

Staff Reporter The government has decided to deploy medical teams at cattle markets of the country to examine health of the sacrificial animals ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. Fisheries and Livestock secretary Nur Ali said the medical teams will work at the entrance of the cattle markets. The Fisheries and Livestock Ministry has issued necessary directives in this regard, he said. Sources at the ministry said 12 medical teams will be stationed in the major cattle markets of the capital to check fitness of the sacrificial animals. Besides, medical teams, led by district and upazila livestock officers, will work at the cattle markets in their respective areas. Earlier, on Monday, a writ petition was filed with the High Court seeking its directives on the government to appoint veterinary doctors for all cattle markets in the capital this year to examine health of the sacrificial animals. Every year, artificially fattened cattle, especially cow, are sold as sacrificial animals at the cattle markets. Allegations are rife that a section of traders use steroid (one kind of hormone group medicine) such as Dexamithason, Cortisol, Bitamithason, Hydrocortison and Ciproheptadine to fatten the cattle to earn high profit. However, doctors cautioned that people consuming meat of artificially fattened cattle will be affected with various diseases, some critical.