

# Covid will not respect borders

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The goals, approved in 2015 with a 15-year deadline, aim to end hunger, gender inequality and violence against women, while expanding access to education and health care in poorer nations.

"What this pandemic has proven beyond all doubt is that we ignore global interdependence at our peril. Disasters do not respect national boundaries," UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed said in a statement.

"A diverging world is a catastrophe for all of us. It is both morally right and in everyone's economic self-interest to help developing countries overcome this crisis."

An estimated 114 million jobs have been lost worldwide, and about 120 million people have sunk back into extreme poverty as the virus circles the globe, the report found.

The UN said the economic devastation has widened "already yawning" inequities, with the chasm between the world's haves and have-nots mirrored in the vaccine rollout.

Of \$16 trillion distributed in relief, only 20% was spent in developing countries, the report found, and all but nine of the 38 countries administering

vaccines were developed nations. It called on nations to contribute an estimated \$20 billion to vaccinate poorer nations this year, and urged richer members to offer developing nations debt relief, investment - and hope.

It is not the first time the UN has said development goals are at risk in a pandemic that has prioritized short-term survival over long-term aspirations.

But the warning has taken on new urgency as cross-border rows erupt over the fairest way to vaccinate the whole world, with some countries accused of abandoning common cause to safeguard their home front.

British-Swedish drugmaker AstraZeneca could be among the pharmaceutical companies hit first as EU chief Ursula von der Leyen warned that her bloc would not allow Covid vaccine exports to the UK and other countries until the firms make good on their own promised deliveries.

Von der Leyen released updated figures on how many vaccine doses the bloc has exported -- 77 million to 33 countries since December. By contrast, 88 million doses will have been delivered in the 27-nation bloc by the end of this week, also since

December. But estimates for the second quarter of this year showed that 360 million doses should be delivered from BioNTech/Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson.

In contrast to Europe's woes, vaccinations in the United States -- the world's top economy and hardest-hit country in the pandemic -- have been storming ahead, with President Joe Biden raising his goal for shots in arms during his first 100 days in office from 100 to 200 million.

More than half a billion people across the world have had vaccine jabs, according to an AFP tally from official sources.

AstraZeneca shot has been hailed as a breakthrough because it is cheaper and easier to store and transport than other vaccines.

AstraZeneca is also one of the main vaccines used in the Covax project, which supplies poorer countries with jabs, and is facing export delays in India where it is produced by the Serum Institute.

India yesterday defended its decision to limit vaccine exports saying it would make domestic Covid-19 inoculations a priority as infections surge.

# Their valour

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with his entourage landed at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka at 10:30 in the morning.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina received her Indian counterpart at the airport.

A 19-gun salute heralded the arrival of Modi while a red carpet was rolled out at the airport to welcome him.

After few hours of landing in Bangladesh, Modi tweeted in Bangla thanking Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for according him a special welcome at the airport.

"Landed in Dhaka. I thank PM Sheikh Hasina for the special welcome at the airport," he tweeted both in Bangla and English.

The Indian premier said this visit would contribute to even stronger bilateral relations between the two neighbouring nations.

Modi became the fifth among the world leaders to attend the 10-day jubilee of independence and Mujib Borsho.

This is the first foreign visit of Modi since the Covid-19 onset.

# Will do my best

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the treaty to be signed," Bablu quoted Modi as saying.

The JP leaders also requested the Indian PM to introduce visa on arrival opportunity for Bangladeshi citizens, increase people to people connectivity, GM Quader told The Daily Star.

He said the JP leaders requested Modi to increase scholarship for Bangladeshi students.

"We will do whatever necessary for our friendly country Bangladesh," GM Quader quoted Modi as saying.

# Zia makes radio

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a situation report, submitted on March 27, 1971: According to numerous accounts including eye witness reports, Pak military crackdown on Bengali nationalists has been carried out throughout Dacca swiftly, efficiently (despite heavy resistance from some quarters, including pro-Awami League police and East Pak Rifles). And often with ruthless brutality.

