highly placed sources. The BNP-led four-party alliance government sought significant financial assistance from the donors, citing dismal economic condition that was aggravated by the global recession. The sources said Nishimizu also **SEE PAGE 11 COL 1**

Hosts opt for youth
First one-dayer in Ctg today
SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh opted for a youthful side against Zimbabwe in the first of the three-match Coca-Cola One-day Series at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong today. New captain Khaled Masood will lead a relatively inexperienced side that includes two debutants in off-spinner Fahim Muntasir and top-order batsman Tushar Imran. The game will also see the return of Sanwar Hossain and left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique. Besides, young paceman Mashrafe-bin-Murtoza Kowshik will appear in his maiden limited-overs match since making a successful start to his Test **SEE PAGE 11 COL 4**

AL likely to expel more renegades

REAZ AHMAD
Several hundred party renegades might face disciplinary action in the coming weeks as the Awami League is up for purging the malcontents sooner than later, high-level party sources told The Daily Star yesterday. Overcoming the initial shock of polls debacle, the 52-year-old party is now moving fast towards rebuilding itself by picking up fresh and dynamic leadership, replacing the ones who 'betrayed' it in last month's parliamentary elections. Sources said that following Wednesday's party decision expelling 24 rebels including a presidium member, more expulsions are likely with the party taking a tough stance **SEE PAGE 11 COL 4**

A rejoinder and our reply

The Daily Star received a rejoinder signed by union parishad members Binod Bihari Pal and Ashutosh, and Jawaharial Mahajan of Lord Harding over two of its news items, captioned "Harrowing tales of depravity" and "Story of Shefali and Joyonti" and published on November 9 and 10 respectively. In the letter, they said that immediately after the victory of four-party alliance, the elected member of parliament from Bhola-3, Jute Minister Major (retd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, Bir Bikram, directed the local administration to maintain law and order in Lalmohon and Tozumuddin areas. He particularly directed the administration to set up a temporary police post in the predomi **SEE PAGE 11 COL 4**

Sehri, Iftar timing

Ramadan	Nov	Sehri	Iftar
7	23	-	5-14
8	24	4-56	5-14
9	25	4-57	5-14