# Bangladesh at risk of famine Debuty High Commissioner in

Mohammed Yahya Khan to resume shipments immediately. HÖSSAIN ALI TO HÉAD BANGLADESH MISSION IN INDIA

Hossain Ali was appointed by the Bangladesh government as the head of its mission in India. But as the mission's work was now limited mainly to Kolkata the Bangladesh government wanted to open only a kind of subordinate mission in New Delhi.

KM Shehabuddin and Amjadul Huq, former Pakistani diplomats now pledging allegiance to Bangladesh, were given letters of assignment signed by Foreign Minister Khondakar Mushtaque Ahmed The Bangladesh government appointed the former as the head of the subordinate mission and Amjadul Huq as press attaché. The government asked them among other things to bring to the notice of the world the atrocities committed by Pakistani troops in Bangladesh and thereby create world opinion in her favour.

CURBS ON INDIAN ENVOY IN DHAKA GO

The restrictions imposed on the Indian

PM suggests

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As co-chairs of the Global Leaders Group on AMR, the prime ministers of Bangladesh and Barbados stand ready to work with all relevant stakeholders in contributing to the fight against AMR, Hasina said.

She also said that the world is now witnessing the devastating pandemic of Covid-19.

"However, antimicrobial resistance may cause even more lethal pandemics in the future.

The prime minister mentioned that failure to tackle this hazard in time will result in a huge loss of human lives, animals, and plants.

According to an estimate by the WHO, she said, 10 million people will die every year by 2050 from AMR, and economic losses will be trillions of dollars disrupting food security and progress towards achievement of the SDGs and universal health coverage.

Turning to Bangladesh, the Prime Minister said the government has developed a six-year (from 2017 to 2022) National Strategic Plan and National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance Containment (ARC).

Besides, she said, the National Technical Committee on ARC and the Bangladesh AMR Response Alliance have been formed.

Hasina said laboratory-based AMR surveillance for both human and animal health is being conducted regularly to ensure WHO categorisation. "Similarly, from 2019, we've been providing AMR surveillance data to WHO GLASS Platform."

President of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly Volkan Bozkir convened the high-level dialogue calling for accelerated action to tackle the growing threat of AMR.

AMR -- referred to as a silent tsunami

Deputy High Commissioner in Dhaka, KC Sen Gupta, was lifted by Pakistan. The relaxation by Pakistan was supposed to be applicable to all other staff members of the Dhaka mission, now closed down. A compromise solution of the two governments' differences could be expected shortly, Reuters reported.

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMICS PROTEST GENOCIDE

Eighty-five academics of the Australian National University protested to Pakistan against what they called the policy of selective genocide and indiscriminate killing pursued by Pakistan in Bangladesh. They recognised that there should be

"a grave cause" to justify foreigners in criticising a government for the manner of handling its "internal affairs", but, they said, "we consider that actions of the government of Pakistan and its army are so ruthless and so terrible as to make it impossible for people of conscience to remain silent".

Shamsuddoza Sajen is a journalist and researcher. He can be contacted at

-- has the potential to be the next global

health crisis and has already affected the

ÂMR occurs when bacteria, viruses,

fungi, and parasites change over time.

As a result of drug resistance, antibiotics

and other antimicrobial medicines

become ineffective and infections become

increasingly difficult or impossible to treat-

increasing the risk of disease spread, severe

Covid-19 pandemic has shown the ease

with which infections can spread, threaten

global health security and destabilise

economies, lives and livelihoods. AMR is a

rising pandemic and challenges the effective

delivery of the Sustainable Development

Currently, at least an estimated 700,000

people die each year due to drug-resistant

diseases. If no action is taken, drug-resistant

diseases could cause 10 million deaths each

year by 2050 and damage to the economy

as catastrophic as the 2008-2009 global

financial crisis; and by 2030, AMR could

force up to 24 million people into extreme

Co-chair of the One Health Global Leaders

Group on Antimicrobial Resistance Mia

Amor Mottley, President of the 75th UNGA

Volkan Bozkir, UN Deputy Secretary-

General Amina J. Mohammed, Director

General of World Health Organisation

(WHO) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,

Director General of Food and Agricultural

Organisation (FAO) Qu Dongyu, Director

General of World Organisation for Animal

Health (OIE) Monique Eloit and Deputy

Executive Director of UN Environment Programme (UNEP) Joyce Msuya spoke at

the opening segment of the dialogue.