Referring to Indian deputy high commissioner he stated that the Pakistan army surrounded Tanti Bazar and Shankhari Bazar, predominantly Hindu areas, burnt houses and innocent people. Residents fleeing from this area were also not spared, he added.

He further reported that thousands of Bangladeshes were streaming through the city, carrying personal belongings, to get out to villages for shelter.

Brian Bell, the public affairs officer of the American Consulate in Dhaka, toured the city on the same day and reported that the Ittefaq offices were razed; police barracks at Rajarbagh police camp levelled, apparently by heavy guns; Iqbal Hall badly damaged, dead body lying 10 feet from entrance; large area on the outskirts of Old Dhaka were gutted.

The army demolished the Central Shaheed Minar.

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# Amjad Ali

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were against Bangladesh's freedom. One of the documents contained directives by the Al Badr chief towards its members to not even spare their closest relatives in case of their role in Bangladesh's freedom.

Amjad joined Pakistan Radio as a copywriter in the late 1960s. He wrote plays, produced and acted in many radio dramas since then.

He was buried at Hatim Khan-Kadiganj Graveyard following a namaz-e-janaza at Ranibazar Jame Mosque after Juma prayers.

# Fire guts office

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erupted at Balukhali Camp-18 in Ukhia of Cox's Bazar destroyed around 10,000 shelters and killed at least 11 people.

# Misinformation fuels Papua New Guinea's Covid crisis

AFP, Port Moresby

Misinformation threatens to scuttle Papua New Guinea's already faltering efforts to bring a severe Covid-19 outbreak under control, with a survey showing one-in-four health workers are reluctant to get vaccinated.

After a year without widespread community transmission, the impoverished Melanesian nation is now seeing record numbers of new infections almost every day.

Hospitals have turned away patients due to a shortage of medical staff, who are falling ill or being forced to isolate.

With experts warning the health system is close to collapse, neighbouring Australia this week sent an emergency batch of 8,000 vaccines to inoculate frontline staff.

# 5 killed in Ctg, B'baria

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agencies and ruling party. The clashes broke out after Hefajat men brought out processions in Chattogram, Dhaka, and Brahmanbaria after Juma prayers, protesting the ongoing visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Police sources in Chattogram said Hefajat activists brought out a procession from the Hathazari madrasa. When the procession was passing near the Hathazari Police Station, the demonstrators started throwing brick chunks at it.

At one point, the demonstrators entered the police station and resorted to vandalism inside the compound, prompting the law enforcers to open fire.

Ruhul Amin, upazila nirbahi officer of Hathazari, told The Daily Star, that vehicles, a bungalow, and land office of the upazila administration were also set ablaze and land-related documents were torched.

Local Hefajat leaders, however, claimed that police opened fire on their activists without any provocation, leaving four dead and dozens of others injured.

Azizul Haque Islamabadi, a local Hefajat leader, said they had brought a "peaceful" procession opposing Modi's visit.

He demanded that those involved in the incident be brought to book. Otherwise, they will wage a tougher movement, he said.

Hafez Mostakim Billah, a student of the madrasa, claimed that he along with some others went to have tea at a tea stall in front of the police station. "All of sudden, we saw police firing bullets at us without any reason," he said.

The Daily Star contacted several police high-ups in Chattogram, but no comment was available.

The deceased in Chattogram were identified as Kazi Mirazul Islam, 40, Robiul Islam, 27, Wahidul Islam, 15, and Jamil.

Talking to The Daily Star, Jahirul Islam, in-charge of Chattogram Medical College Hospital police outpost, said the four were brought dead to the CMCH.

Wishing not to be named, a doctor on duty at the hospital's emergency department said all four bodies had marks of bullet wounds.

Besides, at least seven people received treatment at the hospital, according to its logs.

