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2 aides to 'Kala'  
Jahangir nabbed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested two alleged accomplices of top criminal 'Kala' Jahangir with firearms in the early hours yesterday after a shootout for half an hour in Mirpur.

Jamirul alias Jamal, 23, and Akash, 28, received bullets while Sub-Inspector (SI) Aziz and Constable Anjel of Kafraul Police Station were injured during the shootout.

SI Aziz along with his team raided Araria Fuel Station in Mirpur at around 3:45am when the two criminals opened fire at them.

The police returned fire to defend themselves and arrested the two with one pistol, one revolver and eight bullets from their possession after a 30-minute bullet trade, duty officer of Kafraul Police Station said.

The arrested were involved in the November 1 incident at the fuel station in which extortionists shot a guard and blasted bombs, Kafraul police said.

7 outlaws held  
in Chuadanga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kusthia

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and police yesterday arrested seven operatives of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) at Alamganj upazila headquarters in Chuadanga.

On secret information, members of the elite force and police jointly raided the house of local BNP leader Nur Islam at Collegepara at about 2:00pm and nabbed Chuadanga unit leader of the underground outfit Swadhin alias Safayet and his six associates.

They are Alamganga Pourashava Commissioner Shahimur Rahman Shahin, Bablu, Mahiuddin, Mahir, Babul Hossain, Mintoo and Sanatan Kumar.

Police said Swadhin is accused in five murder and 20 abduction cases.

## Rab action in Tongi, Mirpur kills 4

Family claims killing of 3 by rivals



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday shot four people dead and wounded three others, two of them critically, in Tongi and Mirpur.

In one incident at 12:15am at remote Gutia village in Tongi, Gazipur, Rab-1 members gunned down three alleged criminals and injured three others. But family members and neighbours of the victims have other versions to offer.

In the other incident in Mirpur,

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PHOTO: STAR

Family members of the three alleged criminals killed in a Rab action at a village in Tongi yesterday wall, top, and the injured in the same action being treated at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital under the elite force's guard.

Some UN staff plan to move no confidence against Annan

AFP, United Nations

UN employees were readying yesterday to make a historic vote of no confidence in Secretary General Kofi Annan, sources told AFP.

The UN staff union, in what officials said was the first vote of its kind in the more than 50-year history of the United Nations, was set to approve a resolution withdrawing its support for the embattled Annan and UN management.

Annan has been facing a series of scandals including controversy about a UN aid programme that investigators say allowed deposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein to embezzle billions of dollars.

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Arafat family to get medical file on cause of death

AFP, Paris

France's defence ministry said yesterday the medical file on recently deceased Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat was ready and would be handed over to his next of kin "without delay".

"We have worked four days on this file. It's ready to be given to the next of kin according to applicable rules," an official at the ministry told AFP.

Arafat's nephew, Nasser al-Qidwa, arrived in Paris from Gaza City later yesterday to pick up the file.

Qidwa, the Palestinian envoy to the United Nations, has been officially designated next-of-kin by

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large number of refugees and criminals who were fleeing the camp panicking by the operation. The villagers handed over the 11 held to police in the evening.

Police found the bullet-riddled bodies of Saleh Ahmed, 50, Saber Ahmed, 24, and Ehsanulah, 16, in a hilly forest near the camp in the surrounding hills.

Villagers of Turubil area in the upazila nabbed 11 more alleged Rohingya criminals from among a

Shafiqur Rahman, sub-inspector of Ukhia Police Station, told The Daily Star yesterday over telephone the three were registered Rohingya refugees at Kutupalong Camp. They were buried by the local Pourasabha authorities yesterday afternoon after autopsy.

Sources said the local authorities are concerned over the firearms in the hands of refugees and police are probing how the arms got into the

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JOINT OPERATION IN KUTUPALONG

Three bodies of Rohingyas recovered, 22 more held

BDR nabs 'most wanted criminal' Lalu

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

A day after Thursday's gunfight with Rohingya refugees that left over 100 injured, law enforcers in a joint operation yesterday arrested 11 more at Kutupalong Camp in Ukhia upazila, Cox's Bazar, and recovered three dead bodies of refugees from the surrounding hills.

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Bhuiyan rules out change in caretaker govt system

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday rejected the opposition parties' demand for change in the formation of caretaker government.

"We will accept if they (opposition parties) come up with any concrete suggestion to make the electoral process more fair and free from the influence of black money," Bhuiyan told the BBC Bangla Service last night.

"We also hold the same view as

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Human chain spells acid test for opposition camp

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Teknaf-to-Tentulia 'no-confidence' human chain has apparently become a challenge for the opposition combine as the course of its next action programmes to unseat the government largely depends on the success of this event.

Opposition sources said they have undertaken the 1,000km human string for December 11 as a way of showing popular no-trust to the BNP-Jamaat-led coalition rule

and mobilising more people in the combined opposition agitation.

Top leaders of the opposition camp including those of Awami League (AL), left-leaning 11-party alliance, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), National Awami Party and Jatiya Janata Party will tour the 17 districts the human chain will run across to drum up support for the showdown.

"We will make joint visits to the districts and thanas the human chain will run through to gear up our

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