# Modi, delegation to wear 'Khadi' Mujib coats during Bangladesh visit

Khadi, a heritage fabric of India, is all set to catch eyeballs during Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day visit to Bangladesh on March 26 and 27.

India's Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has supplied 100 custom-designed "Mujib Coats" that will be the attire of dignitaries during the visit of

As Bangladesh celebrates "Mujib Borsho", the birth centenary of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre of the Indian High Commission in Dhaka has placed an order for 100 Mujib coats, ahead of Modi's visit

The specially designed Mujib coats have been made of high quality handcrafted Poly Khadi fabric.

The black Mujib coats have been designed with six buttons, two pockets on the lower half and a front pocket on the left, as worn by Bangabandhu.

In keeping with the eco-friendly nature of the Khadi fabric, the covers for these jackets too have been made of black Khadi cotton fabric.

The coats will be carried in specially designed handmade paper carry bags made at KVIC's Kumarappa National Handmade Paper Institute (KNHPI) in Jaipur, according to the Press Information Bureau of India.

KVIC Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena said, "Mujib coat is historically significant in Bangladesh and it is a matter of great pride that Mujib coats made of Khadi will be adorned during the Bangladesh visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is the biggest brand ambassador of Khadi".

The diplomatic consignment has already been dispatched to Dhaka. Since the jackets were meant for diplomatic purposes, KVIC accorded top priority to it and delivered the consignment before time.



As temperatures begin to rise across the country, few things soothe the soul as much as a splash in the water with a dear friend! This photo was taken yesterday from the banks of the Kirtankhola in Barishal city's Trish Godown area.

How long FROM PAGE 3 "Submission of probe report into Sagar-Runi murder case has been delayed for 79th times... Five years have already been passed after Tonu murder... Î want security of my life. Will justice be ensured, if I'm killed?" he questioned.

Narayanganj City Corporation Mayor Selina Hayat Ivy, among others, spoke at the function.

Seventeen-year-old Taqi went missing soon after he left home on Shaista Khan Road for Sudhijon Pathagar, a local library, around 4pm on March 6, 2013.

His A-level results were out the next day and he had the highest score in the world in physics obtaining 297 out of 300 marks.

In chemistry, he got 294, the highest in the country. He was a student of ABC International School.

His body was found floating on the Shitalakhya river on March 8.

Taqi's father Rafiur Rabbi filed a murder case with Narayanganj Kotwali Police Station later that day. He also submitted a complaint to the superintendent of police on March 18, accusing seven persons by name and 8-10 unnamed others. Eight of the accused remain absconding while five have been arrested in the case.

## National professor Abdul Malik's autobiography launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"Jiboner Aro Kotha" -- a memoir of National Professor Brigadier (retd) Abdul Malik was unveiled yesterday through a virtual book launching ceremony.

The virtual session by renowned personalities, including Dr Muhammed Zafar Iqbal and Rasheda K Chowdhury.

This is the seventh book written by Dr Malik, who is the founder of National Heart Foundation of Bangladesh (NHFB) and was a former advisor of the caretaker government.

In this book, Dr Malik has inked different incidents and his deep realisation about life - especially in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. It also includes a detailed account of his philosophy and values as a writer.

Conducted by Dr Moral Nazrul Islam, Abu Mohammad Amin Uddin, attorney general of Bangladesh; Dr Muhammed Zafar Iqbal, Rasheda K Chowdhury, former advisor to the caretaker government; and Dr Shamsuzzaman, researcher and former director general of Bangla Academy joined the event virtually.

Speaking at the programme, Rasheda K Chowdhury said, "Dr Malik is an asset for the country. He has earned to be called a legend, and more."

The book will be available in the Amar Ekushey Book Fair at Sampratik Prakashani's stall (stall no. 422), and at the office of National Heart Foundation in Dhaka's Mirpur and its Darus Salam

# An appalling

against people involved in similar incidents in the past has not ended

"Our fear is that if such incident continues, Bangladesh will not move forward, rather lag behind while all the achievements will go in vain,' read the statement.

The eminent citizens are -- columnist Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury, author Hasan Azizul Haque, folklorist Shamsuzzaman Khan, Liberation War Museum trustees Sarwar Ali and Mofidul Hoque, theatre personalities Nasiruddin Yousuff and Mamunur Rashid, historian Prof Muntassir Mamoon, war crimes researcher and activist Shahriar Kabir, and author

Meanwhile, expressing anger over the incident, leaders of Bangladesh Hindu Bouddha Christian Oikya Parishad said torture and oppression on small religious and ethnic groups in Bangladesh that achieved independence through the Liberation War will not be tolerated.

The parisahd leaders raised the question that for how long such incident will continue and demanded that the real culprits be arrested immediately and their exemplary punishment be ensured.

Protesting the incident, the Parishad yesterday organised human chains and rallies across the country. Centrally, a human chain and rally took place in front of Jatiya Press Club in the capital, said a press release.

In a separate statement, good-governance campaigner Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik said the administration cannot avoid responsibility over being silent instead of being proactive to prevent the incident as similar attacks have recurred in the past.

Referring to arrest of a local Jubo League leader for his alleged involvement in the incident, the organisation said involvement of those belonging to the party at the helm of local government is even more

In another statement, Dhaka University Teachers' Association termed the incident a "planned communal attack". Besides, members of the association demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the attackers and their instigators.

They also urged the government to compensate the affected families and ensure their security.

## DGHS DG, MIS director infected with Covid-19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Director General Dr Abul Bashar Mohammad Khurshid Alam and Director of Management Information System (MIS) Prof Mizanur Rahman of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) have been infected with Covid-19.

