

Healthy cow fattening good for livestock and consumers

(SHYKH SERAJ)

In the days before Eid-ul-Azha those in the know will make a special trip to an unlikely destination: Ramergaon village in Munshiganj. There, people will seek out three brothers: Binu Matbor, Abul Hossain and Monir Hossain, who have established quite a reputation. The brothers are renowned for selling quality cows.

During the Eid season demand for cows reaches its annual peak, with approximately 30 lakh cows expected to be sold nationally. In this season farmers are keen to have stock looking their healthy best for market.

In recognition of cow fattening practices used by farmers hoping for optimal profits, the Department of Livestock Services has developed legal fattening methods and trained nearly 600,000 farmers in healthy cow-fattening procedures this year.

Nonetheless, in recent years there have been increasing instances of unscrupulous cattle traders harnessing illegal fattening methods to the detriment of livestock and public health. The purchasing public has become cautious, the reason the three brothers are so sought after.

"People trust us," says Binu proudly. "Our family farms cows responsibly." "We only sell medicine-free cows," says Abul. "I've never administered cow-fattening medicines. I never will."

To fatten cows in a healthy manner, the brothers feed them oil cake, green grass and various crop materials including wheat chaff, lentil powder, corn, rice



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Media personality and agriculture development activist Shykh Seraj talks with one of the owners of a cow rearing farm at Ramergaon village in Munshiganj recently.

husks and grass pea, a legume locally called khesari.

Like many of their neighbours, the brothers concentrate their cow rearing on Eid demand, while also running a dairy throughout the year. They believe the Qurbani sacrifice that drives their livelihoods to be a blessing to them also, which brings encouragement for them not to pollute the sacrifice with dishonest cow-fattening techniques.

Fortunately, other Munshiganj cattle raisers are also choosing to pursue healthy fattening, which is

good news on the back of last year when many consumers were deceived into buying toxic, sickly cattle; with many cows dying on Eid day and needing to be buried rather than consumed.

Yet with hormone and steroid sellers still active, the relevant motto remains: 'Let the buyer beware.' For people scouring cattle markets in search of the right animal to meet budget and need, the brothers are able to offer some basic advice.

"Cows that are overly fat are not healthy," says Binu, "Feeding them only natural

foods will make them medium in size. These cows are strong, while medicated cows can barely walk; such cows only look fat due to excessive water retention."

"A sick or medicated cow will dribble saliva and always be panting," advises Monir. "It can't be said what's in it but some farmers even mix wood powder in the feed." Ingesting wood powder can lead to swollen and damaged livers.

Dear readers, may your sacrificial animals this Eid-ul-Azha be healthy, and bring great blessings to you and your families.



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Court exempts Probir Sikdar from appearing in person

A CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A Faridpur court yesterday exempted Journalist Probir Sikdar from personal appearance in a case filed under the Information and Communication Technology Act for "tarnishing the image" of LGRD Minister Khandaker Mosharrif Hossain.

Faridpur Senior Judicial Magistrate Hamidul Islam also fixed December 6 for the next hearing.

Mostafa Zaman Ujjal, lawyer for the journalist, said the order came after they had filed a petition to the court, seeking exemption on medical grounds.

Probir, who was present at the court, expressed satisfaction. On August 16, he was picked up from his office in the capital's Indira Road in the case filed with Faridpur Sadar police in connection with one of his Facebook posts.

Expressing fear for his life, Probir in the post said that the minister, controversial businessman Moosa bin Shamsar and condemned fugitive war criminal Abul Kalam Azad would be responsible if he were killed.

Local Awami League leader Swapna Kumar Paul, also assistant public prosecutor of Faridpur Judge's Court, lodged the lawsuit, claiming the post had "tarnished the image" of the minister.

Probir's arrest created a huge stir among the people. Many labelled the incident "an abuse of power."

Following his arrest, Probir was taken to a Faridpur court which granted a three-day remand for him.

However, he was released on bail on August 19, only a day after he was placed on remand.

