

Press release

# Human chain and rally in Dhaka to protest the price increase of daily commodities

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**Today, March 11, 2024, a human chain and rally was held in front of the National Press Club at 11 am on the initiative of Progressive Farmers' Action Council to protest against the increase in the prices of daily commodities.**

Presided over by Comrade Sultan Ahmed Biswas, Convener of Progressive Farmers' Action Council and President of Bangladesh Chashi Somiti, President of Bangladesh Krishok Federation and Member Secretary of Progressive Farmers' Action Council Comrade Badrul Alam, General Secretary of Bangladesh Bhumihin Samiti Fayeze Hossain, President of Shramojibi Andolone Harunar Rashid Bhuiyan, Vice-President of Bhumihien Samiti Shamsul Alam, General Secretary of Samgaro Bangla Krishak Samiti Shibli Anwar Sumon, Bangladesh Krishok Federation Leader Rehana Begum, Kazi Renuara and Pinky Akter, among others, spoke in the rally.

The speakers in the rally protested against the increase in the prices of daily necessities before Ramadan and said that even though special discounts are given on consumer goods in different countries of the world during Ramadan, the opposite is happening in Bangladesh. Traders are doing unethical work by increasing the incredible prices of food items to the fasting people. They said that the government cannot avoid the responsibility of this arbitrariness of businessmen. Criticizing the government's unbridled policy, they said that the open market policy imposed by the World Bank/IMF and WTO is working to achieve the interests of multinationals and big businessmen; The common people are suffering of extreme deprivation. Free market policy is also one of the reasons for this market situation.

The speakers mentioned the responsibility of the government and said that the government should have kept the market at a comfortable level for the sake of the people during Ramadan.

Highlighting the issue of black market of traders and smuggling of assets and money abroad, the speakers said that till date the government has failed to take any effective measures in this regard.

The leaders also said that although the price of agricultural produce is high in the city, the producing farmers never get the fair price. The middlemen serve their own interests by depriving the farmers of the fair price of the produce.

Criticizing the government's negligence in ensuring that the farmers get fair price for their produce, they said that it is not possible to become a farmer-friendly government with just lip service.

Finally, the speakers warned that if the government fails to control the market during Ramadan, the government will have to bear the responsibility if the people become reckless and take the law into their own hands.



