

POLLUTING BURIGANGA

HC fines 4 factories Tk 5 lakh each

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The High Court yesterday fined four dyeing and textile factories in Shyampur area of Dhaka -- on the bank of river Buriganga -- Tk 5 lakh each for running those without effluent treatment plants (ETPs), polluting the river and suppressing information about it to the court.

The court ordered the owners of Mita Textiles, M/S Ovijat Dyeing, Chandpur Textiles and Dyeing, and Sharmim Textile and Dyeing to pay the fine to the Department of Environment (DoE) in 15 days, after receiving a copy of the verdict.

The DoE has been directed to use the money to free the Buriganga of pollution, Advocate Manzill Murshid, a lawyer for DoE, told The Daily Star.

He said the HC also declared valid