Prime Minister of Barbados and also

According to the UN website data, the

response to Covid-19.

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It's a wake-up call for all

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"It is very important to realise that the situation in India can happen anywhere. Meanwhile, John Nkengasong,

head of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) said the situation is wake-up call for every African nation.

"We are watching with total disbelief ... What is happening in India cannot be ignored by our continent," he told reporters vesterday.

The world's second most populous nation is in deep crisis, with hospitals and morgues overwhelmed.

Each day, thousands of Indians search frantically for hospital beds and life-saving oxygen for sick relatives, using social media apps and personal contacts. Hospital beds that become available, especially in intensive care units (ICUs), are snapped up in minutes.

"The ferocity of the second wave took everyone by surprise," K Vijay Raghavan, principal scientific adviser to the government, was quoted as saying in the Indian Express newspaper.

"While we were all aware of second waves in other countries. we had vaccines at hand, and no indications from modelling exercises suggested the scale of the surge."

India's military has begun moving key supplies, such as oxygen, across the nation and will open its healthcare facilities to civilians. Hotels and railway coaches have been converted into critical care facilities to make up

for the shortage of hospital beds. India's best hope is to vaccinate

its vast population, experts say, and on Wednesday it opened registration for all above the age of 18 to receive shots from tomorrow.

But although it is the world's biggest producer of vaccines, India does not have the stocks for the estimated 800 million now eligible.

Many who tried to sign up for vaccination said they failed, complaining on social media of being unable to get a slot or even to simply get on the website, as it repeatedly crashed.

Only about 9% of India's population of about 1.4 billion has received a dose since the vaccination campaign began in January.

India will receive a first batch of Russia's Sputnik V vaccine on May 1. Russia's RDIF sovereign wealth fund, which markets Sputnik V globally, has signed deals with five Indian manufacturers for more than 850 million vaccine doses a vear

### **AID STARTS ARRIVING**

More than 40 countries have committed to sending vital medical aid -- particularly oxygen supplies amid a severe shortage -to the country, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said vesterday.

The supplies include almost 550 oxygen-generating plants, more than 4,000 oxygen concentrators, 10,000 oxygen cylinders as well as 17 cryogenic tankers.

Hundreds of thousands of doses of Covid-19 treatment drugs Remdesivir, Favipiravir

## Allow public transport

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bus and minibus, remained suspended since April 5 when the government imposed restrictions on the movement of people and public transport to contain the spread of Covid-19.

However, buses were allowed to operate in 11 cities for a week from April 7 at half capacity.

Romesh, also the managing director of Shyamoli Paribahan, claimed the transport sector incurred a loss of Tk 5,000 crore during the shutdown last year.

Although different businesses recovered after receiving financial incentives from the government,

## significant incentive, he said.

The association chief said open now. the public transport spreads coronavirus," he said. demands include waiving interest of their loans, postponing payment of loan instalments till June and not declaring their loan

transport owners to reschedule their classified loans with 1 percent down payment. this tough time," he said.

Éarlier, the madrasa used to be

the training centre of Huji members

since the bomb blast in 2013,

# Hefajat hardliner Harun arrested

early '90s.

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the deceased to family members without autopsies the next day. His followers also confined and it has been under scanner Lashkar-e-Taiba. He later came out Hefazat chief Junayed Babunagri to the hospital morgue for about

more than three hours to make him

announce tough anti-government

counterterrorism investigators said. Seeking anonymity, a former top official of CMP, who investigated

and Tocilizumab, as well as raw materials to produce vaccines and remdesivir, were also being sent.

Two planes from Russia, carrying 20 oxygen concentrators, 75 ventilators, 150 bedside monitors, and 22 tonnes of medicine, have arrived in Delhi.

