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He also requested Nixon to send a reply to Pakistan President Yahya Khan's letter, which according to him "would give him [Yahya] an excuse to answer all the things by saying, listing all the things he's doing because he can't get any publicity here".

As to the content of the letter to Yahya, Kissinger suggested, "You just say you hope the refugees will soon be able to go back to East Pakistan. He will then reply to you [saying] that's exactly what he wants. I've got it all arranged with the embassy. Then you can take credit. You can tell the Indians to pipe down and we'll keep Yahya happy."

Nixon agreed with Kissinger and said, "The Indians need—what they need really is a... a mass famine. But they aren't going to get that. We're going to feed them—a new kind of wheat. But if they're not going to have a famine the last thing they need is another war. Let the goddamn Indians fight a war."

NAZRUL'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

The exiled government of Bangladesh today observed the 72nd birthday of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at a simple ceremony. A spokesman of the Bangladesh government told reporters that on the occasion of the rebel poet's birthday the Bangladesh people renewed their pledge to eliminate the West Pakistani troops and their scyphants from the soil of Bangladesh. Hossain Ali, chief of Bangladesh Mission in Kolkata, paid floral tribute to the poet on behalf of the Bangladesh government.

BANGLADESH DEVELOPMENTS A THREAT TO INDIA: INDIRA

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi reiterated in the Lok Sabha today that the developments in Bangladesh posed a threat to security of India and also to the peace in South-East Asia. Indira Gandhi, who was winding up a debate on Bangladesh, regretted that when democracy had so brutally been destroyed in Bangladesh, "we do not hear much comment nor do we see the spontaneous response" that was expected from abroad.

While urging the members to have faith in "the courageous people of Bangladesh and their determination to fight for their rights", the Indian prime minister did not commit the government on the question of recognition of the Bangladesh government.

She repeated, "The matter is constantly under review. We have given deep and anxious thought to all aspects."

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Police claim

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over the construction of boundary gates and pillars at Awal's Ali Nagar project in Pallabi.

Awal planned to kill Shahinuddin and his staffer Sumon was assigned to execute the plan in return for a huge amount of money. Sumon, with the help of others, hacked Shahinuddin to death on May 16, he said.

Sumon was given Tk 20,000 in advance for the murder. The rest of the money was supposed to be given after the murder, said AKM Hafiz.

The DB Additional Commissioner said the information was given by the three accused in their confessional statements before court, in our investigation and in statements given to police by other arrestees.

The DB has so far arrested 10 people, including six named accused -- MA Awal, Sumon Byapari, Md Titu, Md Dipu, Babu alias Baitte Babu and Md Murad.

Four others, whose involvement was found in Shahinuddin's murder -- They are Rocky Talukder, Nur Mohammad Hasan, Iqbal and Sharif -- were also arrested.

Two accused in the case Monir and Manik were allegedly killed in "gunfight" with Rab and the DB.

Hafiz said the FIR had 20 named accused in the case and that they were trying to arrest them all, adding that the investigation is currently at its final stage.

Sumon Bepari confessed to a magistrate on Monday that he hired 12 other goons to kill the trader upon former lawmaker Awal's instructions.

After being attacked three times in last six years, receiving numerous death threats, and even after filing general diaries in this regard, Shahinuddin was attacked and brutally killed on May 16 in front of his 7-year-old son.

The following day, his mother filed a murder case with Pallabi Police Station.

Indonesia arrests four for stealing vaccines meant for prisoners

AFP, Medan

Four people have been arrested in Indonesia for allegedly stealing Covid-19 vaccines marked for prisoners and selling them to the public, authorities said yesterday.

The suspects took more than 1,000 doses made by China's Sinovac from the prisoners' quota, offering them to buyers in the capital Jakarta and in North Sumatra's Medan city for around 250,000 rupiah (\$17) each

Cops to miss deadline for probe report

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Earlier, Mohammad Maksud, head of the department, said, "It might take a month and a half or two to get the final autopsy report."

