Noman, now Vice-chairman of

"However my father [Natun]

refused to go anywhere leaving

his country and ma [the idol of

On the motive behind the

killing, Prafulla told reporters

that families of some 27

Chittagong University teachers

including that of Prof

Anisuzzaman and Prof Ali Ahsan

had taken shelter at their home

Salahuddin's father former

president of the Muslim League

was for an undivided Pakistan.

occupation force," he said.

visited their home just before the

national election of 1970. all

along undefeated Fazlul lost in

that election for the first time. He

was perhaps infuriated by his

defeat in the election in which a

large number of people from

minority communities could

Prafulla said that his elder

brother Satya Ranjan Singha

filed a murder case with Raozan

Police Station on January 29,

1972 against 10 people including

Salahuddin and his father Fazlul.

Abdul Mabud, Golam Ali,

Nowab Mia and Abdul Ahmed

were arrested while Salahuddin

Quader Chowdhury, Md

Bakshee, Fazal Haque, Abul

Kashem and Abdus Salam were

the investigators, Salahuddin at a

press conference at his Goodshill

home in the port city said, "I had

no role to play in '71. I left for

"I can also say that I heard

About the murder case

himself and his father,

Salahuddin said he did not know

US Congress

honours Yunus for "his contri-

butions to the fight against

global poverty," will now go to

President Barack Obama for

Yunus, a 70-year-old econ-

omist from Bangladesh,

earned the moniker "banker

to the poor" by promoting the

use of micro-credit -- small

loans that can help the poor

peace prize for his work dis-

tributing the loans through his

Grameen Bank, which he

founded in 1976 to help

increase the access of the poor

An estimated 95 percent of

micro-credit borrowers are

women, who traditionally

have less access to conven-

BNP doesn't

if the issue is discussed in the

House in its presence and

that's why it decided to boy-

cott the session," said

wants to save the war crimi-

nals and Khaleda's two sons

from corruption charges by

resorting to movements and

boycotting parliament. And

for this they made the deci-

sion not to join the House to

mislead people," he told The

Hanif, also a special assis-

ant to Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina, said, "When Khaleda

Zia told the media that her

party wants to cooperate with

the government on Eid day

[September 11], we thought

BNP will join parliament to

contribute in establishing

healthy positive political

clear that BNP does not want

positive politics in the coun-

But with their decision, it is

Thursday's meeting of the

BNP standing committee, the

highest policymaking body of

the party, decided not to join

the current parliament ses-

sion, accusing the govern-

main opposition party to join

parliament and place what-

ever demands they have.

return to the House.

culture in Bangladesh."

try, he added.

Daily Star.

"The opposition party

Mahbubul Alam Hanif.

tional bank credit.

He won the 2006 Nobel

ouild small businesses.

"We urge the government not

anything about the case.

medal in October 2009.

his signature.

o credit.

kill my father," Salahuddin said.

Pakistan on April 8 in 1971...

on the run, he said.

the 10 on January 25, 1973.

Of the accused Fazlul Quader,

cast their votes, he said.

He claimed that it angered

after March 25, 1971.

the temple]," Prafulla added.

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he said.

NEWS

War crimes trial which the people of Chittagong

BNP, and his elder brother late separated from the national Abdullah Al Harun, former government," he said. Awami League leader, made "I want the trial of war crimiarrangements for us to go to nals too. My appeal to the tribu-India so that we could be saved," nal is that it identify the true war criminals.

get the chance to get themselves

"If the trial process is not acceptable to the people and the nation, they may not accept the verdict," he said.

"I am proud of the communal harmony existing in the country. Please don't initiate anything that could jeopardise this harmony," Salahuddin said.

The investigation team is on a two-day visit to Chittagong. After visiting Nutan's home, the team went to two killing fields at Jagatmallapara and Unasatturpara.

