

Online platforms to buy sacrificial animals for Eid-ul-Azha

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Every year the cattle market gets the spotlight during Eid-ul-Azha, the holy festival of sacrifice. However, the situation for such a market is quite different due to the Covid-19 pandemic since last year, as conventional makeshift markets for selling animals for Qurbani can be hazardous for people. But thanks to different online and e-commerce platforms which have availed opportunities online to sell sacrificial animals to meet the purposes of both buyers and sellers. Here is a list of such platforms to check out.

Bengal Meat

Bengal Meat, an abattoir platform in Bangladesh, is offering full Qurbani service amid this pandemic after getting a great response last year. The price of sacrificial animals in this platform can range from BDT 60,000 to BDT 335,000.

After you are done with selecting the animal, they'll complete the slaughtering procedure, the meat processing and packaging in their own farm, and deliver the meat through their chiller van at your doorstep if you live anywhere in Dhaka, Chattogram and Sylhet.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, they are not delivering live cattle at this moment. Slaughtered meat will be delivered from the 2nd day of Eid in Dhaka and the 5th day of Eid in Chattogram and Sylhet. The last date of placing an order will depend on the availability of cattle and

slaughtering slots.

Customers can pay through a card payment system, online payment system or cash. The displayed sacrificial animals have all necessary details such as age, breed, feed, weight, etc. for your convenience. Check out their website to have a detailed idea about slaughtering and delivery charges that depend on various factors.

Haat Bazaar

Haat Bazaar, an online-based shop, is providing an opportunity to buy sacrificial animals for Eid-ul-Azha. Their service is limited to Dhaka only. The live weight of cattle can differ from 160kg to 190kg and the price is BDT 450 per kg. So each animal can cost between BDT 72,000 and BDT 85,500.

If you are looking for a local and naturally raised cow, it can be a good option for you. You need to order at least 5 days before Eid and you'll get the delivery of it 2-3 days before Eid. Delivery charge is completely free within Dhaka city. Customers can pay through card payment or cash at their convenience. Slaughtering service is still not available in Haat Bazaar.

Sadeeq AGRO

Sadeeq AGRO, another online platform, provides options for people in Dhaka to buy live cattle and goats or have 'Full Qurbani Service' where they can get the delivery of processed meat after slaughtering.

You can buy any live cow or goat ranging from BDT 80,000 to BDT 300,000

even the day before Eid. There's no last date for it. But if you want the slaughtering service too, you need to confirm your order 6-7 days before Eid. You can get a discount on slaughtering service in case you pay through some particular bank cards.

For example, there is a 10% discount on such service if you pay the full amount through City Bank, One Bank, Dhaka

Other e-commerce sites as the online cattle market

Due to the huge demand for sacrificial animals amid this pandemic, many e-commerce sites have come forward with an online cattle market initiative. This type of online market helps both buyers and sellers.

Daraz has been selling sacrificial animals since 2016 targeting Eid-ul-Azha. Cattle are divided into groups according to their price such as above BDT 40,000, above BDT 80,000, and above BDT 100,000 at their site. Goats are also available for purchase. Your purchased cow or goat will be delivered within 6-14 days. This service is accessible in Dhaka, Chattogram, Sylhet and all over the country. You can see each animal's age, breed, feed, etc. at Daraz's website.

Similarly, Bikroy.com, another well-known e-commerce site, is also selling animals as Eid-ul-Azha is approaching. The site shows the available options to buyers, which are categorised into different divisions. You can contact the seller directly for any information or further clarification.

Prices, delivery time and delivery charges can be quite different as it depends on individual sellers. Basic description and price are mentioned with each animal's picture for consideration.

