

# Prices to come down to reasonable level by Dec

## Says BDR DG

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mahfil and iftar party.

Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed said the prices of essentials shot up due to the price hike in the international market as well as political instability in the country.

Referring to the success of BDR-run 'Dal-Bhat operation' and 'Fair Price Shops' in controlling the prices of essentials, the BDR DG said there have been some domestic constraints and obstacles to controlling the prices.

"There has been shortage of supply and the production has also been disrupted by two-phase floods. It is not easy to contain the price hike immediately. So, the government, traders and all have to work together to achieve the complete success," he said.

He was addressing a discussion arranged by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) at its conference room.

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He also urged the business community to spend their Zakat

money on foods for flood-affected people.

FBCCI leaders, former FBCCI president Yusuf Abdullah Harun and incumbent Director A Rauf Chowdhury also took part in the discussion.

Yusuf Abdullah Harun proposed to create a joint fund of Tk 250 crore by the business community, government and the banks for providing daily essentials to poor and low-income people during the month of Ramadan.

Mir Nasir Hossain said criminalisation and indiscipline still exist in the country's market system, which has become a major obstacle to controlling price hike.

He urged the business community to make reasonable profit as a step to help contain the price spiral.

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