



Without any member of law enforcers or the local administration in sight, not even a single person was found to be wearing a face mask properly in this jam-packed market of sacrificial animals in Janatbazar area under Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj. The photo was taken on Saturday. PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

# 'Strict' on paper, reality suggests otherwise

MINTU DESHWARA WITH FIROZ A MUZAHID

When the death toll due to the highly infectious Delta variant of Covid-19 has been on the rise across the country, the largest weekly livestock market in Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj continue to be arranged without ensuring any health safety rules.

Law enforcers or members of the local administration were nowhere in sight this Saturday when the market, near Dhaka-Sylhet Highway in Janatbazar area, was teeming with hundreds of traders and buyers who did not wear any face covering, let alone maintain safe social distancing.

Requesting anonymity, several members of law enforcers and upazila administration said that instead of enforcing rules of "strict lockdown", they had been looking the other way, as religious sentiment might be hurt if they took any action against violations at the market where mainly sacrificial animals are being sold ahead of the Eid-ul-Adha.

According to locals, the Janatbazar livestock market has been operating from Saturday through Monday every week at the same location for a long while.

But on July 1, when the government declared a nationwide "strict lockdown", the upazila administration or the law enforcers did not convey any rules or guidelines on how to operate the market, they also said.

While visiting the market, the handful of people who had face masks were seen moving around with the masks pulled down below their nose or chin. While some of them were trying to put their masks on after sensing a journalist, many others said they always carry their masks in their pockets so they can save themselves from "harassment by law enforcers".

Asking people to maintain social distancing in the market would be quite unrealistic, as its conventional

layout has no separate entry and exit ways and markings or signage to direct human traffic.

Taking advantage of the lax monitoring of the administration, the market authorities did not even bother to set up hand washing stations in or outside the market.

Najmul Islam, a retired school teacher and a resident of Janatbazar area, said from people from different districts have been coming to the market to buy or sell sacrificial animals amid the ongoing "strict lockdown".

But this crowded market can turn into a pandemic hotspot as no one there has been complying with any

This correspondent could not reach Imdadul Rahman Mukul, president of the Janatbazar livestock market managing committee, for his comments, as he was in jail in an unrelated legal case.

Asked how such a crowded marketplace was being allowed amid the ongoing nationwide lockdown, Gajnaipur Union Parishad acting chairman Mahbub Ali Nuru said the lockdown circular of the government has no specific instruction on whether or not a sacrificial animal market would be allowed amid lockdown.

When the attention of Nabiganj Upazila Nirbahi Officer Sheikh Mohi

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health safety or social distancing rules, the senior citizen added with dissatisfaction.

Cattle trader Zakir Mia, from the same area, said he brought to the market two cows that he had been rearing for about a year now.

He had to bring the cows to the market despite the lockdown because he needed to sell the cows to pay off loans that he took for buying those.

Asked why he was not wearing a mask, he pointed at others and said, "No one's following the health rules, why should I?"

"We have to buy an animal to sacrifice in the name of Allah every year and that's why, despite an ongoing lockdown, we have to come to the livestock market," said Saddam Mia, a buyer and a resident of the area.

Uddin was drawn on the violations at the market, he said they would allow the market to operate till 5:00pm only if health safety rules were completely maintained there.

He also said the government circular on the lockdown did not specify about the sale of sacrificial animals at markets ahead of the upcoming Eid.

The Janatbazar livestock market, where no health rules are being followed, might turn into a major source of spreading coronavirus in the region, said Mukhlisur Rahman, deputy civil surgeon in Habiganj.

Since this is a dangerous time we are passing right now, an alternative to the traditional markets should be adopted for the sale of sacrificial animals, he also said.

# Patuakhali dist admin acquires centuries-old Rakhine village in Kalapara

Delay in payment of compensation alleged

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Patuakhali district administration has acquired an entire Rakhine village for the development work of Payra sea port.

The Rakhine village of 'Chaanipara', which was founded in 1784 in Tiakhali union of Kalapara Upazila of the district, is now on the verge of extinction.

Hundreds of Rakhine families used to live here back then. However, there are only 68 families left now with total population of 30 including 18 men, 10 women and 2 children.

The district administration has acquired the whole village covering an area of 5.50 acres of land for the development work of Payra sea port. The village also has a Rakhine temple and the people of these six families are in the service of this temple.

According to Rakhine custom, those who are in the services of the temple do not own land. They only own immovable properties such as houses and trees on the land.

The district administration has also fixed the value of the movable property of these families at Tk 91.46 lakh. Ching Chamo or Damo Rakhine, leader of the village has also submitted an application to the deputy commissioner to get the money. They also demanded rehabilitation.

Damo Rakhine said, "The district administration has acquired 5.50 acres of land in our 'Chaanipara' and a letter has been given to each of us determining the value of our houses and trees. We have not yet received the compensation money. We also need rehabilitation. A meeting was held with the district administration on Monday

regarding our demands. The administration has also assured us that immediate steps would be taken to implement our demands."

Umme Habiba Majumder, assistant commissioner, land acquisition unit of Patuakhali District Administration said, "We have acquired land in favor of the Payra Port. The houses, trees and fish of the Rakhine families living

presence of the Payra Port officials on Chhanipara issue."

"I have heard their demands which are very logical. They will get the compensation soon. And they will be rehabilitated wherever they want. However, as long as the rehabilitation cannot be done, they will be able to stay in the place of their choice. If necessary, the rent will be borne by the port



A view of the Rakhine village of 'Chaanipara' in Kalapara's Tiakhali area. PHOTO: SOHRAB HOSSAIN

in Chaanipara have been valued at Tk 91.46 lakh. We also gave a notice on June 5 to pay this money.

Meanwhile, on June 8, a man named Sadequr Rahman lodged a complaint against the payment of compensation. The complaint is scheduled to be heard on July 15. I believe it will not be too complicated."