The United States is sending supplies worth more than \$100 million, including 1,000 oxygen cylinders, 15 million N95 masks and 1 million rapid diagnostic tests, the White House said on Wednesday.

The United States also has redirected its own order of manufacturing AstraZeneca supplies to India, to allow it to make more than 20 million doses, the White House said.

Britain announced it was sending three oxygen generation units to India. The units, dubbed oxygen factories, are each the size of a shipping container and can produce 500 litres of oxygen per minute, the UK government said.

Germany will send 120 ventilators tomorrow, and a mobile oxygen production facility next week, its defence ministry said.

Meanwhile, the US State Department issued a travel advisory on Wednesday against travel to India because of the pandemic and advised its citizens to leave the country.

Italy yesterday tightened the rules on people arriving from India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, extending quarantine while regulations for Europeans, reports AFP.

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FROM PAGE 12 The fire was doused around 9:00am, said DAD Newton. He said the quick response from all helped bring the situation under control fast. He said there were several other tankers nearby.

Two killed as oil

He added that they recovered two bodies from the engine room and rescued the injured three and sent them to Chattogram Medical College Hospital.

Monir, one of the injured, was released after primary treatment while Shahab Uddin, 60, and Sufian, 48, were admitted to the Burn and Plastic Surgery Department of CMCH.

Rafiq Uddin Ahmed, head of the unit, said condition of two was critical. Both of them sustained around 95 percent burns and had smoke inhalation injuries.

There was no report of any spillage at the site and vessel movement remained smooth at the channel, said the CPA secretary.

# Pay Tk 25 lakh

challenging a High Court order that had asked United to pay Tk 30 lakh to each of the victim's families.

The HC gave the order on July 15 last year following three separate writ petitions moved on behalf of the four victims' families.

That HC order directed United to pay the money in initial payment in 15 days of formally receiving the order.

The hospital authorities filed a petition with the SC five days later, seeking a stay on the HC directive.

The apex court stayed the HC order and asked United to move a leave to appeal petition against the HC order. The hospital authorities moved the leave to appeal petition before the Appellate Division yesterday.

Aneek R Haque, one of the lawyers who represented the victims, told The Daily Star that the family of Monir Hossain, one of the five people killed in the fire, will not get Tk 25 lakh as his family had already been paid Tk 20 lakh in initial payment by the hospital as per a settlement.

He said a rule over the final compensation for the victims is pending with the HC.

The four other people killed were Vernon Anthony Paul, 75, Riyajul Alam, 45, Khodeja Begum, 70, and Md Mahbub, 50.

### Khaleda to stay FROM PAGE 12

been suffering from arthritis, diabetics, and ophthalmological issues.

Khaleda tested Covid-19 positive on April 11 and in the follow-up test on April 24, she tested positive again.

Amid the coronavirus outbreak, the government on March 25 last year freed Khaleda from jail for six months through an executive order suspending her jail sentences in two graft cases.

Detectives at the time traced cash flow from abroad to finance the She was released from the prison cell at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University the same day. Since then, she has been staying at her Gulshan residence. On August 27 last year, the government extended Khaleda's release period for six months. It was extended for another six months on March 15 this year. On February 8, 2018, the BNP chief was sent to the Old Dhaka Central Jail after a court sentenced her to five years imprisonment in the Zia Orphanage Trust corruption case. The High Court later doubled her sentence. Khaleda was found guilty in another graft case the same year. Her party, however, claims both the cases are politically motivated.

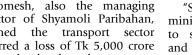
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around 30 lakh transport workers and 3 lakh owners are facing a

tough time due to the suspension of public transport services as they have no other income. Besides, owners purchased most of their vehicles taking loans from financial institutions. classified till June.

"So we are requesting the prime minister and the government to stand by transport owners and workers, one of the major economic sectors in the country, at

Abu Raihan, general secretary, Humayun Kabir, vice chairman of the association, said almost

and Suvenker Ghosh Rakesh, joint secretary of the association, among the transport sector did not get any everything, including shopping others, were present at the briefing.

