



Jamil Ashraf Mintu, owner of Yousuf Dairy and Cattle Fattening Farm at Bansbari in Saidpur upazila of Nilphamari, tends local variety of cattle reared at the farm while Upazila Livestock Officer Dr Md Rashedul Haque looks on.

Online cattle market in Nilphamari attracts buyers during coronavirus

Govt livestock dept checks animals' health and issues certificates ahead of Eid-ul-Azha

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As Eid-ul-Azha approaches, online cattle market becomes popular in remote Saidpur upazila of the northern district as this practice ensures maintenance of health rules and social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic.

Many buyers even from other areas including Rangpur city are giving order online for buying sacrificial animals as local officials of government livestock department verify health status of each animal before sale and issues health certificate, inscribing age, variety, weight and other information of the animal.

The pioneer of online cattle market in the area is Jamil Ashraf Mintu, 38, of Bansbari area in Saidpur upazila town.

Instead of looking for jobs, the educated youth set up a cattle farm named 'Yousuf Dairy and Cattle Fattening Farm' on own land with four oxen in 2012.

Now there are 302 oxen and bulls in Mintu's farm and he has gained trust of buyers as his animals raised for sacrificial purposes are purely of local variety and those are reared naturally, feeding grass, bran, straw etc.

Steroids and hormones are never used in his farm.

Mintu said, "Buyers choose cattle through video call with smartphone and

the livestock department's certificate makes them confident as we sent its photo to customer's Facebook messenger."

"After settling the animal's price, we receive the money in advance through online banking and make the delivery of animals with our own transport," he added.

By this time, 105 oxen have already been sold online from his farm although the Eid-ul-Azha is still three weeks away.

Dewan Kamal Ahmed, mayor of Nilphamari municipality, who purchased an ox from there online, said, "They also agreed to keep the animal in the farm for taking care till the Eid day for a small amount of service charge, which is an additional privilege."

Afsana Rahman, 45, owner of Rabeya cattle fattening farm of Kamarpukur area, said online cattle trading is useful for both buyers and sellers as it could be performed without coming in physical contact in unusual days of coronavirus pandemic.

Dr Md Rashedul Haque, Saidpur upazila livestock officer, said, "We provide all out support to promote online cattle market for ensuring health rules during the Covid-19 situation."

To create customers' confidence, we issue health certificates of sacrificial animals after being sure that they are disease-free and reared in natural procedure, he added.

Man held for raping schoolgirl

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Police arrested a man on Tuesday in connection with a case for raping a schoolgirl in Kasba upazila last month.

The 11-year-old victim is a Class V student at a local primary school.

Police arrested Yousuf Mia, 45, son of late Abdul Hamid Mia, from Syedbad village in the upazila on Tuesday and produced him before a court yesterday that sent him to jail.

Earlier on June 3, victim's father, also a freedom fighter, filed a case with Kasba Police Station against his neighbours Yousuf and Shafiqullah for allegedly raping the fifth-grader on June 1, Officer in Charge (OC) of the police station Mohammad Lokman Hossain said. The law enforcers were conducting drives to arrest the other accused of the case, the OC added.

Youth drowns in floodwater

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

A youth drowned in floodwater in Kurigram's Chilmaria upazila yesterday.

The deceased, Raku Mia, 21, was son of Hamidul Haque of Nalarpar village in the upazila.

Locals and victim's family members said Raku was fishing in floodwater near his house yesterday morning.

At one stage, he suddenly fell into the floodwater and drowned.

Later, locals spotted his body floating in the floodwater and recovered it, Thanahat Union Parishad Chairman Abdur Razzak Milon said.

Dummy houses mushrooming in vacant land beside airport

Landowners building those to get better compensation in case their land is acquired for a proposed air force base there

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Within a span of only two months, over one hundred dummy houses sprung up on agricultural or otherwise unused land adjoining the proposed air force base beside the current airport in Barishal's Babuganj upazila.

Many of the new houses, brick or wood-tin structure, cannot be accessed from roads in the locality, under Khanpura village of Rahmatpur union. Some do not even have any bathroom or kitchen. And the ones that have those, they lack power connections or access to fresh water.

Locals said they built the houses after hearing that a large area of the village would be acquired by the government for an air force base and

the new houses would ensure better compensation for their land.

One such house owner is Sirajul Islam Pintu. He said so far, at least a hundred new houses have been built near the proposed base in the last few months.

"More than 150 of my relatives, who own nearly 20 acres of land here, have been building new houses. Although we haven't been notified of our land being acquired [for the air force base], we thought it would be helpful for us [if we did so]," he said.

Sabina Begum of the same village said she also built a new tin-roofed house in the area and, if necessary, she might stay in the new house too.

Contacted, Shahidul Islam, additional deputy commissioner

(revenue) in Barisal, said under the proposed plan for the air force base, around 158 acres of land, which is about one-third of the area in Khanpura village, would be needed to be acquired from the village.

The district administration has started preliminary work in this regard and they would soon send to the land ministry their proposal for the acquisition of 158 acres of land in the village. The actual acquisition work would start only after the ministry's approval to the proposal.

Ensuring that no one would gain any advantage by adopting unethical means, Shahidul said, "We already gathered video recording of the entire area. So, the recent construction there will bear no additional benefit."



Workers build a new house on the yard of an existing house, near the proposed site of an air force base next to the current airport in Barishal's Babuganj upazila. The photo was taken this Sunday.

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