Youth held for posting PM's doctored photo on Facebook

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Police arrested a youth in Netrakona on Friday on charge of superimposing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's facial image on a scantily clad woman's picture and posting it on Facebook.

Atiq Hasan Hanif was produced before a court yesterday, Salemuzzaman, officer-in-charge of Barohatta Police Station, told BBC Bangla.

Asked whether police acted upon a complaint, the officer-in-charge said police noticed the picture in Facebook.

Then a case was filed under the information and communication technology act, he added.

Three newly recruited female waymen repair the tracks near Sholoshohar Railway Station in Chittagong on Thursday, breaking the long-held stereotype that this work involving a substantial amount of physical labour is exclusively for men.

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Women no lesser

First batch of 200 female waymen working for railway countrywide

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At first glance, it may seem unbecoming of a woman because the job involves a substantial amount of physical labour. But with the passage of time, the scenario has changed--women are doing what was considered exclusively the work of men before.

In September-October last year, around 200 women joined the position of wayman, who maintains the stabilisation of railway tracks through regular repairs. This was the first time women were recruited into the position, by the Engineering Department of the Bangladesh Railway.

"The outlook of people has changed. Nowadays women are entering almost every occupation," said Pradip Kumar Saha, chief personnel officer of BR's West Zone.

Rahima Akter, a woman from Netrakona who joined as wayman last year and is currently working in Chittagong, said, "Nothing but mental strength and endeavour are required to do a job."

The mother of three said she had been looking for a job for long and finally got one, for which her family also gave her enough support.

Another wayman, Tipti Rani Shil, wife of Sudarshan Shil of Sandwip upazila of Chittagong, said, "I like to work, no matter how difficult it is."

Tipti, who had studied up to class IX, said she did not fear arduous task. "Nothing is impossible for women but cooperation of all is required for this," she said.

Shahnaz Akter Putul of Brahmanbaria, Shamsunnahar of Kishoreganj and Rawshan Ara Begum of Chittagong came up with similar responses. "Work is work," said Rawshan Ara Begum. "It does not matter what kind of work it is."

Md Ariful Islam, divisional engineer in Lalmonirhat, of BR's West Zone, said women were doing well in the job, and they would do better gradually.

Giving a comparison, Chief Engineer of BR (East Zone) Ahmed Ullah Mia said women were working as hard as men.

"Nowadays women are participating in development activities of the government. They are doing different laborious jobs too. And this is no exception," said Md Amzad Hossain, the director general of the Bangladesh Railway, talking about the women working as waymen.

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