Police on April 26 recovered the body of the girl hanging from the ceiling fan in her bedroom. Her legs were touching the bed and both knees were a little bent.

The following day, her sister sued the Sayem Sobhan Anvir for abetting her death by suicide.

Meanwhile, the victim's elder sister, who filed the case, on Sunday said, "We have still been receiving threats."

"This time people well-known to us and even relatives are asking us not to proceed with the case," she added.

On Sunday, she told our Cumilla correspondent, "One such person offered us money on Thursday with condition that we have to remain quiet."

Govt to give them cash support

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institutional quarantine of workers upon arrival in Saudi Arabia.

The official mentioned that they already wrote to the civil aviation and tourism ministry to offer "special airfares" to the migrant workers to lessen their financial burden in going to the Middle East countries.

Around 6,500 migrant workers were thrown into uncertainty about joining work in Saudi Arabia after the kingdom on May 10 issued a travel advisory effective from May 20 for a number of countries, including Bangladesh.

According to the advisory, migrant workers have to spend an additional Tk 60,000-Tk 70,000 for 7-day institutional quarantine in Saudi Arabia if they aren't vaccinated.

The workers must have medical insurance for Covid-19 and hotel reservations for institutional quarantine it mentioned.

The Saudi authorities said the violators of the rules will be deported and banned from entering the country.

Following the fresh travel advisory,

She, however, refused to disclose the identities of the persons who are offering them money or asking them to keep mum.

She added, "They have threatened us both (the complainant and her husband) to be terminated from our bank jobs. They are trying to make us financially damaged for refusing their proposals. We are scared."

Mizanur Rahman, husband of the complainant, said they were under pressure from different quarters to withdraw the case against Anvir.

He also alleged that the Bashundhara group was trying to cover up the case.

Earlier on May 1, the family filed a General Diary with Kotwali Model Police Station in Cumilla after unknown people threaten them of dire consequences over the phone.

He also said that they contacted Gulshan police over the phone to

know the investigation progress recently and police only told them that the investigation was ongoing.

"Police also told us that for investigation Gulshan police will visit Cumilla," he added.

Contacted, Abul Hasan, investigation officer of the case and officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station, refused to make any comment.

The grieved family of the college girl also expressed frustration and dissatisfaction as police have not yet arrested or even interrogated Anvir.

"My sister was in a relationship with Anvir who promised her to marry and settle abroad. On April 26 morning, my sister called me and said Anvir would not marry her and had scolded her. She also said she was in trouble and an accident may happen anytime," said the victim's elder sister.

Bangladesh Biman suspended all its 18 weekly flights to Saudi Arabia for nine days from May 20, saying it needs time to make arrangements to comply with the travel advisory.

The national flag carrier is yet to complete the arrangements.

Sources at the expatriates' welfare ministry said the ministry is trying its best to help the migrant workers from the Wage Earners Welfare Fund.

"We are trying to figure out how much we will be able to provide them from the fund," a high-up of the ministry told The Daily Star yesterday.

"We want to provide cash assistance. But we need to figure out who will get it and how," the official added.

Different recruiting agencies have already written to the ministry, seeking support to address the problems of the migrant workers.

On May 23, Recruiting Agency Friends Associates (RAFA) and Sommitlo Somonnoy Front separately wrote to the expatriates' welfare minister, seeking financial support for the Saudi-

bound workers to help them cover the expenses of institutional quarantine in the Kingdom and Covid-19 tests.

In its letter, RAFA said the recruiting agencies and the workers have already been affected badly due to the huge hike in airfares.

Saudi Arabia is the largest manpower export market for Bangladesh. At least 26 lakh expatriates are working in different sectors in the kingdom.

Indian couple

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newlyweds were on the jet Sunday.