Fazlul Quader Chowdhury, who The Pakistani army with the help of local collaborators had "Fazlul spread rumours killed 37 pro-Liberation War branding our home a safe haven people, including seven of a for freedom fighters and Indian family, at Jagatmallapara on April forces and made us a target of the 13, 1971, and 79 Hindus at Unasatturpara the same day, Bangabandhu Sheikh witnesses told investigators. Mujibur Rahman had once The Razakers and the Al Badr

gathered 37 people irrespective of age and sex at the house of Kiron Chowdhury at Jagatmallapara of Gohira in the name of a peace committee The Pakistani force opened

fire on them killing them all, said Kiron's nephew Ashis Chowdhury who lost his father, elder brother and other family members including uncle Kiron. All the 37 were Hindus. In Unasatturpara of Pahartoli

union in Raozan, collaborators gathered over 100 villagers, again all Hindus, at the yard of Jogesh Chandra Mohazan in the name of holding a meeting for peace. The Pakistani army sprayed bullets on them killing 79. They dumped the bodies near a spring, said witnesses. The then sub-inspector A Seventy-year-old Urmila Paul

Hossain of Raozan Police Station miraculously escaped death that submitted a charge sheet against day. She, however, lost her husband Dhirendra Paul, mother Fazlul died as a prisoner in Biraja Paul and other members Dhaka Central Jail on July 18, of her family. She is still haunted by the barbarism of that day. A few hours after the visit of

After visiting the killing grounds tribunal prosecutor Zead Al Malum told reporters that the team will visit some other mass graves in the port city and will speak with fami-"I was not involved in politics lies of war martyrs. "Media has long been

in 1971. After the war people of the country brought me into publishing war-crimes allegation against Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury and his Prafulla Chandra conspired to father Fazlul Quader Chowdhury. We are also getting such witness accounts," against 10 people including Malum added.

Obama slams to take any path or steps for Ahmadinejad 9/11 remarks

Senate approved awarded the AFP, New York

The legislation, which US President Barack Obama yesterday slammed "hateful," "inexcusable" and "offensive" remarks by Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad about the September 11 attacks in 2001.

Ahmadinejad sparked outrage in the United States on Thursday and a partial walkout in the UN General Assembly chamber when he said in a speech that most people believe the US government staged the attacks.

"It was offensive, it was hateful," Obama said in a television interview with the BBC Persia service, according to an excerpt released by the White House.

Obama said it was particularly offensive for Ahmadinejad to make such a statement in Manhattan, just north of the Ground Zero site of the felled twin towers of the World Trade Center.

The president described the site as a place "where families lost their loved ones, people of all faiths, all ethnicities who see this as the seminal tragedy of this generation -- for him to make a statement like that was inexcusable."

Jubo League

FROM PAGE 16 him in the back, police and

locals said Previous enmity and feud over gaining influence in the area were the reasons behind

the incident, they said. Locals rescued him and sent him to a Natore hospital from where he was shifted to Rajshahi Medical College and

Later, supporters of Palash

swooped on the house of Masum. On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Police searched Masum's house and recovered two licensed arms (one rifle and a pistol) and 2100 bullets and arrested his younger brother Sharifur Rahman Sumon from their residence.

The three others were arrested from different places

ment of not creating an environment for the opposition to near Masum's residence. Officer-in-Charge Abdullah The AL leader urged the Al-Mamun of Natore Sadar Police Station said the arms are legal but they were investigating

where the bullets came from.

6-month

FROM PAGE 16 poor wages, he added.

"Regularising such workers would have been a better option," he said.

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ing more gas.

overcome the crisis.

staffmaintenance.

ness difficult.

severely affected us."

Kafiluddin.