মারক নং-৯৪১/ই তারিখঃ ২৯/৪/২০২১াখ্র বাগেরহাট জেলা পুলিশের ২০২০-২১ অর্থ বৎসরে বিভিন্ন প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়নের জন্য নিমুলিখিত শর্তসাপেক্ষে মেরামত/সংকার এর নিমিত্ত 'দি-পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট-২০০৮ (দ্বিতীয় সংশোধন) আইন-২০০৯ (সংশোধন) আইন-২০১০' অনুসারে সকল ঠিকাদার/প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ীগণের

۵.	হতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক দ   মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	8	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ, স্বরা	ই মরণালয় জন	নিরাপতা রিভাগ ।	
<i>২</i> .	সংস্থা	8	বলেনে বুলা, করে মজনার, জনার্মাজনিতা বিভাগ। প্রলিশ বিভাগ।			
<u>২</u> . ৩.	াংহা দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	0 8	ুলিশ সুপার, বাগেরহাট।			
8.	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী জেলা/সংস্থা	0 8	্বাগেরহাট জেলা।			
<ul> <li>নমণত্র প্রশানন্দন্দা তেলা/গংহা</li> <li>৫. দরপত্রের সূত্র ও তারিখ</li> </ul>		8	্বালেম্বর্ত জেলা। পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার ঢাকা স্মারক নং-৪৪.০১.০০০০.০৪৩.১৫৩.২০২০			
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৬.	দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি	8	মেরামত/বাগেরহাট জেলা/১৩৫৫(৪), তাং-০৪/০৪/২০২: উন্মক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (ওটিএম)।			
۵. ۹.	বাজেট এন্ড সোর্স অব ফান্ড	8	পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, ঢাকা হতে প্রাপ্ত বাজেট বরান্দ সাপেক্ষে।			
י. ד.	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	8	তারিখঃ ২৯/৪/২০২১খ্রিঃ হতে ০৩ দিনের মধ্যে।			
৯.	দারণার সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ ঃ বিজ্ঞাপন প্রকাশের পর হতে ২৫/০৫/					০০ ঘটিকা হত
ω.	তারিখ	Ů	অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।			
٥٥.	দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও	8	তারিখঃ ২৭/০৫/২০২১খ্রিঃ বেলা ০৯.০০ ঘটিকা হতে ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত,			
	সময়		পুলিশ সুপার, বাগেরহাট এর অফিস কক্ষে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাক্সে।			
32.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	8	তারিখঃ ২৭/০৫/২০২১খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকায়, পুলিশ সুপার এর কার্যালয়, বাগেরহাট।			
૪૨.	দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময়	8	তারিখঃ ২৭/০৫/২০২১খ্রিঃ বেলা ১৩.৩০ ঘটিকায়, পুলিশ সুপার এর কার্যালয়,			
			বাগেরহাট।			
১৩.	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী অফিস ও ঠিকানা	8	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, বাগেরহাট।			
\$8.	দরপত্র প্রাণ্ডির স্থান	8	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যাল	গবং খুলনা হতে দরপত্র	সিডিউল পাওয়	
			যাবে।			
۵৫.	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	8	পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়, বাগেরহাট।			
১৬.	দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা ও দরপত্রের সাথে	8				
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			কালোতালিকাভুক্ত (Blacklist) করা হবে।			
<b>۱</b> ۹.	দরপত্র আহ্বান কর্তৃপক্ষের নাম	8	জনাব কে, এম, আরিফুল হক, পিপিএম।			
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বিশেষ জ্ঞাতব্যঃ

জিডি-৮৬৫

ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠান নিজে স্বত্বাধিকারীর স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক বিজ্ঞাপন প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে ২৫/০৫/২০২১খ্রিঃ क । বেলা ০৯.০০ ঘটিকা হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। কেবলমাত্র স্ব-স্থ প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিকগণ দরপত্র ক্রয় করতে পারবেন। যদি ঠিকাদার উপস্থিত হতে না পারে সে ক্ষেত্রে মনোনীত ব্যক্তির স্বাক্ষর সত্যায়িত করে ক্ষমতা অর্পণপত্র আবেদনের সাথে দাখিল করে সিডিউল ক্রয় করতে পারবেন।