DHAKA  
The clash in Dhaka ensued when Hefajat men brought out an anti-Modi demonstration from the north gate of the national mosque just after the prayers.

Leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chharta League (BCL) along with other ruling party men, who had taken position in nearby areas, threw brick chunks at the protesters and tried to push them back inside the mosque, witnesses said.

The protesters, however, regrouped and attacked the ruling party men, leading to the clash.

Police tried to bring the situation under control by firing tear gas canisters and rubber bullets.

It continued for around two hours, said witnesses.

The tension eased after 5:00pm when the ruling party men left the area. Hefajat men left too.

The Daily Star correspondents saw seven burnt motorbikes near the north and south gates of the national mosque.

More than 50 people were injured in the clash, according to witnesses and journalists.

Two photojournalists of The Daily Star -- Amran Hossain and Prabr Das -- were seriously injured while performing their job. They took

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The deputy leader of the opposition in parliament said the JP wants to be a real opposition party and to make people believe that it is not a "managed opposition party". This is the first challenge for the party now, added Quader, also the younger brother of late JP founding chairman HM Ershad.

JP Presidium Member SM Foyzal Chisty, however, said strong criticism of the government does not necessarily mean that the party does not have relations with the AL and its high-ups are dissatisfied with the JP.

"We are doing it [criticising] because we want to restore people's confidence in us. We want to instil confidence in people that we are really an independent political party with our own characteristics and identity," Foyzal said.

"Whatever we are doing now is for our survival as a political party in the long run."

In a scathing criticism of the government, Quader on March 11 in Dhaka said Bangladesh cannot be called a democratic country now due to "dictatorship and lack of good governance."

"Anarchic situation like that of Basurhat of Noakhali has been created all over the country. The imbalance of power has led to corruption and misuse in the country," he alleged.

The JP chief said, "An autocratic rule continues in the country in the name of parliamentary democracy."

On March 13, GM Quader said: "We don't have links with the Awami League-led 14-party alliance. Awami League now does not want Jatiya Party and Jatiya Party also does not want Awami League."

Asked about the reasons for his recent criticism of the government, Quader said, "The only reason is that we want to save the party. To achieve the goal, we have to speak the truth and

treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Doctors said Prabr's right shoulder was dislocated and that there was a fracture. Amran needed three stitches on his head.

A journalist of Ekattor TV and Joyeeta Roy, a photojournalist of Bangladesh Pratidin, were also among the injured.

Contacted, Syed Nurul Islam, deputy commissioner of police (Motijheel division), said some mosque-goers started behaving "suspiciously" after the prayers and some "devotees" protested it.

He did not elaborate what he meant. "When the police tried to go inside the mosque to stop the clash, they started throwing brick chunks, leaving police and other devotees injured," he said.

He said police fired rubber bullets and tear gas to take control of the situation.

He also said, "Many protesters are using innocent mosque-goers as shields. We tried to calm the situation applying different tactics. We did not use excessive force because we want to protect the dignity of the mosque."

Later at night, madrasa students blocked the Dhaka-Chattogram highway in the capital's Jatrabari area near the Hanif flyover, halting traffic on the highway and adjacent Dhaka-Sylhet highway.

As law enforcers moved to clear the road around 8:00pm, a chase and counter chase took place between the students and police and Rab members.

Mazharul Islam, officer-in-charge of Jatrabari Police Station, said eight to 10 policemen were injured in the incident. He also said police fired tear gas canisters and rubber bullets to bring the situation under their control. BRAHMANBARIA

In Brahmanbaria, Hefajat men vandalised property in and around the local railway station after bringing out a procession following Juma prayers.

They also damaged a mural of Bangabandhu in the Old Kachari area.

As Masuk Hridoy, district correspondent of The Daily Star, was covering the protest, Hefajat men beat him up indiscriminately.