16 missing Bangladesh fishermen in Indian jail

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Sixteen fishermen who went missing in the Bay on September 12 are now in an Indian jail.

Law enforcers from Kakdweep Police Station under 24 Parganas district arrested them on charge of intrusion and later sent them to jail.

The fishermen are Kuddus Mridha, 45, Amin, 45, Saiful Howlader, 25, Nasir Howlader, 27, Bilal Fakir, 38, Rakibul Khan, 37, Belal Sikder, 27, Monir Mridha, 28, Russel Mridha, 19, Majedee Hasan, 26, of Najibpur village; Md. Polash, 30, Anwar Hossain, 45, of Khajura village; Elias Sikder, 29, Monir Hossain,

26, and Saiful Islam, 29, of Noorpur village under Kalapara upazila in the district; and Israfil, 19, of Nurabad village under Charfashon upazila of Bhola district. Name of the other trawler could not be known.

Ansar Uddin Mollah, president of Kuakata-Alipur Fishermen's Cooperative Association, said the fishermen went missing after the engine of their fishing trawler went out of order.

Md Abul Kasem, owner of the trawler, said the fishermen sailed on September 12 from Alipur fish landing station and went missing the same day. As the engine of their boat went out of order, it drifted into Indian maritime boundary.

"I filed a general diary with Kalapara police station in this regard as the Indian authorities informed me about the matter over my cellphone," he said.

Ansar Uddin Mollah said the president of West Bengal United Fishermen's Association informed him about the matter.

"After hearing the news, the families of the missing fishermen have been urging us to take steps to bring them back from Indian jail as soon as possible," he added.

Contacted, Md Moniruzzaman, officer-in-charge (Inquiry) of Kalapara Police Station, said the police have informed the matter to the higher authorities to take necessary steps in this regard.

Criminals looting 'green belt' trees in Patuakhali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Illegal felling and stealing of trees goes on unabated in the green belt project at Balaikathi village under Patuakhali Sadar upazila. Forest officials in a drive seized nine felled trees from a nearby canal.

The Patuakhali forest department planted trees in Patuakhali Sadar upazila under the green belt project on a 6-km stretch of road from Mannan Howlader's house to Baniabari at Balaikathi village in 1998.

An identified gang often looted trees from the project site, said Md Jhantu Mridha, chairman of the garden committee.

The gang cut down five ashmoni trees at the local Ashrayan project point on

Saturday night. Hearing the sound, Salim Fakir, a resident of the Ashrayan project, rushed to the spot but the trees cutters chased him away. Later, the gang took away trees from the spot.

On hearing about the theft, Altaf Hossain, Patuakhali Sadar beat officer of the forest department, recovered nine trees from Balaikathi canal on Monday with the help of locals.

"We will take action after investigation," said Altaf Hossain. A case has been filed with Patuakhali Police Station in this regard, he added.

Meanwhile, local influential looted trees worth over Tk 50,000 from the yard of Abdur Rashid Mridha, son of freedom fighter Anaj Uddin Mridha, on September 16. Rashid Mridha filed a case in this

regard with the Senior Judicial Magistrate's Court, Kalapara, on Wednesday. The Court asked Tariquzzaman Tara, chairman of Lalua Union Parishad, to investigate the matter and submit a report by October 21.

According to the case, Shahabuddin Akon, Anisur Rahman and Ashish Biswas looted about 50 trees from Rashid Mridha's yard.

"When I objected against cutting of the trees, they threatened us," said Rashid Mridha, a member of the Muktioddha Command unit of Kalapara upazila.

Contacted Shahabuddin Akon said "I bought the land and I cut down trees on that land."

When asked if he had any documents in support of his claim, he couldn't answer.

One to die, 7 get life for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

The District and Sessions Judge's Court here yesterday sentenced a man to death and seven others to life imprisonment for killing a madrasa student in Monohardi upazila of the district in 2011.