He is hopeful that the crisis

might be resolved by the middle

of the next year, as Gas

Transmission Company Ltd

(GTCL) is setting up new pipe-

lines there with a view to supply-

M Abdul Aziz, however, believes

that it might take at least a year to

increase gas production and

CNG refuelling station, said every

month he incurs a loss of around

Tk8lakhinbills, bankinterest and

A CNG station needs a gas

pressure of 15 PSI (pound per

square inch) to run its pumps

properly, he said, adding that all

the refuelling stations in the area

hardly gets 5 to 6 PSI--sometimes

zero PSI-- which has made busi-

Kafiluddin Ahmed, managing

director of Confident CNG and

Filling Station Ltd, said, "The

government's direction to keep

CNG stations closed from 3:00pm

to 9:00pm amid this gas crisis has

He claimed that every month

"Three years ago, I invested Tk

he has been suffering a loss of Tk 6

lakh for the last one and a half

7.5 crore to start my CNG filling

station. Last year I tried to sell the

station for Tk 2.5 crore, which was

although devastating for me, but

no one showed any interest," said

of a CNG-converted three-

hundreds of vacant buses--

Talking to The Daily Star driver

Tanvir Rahman, owner of a

Titas Gas Managing Director

The Arab News reported the foreigners overstaying in the kingdom have been advised to complete the necessary procedures for their departure by reporting to the nearest Department for Foreigners' Affairs from September 25, 2010 to March 23, 2011.

The Saudi ministry has advised all those who overstayed as well as other illegal foreigners to benefit from the clemency, and leave the kingdom within the grace period.

"Violators caught after the grace period will receive tough punishment including jail sentence and fine," it said, and warned those who transport, shelter or employ the overstayers would also receive severe punishment.

The newspaper report said Saudi authorities have been grappling with the problem for the past several years with little success. Jeddah being a commercial and employment centre near the holy city of Mecca is considered a magnet for unauthorised migrants. Saudi government officials

have been seeking ways to resolve the problem, as the expenses of deporting them land squarely on Saudi Arabia. The kingdom spends Saudi

Real (SR) 420 million (Tk 78 wheeler said he now makes only crore approximately) annually two trips a day due to the gas to send such migrants back to crisis. "On good days, I can easily make 10-12 trips," he added. their home countries. During a spot visit in the area

Villagers clash FROM PAGE 16

and Khatihata village in Brahmanbaria Sadar upazila had a squabble over buying of video CD at Khatihata Biswa Road Market in the morning. A little while later the villag-

ers of Kuttapara, armed with locally made weapons attacked the people of Khatihata in the Khatihata Biswa Road area. They damaged at least 12 shops including one hotel and

looted the goods and cash. Villagers of Khatihata

responded to the attack resulting in the riot, which lasted for one and a quarter hours. Vehicles on Dhaka-Sylhet and Comilla-Sylhet highways remained stranded from 11:30am to 12:45 pm. Long queues of vehicles were seen at the Khatihata Biswa Road Two police teams from Sarail

and Brahmanbaria Sadar Police Station rushed to the spot and charged baton on the rioters. They also fired 19 rounds of rubber bullet and lobbed 14 teargas canisters to bring the situation under control.

Officer in-charge of Brahmanbaria Sadar Police Station, Md Hamidul Islam admitted the incident saying that the people of Kuttapara always try to dominate the villagers of Khatihata.

Jihadi books

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Panel of DU teachers. Locals said the building was left abandoned for the next few months till the new tenants moved in.

Police arrested Prof Majumder's nephew Mostafizur Rahman, who is also a DU employee, and his caretaker Siddique Ullah in connection with yesterday's recovery. The arrestees live in the next building, which also belongs to Prof Majumder. The professor lives in a DU teachers' quarter.

Meanwhile, Prof Majumder told journalists that he did not know that the tenants of the building were Shibir activists.

ADC Nurul Islam said the recovered items indicate unlawful activities. Police are investigating the matter and actions will be taken against those who are involved in this, he added

Police said they suspect Shibir activities mainly of DU and Dhaka College units used to be operated from here.

