



People, mostly belonging to low and fixed-income groups, wait in a long queue in front of an OMS (Open Market Sale) outlet at Puran Bazar in Lalmonirhat town.

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MAD RUSH AT OMS OUTLETS

Many return empty-handed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Nowadays, a large number of people from low and fixed-income groups are thronging to the OMS (Open Market Sale) outlets to buy rice and ata (flour) at a cheaper price, compared to local markets.

Even a few months ago, people hardly saw any member from the middle-class families gathering in front of an OMS shops to buy rice or flour at a fair price.

But the scenario is completely different now as many of them are standing in queues for hours to buy the essentials from OMS shops, and often return home empty-handed without buying the daily needs.

Sahera Begum, a housewife from a middle-class family, who was standing in front of an OMS outlet in Kalibari area of Lalmonirhat town, said, "There is no middle-class people

in the country anymore."

The 45-year-old woman said her husband serves at a private company and earns a monthly salary of Tk 18,000.

But due to increase in prices of different goods and daily essentials, now it is quite difficult to run her five-member family with that amount.

"If we buy rice and flour from the market at soaring prices, we will not be able to afford the education expenses of our three children," she said.

Ayesha Begum, another woman from a low-income group family, said now people from many well-off families are seen standing in queues to buy rice and flour from the OMS shops.

Though they are buying rice and ata from the OMS shop quite regularly, now the queues often get

too long that many have to return home empty-handed, she said.

According to sources at Food Control Department, at total of 14 tonnes of rice and 14 tonnes of flour are being sold through 32 OMS dealers, including 13 in Lalmonirhat and 19 in Kurigram, every day.

The OMS outlets remain open for five days a week, where each beneficiary can buy a maximum of 5kg of rice at Tk 30 per kg and 5kg of flour at Tk 24 per kg. Nearly 5,600 families are buying the daily essentials from OMS shops every day.

Sikandar Ali, an OMS dealer in Puran Bazar area of Lalmonirhat town, said, "OMS dealers cannot meet everyone's need. Many people often return home empty-handed as we do not have sufficient allocation of rice and flour, compared to the beneficiaries," he said.

Death row convict arrested

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Pirojpur police arrested a fugitive death row convict from Dhaka on Tuesday.

Nazmul Hasan Nayeem, 32, of Dakhkhin Indurkani was held from Dhaka Cantonment area.

Nayeem and his younger brother Nafis Hasan Nahid are two death row convicts in a case filed for killing one Sadman Sakib, 14, a 10th grader of Pirojpur Government Technical School and College, in 2013.

In 2017, a Pirojpur court sentenced them to death.

During a press briefing at his office yesterday, the SP said Nayeem ordered a book online in Dhaka, which led to his whereabouts and the subsequent arrest.

Rape of minor girl condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Manabdhikar Shongskriti Foundation (MSF) expressed grave concern over the incident of raping a minor girl on her way back from a medicine shop in Kurigram's Fulbari upazila.

The foundation condemned the incident and called for a proper investigation into the incident.

According to reports, the girl was returning home after purchasing medicine from a local bazar in the upazila, riding her bicycle, on February 9, when three perpetrators forcibly abducted her from near the bank of the Rasmela river and raped her.

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