The DG's personal secretary has also been infected.

Director of Noncommunicable Diseases Prof Mohammed Robed Amin confirmed the matter to The Daily Star.

"Khurshid Alam's Covid-19 test result came out positive the day before yesterday [Thursday], Robed Amin said, adding that he is currently in home quarantine and undergoing standard treatment.

"Prof Mizanur Rahman has also tested positive tor Covid-19. The DG's PS and his family have also been infected with the virus," he

# Ensure presence of workers by biometric attendance, trackers

Says DNCC mayor on anti-mosquito drive Bss, Dhaka

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Atiqul Islam yesterday asked the corporation's supervisors to ensure presence of mosquito eradication workers in respective wards by biometric attendance.

"Last week, during the weeklong mosquito eradication campaign, I wanted to see the presence of our 1,200 mosquito extermination workers, but I did not...So every mosquito supervisor has to ensure biometric attendance of the workers in respective wards," he said.

He was speaking at a view-exchange programme held at Nagar Bhaban in the capital's Gulshan area, said a press release. Atiqul presided over the meeting, while DNCC officers, employees,

mosquito eradication workers, sanitation inspectors and mosquito supervisors of different departments expressed their views on the integrated mosquito eradication activities held from March 7-18.

Assigning the regional executive officers to set up biometric attendance and trackers, he set a deadline of April 20 to complete the work.

"Every mosquito killer has to be monitored by installing trackers, and mosquito eradication supervisors and councillors have to monitor," he

The mayor has directed regional executive officers to prepare and submit a list of ponds, reservoirs, abandoned lands in each ward by March 26 and issue a letter to the owners, asking them to clean the areas by April 3. He also directed that a mass case be filed against those who fail to cl

it by April 10. This instruction will be applicable to all organisations, whether they be government, semi-government, autonomous, non-government or privately owned, he warned.

# A dangerous

Fazila Begum, another resident of Khamarpara, echoed Shaon's sentiments, before detailing the process. "It requires polythene, rope, pipe, and some other materials to prepare the balloon. A mechanic named Badal is known for his expertise on this. I paid him Tk 1,500 to make a balloon for me."

Their neighbour Kamal Hossain said, "I first saw this in Talashpur village, from where it spread to adjacent villages. Now, around 2,000 families of around 15 villages use this technique.' Asked about fire risk, Kamal said, "I know there is risk,

but we have not gotten any news of fire accidents till now (in 6 months). If everybody around me is using it, why should I be left out?" However, the same cannot be said of everyone, as some

are yet to consider the dangers. Talashpur's Sitara Begum said she did not know that the gas balloons carry a high risk of fire hazards. "I don't think it will cause any harm. If it were harmful,

why is such a huge number of people using this technique?"

Meanwhile, locals declined to reveal who arranged gas connections for them in exchange of money or the identity of Badal, who set up the "gas balloons".

Contacted, Engineer Md Misbah-ur-Rahman, Sonargaon zonal distribution manager of Titas Gas, confirmed that there's no gas supply to those areas, adding, "We will conduct drives against these illegal connections soon and take legal action against the perpetrators."

He also said until the government sets up gas connections in those areas, villages for the time being can use either gas cylinders or mud/wood stoves, rather than engaging in such risky practices.

Rupganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Sha Nusrat Jahan said, "I have heard of this issue. We will conduct drives there

## Four lives

In Dinajpur, at least 30 passengers of a bus were injured as the vehicle overturned after being hit by a truck on Dinajpur-Gobindaganj road in Ghoraghat upazila. Condition of five passengers was critical.

Locals said the bus was heading to Bogura from Dinajpur. The accident took place around 12:30pm at Birahimpur

village. The bus fell into a roadside paddy field. Being informed, fire service personnel rushed to the spot and rescued the injured.

Twenty-five of the injured received treatment at Ghoraghat Upazila Health Complex while critically injured persons were taken to Rangpur Medical College Hospital, said fire officials.

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# Judge shortage

pandemic since July last year till date, he told The Daily Star on March 12.

Replying to a question, Saifur said he does not know whether the chief justice has recommended the president to appoint new judges for the apex court.

As many as 4,89,068 cases were pending with the HC after 1,35,275 were disposed of till December 31, 2019, according to the SC report. The number of cases pending from January 1, 2018 till December 31 that year was 5,16,652 after 49,035 were adjudicated during the period.

Contacted, SC lawyer and editor of Dhaka Law Reports Khurshid Alam Khan said the rate of case disposal by the Appellate Division has reduced due to a shortage of judges.

He was buried at Banani military graveyard following

Born in Pekua upazila of Cox's Bazar in 1947, he joined

Ruhul Alam was made one of the advisers to the

Bangladesh Army in 1972 and retired from the service in

caretaker government by then President Iajuddin Ahmed

in 2006. He was made then BNP Chairperson Khaleda

Zia's adviser in 2009 and party vice-chairman in 2016.

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"We hope the president will appoint new judges to the apex court soon to expedite case disposal rate," he said.

There are two separate benches of the Appellate Division for hearing and disposing of the appeals and petitions filed challenging the HC verdicts and orders.

A three-judge bench is led by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain while Justice Imman Ali is leading a three member-

On July 9, 2009, the then president raised the number of judges at the Appellate Division from seven to 11 prior to disposing of some important cases on the assassination of Bangabandhu and fifth amendment to the constitution, among

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old. She said their parents had passed away when Milon was young and he was brought up by their

"Milon struggled a lot, passed the SSC exams despite being physically challenged," she said.

They did not keep in

Dhaka Medical College morgue Hospital autopsy.

touch since having a fallout around three years back, she added.

The body was kept at