



Visiting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays respect to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at the capital's Dhanmondi 32 yesterday. PHOTO: MODI'S TWEET

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Rajshahi city residents yesterday urged India's government to support Bangladesh's Ganges Barrage project, a critically important initiative to promote agriculture, protect the environment, and accelerate development of the country's south-western region.

They made the call from a rally in Aloka intersection area of the city, organised on the occasion of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit, by Rajshahi Rakkha Sangram Parishad. Hundreds took part in it.

According to a June 4 report of the daily Prothom Alo, India earlier said Ganges Barrage would have adverse impacts in that country, but Bangladesh's government wants to allay the fear and expects a positive announcement during Modi's visit.

Quoting diplomats and water resources ministry officials, the Bangla newspaper said China was

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