The couple, who have not been named, were married as the Spicejet plane flew over the historic Meenakshi Amman temple on its way from Madurai to Bangalore, the Hindustan Times newspaper said.

Film and photos of the on board celebrations were posted on social media. They show people with flowers around their necks and taking selfies, but could not be immediately verified by AFP.

It looks uncertain

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Regarding women empowerment, Hasina said the process to empower women was initiated by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman just after Bangladesh's independence.

"We are just following his path to empower women in all sectors of society -- from politics to administration," she said.

The PM said currently the leader of the house, opposition leader of the house, speaker of parliament and deputy leader of the house in Bangladesh are women.

She said the government has also ensured food security in Bangladesh apart from expanding the social safety net.

Bozgir said they were thinking about holding the General Assembly this year with the physical presence of heads of governments. "We're thinking of allowing a delegation of one-plus persons from each country

in this year's UNGA," he said.

He highly appreciated the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the remarkable progress in gender parity and women empowerment in Bangladesh. "Bangladesh has achieved tremendous success led by a lady prime minister."

About Bangladesh's graduation from the LDC status, Bozgir said Bangladesh has become an example before the whole world. "The people of Bangladesh are very courageous, and they'll carry it forward," he said.

Turning to the Rohingya issue, the UNGA president highly praised the generosity of Bangladesh for giving shelter to over one million Rohingyas.

PM's daughter Saima Wazed, who is also the chairperson of the Bangladesh National Advisory Committee for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders, and Ambassador-at-Large Mohammad Ziauddin were present during the meeting.

Over 200 villages

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Daily Star yesterday.

Low-lying areas of Khulna, Satkhira, Bagerhat, Jhalakathi, Pirojpur, Barguna, Patuakhali, Barishal, Bhola, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Feni, Chandpur and Chattogram will be inundated, the Met office said.

People from these districts will also experience storm winds along with rainfall, the Met office added.

The Met office advised the maritime ports of Bangladesh to hoist cautionary signal number three.

Wind with a speed of 40-50km per hour may cross over the ports. Anchored boats and trawlers could be damaged by the cyclone storm.

The authorities concerned have cancelled operation of water vessels as river remains very rough.

At least 70 villages in Patuakhali and Barguna were inundated yesterday, affecting over 40,000 people.

Local administrations were working to evacuate people.

Till filing of this report yesterday evening, many were taken to cyclone centres and some were on the way to safe shelters. But many others were still in their homes.

In Barguna, over 50 villages were flooded as water of different rivers were flowing above the danger level. Several thousand have been marooned.

"Flood protection dam of our area collapsed, resulting in inundation of many houses in our village. My house has also been damaged," said Shamsul Haque, of East Rupdhon village in Patharghata upazila.

In Patuakhali, at least 21 villages were inundated.

Around 6km embankment of Lualu union in Kalapara upazila and about 10km embankment in Charanda, South Chharmontaj and Chalitabunia unions of Rangabali upazila were washed away yesterday morning.

Water level of the Andharmanik river was flowing 23cm above the danger level, said officials concerned.

Rangabali Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mashfaqur Rahman said water was entering localities due to tidal surges. Many people have already been marooned. The local administration

Islamophobia a 'problem' in UK's ruling party: probe

AFP, London

Islamophobia within Britain's ruling Conservative Party is a problem both at an individual level and beyond but falls short of "institutional racism", an independent investigation concluded yesterday.

The centre-right party has been dogged for years by accusations of anti-Muslim sentiment that have been levelled against members, including Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Johnson's comments comparing Muslim women in veils to letterboxes and bank robbers in a newspaper column in 2018, contributed to a "widespread" perception that the Tories have a "Muslim problem", it said.

"Anti-Muslim sentiment remains a problem within the party. This is damaging to the party, and alienates a significant section of society," the investigation led by Swaran Singh, a former commissioner at the Equality and Human Rights Commission, found.

