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# Tsunami sweeps across Pacific

More than 1,000 dead in Japan as 8.9-magnitude earthquake triggers gigantic waves; levels coastal areas; thousands were evacuated from quake-hit Fukushima nuclear plant site

REUTERS, Tokyo

A devastating tsunami triggered by the biggest earthquake on record in Japan looked set to kill at least 1,000 people along the northeastern coast yesterday after a wall of water swept away everything in its path.

Thousands of residents were evacuated from an area around a nuclear plant after radiation levels rose in the reactor, but there was no word on whether there had actually been a leak.

The unfolding disaster in the wake of the 8.9 magnitude earthquake and 10-metre (33-feet) high tsunami prompted offers of help from dozens of countries.

China said rescuers were ready to help with quake relief while President Barack Obama told Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan the United States would assist in any way.

Stunning TV footage showed a muddy torrent of water carrying cars and wrecked homes at high speed across farmland near the coastal city of Sendai, home to one million people and which lies 300km northeast of Tokyo. Ships had been flung onto a harbour wharf, where they lay helplessly on their side.

Boats, cars and trucks were tossed around like toys in the water after a small tsunami hit the town of Kamaichi in northern Japan. An overpass, location unknown, appeared to

have collapsed and cars were turning around and speeding away.

Japanese politicians pushed for an emergency budget to fund relief efforts after Kan asked them to "save the country", Kyodo news agency reported. Japan is already the most

heavily indebted major economy in the world, meaning any funding efforts would be closely scrutinised by financial markets.

Domestic media said the death toll could reach 10,000. **SEE PAGE 13 COL 7 MORE ON PAGE 7**

Passenger train, ship missing

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### Tsunami estimated travel times



# Japan warns of radiation leak

REUTERS, Tokyo

Japan warned there could be a small radiation leak from a nuclear reactor whose cooling system was knocked by yesterday's massive earthquake, but thousands of residents in the area had been moved out of harm's way.

Underscoring grave concerns about the Fukushima plant, some 240km north of Tokyo, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the US air force had delivered coolant to avert a rise in the temperature of the facility's nuclear rods.

Pressure building in the plant **SEE PAGE 13 COL 1**



A tsunami wipes out houses in Natori of northeastern Japan. A massive 8.9 magnitude quake hit northeast Japan yesterday, causing many injuries, fires and a 10metre tsunami along parts of the country's coastline. PHOTO: REUTERS

# Tigers devour Lions in epic battle



BISHWAJIT ROY from Chittagong

"One must desire something to be truly alive," said a great novelist.

The Bangladesh cricket team definitely was the perfect example of this belief after the way they bounced back against England in a dramatic and nail-biting game to keep their quarterfinals hopes alive in the ICC Cricket World Cup yesterday.

The thrilling two-wicket victory came through a valiant batting effort from number ten batsman Shafiul Islam who shared a 58-run partnership in a ninth wicket stand along with Mahmu dullah Riyad to script one of the most fantastic victories for Bangladesh cricket.

With a run-a-ball 24 Shafiul became the real hero in the end as his effort ruled Bangladesh back from dead. When the lanky batsman came to the crease Bangladesh still needed 57 runs to win the game and with this scenario half of the stadium became empty but Riyad (21) and Shafiul staged a brilliant fightback to achieve the target of 226 runs with one over to spare. The fortunate ones who kept their hope alive till the very end erupted into joy once Riyad stuck a boundary through cover against Tim Bresnan in the last ball of the penultimate over.

Shakib Al Hasan's men dreamt against all the adversities after their heartbreaking defeat against West Indies and the dream was finally fulfilled through a clinical bowling and batting display in front of a capacity-crowd at the Zohur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in the port city. The Tigers breathtaking victory also brought back enthusiasm amongst the millions cricket crazy fans in the country.

Chasing 225 runs, Bangladesh got off to a flying start courtesy of Tamim Iqbal's tremendous stroke-play but it was his partner Imrul Kayes who anchored the innings along with his skipper Shakib.

Bangladesh fell in trouble losing two quick wickets after Tamim's dismissal but Shakib joined man-of-the-match Imrul Kayes to associate 82-runs in the fourth wicket stand to revive the hopes but the innings again derailed when Kayes, who top scored with 60 off 100 balls with five boundaries, fell victim to a suicidal run out. The stadium was silenced when Shakib lost his temper and played on for 32 runs and after that an inspired spell from Ajmal Shahzad brought England back to the game. But there was something entirely written for this match and Shafiul and Riyad took away the game from the England **SEE PAGE 13 COL 1**

## A sense of militancy prevailed

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The Pakistan government attempts hoodwinking the country.

As Muhammad Habibur Rahman notes in his diary of events he calls **SEE PAGE 13 COL 6**



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# 12 hurt in acid attack

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twelve people were injured when a youth hurled acid during a quarrel with his brother at Shanarpar in Siddhirganj of Narayanganj Thursday night.

Among the injured, there were attackers' two brothers and mother.

Attacker Julu and his younger brother Masud were locked into an argument at about 10:00pm over collection of cable subscription fees, said witnesses. Julu is a cable operator in the area but Masud without Julu's knowledge collected money from the subscribers.

When Masud hit Julu with a stick, Julu came out of their house and went to an adjacent store of gold ornaments. Julu came out of the store with a plastic container and threw acid on Masud, his mother and other onlookers.

Injured Julu's mother Shakoli Begum, 48, his brothers Masud, 25, and Uday, 14, neighbours Parvin Khatun, 22, **SEE PAGE 13 COL 6**