Contacted, Deputy Commissioner Kamal Hossain said, "A meeting was held in my office today (Monday) in the

authorities. The Rakhine leader has also agreed to that end," the DC said.

Mahmudul Hasan, assistant director of the Payra Port Authority, said on his mobile phone on Sunday, "I have no authority to talk about this. Talk to the secretary or chairman of the port."

Later, this correspondent tried to reach the chairman of the port Commodore Humayun Kallol for his comment but he didn't receive the call.

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## Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Road Transport & Bridges/Road Transport & Highways Division		
2	Agency	Roads & Highways Department		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Moulvibazar		
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present		
5	Procuring Entity District	Moulvibazar		
6	Invitation for	Procurement of physical service		
7	Invitation Ref No	35.01.5800.07.07.86.21-1199		
8	Date	06/07/2021		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>				
9	Procurement Method	NCT & OTM		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue Budget & GOB		
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>				
12	Project/Program Code (if applicable)	N/A		
13	Project Name (if applicable)	N/A		
14	Tender Package No.	01/Tender/PSN/Rustompur Toll/MRC/2021-22		
15	Tender Package Name	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance of a Real-Time Web-Based Toll Collection System of Rustompur Toll Plaza at 193rd KM of Dhaka(Katchpur)-Bhairab-Jogodishpur-Shaistaganj-Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong Road (N-2) Road under Habiganj Road Division during the year 2021-22.		
16	Tender Publication Date	07/07/2021		
17	Tender Last Selling Date	04/08/2021		
	Date	Time		
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	05/08/2021		12:00 pm
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	05/08/2021		12:15 pm
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	<b>Address</b>		
	-Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulvibazar		
	-Selling Tender Document (Others)	Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Habiganj		
	-Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Moulvibazar		
	-Opening Tender Document	Office of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Moulvibazar		
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>				
21	Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tenderers shall have the legal capacity to enter into the Contract under the Applicable Law.</li> <li>Tenderers shall be enrolled in the relevant professional or trade organisations registered in Bangladesh.</li> <li>Tenderers shall have fulfilled its obligations to pay taxes under the provisions of laws and regulations of Bangladesh</li> <li>As per requirements specified in TDS &amp; TOR</li> </ul>		
22	Brief Description of Services	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance of a Real-Time Web-Based Toll Collection System of Rustompur Toll Plaza at 193rd KM of Dhaka(Katchpur)-Bhairab-Jogodishpur-Shaistaganj-Sylhet-Tamabil-Jaflong Road (N-2) Road under Habiganj Road Division.		
23	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	4000 TK		
24	Package No	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
	01/Tender/PSN/Rustompur Toll/MRC/2021-22	Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance of a Real-Time Web-Based Toll Collection System	Habiganj	34,00,000/-
25	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings. This notice will be available on RHD website www.rhd.gov.bd and CPTU website www.cptu.gov.bd.			

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অত্র প্রতিষ্ঠানে বিভিন্ন সেবামহত্বীন ও নবনির্মিত জাহাজ ও পল্টন ডকিং-আনডকিং এবং সলিং করার জন্য রেললাইন সরকারের নিম্নে তালিকাভুক্ত টিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী/উৎপাদনকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/উৎপাদনকারীর নিয়োগকৃত ডিলা/আমদানীকারকের নিকট হলে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে উল্লিখিত তারিখে খোলা দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

০১।	ক্রয়কারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	ডকইয়ার্ড এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ওয়ার্কস লিমিটেড
০২।	ক্রয়কর্তব্য মালামাল	রেললাইন (সংযুক্ত ড্রয়িং অনুযায়ী)।
০৩।	দরপত্রের নথি নং	০৬.০২.৬৭৫৮.১৬৫.০৭.১৯৪.২১.১৬
০৪।	তারিখ	০৫ জুলাই ২০২১।
০৫।	ক্রয়ের প্রক্রিয়া	খোলা দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে।
০৬।	উৎস	নিজস্ব তহবিল।
০৭।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	১৭ জুলাই ২০২১ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
০৮।	দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার তারিখ ও সময়	১৮ জুলাই ২০২১ বেলা ১২.১৫ ঘটিকা।
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১১। দরপত্রের সহিত যে সকল কাগজপত্র ও আনুষঙ্গিক জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে

(১) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, হালনাগাদ আয়কর সার্টিফিকেট, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি (বিপাত ৬ মাসের স্টেটমেন্টস), পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি ০১ কপি (তালিকাভুক্ত টিকাদারদের জন্য প্রযোজ্য নহে)।  
(২) তালিকাভুক্ত টিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী/উৎপাদনকারীর সীমিত দরপত্রের অংশগ্রহণের ক্ষেত্রে সম্পূর্ণ মূল্যের শতকরা ৩ ভাগ (৩%) আনুষঙ্গিক হিসেবে পেমেন্ট/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট "ডকইয়ার্ড এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং ওয়ার্কস লিমিটেড" এর নামে দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে।

১২। টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্টের মূল্য

১৩। যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম

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## UP member hacked to death in Monohorganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cumilla

A union parishad member was hacked to death allegedly due to previous enmity yesterday morning. Abdur Rahim, 38, was the son of Zayed Ali of Dhikchanda of Jhalam union of Monohorganj upazila.

The OC said the body was sent to Cumilla for an autopsy.

Officer-in-Charge Mahabubul Kabir of Monohorganj Police Station said, "Rahim's neighbour Rahmat Ali, 57, had a feud with Rahim over the lease of a pond. At one stage Rahmat attacked Rahim with a scythe. Rahim died within minutes."

A mob detained Rahmat and gave him a beating. He was then taken to Monohorganj upazila health complex.

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