

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 celebration marking the golden anniversary 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 100 feet from entrance; large area on the outskirts of Old Dhaka were gutted.

The army demolished the Central Shaheed Minar. Shamsuddozza Sajen is a journalist and researcher. He can be contacted at sajen1986@gmail.com

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-Kadirganj 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

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Mirazul Islam, 40, Robiul Islam, 27, Wahidul Islam, 15, and Jamil.

Jahirul Islam, in-charge of Chattogram Medical College Hospital police box, told The Daily Star that four people were brought dead at the CMCH.

A duty-doctor at the emergency department, seeking not to be named, said the four had sustained bullet wounds.

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

Hefajat leaders in Chattogram claimed that police fired at their processions without provocation while police alleged that Hefajat activists broke into Hathazari Police Station and vandalised the compound, prompting them to fire retaliatory shots in self-defense.

Sources in the police said that two groups of people threw brick chunks at the police station. At one stage, they entered the police station compound and vandalised the window pans. Police in self-defense retaliated with bullet fires, said the sources.

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

Talking to this daily, Azizul Haque Islamabadi, a Hefajat leader, said they brought a "peaceful" procession opposing Modi's visit. But police, without any provocation, fired at them, leaving four dead and many others injured, he claimed.

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

A witness, Hafej Mostakim Billah, a student of Hathazari madrasa in Chattogram, claimed that they went to have tea at a tea stall in front of Hathazari Police Station.

"All of sudden, we saw police firing bullets at us without any reason," he said.

The Daily Star tried to contact police high-ups for comments, but no official comment was available.

DHAKA

A clash erupted when Hefajat men brought out anti-Modi demonstration from the north gate of the national mosque just after the prayers yesterday.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leaders and activists, who had taken position in the mosque and nearby areas, threw brickbats at the protesters and tried to push them back inside the mosque, witnesses said.

Protesters, however, regrouped and

From friendly

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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 stand by the people. Jatiya Party

retaliated against the ruling party's leaders and activists. At one point, the clash broke out and chase and counter chase took place.

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 after ruling party men left the area. Hefajat men left too on police assurance.

The correspondent saw seven burnt motorbikes at the north and south gates of the national mosque. City corporation staff were found collecting the brickbats.

The Daily Star's on-duty photojournalists -- Amran Hossain and Prabir Das -- were seriously injured. They took treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Doctors said Prabir's right shoulder got dislocated and there was fracture. Amran needed three stitches on his head.

A journalist of Ekattor TV, a private television channel, was also among the injured.

Syed Nurul Islam, deputy commissioner of Motijheel Division Police, 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 to stop the clash, they started throwing brickbats leaving police and other devotees injured," he said.

DC Nurul said police fired rubber bullets and tear gas to control the situation.

Asked about the identity of the protesters, he said they were none but those who do not want to establish a Taliban state.

Asked if the police failed to bring the situation under control, he said the mosque was a holy place.

"Protesters are using the mosque-goers as shields. We tried calm the situation applying different tactics. We did not use excessive force only to protect the dignity of the mosque," he added.

In Brahmanbaria, Hefajat men vandalised property in and around the railway station there and started fire on the intersections near the station. They also damaged a mural of Bangabandhu in the Old Kachari area.

Besides, Hefajat men assaulted The Daily Star's local correspondent while he was capturing photos of vandalism.

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

will not do politics as a parasite anymore."

The deputy leader of the opposition also said there is a vacuum now in politics as BNP has "no visible political activities" and its Chairperson Kheleda Zia has apparently left politics.

"We want to show people that we are really performing as a real opposition party and want to fill the vacuum."

Bablu recently told a meeting that the AL government "snatched the right to vote from the people and deprived them of freedom of speech".

Speaking to this newspaper, the JP secretary general said, "We have realised that a political party must speak for the people to win their confidence. Otherwise, we won't be able to exist as a political party."

After the 2018 national election, the JP Parliamentary Party initially decided to join the Awami League-led grand alliance government stating that they had contested the election under the banner of the grand alliance.

But Ershad later in a sudden announcement said his party would be the main opposition party in parliament.

JP insiders said a vacuum was created in opposition politics due to a lack of BNP's activities, thanks to its leadership crisis as Kheleda is staying away from politics and party acting chairman Tarique Rahman has been staying in London since 2008.

To fill the vacuum, the JP has taken a stance to woo the people through talking tough about the government, they added.

Political analyst Dr Tareque Shamsur Rahman said there are clearly two factions in JP, which are led by Raushan Ershad and GM Quader.

"The Quader group recently seemed [to be] taking a hard stance against the government to be close to the people as there is vacuum now in opposition politics due to inactivity of BNP," he told this newspaper.

NZ's Catholic Church apologises to survivors of abuse

REUTERS, Wellington

New Zealand's Catholic Church formally apologised to the survivors of abuse within the church yesterday and said its systems and culture must change.

Cardinal John Dew, who is the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington and Metropolitan of New Zealand, made the apology at the Royal Commission into Abuse

in Care on behalf of the bishops and congregational leaders in New Zealand.

"Today, recognising the importance of this moment, I apologise to you, on behalf of the bishops and congregational leaders of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand," said Cardinal Dew, who is also the president of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference.

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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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ভর্তি পরীক্ষার তারিখ ও সময়	ফ্যাকাল্টি অব মেরিটাইম গভর্ন্যান্স এন্ড পলিসি ০৪ জুন ২০২১খ্রিঃ, শুক্রবার সকাল ১০:০০ ঘটিকা থেকে ১১:৩০ ঘটিকা। ফ্যাকাল্টি অব শিপিং এন্ড এডমিনিস্ট্রেশন ০৪ জুন ২০২১খ্রিঃ, শুক্রবার বিকাল ০৩:৩০ ঘটিকা থেকে ০৫:০০ ঘটিকা। ফ্যাকাল্টি অব আর্থ এন্ড ওশান সায়েন্স ০৫ জুন ২০২১খ্রিঃ, শনিবার সকাল ১০:০০ ঘটিকা থেকে ১১:৩০ ঘটিকা। ফ্যাকাল্টি অব ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং এন্ড টেকনোলজি ০৫ জুন ২০২১খ্রিঃ, শনিবার বিকাল ০৩:৩০ ঘটিকা থেকে ০৫:০০ ঘটিকা।	
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"> 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)। 	
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 ০১৭৪৬৪২৬৬৯ (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), ০১৭৬৯৪৩৫৭৯ (সহকারী রেজিস্ট্রার) ইমেইলঃ admissioninfo@bsrrmu.edu.bd, ওয়েবসাইটঃ www.bsrrmu.edu.bd	