Locals, however, alleged that the building has been a Shibir den for the last several

Student killed

FROM PAGE 16

congestion. They withdrew the blockade after one and an half hour.

Mustafizur hails from Hatibanda of Lalmonirhat and had been staying at a mess at Kalabagan since 2009, said Asaduzzaman, an uncle of the dead, said.

He also said Mustafizur joined the university after completing his diploma engineering from Rangpur Polytechnic Institute.

Police said the van left the scene immediately after the incident. However, they are trying to trace the vehicle and arrest the driver.

Thursday's meeting. which mostly operate on Anwar also said no national Nabinagar-Ashulia-Chandra problems are addressed in the routes-- were seen waiting for Sangsad and ruling party memhours at gas stations. This trigbers use abusive language gered scarcity of transportation in towards the opposition. the area and forced passengers to Asked whether BNP will join thrash about for vehicles risking

ives and limbs. The vehicles operating between short distances are suffering more compared to the long-distance vehicles.

The buses to and from North Bengal do not face the difficulties because they have options to take gas from Dhaka city or if necessary, near Bangabandhu Bridge, said a driver of Shyamoli Paribahan.

Children

NGO that works with children,

said awareness-building campaigns are imperative for the laws against hazardous child labour to be of any effect. Syngenta Bangladesh, an

agro-input marketer, conducts farmers' meetings throughout the country to promote safe and judicious use of pesticides, the organisation's Managing Director Sarwar Ahmed said. Under the programme,

farmers are educated on cautionary measures to be taken prior, during and after spraying pesticides, which is necessary to safeguard their health, he added.

estimated daily traffic of

the BBA secretary.

and not negotiable."

approach roads.

by December.

Prof Chowdhury.

experts' eyebrows.

weeks.

2,200 vehicles falls below 66

percent for two consecutive

The rates offered in the

Prof Jamilur Reza

RFP will be negotiable," said

Chowdhury, on the other

hand, said, "The toll rates and

concession period are fixed

phase DEE is about 26 kilo-

metres--from Shahjalal

International Airport to

Demra-- including four kilo-

metres of two elevated

for dropping the proposals,

said DEE Project Director

Abdul Wadud, adding that the

final selection would be made

score an average of 80 percent

marks on technical compe-

tence whlile the final selection

of the investor would depend

on how much of the profit it

offers to the government, said

are going ahead with the \$ 2

billion project without a

detailed feasibility study at

The BBA secretary said they

Investment Facilitation

Centre (IIFC), a company

under Economic Relations

Division of the finance minis-

try, and a team of Bangladesh

University of Engineering and

Technology (Buet) to fill in the

out the technical study, IIFC

will look into maintaining the

financial rules in RFP and

terms of concession agree-

ment, he said, adding that it

would be complementary and

alternative to a feasibility

port planner and coordinator

M Rahmatullah, a trans-

study.

While the Buet team carries

lack of a feasibility study.

