

# Farmers, traders worried as sale of sacrificial animals still low

Locally produced cattle sufficient to meet this year's demand, say livestock officials

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Unlike other years, cattle markets in different districts including Pabna, Sirajganj, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh are yet to see sufficient sale of sacrificial animals although the Eid-ul-Azha is only a few days away.

Our Pabna Correspondent reports: The markets in Pabna and Sirajganj see adequate supply of sacrificial animals, but the prices offered by the buyers are still much below the expectation of cattle farmers and traders.

"I bought three fattened cows, each weighing above five maunds, with target to sell each for at least Tk 1.10 lakh, which would bring me a minimum profit but none offered more than Tk one lakh. Most of the buyers in the market want small and medium-sized cattle," said cattle trader Abdul Mazid, who came from Dogasi village in Pabna Sadar upazila to Hazirhaat, a big cattle market, on Friday.

Abul Kashem of Baoikola village in Pabna's Atghoria upazila came with his five cows, weighing 5.5 maunds to 6 maunds, with hope to sell each for Tk 1.25 lakh to Tk 1.5 lakh but he did not get the expected price.

"Due to the soaring price of cattle feed, now we have to spend more for making a cow healthy. I have to spend Tk 1.2 lakh to Tk 1.3 lakh for making each cow ready for market," Kashem said.

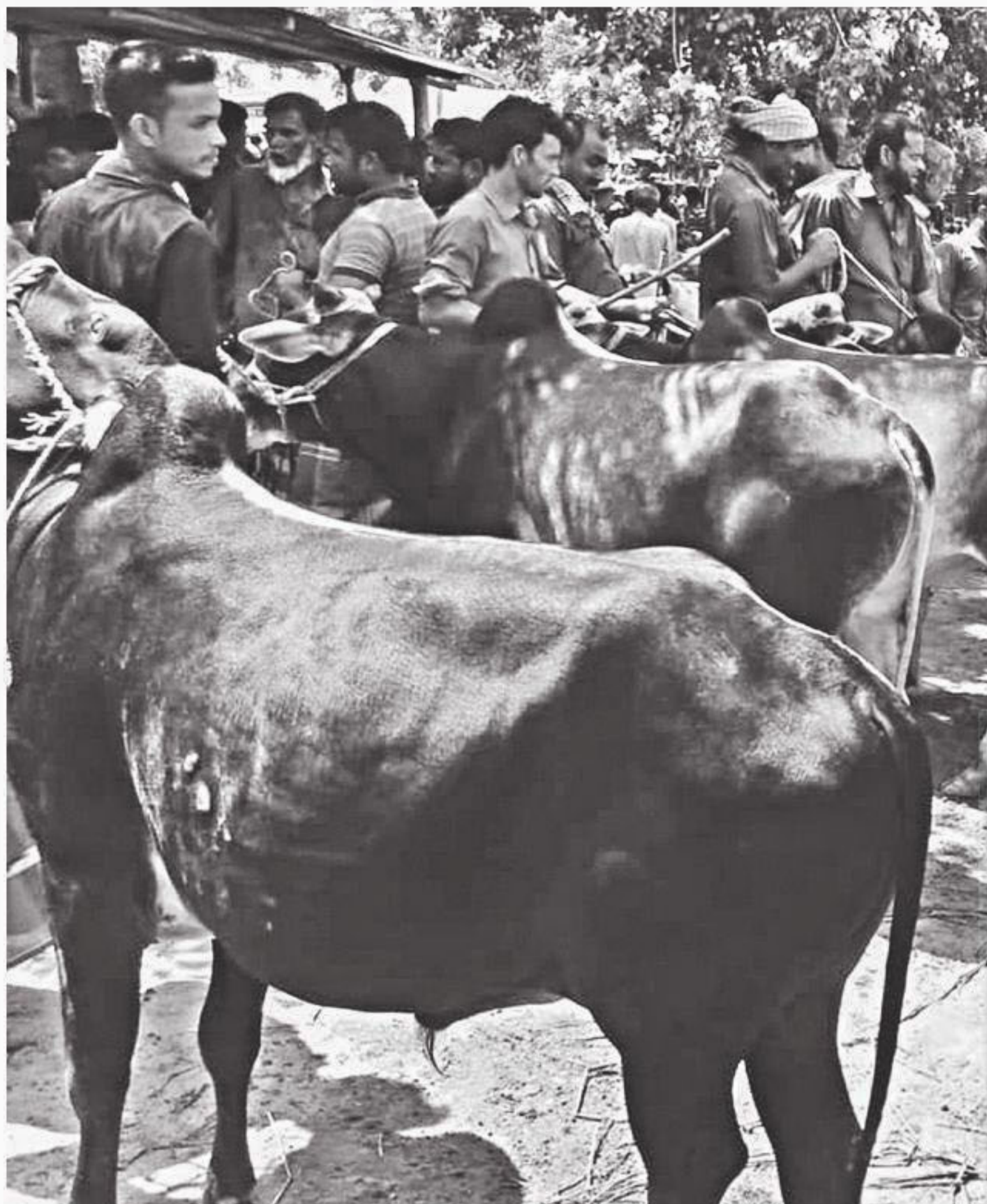
A large cow weighing 42 maunds has remained unsold at the house of farmer Minarul Islam of Dathia village in Pabna's Chatmohar upazila.

