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MILLIONS OF ANIMALS BRUTALLY SLAUGHTERED ON THE STREETS OF BANGLADESH AND THE WORLD

An issue of animal sacrifice with disregard to abuse and suffering



DHAKA, BANGLADESH, August 22, 2018 - Animal Recovery Mission (ARM), the frontrunner in exposing cruel and inhumane treatment of animals, obtained footage of one of the most disturbing scenes of animal brutality in the world. Idealized as a religious festival, Eid al-Adha, aka the “Feast of Sacrifice”, is in fact a day of mass violence that brings over 20 million animals, including cows, camels, sheep, and goats, to their unnecessary death. ARM witnessed this first hand, documenting the massacre in order to unveil the severity of this so-called holiday after traveling to Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Eid al-Adha is an Islamic festival celebrated worldwide on varying dates contingent upon the lunar calendar. The purpose being to commemorate the willingness of the prophet Ibrahim to sacrifice his son Ishmael as an act of obedience to the command of God. However, Ishmael is ultimately saved and replaced by a ram, generating an old age tradition of needless slaughter.

Unbelievable torture and killing were seen inflicted upon innocent animals just awaiting death in busy streets and alleyways. All are struck repeatedly, tied and unable to move, held down with excessive force, and finally succumbed to a slow death. Their necks slowly sawed open, cows are attempting to breathe still after their heads are nearly cut off. Bloody water flowed through the streets as indifferent spectators, including children, watched the murders.

“The sheer violence towards animals throughout the festival is both shocking and gut-wrenching,” said Richard “Kudo” Couto, Founder and Lead Investigator of ARM. “I’m hopeful that worshippers will begin to understand that the suffering of an animal will not appease any God.”

The Animal Recovery Mission is a Non-Profit animal cruelty investigative organization based in Miami Beach, Florida. A defending force for the welfare of all animals, ARM is the vanguard in eliminating extreme animal cruelty operations worldwide.

To view the undercover video <https://vimeo.com/286186626> | Comments and media inquiries should be directed to Animal Recovery Mission (ARM), Richard “Kudo” Couto, 305-494-2225, kudo@arminvestigations.org or Chelsea Baczek, 786-300-7047 baczek@arminvestigations.org | Further information about ARM is available at animalrecoverymission.org