Sohrab Hossain, a duty officer at Brahmanbaria Police Station, said one Ashik, 20, was killed in a clash in the town.

Quoting police, the reporter said students of several Qwami madrasas in the district vandalised important government establishments.

The protesters also attacked BGB members in front of the deputy commissioner's residence. Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets.

At least 15 others were reportedly injured, said police sources.

HEFAJAT HARTAL  
Apart from announcing hartal for tomorrow, Hefajat also announced that it will organise countrywide protest programmes today.

Central naye-e-amir of Hefajat Abdur Rub Yusuf and Hefajat Joint Secretary General Mamunul Haque made the announcement at a press conference at the office of Khelafat Majlish in the capital's Paltan area.

At the programme, Hefajat leaders demanded that those responsible for the killing of its men are held accountable and brought to book.

They also demanded that the government ensure proper treatment of the injured and provide them with compensation.

Hefajat Joint Secretary General Fazlul Karim Kasemi claimed that four Hefajat men were killed and several hundred others were injured in Chattogram while around 250 to 300 Hefajat men were injured in Dhaka yesterday.

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# Rare Van Gogh painting sells for \$15.4m

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"Street Scene in Montmartre" -- on public display for the first time since its creation in 1887, after a century in the same collection -- fetched 13.09 million euros (\$15.4 million), the auction house said.

At well above the estimate of 5-8 million euros, the sale price was a record for the artist in France, it added.

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আবেদন ফি	প্রতি ফ্যাকাল্টি-এর জন্য আবেদন ফি ৭০০/- (প্রেসেসিং ফি সহ টাকা সাতশত মাত্র)। নির্ধারিত আবেদন ফি মোবাইল ব্যাংকিং (নগদ/বিকাশ/রকেট/মাই ক্যাশ/টি-ক্যাশ ইত্যাদি) এবং ডেবিট/ক্রেডিট কার্ড (VISA, Master Card) এর মাধ্যমে প্রদান করা যাবে।
ভর্তি পদ্ধতি	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>আবেদনকারীকে নির্ধারিত ওয়েবসাইট (applyonline.bsrrmu.edu.bd) এর মাধ্যমে ০১ এপ্রিল ২০২১ থেকে ৩০ এপ্রিল ২০২১ তারিখের মধ্যে আবেদন করতে হবে। বিস্তারিত নির্দেশনা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েবসাইটে পাওয়া যাবে (www.bsrrmu.edu.bd)।</li> </ul>
ভর্তি পরীক্ষার কেন্দ্র	ভর্তি পরীক্ষা নিম্নবর্ণিত ০৪টি কেন্দ্রে একযোগে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে (ভর্তি আবেদন ফর্মে পছন্দের কেন্দ্র উল্লেখ করতে হবে)। (ক) ঢাকা (খ) চট্টগ্রাম (গ) রংপুর (ঘ) খুলনা
সংশ্লিষ্ট তথ্যের যোগাযোগ	মোবাইলঃ ০১৭৪৬৬৪২৬৬৯ (প্রভাষক, গণনাগণিত), ০১৮৩৭৮২৪৪৭০ (প্রভাষক, মেরিন ফিশারিজ), ০১৮২৯৯০৯৭৩৬ (সহকারী অধ্যাপক, পোর্ট ম্যানেজমেন্ট এন্ড লজিস্টিকস্), ০১৩১৪০১৯৬১৬ (প্রভাষক, এলএলবি), ০১৯২১০৪২৮৯ (প্রভাষক, নেভাল আর্কিটেকচার এন্ড অফশোর ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং) সার্বিক যোগাযোগঃ ০১৭৬৯৭২১০১৫ (কম্পিউটার প্রোগ্রামার), ০১৭১৬৯৪৩৫৭৯ (সহকারী রেজিস্ট্রার) ইমেইলঃ admissioninfo@bsrrmu.edu.bd, ওয়েবসাইটঃ www.bsrrmu.edu.bd