"I bought the cow for Tk 6 lakh a couple of years ago and named it Tiger. I spent at least Tk 15 lakh for making it ready for sale as a sacrificial animal. I expected to get Tk 30 lakh for it but so far I have got the highest offer of Tk 18 lakh," Minarul said.

Meanwhile, the demand of medium and small sized cattle sees a rise ahead of Eid.

"I have already sold 10 medium-sized cattle for Tk 40 thousand to 60 thousand each, and expect to sell more 20 to 25 cows in next 10 days," said Md Intaz Ali, a cattle trader of Baoikola village of Pabna's Atghoria upazila.

Talking with this correspondent, livestock officials in Pabna and Sirajganj said the two districts are expected to supply around 10 percent of the country's total demand of approximately 1.2 crore animals during the Eid-ul-Azha this year.



Sacrificial animals are kept for sale at Boda cattle market in Boda upazila of Thakurgaon. Inset, truckloads of cows are brought for sale at Hazirhat cattle market in Pabna.

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There are adequate supply of local variety of cows and the overall production is more than enough, they said.

"In Sirajganj, 4.19 lakh sacrificial animals, including 1.02 lakh fattened ones, have been prepared ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha," said Akhtaruzzaman Bhuiya, livestock officer of Sirajganj.

In Pabna, more than five lakh sacrificial animals, of them 88,500 fattened cattle, have been prepared, said Al Mamun, Pabna district's livestock officer.

If the Indian cattle do not come to the local markets, cattle farmers and traders will get profit this year, he said.

Our Thakurgaon correspondent reports: Cattle markets in Thakurgaon

and Panchagarh districts are yet to witness sufficient sale of the sacrificial animals ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

During a visit to different cattle markets in the two districts on Saturday and Sunday, this correspondent talked to a number of stakeholders.

Buying and selling at the cattle markets are yet to start in full swing as traders from other districts are absent this time while the local buyers consider the prices a bit high, said Md Zaman, lessee of Matherganj cattle market in Thakurgaon Sadar upazila.

"Cattle traders who usually visit different markets of the district might prefer to go to flood-affected areas as

the cattle farmers of those areas are compelled to sell their animals for lower prices due to fodder crisis and other problems, Zaman said.

Prices will drop in the next few days if the outside traders do not come as there are a large number of animals ready for sale for sacrificial purpose in the district, said Kosirul Islam, a cattle trader in Fakirganj cattle market in Atwary upazila of Panchagarh.