The authorities, however,

hand, which raised the and also contribute fund for

would hire Infrastructure an easy passage from the

A prospective bidder has to

November 7 is the last date

The length of the first-

Selected firms

CNG stations CID arrests FROM PAGE 1 Meanwhile, some filling sta-

tion owners alleged that two CNG

stations in the zone-- Anonna

CNG Filling Station and Maliha

Filling Station--are illegally using

low differential regulators to puff

refuelling stations, however,

Rahman, managing director of

Maliha Filling Station, blamed the

government for approving so

many filling stations which, he

believes, triggered the crisis in

in the House. "Opposition

members are taking part in

parliamentary standing com-

mittee meetings as they get the

convey the decision of the

party's standing committee

meeting that started on Tuesday

and Thursday night with

Chairperson Khaleda Zia in the

issue was discussed Tuesday

night and none of the commit-

tee members opposed the

Committee members

BNP Secretary General

empowered the chairperson to

Khandaker Delwar Hossain

Tuesday night told reporters

the standing committee would

finalise the decision

about returning to the House on

confirmed that the issue was

not discussed at all at

the special parliamentary

committee on constitutional

amendment, the former minis-

ter said, "We are yet to be

informed what is to be

they will return to 1972 consti-

tution. It's not clear whether

they will amend the fourth

amendment or any thing else,

has observed the government's

move to bring amendment to the

charter will throw the country into

ing committee decision BNF

chairperson will address a mass

student rally on October 10 at

Ullapara in Sirajganj on the

occasion of Shaheed Jehad Day

Jehad was killed while participat

ing in a movement against mili-

21 public meetings in different

districts in November to build an

meeting also expressed concern

over a number of issues includ-

ing ruling party's interference in

administration and missing of

BNP ward councillor

of a regional connectivity

study by Centre for Policy

Dialogue, said a feasibility

study would set the bench-

mark to evaluate the bidders

offers before the final selec-

ensure the coordination of

Mass Rapid Transit (MRT-4),

which is a priority, before

commencing the DEE con-

Prof Md Shamsul Hoque,

director of Accident Research

Institute and a member of the

DEE expert team, said neither

the Buet team nor the IIFC

would conduct the feasibility

the outlay on the project and

deal with the rehabilitation

issue so that the government

can take a convenient stance

while bargaining with the

taken on Public Private

Partnership (PPP) basis and it

would be built mostly on

The four-lane elevated

expressway still requires

acquisition of a stretch of

three kilometres of private

land. The government would

make a financial arrangement

this from the PPP allocation.

north to the south of the capi-

tal saving an hour's time.

Private car owners will have

The government on August

23 approved the DEE route

along the existing railway

corridor and intends to com-

plete the construction of the

elevated expressway by the

Hossain said a tangible prog-

ress is possible in completing

the project in due time if the

government expedites acquir-

ing and handing over the

required land along with

relocating utility service net-

work and the investor is ready

BBA Secretary Mosharraf

end of 2013.

with finance.

Bangladesh Railway land.

The DEE project has been

bidders," said Hoque.

"Our job will be to estimate

study or go for alternatives.

struction, he said.

The government has to

Chowdhury Alam.

Khaleda Zia will also address

The standing committee

tarydictator Ershad's regime.

anti-government movement.

Meanwhile, as per the stand-

The BNP standing committee

They [Awami League] say

But some other members

proposal of joining JS session.

settle the matter.

Thursday.

amended.

he added.

constitutional crisis.

Meeting sources said the

chair at her Gulshan office.

BNP called the briefing to

chance to speak there.'

BNP won't

declined the allegation.

The authorities of the two

On the contrary, Mahbubur

more gas.

the area.

Mithu was arrested on information provided by Nizam, said Assistant Superintendent of Police Abdul Halim, also the investigation officer of the case. Earlier the Detective

Branch of police arrested Kamal Hossain Kala, driver of lawmaker Shaon, in this connection. Ibrahim, 38, was killed

by a shot from Shaon's gun in the lawmaker's car parked on Block-6 in front of the MP Hostel at Jativa Sangsad Bhaban complex on August 13. Following the incident,

driver Kala filed an unnatural death case with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station mentioning that he received the bullet when he was handling Shaon's licensed gun. Five days after the death

of Ibrahim, his brother Masum filed a murder case with a Dhaka court accusing 16 persons, including Shaon, his bodyguard Delwar Hossain, driver Kamal Hossain alias Kala, Mazharul Islam Mithu, Mizan, Jibon, Riton and Alam.