Singh said he believed the report was "going to be very uncomfortable for the party", adding he hoped it would "spur them into action".

The investigation said since 2015 the "bulk" of discrimination complaints had been made over anti-Muslim allegations.

Of 1,418 complaints relating to 727 incidents of alleged discrimination, more than two-thirds of the incidents -- 496 cases -- related to Islam.

While the report found "there were examples of anti-Muslim discrimination by individuals and groups at local association level," it said those problems fell short of claims of "institutional racism".

The report said there was no evidence that complaints related to Islam are treated differently from those related to other forms of discrimination.

Johnson told Singh's probe he was "sorry for any offence taken" over his 2018 column and added he would not use "some of the offending language from my past writings" now that he was prime minister.

Mushfiqur, bowlers deliver

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catches as the hosts completed a dominating win and reached the top of the ICC ODI Super League points table with 50 points.

Sri Lanka, on the other hand, repeated the same mistakes from the first game and kept losing wickets at regular intervals, with Danushka Gunathilaka's 24 being the highest of the innings.

Off-spinner Mehedi Hasan Miraz was once again instrumental, bagging three wickets for 28 runs in his 10 overs while Mustafizur Rahman took three wickets too. Shakib AL Hasan picked up two wickets and equalled Mashrafe Bin Mortaza as the highest wicket-taker for the Tigers in ODIs with 269 wickets while debutant Shoriful Islam picked up one wicket.

Earlier, Bangladesh were in some sort of trouble after electing to bat first. Skipper Tamim Iqbal smashed three boundaries and got a life in the very first over from Isuru Udana but could not make the opportunity count.

The left-hander was trapped leg-before to a fast Dushmantha Chameera delivery in the very next over on 13 before the seamer dismissed Shakib in the same over pretty much in a similar fashion.

Shakib, for the second consecutive game, missed out with the bat and was trapped leg before without troubling the scorers as Bangladesh were struggling at 15 for two.

Liton Das, desperate to return to form after scoring a duck in the previous game, remained watchful early in his innings and it seemed that the right-handed batsman would be able to score big.

But that was not the case as Liton was dismissed in a rather soft manner when he handed an easy catch at point, going for a cut to a long-hop from Chinaman bowler Lakshan Sandakan after scoring 25 off 42 balls.

Mosaddek Hossain, included in place of Mohammad Mithun at number five, wasn't able to make an

impact with the bat and was caught down the leg side off Sandakan for 10 as Bangladesh lost four wickets for 74 inside 16 overs.

Then it was once again the two experienced campaigners -- Mushfiqur and Mahmudullah Riyad -- who bailed the team out like the first ODI.

The pair started the rebuilding job and remained cautious but slowly started to take control over the bowlers, with Mushfiqur being the more aggressive.

Although Mahmudullah was eventually dismissed by Sandakan after scoring 41 off 58 balls; he had added 87 runs for the fifth wicket to navigate a tricky situation.

But the job was not done yet for the Tigers who still needed to post a decent total and it was down to Mushfiqur who emerged as their saviour.

Despite losing partners at the other end, Mushfiqur made sure he scored as many runs as possible. The right-hander also didn't try a single reverse-sweep after getting out trying a reverse-sweep at a crucial time in the last ODI.

Although rain interrupted the game twice, it couldn't stop Mushfiqur from registering his eighth ODI ton off 114 balls. The 34-year old went on and was eventually dismissed as the last batsman with eleven balls to spare after scoring 125 off 127 balls.

India's Covid

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that the entire region could be the next hot spot of the virus, officials said yesterday.

The country's overall officially recorded case load since the start of the pandemic now stands at 26.95 million.

There are serious concerns that many new infections are not being reported, due to a dearth of testing in the countryside, where the virus has spread to from the cities.

Deaths due to Covid-19 amounted to 3,511 in the last 24 hours, bringing the total since the pandemic first stuck over a year ago to 307,231, according to health ministry data.

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