

# Govt to sell meat, milk and eggs during Ramadan

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The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MoFL) will sell animal proteins, including meat and milk, in Dhaka during the Ramadan, which will start in around two weeks.

With support from poultry and dairy producers, the ministry will also supply eggs and beef from the first day of the month of fasting to help stabilise prices, according to a press release.

These items will be sold through mobile trucks at 25 locations in Dhaka, Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said at a press briefing at the ministry yesterday.

She added that all relevant ministries are working to ensure supply in their respective sectors to keep the prices of essential commodities under control during Ramadan.

The Bangladesh Poultry Industries Central Council, the Bangladesh Dairy and Fattening Farmers Association, and other stakeholders, including dairy processing companies and marginal farmers, will provide overall support.

Consumers will be able to purchase dressed broiler meat at Tk 250 per kg, pasteurised milk at Tk 80 per litre, and eggs at Tk 114 per dozen. Besides, beef will be available at Tk 650 per kg. These prices are lower than the current market rates in Dhaka.

Each day during Ramadan, nearly 60,000 eggs, 6,000 litres of milk, and 2,000-2,500 kg of broiler meat will be sold through the mobile trucks, according to the ministry statement.

The ministry is also taking steps to expand the initiative to all divisional, district, and upazila levels in coordination with local farmers, the press release added.

## Robi sees record profit surge

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In 2024, voice revenue grew 0.7 percent while data revenue increased 2.2 percent year-on-year.

Quarterly performance comparisons showed mixed results. On a year-on-year basis, voice revenue grew 1.7 percent in the fourth quarter of FY24 while data revenue saw a sharp decline of 13.9 percent, largely due to intense market pressure to reduce data prices and the knock-on effects of high inflation, the company said in a statement.

The rise in SIM tax from Tk 200 to Tk 300 in 2024 posed additional challenges for subscriber acquisition, further compounded by aggressive market strategies from competitors.

As a result, Robi's subscriber base declined by approximately two million, ending the year with 56.7 million active subscribers.

Internet subscribers fell by 2.1 million to 42.6 million, although the company added more than 500,000 new 4G users in 2024, meaning 4G

users accounted for 63.9 percent of active subscribers.

Robi maintained over 18,000 4G sites, ensuring 4G network coverage for 98.96 percent of the population.

Robi's capital expenditure reached Tk 1,638.4 crore in 2024, including Tk 446.1 crore in the fourth quarter.

The company contributed a total of Tk 6,287.3 crore to the government exchequer for the year, representing 63.2 percent of its annual revenue. In the fourth quarter alone, 70 percent of its revenue was paid to the government.

The company made Tk 299.9 crore in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Its annual earnings per share (EPS) for the year stood at Tk 1.34.

Commenting on the company's performance, acting CEO M Riyaz Rasheed stated: "Our primary focus remains on delivering long term value to our shareholders and ensuring sustainable growth. While we continue to navigate a dynamic market, our commitment to

operational efficiency and investment in digital infrastructure positions us well for the future. It is essential that regulatory and taxation policies support a balanced and competitive telecom sector to allow operators like Robi to thrive."

Rasheed also welcomed recent regulatory reforms aimed at streamlining the telecom sector, emphasising the need for swift implementation to maximise benefits for consumers, but expressed concern over the increased supplementary duty from 15 percent to 20 percent and the higher SIM tax, noting that these measures could hinder Bangladesh's progress in digital adoption and the qualitative use of digital services.

Shahed Alam, chief corporate and regulatory officer at Robi, said: "The year 2024 has been a significant one for Robi, achieving substantial year-over-year profit growth despite a challenging macroeconomic environment. READ FULL STORY ONLINE

and development strategy.

Addressing the middle-income trap, he said Bangladesh needs more than mere financial investment. "It needs substantial enhancements in technological capacity, labour productivity, and institutional efficiency."

Development strategies must now be approached from a new perspective, where economic growth serves as the means to an end, with the ultimate objective being the improvement of living standards, he added.

Zaidi Sattar, Chairman of the PRI, said inflation is the result of a combination of demand pull and cost push elements. "The scope and chance for downward adjustment

of tariffs to reduce inflation has, unfortunately, come and gone."

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