

# **3,000 kg of Illegal Polythene Seized in Shariatpur Anti-Polythene Drive**

The Department of Environment (DoE), in collaboration with local administration, law enforcement agencies, and the armed forces, carried out special coordinated drives across the country to protect the environment and enforce the law.

In Shariatpur Sadar's Premtola area, an anti-polythene mobile court led by Upazila Nirbahi Officer Elora Yasmin, with support from the army, seized 76 sacks (approximately 3,000 kg) of banned polythene shopping bags from a truck on Thursday. A fine of BDT 100,000 was imposed under Section 6(Ka) of the Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, 1995. Prosecution was conducted by DoE Shariatpur's Assistant Director Md. Rasel Noman.

In Bagerhat Sadar's Fulbari area, a mobile court led by Assistant Commissioners and Executive Magistrates Md. Tanvir Islam and Adnan Zulfikar took action against the use of prohibited hydraulic horns. Two vehicles were penalised, four hydraulic horn pipes were seized, and fines totalling BDT 1,500 were realised. Prosecution was handled by DoE Bagerhat's Assistant Director Delwar Hossain.

In Lalmonirhat Sadar, a mobile court led by Upazila Nirbahi Officer Mononita Das filed six cases against vehicles for using hydraulic horns and generating excessive noise, collecting BDT 3,000 in fines. Ten hydraulic horns were seized and destroyed. Prosecution was conducted by DoE Lalmonirhat's Inspector Md. Golam Asif Rahman.

Separately, on 13 August, in a joint operation under the directives of the Hon'ble High Court, two illegal brick kilns—Elahi Bricks Manufacturing and Seven Bricks

Manufacturing—were demolished in Faitang, Lama, Bandarban. On the same day, three illegal brick kilns were evicted in Kishoreganj.

The Department of Environment has affirmed that such drives against illegal polythene, noise pollution, and environmental law violations will continue