Death penalty awardee Farid Mian and lifers Mostafa Hossain, Jakir Hossain Babul, Siam Mian, Tauhid Mian, Sanaullah, Dulal Mian, and Joyanal Mian are from Kayetgeraon village.

According to the case statement, Mahfuz Hossain, 16, a Class X student of Barachapa Karamali Senior Madrasa, was stabbed to death by the eight.

Minor boy rescued, abductor beaten to death in Jhenidah

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

An alleged abductor was killed and another injured in mob beating at Rajapur village in Sadar upazila on Monday.

The deceased, Idris Ali, 38, son of Nehal Munshi of Gosaidanga village in Shaikupa upazila, used to live at a rented house in Beparipara area of the district town.

Critically injured Rabeya Khatun, 32, wife of Kaiyum Mollah of Char Dharla village in Sadar upazila, is now undergoing treatment at Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

Quoting locals, police said the duo picked up Shakil

Ahmed, 3, son of Ujjal Hossain of the village from in front of his house on Monday afternoon and tried to flee the area in a rickshaw.

As the boy started screaming, locals rushed in, caught the duo and rescued the boy. They beat up the abductors mercilessly and informed the police, said Hasan Hafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Sadar Police Station.

Police went to the spot and took the critically injured abductors to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital where Idris succumbed to his injuries around 7:30pm, the OC added.

SNIPPETS

Man held on rape charge

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

The prime accused in a rape case was arrested by Senbag police with the help of Lalbag Police Station of Dhaka early yesterday. The arrestee is Md Raju, son of Nur Hossain Tabarak Ali Pakistani of Idilpur village under Senbag upazila of the district. Abdur Razzak, officer-in-charge of Senbag Police Station, said law enforcers arrested Raju from Kamrangir Char under Lalbag Police Station, tracking his mobile phone.

3 arrested with firearms

OUR CRRESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Police yesterday arrested three people with arms and ammunitions from Chandonra village in Nachole upazila of the district. The arrestees are Abdul Khaleq, 40, son of Toslimuddin, Imam Hossain, 35, and Mohammad Shahin, 25, of Telkupi village under Shibganj upazila. Sub-Inspector Shahidul Islam of Nachole Police Station said a police team, acting on a tip-off, intercepted two motorcycles at the village at around 2:30pm and arrested the three. Police also seized two pistols, six bullets and four magazines from their possession.

Two kids drown

UNB, Kushtia

Two children drowned in separate incidents at Pakuria Bhangapara and Pragpur Kamarpara in Daulatpur upazila yesterday. The deceased were identified as Sumon, 3, son of Ali Hossain of Pakuria Bhangapara village, and Swadhin, 6, son of Abdus Sattar of Pragpur Kamarpara of the upazila. Locals said Sumon suddenly fell into a pond adjacent to their house while he was playing on its bank at about 10:30am. In another incident, Swadhin went to Matha Bhangar River near his house around 2:00pm on Monday for taking bath. At one stage, he drowned in the river.

Student electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A diploma student died from electrocution at Miapara village in Aghoria upazila of the district on Monday. The deceased, Emon Biswas, 22, son of late Hashem Ali Biswas of the village, was a final-year student of a diploma course at Mymensingh Talib Ali Medical College. Witnesses said Emon was electrocuted while he was removing wet cloths from an electric wire in the yard around 6:30pm.

16 gold bars seized, one held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) arrested a man with 16 gold bars worth about Tk 70 lakh at Benapole land port in Jessore district yesterday. The arrestee is Hanif Ali, 35, son of Sahar Ali of Gatipara village under Benapole Port Police Station. The bars weighing 1.6 kilograms were kept inside the soles of sandals of the arrestee. Hanif tried to enter India with the gold bars through the border, said Col Jahangir Hossain, commanding officer of BGB-26 Battalion. A case was filed in this connection, said the CO.

Move to dig

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digging the canals and advised them not to be afraid. She said a large area has been occupied by land grabbers there.

