



BONES AND HORNS EARN FOREX

BONES, horns, hooves, jawbones of cattle are no more considered waste. These parts are currently processed and exported for use in medicine production. Poultry feeds are also made from throwaway horns and bones. Some pharmaceutical companies buy ground bones and horns. Based on these raw materials, taken from bulls and buffaloes, a few 'bone factories' have been set up in Matuail and Mridhabari in the city. The owner of one such factory - The Bone Mills, said they buy the material from butchers, slaughterhouse workers and street urchins better known as *tokai*. They sell a mound of horns and bones between Tk 80 to Tk 100 while processed horns and bones are sold at Tk 170 to Tk. 180. Around 30 people work in a factory and they are paid a daily wage of Tk 6080.

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