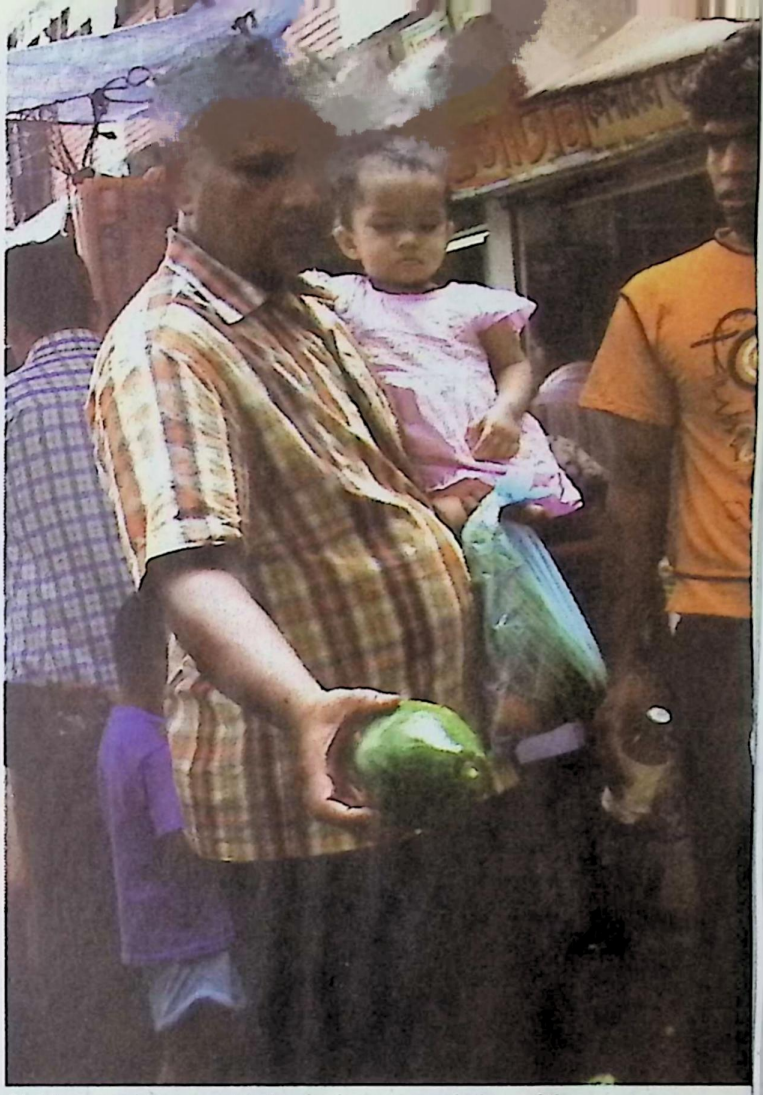
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burden of these outrageous costs" says Mahmud. He states his case by saying, "I talked of two policy areas and rightfully the first should deal with food security and food management policies. That would cover topics such as food import, food stocks and public food distribution." If as Dr Mahmud says a taskforce could be set up, then this spiralling problem could be dealt with, instead of hampering the lives of millions of people around the country.

His second suggestion goes further to the root of the problem, "what they (the government) should also look into is agricultural production support. That should cover procurement and distribution of agricultural input, investment in dissemination of research and crop technology," he says. There is a saying that one hand feeds the other and his two suggestions could be said to be doing the same, only in a positive manner. Agricultural production support is first and foremost a job creator and sustainer, which is exactly what the millions of farmers of this country need. The effect they may have is easy to understand. Currently farmers are just as starved and poor as the rest of the country which is a pathetic thought because they are the people who provide us with the food we eat. Without them the prices we would have to pay for food would even be well beyond what we are paying now, they are the unheralded heroes of this price hike we are all living though, they are the very people who manage to keep prices within touching distance of what is affordable. With the proper production support farmers should be able to grow their crops in a more organised and orderly manner. They should earn more from their produce and at least they should be able to live with affordable food prices along with a decent stable income. But that may all be just a bridge too far.