If necessary, the armed forces would be deployed, planning ministry officials quoted her as saying.

The prime minister directed the ministry concerned to send her the list of illegally occupied land as per the CS Khatian.

Responding to some media houses' criticism of the canal project, she said they had grabbed the land of many out of greed.

The PM said there were canals by the side of every street in Dhaka city but as those had been filled up, the capital plunged into the waterlogging problem.

According to the proposal, the project aims to solve persistent waterlogging in Nikunja, Baridhara, Joar Sahara, DOHS, Cantonment, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Kalachandpur and adjoining areas.

It also aims to increase

the groundwater recharging capacity and improve the environment in the areas concerned. There would be walkways for people and improved infrastructure.

Under the project, about 99 acres of land would be acquired at an estimated cost of Tk 4,429 crore. Over Tk 200 crore would be required for demolishing existing structures.

The Ecneq yesterday also okayed the third phase of Cox's Bazar-Teknaf Marine Drive project at a cost of Tk 203 crore.

The project proposal said the Marine Drive would link upazilas like Ukhiya and Teknaf with Cox's Bazar district along the beach. It would also be used as an alternative road alongside the existing Cox's Bazar-Teknaf road.

The Marine Drive would also contribute to the improvement of military, political and economic relations with Myanmar, it said.

The Ecneq also gave its nod to the setting up of another power project at Ashuganj at a cost of Tk

2,931 crore. Of the amount, 80 percent would come from the Asian Development Bank and the Islamic Development Bank.

The Ashuganj 400MW Combined Cycle Power Plant (east) is expected to be completed by 2020. The plant would have a 289MW gas turbine and a 135MW steam turbine.

Another large-scale power plant is now being implemented in Ashuganj.

In 2011, an initiative was taken to set up a 450MW combined cycle power plant in Ashuganj (north).

It was scheduled for completion in June this year, but as of March, only Tk 720 crore was spent from its budget of Tk 3,400 crore. This fiscal year, Tk 660 crore has been allocated for the project, sources said.

The ADB and the IDB is financing 88 percent of this project.

The project would be implemented by Ashuganj Power Station Company, which also has a 671MW plant at the site.

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1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Agriculture
2	Agency	Soil Resource Development Institute
3	Procuring entity name	Program Director, "Offline Digital Fertilizer Recommendation Program".
4	Procuring entity code	N/A.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Supply of Laptop & Desktop Computer with Printer.
7	Invitation Ref No.	No. Mrittika/ODFRP/Tender No: 01/2015-2016/46
8	Date	21/09/2015
9	Procurement method	Open Tender Method, NCT.
10	Budget & source of fund	GoB.
11	Project/program name	"Offline Digital Fertilizer Recommendation Program".
12	Tender package No.	01/2015-2016
13	Tender publication date	23/09/2015
14	Tender last selling date & time	18/10/2015 at 17.00 hrs.
15	Tender closing date & time	19/10/2015 at 12.00hrs.
16	Tender opening date and time	19/10/2015 at 14.30hrs at SRDI Head Office (Tenderers/their authorized representative are allowed to attend).
17	Name & address of the offices selling tender documents	Interested tenderers may collect the tender documents during the office hours from: (1) Soil Resource Development Institute, Head Office, Mrittika Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Dhaka-1215. (2) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.
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19	Eligibility of tenderer	As stated in the tender documents.
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21	Identification of lot	Location Price of tender document in Taka Tender security amount in Taka Time for completion of delivery
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22	Name of official inviting tender	Dr Mohiuddin Ahmed.
23	Designation of official inviting tender	Program Director, "Offline Digital Fertilizer Recommendation Program".
24	Address & contact details of official inviting tender	Offline Digital Fertilizer Recommendation Program", Soil Resource Development Institute, Head Office, Mrittika Bhaban, Krishi Khamar Sarak, Dhaka-1215. Tel: 02-58155964; Fax: 02-9110844. E-mail: pdodfrp2015@gmail.com
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