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*If you wanna fly, you got to give up  
the shit that weighs you down.*

— Toni Morrison

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## Low rawhide prices this Eid

The price of rawhide has fallen sharply, a growing concern for small traders for whom Eid-ul-Azha is a major point of the year. Rawhides were traded at very low prices in Dhaka's Hazaribagh, one of the country's major tannery hubs, though prices were to remain unchanged this year, as per a government decision.

Small traders allege, in media reports, that they individually bought hides from across the city and aren't even getting the price they paid to buy the hides. Prices from last year have fallen at least twofold for both goat and cowhide—which is not just unfortunate but unexpected.

The shifting of tanneries from Hazaribagh to Savar has made local and foreign buyers reluctant to purchase rawhide. The majority of the tanneries have not yet been able to start operations because of a lack of gas connection and incomplete factory structures. The government and tannery owners are blaming each other for these issues.

Leather is one of the highest export earning sectors after apparel—we must uncover the reasons behind this price fall and save this business.

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## Fighting the dengue menace

The residents of Dhaka city are suffering the most from the dengue menace despite DNCC and DSCC having a large budget for controlling the reproduction of mosquitoes.

Though people don't always comply with waste management, the authorities concerned are more responsible for this dengue outbreak. Irresponsible activities of the authorities accelerate the breeding of Aedes mosquitoes and our safety matters little to them. They don't carry out door-to-door inspections, run

comprehensive awareness programmes, or enforce punitive measures for violating laws.

Measures for larvae destruction, awareness programmes with community involvement and insecticide spray campaigns can bring this problem under control. But these measures must be continued to some extent throughout the year, not just during a crisis.

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