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WILD ANIMAL ATTACK
Victims to get govt cash help

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will pay compensation for people killed or crippled in attacks by tigers, elephants or other wild animals.

And any one found guilty of deliberate killing of wildlife will be jailed for up to 12 years.

The cabinet at its weekly meeting yesterday approved the "Policy to compensate for

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Green light to 6,740 new cabs

Govt may finalise revised policy for taxicab by this month

JASIM UDDIN KHAN

The government will allow private companies to import 6,740 new taxicabs for the capital by this year under a revised policy structure.

According to the new policy, a government committee will select capable companies to import the taxicabs under a reduced duty structure instead of previous "first come, first get" system.

The policy is on its final stage of formation. The Ministry of Communications has sought opinions about the final draft from all stakeholders by this week and is expected to finalise

it by this month, says a high official.

The policy proposes to increase the fleet of a new company to minimum 1,000 taxis instead of present 20. The companies that have minimum paid-up capital of Tk 2.5 crore will be able to import the vehicles.

The present amount of paid-up capital is Tk 10 lakh.

"Our main objective is to bring back discipline in the sector to ensure safe and smooth public transportation at big cities. The revised policy will ensure availability, quality, affordability, and secure service," adds the

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TRAIN ACCIDENT
Govt asked to form all-party probe body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The "mass inquiry commission", formed by BNP to look into the October 11 train accident in Sirajganj, has asked the government to constitute an all-party inquiry committee to probe the incident that left six people dead.

The commission members have said they would visit the scene of accident on Friday and record statements of the witnesses to the incident.

They were speaking at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

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2009 BDR MUTINY
Charges framed against 111

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Special Court-9 of Bangladesh Rifles yesterday framed charges against 111 border guards of Pikhana Record Wing for their alleged involvement in the February 25-26 BDR mutiny last year.

The court set up at BDR headquarters at Darbar Hall read out the charges against each of the accused and asked them to confess if guilty. None of the jawans however pleaded guilty. It also recorded statements of two of the 87 witnesses.

Complainant of the case Subedar Mohammad Solaiman Patwari and witness Maj Khaled Ahmed gave their depositions before the court adjourned till 10:00am tomorrow.

Prosecutor of the case Lt Col Mizanur Rahman pressed the charges at the court led by BDR Dhaka Sector Commander Col Habibul Karim.

According to the charges, the accused were guilty of ignoring

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Brutal murder of woman, grandson

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals hacked a woman and her five-year-old grandson to death and another grandson critically injured at the city's Keraniganj yesterday.

The deceased were Sahida

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| Prayer Timing | | |
|---------------|-------|--------|
| October 26 | | |
| | Azan | Jamaat |
| Fajr | 4-50 | 5-25 |
| Zohr | 12-45 | 1-15 |
| Asr | 4-00 | 4-15 |
| Maghrib | 5-32 | 5-35 |
| Esha | 7-15 | 7-45 |

Source: Islamic Foundation



Shuttered shops by an empty road at Rugganj in Narayanganj yesterday. Hardly any man appears in the area fearing arrest as around three to four thousand people have been charged in cases following Saturday's clashes. PHOTO: STAR

It was a plot of BNP
AL's Hanif on Rugganj incidents

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League has claimed that main opposition BNP orchestrated the Rugganj violence at a local BNP leader's house in Narayanganj.

Primary investigation indicates that the incident was plotted at the residence of local BNP leader Joyal Member the night before the violence, claimed AL Joint General Secretary Mahbulul

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HAWKERS ON CITY PAVEMENTS
No eviction drive before Eid

BSS, Dhaka

The government has decided to keep in the abeyance the decision of evicting the hawkers from city's footpaths till the celebration of Eid-ul-Azha at the request of the hawkers' associations leaders.

The decision was taken at an inter-ministerial meeting with Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain in the chair at his secretariat office yesterday.

After Eid-ul Azha, the home ministry and Dhaka City Corporation will take decision in this regard through discussion with hawker leaders, the meeting also decided.

National Road Safety Advisory Council (RSAC) in a meeting on September 21, 2010 decided for eviction of the hawkers from city streets and footpaths from November 1 to ease traffic jam

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OnlinePoll ✓

Do you agree with AL Joint General Secretary Mahbulul Alam Hanif that BNP had a role in the Rugganj clash?

Yes (29.1%)
 No (70.1%)
 No Comments (0.8%)

Total votes: 1724

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