4 BCL men

FROM PAGE 16 Police Station around

10:00pm against the four BCL activists and unidentified six to seven others, said Ahsanul Haque, officer-in-charge (OC) of the police station. The four accused are

Rakibul Hasan Biru, 30, acting president of BCL, district unit; its sports secretary Monirul Hossain Bakul, 28; BCL activists Abdul Hakim, 35, and Shahid, 30, of Hujrapur. Police arrested Bakul

around 10:30pm. In the case statement, the

plaintiff said the deadline for dropping tenders for a Tk 35 crore repairing work of the two-kilometre embankment on the river Padma was 1:00pm on Thursday. After the time was over, the authorities opened the tender box at 3:00pm. At that time the BCL men led by Biru entered the office of the executive engineer and demanded that they should be allowed to drop schedules. As the engineer refused them, they threatened him and broke the glass of the table in the room. Police deployed at the

office forced the BCL men to leave the place. After the incident, additional law enforcers were deployed at WDB office, said the OC.

The executive engineer said a total of 341 schedules were dropped for the repair work.

Use youth, tech **FROM PAGE 15** important decisions ever

taken on the basis of global consensus to dramatically change the quality of lives of all poor people on the planet. He said, "We can't take the

chance to let the MDGs fail in any single country." He urged the UN to get

ready for the next level of MDGs where the "world would set the target to eradicate poverty from the world and finally put poverty in the museums."

MDG Advocacy Group members -- President Kagame of Rwanda, Graca Machel of South Africa, Bill Gates, Prof Jeffrey Sachs, Bob Geldof, and Mukesh Ambani of Reliance Group of India also attended the meeting.

Prof Yunus was invited to join the UN MDG Advocacy Group by Ban Ki-moon early this year.

3 of a family

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Sub-Inspector Abdul Motalib, acting officer-in-charge of Rajapur Police Station, said Nazrul had a stock of petrol in his house at Noikathi Bazar. A flame from mosquito coil

might have ignited the petrol Thursday about 10:00pm, he Fire service units from

Jhalakathi and Rajapur rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire. The three burn victims

were sent to Rajapur upazila health complex and then to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital. They were referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, the acting OC said.

On their way to the capital, Naim breathed his last at Mawa

Ferry Ghat early yesterday. The couple however was taken to DMCH burn unit. There Nasrin expired late in the morning and Nazrul at noon, said Jasimuddin, bigger proportion of housebrother-in-law of Nazrul. hold spending.

UN atomic watchdog throws out resolution against Israel

AFP, Vienna

The UN atomic watchdog threw out yesterday an Arabbacked resolution against Israel which the United States and its western allies feared could have jeopardised newly launched Middle East peace

The International Atomic Energy Agency, on the last day of its annual general conference, voted against the resolution urging Israel to accede to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The paper -- which Washington had asked Arab countries not to table at all for fear it could jeopardise a conference on a nuclear weapons-free Middle East scheduled to be held in 2012 -- was thrown out by the 151member general assembly, with 51 votes against, 46 votes for and 23 abstentions.

In the run-up to this week's conference, Washington had even flown in President Barack Obama's top nuclear advisor, Gary Samore, to try and persuade Arab nations to drop their plans, warning that it could also sour newly restarted peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians. Prior to the vote, Israeli

ambassador Ehud Azoulay had warned: "Adopting this resolution will be a fatal blow to any hope for future cooperative efforts towards better regional security in the Middle The non-binding resolu-

tion is purely symbolic, but had had been adopted by a very narrow majority in 2009. And this year's vote was

preceded by some harsh

exchanges between Israel and the resolution's Arab spon-Nevertheless, in an initial reaction, US envoy Glyn Davies insisted that there were "no winners nor losers" in the "What's important about it

chance for movement eventually toward a Middle East free of weapons of mass destruction once peace there is achieved," he said. The vote "sends the right, positive signal to the peace

is, is that it preserves the

process and really allows that process to go ahead," Davies The US ambassador

insisted the outcome of the vote did not engender any "feelings of elation or that we've won some great victory. "What's important is that Obama

we've stopped some action from occurring that would have made it very difficult to move forward with both the peace process and toward a Middle East free of weapons of mass destruction when that peace is achieved," he said. Israel is the only Middle

East power believed to possess nuclear weapons, but it has never officially confirmed or denied this, opting instead for a policy of ambiguity. During the general debate

earlier this week, Israel's nuclear chief Shaul Chorev reiterated the Jewish state's stance that acceding to the NPT would run against its national interests. The NPT, which came into

force in 1970, has been signed by 189 states. Only three countries -- India, Pakistan and Israel -- have not signed it. Israeli ambassador

Azoulay denounced the resolution as being "political by its nature."