দরপত্র আব্বানকারী কর্তপক্ষ যে কোন সময় কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে দরপত্র বাতিলের ক্ষমতা রাখেন র্খ।

- গ । দরপত্রের সাথে জামানতের টাকা ব্যাংক ড্রাফট পে-অর্ভারের মাধ্যমে প্রলিশ সুপার, বাগেরহাট এর অনুকলে জমা দিতে হবে।
- ঘ। দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য সকল তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র সংগ্রহকালে নিমুস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় হতে জানা যাবে।
- প্রলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, ঢাকা হতে বরান্দ সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ প্রদান করা হবে। দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ হতে ৪৫ দিন পর্যন্ত 31 দরপত্র বলবৎ থাকবে
- দরপত্রে উল্লিখিত সময়ের মধ্যে কার্য সম্পাদন করতে হবে। শর্ত অনুযায়ী প্রকল্পের কাজ সমাপ্ত করে হস্তান্তর করতে ব্যর্থ ٦ হলে ঠিকাদারের নিকট হতে জরিমানা আদায় করা হবে।
- গহীত দরদাতা/সরবরাহকারীকে কার্যাদেশ প্রদানের পূর্বে গৃহীত দরের মোট মূল্যের উপর ১০% হারে পারফরমেন্স । ত্র সিকিউরিটি ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ভার পুলিশ সুপার, বাগেরহাট এর অনুকুলে জমা দিতে হবে এবং ৩০০/- (তিনশত) টাকার নন-জুডিশিয়াল ষ্ট্যাম্পে চুক্তিপত্র স্বাক্ষর করতে হবে
- জ। সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা ও ৩০% লিকুইডমানি ২৫/৫/২০২১খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত ব্যাংকে জমা আছে মর্মে ব্যাংক কর্তৃক দেয় প্রত্যয়নপত্র এবং বিগত ০৬ (ছয়) মাসের জমা/খরচের ব্যাংক ষ্টেটমেন্ট অবশ্যই দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে

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programmes if the bodies were kept for autopsy

The rift between the top leaders of Hefazat and Harun was reflected in the public speech he gave in front of the CMCH morgue on March 27. He said, "The responsibility for the killing in Hathazari lies with the Hefazat's top leaders. We have seen your [top Hefazat leaders'] abilities in this regard. You have no power to take away the bodies from the state. I staved here for the last 24 hours but no central leaders phoned me or asked me about the updates.

Addressing the top Hefazat leaders, he further said, "You should know that I never care about your words. We will form an alternative force with the help of young faces of the organisation.

Harun's father Mufti Izharul Islam Chowdhury, founder of the Lalkhan Bazar madrasa and former nayeb-e-ameer of Hefazat, played a significant role in spreading the Huji network across the country since the

It said when many Bangladeshi

factories supplying to international

brands consolidated their business,

many thousands of workers lost jobs

and depleted their savings without

Representative Šudipto Mukerjee

suggested a fundamental mind

shift in terms of the role and

responsibilities of the business

trends that have offset much of the

pre-Covid progress made in the

"If we want to reverse pernicious

having a safety net to fall back on.

"As Bangladesh's

several terror incidents of Lalkhan Bazar, told the Daily Star, "After coming out from jail on bail, Harun started to present himself as an Islamic scholar and enhanced his connection with a section of Hefazat leaders.'

"After the bomb blast," he added, "we put the madrasa under watch and several times raided it during unrests involving Hefazat-e-Islam."

Officials say Harun has been working to form an "updated version of Huji" hiding behind the Qawmi madrasa-based Hefazat-e-Islam and to reorganise radical activists in his Lalkhan Bazar madrasa.

Contacted, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC-Operation) of CMP's Counter Terrorism Unit Asif Mohiuddin said, "This madrasa is under our surveillance. We have collecting some data and gathered information."