Osman, a cattle trader in Boda upazila of Panchagarh, said he bought two medium-sized bulls for Tk 82,000 about a month ago, but has not been able to sell them yet.

Cattle farmer Md Islam said, "I reared a

bull for one year which has now grown to a medium-sized (about 85 kg) one. I expected to sell it for Tk 45,000 to Tk 50,000 but buyers are offering around Tk 40,000."

"In Thakurgaon district, 52,309 families and farm owners raised 58,148 cows, 25,536 goats and sheep and 266 buffaloes under the cattle fattening programme targeting Eid-ul-Azha. About 77,000 cattle are needed during Eid-ul-Azha in the district," said Md Abdur Rahim, acting livestock officer of the district.

In Panchagarh, 10,242 families and farm owners reared 48,307 cows, 11 buffaloes and 17,756 goats under the cattle fattening programme centring Eid-ul-Azha, district's livestock officials said.



## Payra sea port engr stabbed, 2 arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Criminals stabbed the executive engineer of Payra sea port near Baliatali Kheyaghat in Kalapara upazila allegedly over a trifling matter on Sunday.

Meanwhile, police arrested the two alleged attackers -- Shakil Ahmed Pius, 26, and Juliet Talukder, 22, of Baliatali village in the upazila -- the same night and produced them before a court yesterday noon that sent them to jail.

Quoting locals, police said Mostafa Ashiq Ali, 29, executive engineer of Payra sea port, had an exchange of hot words with Shakil and Juliet over a trivial matter while they were crossing the Andharmanik river by a passenger boat around 9:00pm.

After crossing the river, when Ashiq was looking for a rickshaw to go to port area the duo stabbed him on the chest with a knife and fled the scene, leaving him severely injured.

Locals rescued injured Ashiq and took him to Kalapara Upazila Health Complex, from where he was shifted to Barishal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital for better treatment the same night.

Later, following a case filed by Mohammad Shah Alam, superintendent of the port, police arrested the two attackers from the upazila headquarters on Sunday night. Officer in Charge (OC) of Kalapara Police Station Monirul Islam said.

During interrogation, the arrestees confessed their involvement in attacking engineer Ashiq Ali, OC Monirul said.

## KILLING WIFE FOR DOWRY

### Cop among two to die

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A Tangail court yesterday sentenced two people, including a police constable, to death on charge of killing the latter's wife for dowry in 2012.

The convicts are police constable Abdul Alim alias Sumon, 32, son of Abu Hanif of Hinnapara village in Kalihati upazila, and his friend Shamim Al Mamun, 29, of the same village.

Tangail Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal Judge Khaleida Yasmin also fined the convicts Tk 1 lakh each, Court Inspector Tanvir Ahmed said.

According to the prosecution, constable Alim, then a member of Industrial Police, married Sumi Akter, 20, daughter of Sultan Ahmed of Sadar upazila on May 6, 2011.

During the marriage Alim demanded Tk 5 lakh as dowry from Sumi's family, but they could only give him Tk 3 lakh. Since then, Alim used to torture Sumi for Tk 2 lakh.

On April 20 in 2012, Alim with the help of Shamim took Sumi in Beribadh area under Dhaka's Turag Police Station and killed her there.

Later, Sumi's mother Sheuli Begum filed a case with Tangail Model Police Station against the two on May 5 the same year.

## SPREADING RUMOURS

### Cyber police arrests two

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

Cyber police in Bogura on Sunday claimed to have arrested two men including a college teacher for disseminating propaganda against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and rumours about human heads required for Padma bridge construction.

They also confiscated two laptops from the possession of the arrestees. Emran Mahmud Tuhin, inspector of Detective Branch of police in Bogura, said a case was filed in this connection against the arrestees under sections 24-1(A) and 25-1(B) of the Digital Security Act 2018.

Police identified the arrestees as Masudur Rahman alias Titu, 48, son of Abu Jafar Mondal, from Jhoggari area of the town; and Benjur Ahmed, 28, son of Sadequul Islam, from Pashchim Chhatni village in Bogura's Adamdighi upazila.

