

Karwan Bazar Fish Market: Aquatic haven in Dhaka

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Dhaka : Karwan Bazar is a bustling wholesale market in the capital of Bangladesh, renowned for its vast array of products and competitive prices. It is a central hub for traders and retailers from across the country, serving as a key node in the supply chain. From fresh produce to electronics, Karwan Bazar offers a diverse range of goods. The market is particularly famous for its wholesale trade.

The iconic market, renowned for its fresh aquatic offerings, has been a cornerstone of the city's culinary scene for decades. The fish and shellfish are typically caught fresh from the surrounding waters and transported to the market within hours.

Karwan Bazar offers a diverse range of seafood and river catches, catering to various tastes and budgets. Here is a general overview of some popular fish types and their approximate price ranges:

Freshwater fish

Hilsa (Ilish): A prized delicacy in Bangladesh, hilsa is known for its unique flavour and texture. Prices can vary significantly depending on the season and size. During the peak season, expect to pay anywhere from BDT 800 to 1500 per kilogram.

Rohu: A common freshwater fish, rohu is a popular choice for its mild flavour and affordability. Prices typically range from BDT 300 to 500 per kilogram.

Katla: Another popular freshwater fish, Katla is known for its large size and tender meat. Prices usually fall between BDT 350 and 550 per kilogram.

Mrigal: A smaller freshwater fish with a slightly sweet flavour, mrigal is often used in curries and stir-fries. Prices typically range from BDT 300 to 450 per kilogram.



Marine fish

Pomfret: A popular marine fish with a delicate flavour, pomfret is often grilled or fried. Prices typically range from BDT 600 to 800 per kilogram.

Bhetki (Sea Bass): A versatile marine fish with a mild flavour, Bhetki is suitable for various cooking methods. Prices usually fall between BDT 400 and 600 per kilogram.

Tuna: A large, oily fish, tuna is often used in sushi and sashimi. Prices can vary depending on the type of tuna and size, however, generally range from BDT 800 to 1200 per kilogram.

Shrimp: A popular seafood option, shrimp is available in various sizes and types. Prices typically range from BDT 600 to 1000 per kilogram.

These are approximate prices and may vary depending on factors such as seasonality, market conditions as well as the specific size and quality of the fish. It is always advisable to haggle with the vendors to get the best possible deal.

Despite its success, Karwan Bazar faces certain challenges, such as

overcrowding, traffic congestion and infrastructure limitations. Yet, Karwan Bazar has managed to retain its traditional character. The market continues to play a vital role in the city's economy, providing livelihoods for thousands of people. As Dhaka continues to grow and evolve, it is essential to preserve the cultural heritage and economic significance of Karwan Bazar.

Initiatives to modernise the market, improve its infrastructure and enhance customer experience could further solidify its position as a leading wholesale destination in Bangladesh.