Officials say Harun was detained with two others from his madrasa

implementation of the 2030 Agenda

for Sustainable Development, we

must commit ourselves to tackle

the crisis head-on and to do so

Subir and Malini Chowdhury

RMG workers suffered 35pc pay cut

The names of Harun and his father once again hogged the headlines after the blast at the madrasa hostel on October 7, 2013. Three including a bomb expert were killed in the blast, said the investigators.

attacks in Bangladesh.

in November 2009 for their plot

to attack the US Embassy with the

help of Pakistan-based terror group

on bail.

After the incident, police filed three cases with Khulshi Police Station. Harun was detained on October 10, 2013 and his father on August 7, 2015, and both later got bail.

Police submitted the charge sheet on February 10, 2014, naming nine persons including the father and son.

The whereabouts of Mufti Izharul Islam are not known

As the court is closed due to the ongoing pandemic, The Daily Star correspondent could not get the updates of the trials in the cases. Court sources said the cases were sent to the Speedy Trial Tribunal in Chattogram.

took everyone by surprise, lessons

must be learned from the experience

so that the effect of Bangladesh's

second lockdown, now underway,

causes the least harm to those who

suffered the most the last time, said

Salil Tripathi, IHRB's senior adviser

-- global issues, and the report's co-

Salam shared different initiatives

undertaken by the government,

but said, "We also need to develop

occupational health and safety

culture which can create a brand

Hassan and National Human Rights

Commission Member Kamal Uddin

BGMEA President Faruque

image and goodwill.

Labour Secretary KM Abdus

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areas but the overall polling process has been peaceful with 76.07% voter turnout recorded till 5 pm. Nearly 8.5 million people were eligible to vote in the eighth phase of polling in the state.

Winning power in the state of 90 million would be a major victory for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu-nationalist BJP, which is seeking to end a decade of rule by the state's firebrand leader Mamata Banerjee.

"In line with the Covid-19 protocols, I call upon people to cast their vote and enrich the festival of democracy," Modi tweeted yesterday.

Packed election rallies attended by mostly maskless crowds including in the restive eastern state, along with huge religious festivals, have been blamed for India's surge in cases over the past few weeks.

Before and since voting kicked off in late March, the Indian leader, along with Mamata and other minor parties, held numerous rallies before cutting back as virus cases grew.

In Assam, the Congress is up for disappointment, the NDTV exit polls suggested, with the BJP expected to retain power by winning 76 of 126 seats. The Congress, which campaigned aggressively to win back its former bastion, is likely to win 49 seats, said the polls.

In Kerala, the incumbent Left-led LDF front is likely to win 76 of 140 seats - ahead of the half-way mark - but the Congress-led UDF is close behind with 62 seats, the polls said. The BJP is set to make its presence felt with two seats, the poll of polls predicted.

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The tombs include 68 from the Buto period that began around 3300 BC and five from the Nagada III period, which was just before the emergence of Egypt's first dvnasty around 3100 BC, according to a statement from the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.

They also include 37 tombs from the time of the Hyksos, who first began migrating across the Sinai into Egypt around 1800 BC.

"This is an extremely interesting cemetery because it combines some of the earliest periods of Egyptian history with another important era, the time of the Hyksos," said Salima Ikram, an Egyptologist at the American University in Cairo.

"Egyptologists are working to understand how the Egyptians and the Hyksos lived together and to what degree the former took on Egyptian traditions.

The Buto tombs were oval-

shaped pits with the corpses placed inside in a squatting position, mostly on their left sides with the head pointing west, the ministry statement said.

Some of the tombs from the Naqada period contained cylindrical and pear-shaped vessels

The Hyksos tombs were mainly semi-rectangular with the corpses lying in an extended position and the head also facing west.

Rare tombs from pre-Pharaonic

### Centre for Bangladesh Studies second Director Sanchita Saxena said it lockdown is underway, the findings is extremely critical, now more offer a cautionary tale on how brands than ever, to engage in research to and supply chains should respond." understand the impacts of Covid-19 UNDP Bangladesh Resident throughout the world.

"In Bangladesh, while the pandemic has disproportionately affected vulnerable communities, it has been particularly detrimental for the workers at the very bottom of global supply chains in the nation's many garment factories," stated

While the scale of the pandemic Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.

together.