Masudur, a lecturer of English department at Baluhat Degree College in Sonatla upazila, was arrested in Jhoggari area while Benjur, an online outsourcing freelancer, was arrested in Jamil Nagar area of Bogura town, police also said.

In order to spread the propaganda and rumours, the two arrestees had been making numerous false and fabricated posts, images and videos on a fake account and a fake page on Facebook, said Shafiul Alam, sub-inspector of Bogura Cyber Police in the case statement.

In a press release issued yesterday, Ali Ashraf Bhuiyan, superintendent of police in Bogura, said Masudur is the administrator of the fake Facebook account that was being used to spread propaganda against the prime minister and the government.

Benjur is the administrator of the fake Facebook page where a fake video clip of a captured woman, who allegedly abducted a child for collecting human heads for Padma bridge construction, was posted. The video clip had 1.05 lakh views on Facebook and it was shared 2,838 times, the release also said.



A couple of 100-foot-long girders of an under-construction bridge in Dhophagata area of Jhenidah Municipality tumbled down on Sunday. The Tk 120-crore bridge is being constructed by Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica). Fortunately, there has been no casualties as all 20 workers at the site were at lunch when the incident took place.

PHOTO: MD AZIBOR RAHMAN

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### Request for Expression of Interest for Selection of Individual Consultant (Time-Based)

Memo NO- 09.238.24.00.00.001.2013-466

Date: 04.08.2019

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received Additional Financing-Credit (5769 BD) from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank for the Implementation of Private Sector Development Support Project (PSDSP). A part of Credit will be utilized for payment of individual consultant who will provide technical imputes relating to financial management services for the effective execution of the project.

2. The Central Coordination Unit of PSDSP (CCU-PSDSP) of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Relations Division now invites eligible individual national consultants to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) for providing the services mentioned below.

#### 3. Position with key functions, qualifications and experience:

Contract	Position	Qualification and experience
CCU-PSDSP S-1	Financial Management Specialist (FMS)	<b>Educational Qualifications:</b> Chartered Accountant/ Certified Public Accountant/ CMA/ACCA OR MBA/Masters in Finance, Accounting. <b>Experience:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The FMS should have at least 05 (five) years' experience in a supervisory position on financial management in any government/semi government organization, development projects.</li><li>Or</li><li>Should have at least 08 (eight) years' experience in any position carrying on financial management responsibilities in any government/semi government organization or donor funded (IDA/ADB/ UNDP, etc.) development projects.</li><li>The FMS should have IT knowledge including thorough understanding on government accounting, budgeting and auditing system, fluency in oral and written English.</li><li>Experience in donor funded projects and extensive training and practical working experience in dealing with both Government and Commercial Accounts will be an additional qualification.</li></ul> <b>Age:</b> Up to 62 (sixty two) years

4. **Duty Station:** Central Co-ordination Unit of the Private Sector Development Support Project (CCU-PSDSP), Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

5. The Terms of Reference of the above position are available at the CCU-PSDSP during normal office hours that will provide detailed scope of work and required qualification and experience.

6. **Duration of the Assignment:** The duration of the assignment will be maximum 20 (twenty) months up to 28 February, 2021 on a full time basis.

7. **Selection Procedures:** CCU-PSDSP now seeks the application from the eligible applicants to express their interest in providing services (complete CV with detailed information about employment history with duties and responsibilities, academic details, current remuneration, contact address including telephone number and email). The consultant will be selected in accordance with World Bank Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultant by the World Bank Borrowers (January 2011). Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

8. **Remuneration:** Negotiable consolidated remuneration inclusive of all applicable Tax and VAT as per law of Bangladesh within the project allocated budget.

9. **Submission of EOI:** Expression of Interest (hard copy or soft copy through email) must be delivered to the address below by 14 (fourteen) days of publication of the notice or by 29 August 2019.

10. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address of the under signed during normal office hours.

11. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.

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