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Vaccine stock to get a boost

India to give another 12 lakh shots as gift during Modi's visit

MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

The country's stock of Covid-19 vaccine today is getting an additional 12 lakh Oxford-AstraZeneca shots given by the Indian government as a gift. "We have been informed that the Indian prime minister will bring about 12 lakh doses of the vaccine during his visit," Prof ABM Khurshid Alam, director general of Directorate General of Health Services, said yesterday. Indian PM Narendra Modi will arrive in Dhaka today to join the celebrations of the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence. As of yesterday, the government had a stock of 38,60,544 doses of the vaccine. The country on January 21 received 20 lakh doses as a token of friendship from India. However, the third shipment of the doses purchased by Bangladesh from Serum Institute of India might not arrive on time.

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FB Post On Mamunul Police, not Hefajat, sue one under the DSA

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Even though police have been saying that Hefajat leaders would file a case against Jhomon Das Apon, they are the ones who ended up suing the Hindu man for criticising a leader of the islamist outfit on Facebook. Sub-inspector Abdul Karim of Shalla Police Station filed the case on Monday under the controversial Digital Security Act (DSA), Officer-in-charge Najmul Huq said yesterday.

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A brown-winged kingfisher sitting on a tree branch beside a canal to catch fish in Chandpai range of the Sundarbans. Apart from fish, this bird eats insects, frogs, molluscs and crustaceans.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



NATURE QUEST



SLOGANS FOR FREEDOM CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

On the occasion of the golden jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh, The Daily Star proudly presents an exclusive audiovisual production featuring numerous slogans that were chanted during various movements up to the Liberation War. The theatrical production depicts the many struggles and sacrifices throughout the passage of history — our humble tribute to the nation, presented in a unique way through the usage of slogans. The Daily Star invites you to watch the video on its digital platforms as part of your celebration of this very special and joyous occasion. The audiovisual production has been directed by Goutam Koiri, and sponsored by Tradesworth Household Limited.



PRAYER TIMING MARCH 26

	Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4:45	12:30	4:45	6:20	7:45
JAMAAT	5:20	1:15	5:00	6:25	8:15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

FFs, MARTYRED INTELLECTUALS Govt publishes partial lists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the country observing the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence, the government yesterday published a partial list of freedom fighters containing 1,47,537 names. The most prominent name on the list is that of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, followed by those of the four slain national leaders Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmad, AHM Quamruzzaman and M Mansur Ali. In a press briefing, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque also revealed another partial list, containing 191 names of martyred

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ROAD TO FREEDOM
THIS DAY IN BANGLADESH LIBERATION WAR HISTORY

Bangabandhu declares independence

MARCH 26, 1971
SHAMSUDDOZA SAJEN

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
Just before his arrest, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman sent a message declaring the independence of Bangladesh. This message was broadcast from Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendro on 26 March, 1971, and was widely reported in newspapers around the world.

"Today Bangladesh is a sovereign and independent country. On Thursday night [March 25, 1971], West Pakistan armed forces suddenly attacked

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GAIBANDHA BLAST It was a mortar shell of 1971

MOSTAFA SHABUI, from Gaibandha

The explosion that took three lives in Gaibandha's Gobindaganj upazila on Wednesday was of an abandoned mortar shell of 1971, and no militancy link or sabotage plan was behind it, said police. After examining the spot and explosive materials, Rahmatullah Chowdhury, in-charge of the bomb disposal unit of the Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC), said "It was a strong mortar shell of 1971

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS, COLLEGES Reopening on May 23

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The education ministry yesterday declared that in-person classes at secondary schools and colleges across the country would resume on May 23 after Eid-ul-Fitr. In the wake of the second Covid-19 wave, the ministry made the decision after consultation with the National Technical Advisory Committee on Covid-19, said a press release. On February 27, the government had announced that all schools and colleges would reopen on March 30. That announcement was a sigh of relief for many students and their parents after a year of closure due to the pandemic, and significant academic losses. The new announcement, however, has brought fresh uncertainty for thousands of students and their guardians across the country.

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