Cracks Down on Noise and Air Pollution Nationwide

At the initiative of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the Department of Environment (DoE) has conducted mobile court operations simultaneously across the country to control noise and air pollution. Significant fines have been collected, hydraulic horns seized, and legal action taken against violators in operations conducted in various districts, including Dhaka, Kurigram, Keraniganj, and Nilphamari on Sunday.

In a mobile court operation in the Aminbazar area of Savar, nine vehicles were inspected. Five of these vehicles were fined a total of 18,000 Taka and nine horns were seized. The operation was led by Executive Magistrate Faizunnesa Akhter, with Inspector Nayan Kumar Roy serving as the prosecutor.

In another operation targeting black smoke emissions in the Kuril Biswa Road Khilkhet area of Dhaka, conducted in cooperation with BRT, a total of 10,000 Taka in fines was collected from five cases under the Environmental Protection Act, 1995 (amended 2010). A vehicle belonging to Victor Classic Paribahan was sent to a dumping ground for repeating the same offense despite being warned previously. This operation was led by Executive Magistrate Abdullah Al Mamun.

In the Trimohoni Bazar area of Kurigram Sadar, a total of 6,500 Taka in fines was collected from the drivers of four buses and two trucks for using banned hydraulic horns, and 11 horns were seized. The mobile court was led by Executive Magistrate Jinat Sultana.

In the Boroitala area of Keraniganj, a fine of 20,000 Taka was levied for violating construction regulations under the Air Pollution (Control) Rules, 2022. The constructors were also

instructed to follow the law for all future construction work. Additionally, in an operation at the Bypass intersection in Nilphamari, a total of 2,500 Taka in fines was collected from three vehicles using hydraulic horns, and five horns were seized and destroyed. The drivers were also warned, and leaflets and stickers were distributed.

The Department of Environment has stated that these types of mobile court operations to control noise and air pollution will continue regularly across the country.