UN holds FROM PAGE 16

Global grain prices remain at a

two-year high and are still rising. Rising incomes in developing countries have also boosted demands for Top FAO officials describe

prices as stubbornly high and say the financial crisis is straining the ability of the poor to cope. The agency also warns that

prices in future are likely to be more volatile. Officials say governments should consider more regula-

tion of food markets and maintaining emergency stocks. The FAO's own monthly index of food prices has risen

by 25% since early last year. The UN said of the meeting: "Delegates will share

information on recent market instability and examine the role of market information and transparency for crops such as grains and rice." Rises will be felt more

It "contradicts the basic aims and goals of the IAEA," he

It was Iran and Syria and not Israel that represented the greatest threat to peace and

and beyond," Azoulay said. In tabling the resolution, the Arabs states were trying to "hijack" the conference for their own purposes and "score cheap political points," he said.

security in the Middle East

RICKSHAWPULLER ASSAULT

12 hurt as villagers clash with cops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kurigram

At least 12 people including two policemen were injured in a clash between law enforcers and locals at Majaidanga village in Chilmari upazila hursday. According to locals the

clash ensued when an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of police slapped a rickshaw puller on the face as he refused to carry an injured woman to hospital since she belongs to a "lower" cobbler community. ASI Rezaul Karim of

Chilmari Police Station went to the village on an investigation into a man physically torturing his wife. Furious over the slapping incident, locals and other

rickshaw pullers of the area barricaded the ASI at Gabtoli Mor and physically assaulted him. On information, a joint team of police and community police rushed to the spot and charged truncheon to disperse the mob. Chase and counter chase took place and in the meantime 12 people got The injured were consta-

bles Chandan, 35, and Khairul 45, and rickshaw pullers Bablu, 48, Chad Mia, 38, Hafijur, 35, Shuruj, 28, Amjad, 50 and Solaiman, 36. Constable Chandan was

whisked to Kurigram Sadar Hospital in a critical condition and was later shifted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile, males in the area are hiding from the ASI Rezaul Karim filed a

case in this connection yester-

FROM PAGE 1 Obama also appreciated

Sheikh Hasina for her leadership in spearheading the campaign for achieving the MDG within the UN set deadlines of 2015 while he congratulated her as Bangladesh received the MDG Award particularly for reducing child mortality rate in Bangladesh.

Officials close the meeting said, the US president looked very cordial as he approached the Bangladesh premier to congratulate her. Sheikh Hasina invited him to visit Bangladesh at a convenient

Ahead of the reception the prime minister held several crucial bilateral talks with her counterparts and senior government leaders of the Netherlands, Denmark, Malaysia, and Myanmar on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly alongside joining the general debate of the 65th UN General

Officials familiar with the engagements said all the government leaders also congratulated her on Bangladesh's MDG achievements under her leadership while Denmark's Prime Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen saying "Bangladesh is on the right track".

Assembly.

He said Denmark would enhance its support and financial assistance for Bangladesh for endeavour in achieving the MDG goals but would like to move on to "business partnership" from "development partnership" in view of Bangladesh's rapid development in trade and economic sectors. The officials said climate

change appeared a major

issue in all the bilateral talks while the Danish premier agreed with Sheikh Hasina that the last COP 15 climate

keenly in developing countries, where food makes up a

conference could not yield the expected results and moreover the developed nations also did little in fulfilling whatever the committed in the climate meet though one year had already exhausted since the summit.