Roaring in the sea, no tourists

Riazur Rahman, Patuakhali- “Mermaid” Kuakata Kuakata is one of the most scenic beaches in Bangladesh with 18 km long beach. It is the only beach in Bangladesh.

Although the beach was crowded with millions of tourists a fortnight ago, the tourist place has become deserted after the Eid of the Holy Sacrifice. Because of this, more than five hundred hotels, resorts, guesthouses and cottages in the tourist city are lying empty

At around four o’clock in the afternoon on Thursday, it was seen that only 10/12 people were walking on the beach on this two kilometer long beach. At least 500 kitkats (chair-umbrellas) have been installed across the beach, but all are lying empty. Shops on the beach are also closed. Itinerant photographers waiting for people to take pictures of tourists stand in the shade of trees.

Meanwhile, talking to the owners of residential hotels and motels, it is known that there is no booking in the rooms and there is a complete emptiness. Meanwhile, Hotel Sonargaon Leech owner Md. Mizan Howladar and Rashid Uddin said that the tourism business is sometimes good and sometimes bad. However, since there are no tourists, at the end of the month, a large amount of electricity, water, and employee salaries have to be paid

The supervisor of C-Safe Life Guard, a private organization engaged in the rescue of missing tourists after bathing in the sea, said that about 10-15 days ago and at different points, there was a gathering of about 100,000 people. Now only 15/20 tourists are bathing in the sea throughout the day. I think the beach-centric tourism business is collapsing due to lack of tourists.

People from all walks of life say that the tourism industry is in recession again after Eid. Even if the sea roars, there are no tourists to hear it. Even though more than lakhs of tourists gathered during the Eid holidays, it is now empty

Talking to the local hoteliers of the beach Kuaghata, it is known that although there is some business during Eid, thousands of people involved in the tourism industry are unemployed.

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