

Air pollution in Dhaka 18 times above global

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premature deaths. In 2019 alone, air pollution caused 1,59,000 premature deaths in the country.

It also contributes to illnesses such as heart disease, respiratory infections, lung cancer, stroke, and type 2 diabetes.

The health impacts of air pollution take a heavy toll on the economy, causing 2.5 billion days of illness and economic losses amounting to Tk 1,291-1,409 billion in 2019, she said.

Sources of pollution include households, power plants, brick kilns, open waste burning, road dust, and vehicle emissions, making air pollution one of the most significant environmental risks.

Household emissions from burning solid fuels account for 28 percent of total pollution, posing the greatest threat to rural women.

Other sources include power plants (24pc), brick kilns (12pc), open burning of municipal waste (11pc), road dust (8pc), road

transport (4pc), and various other sources (13pc).

Bangladesh's air quality monitoring network currently includes 31 stations, with 16 continuous ambient monitoring stations providing hourly measurements of key pollutants such as PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, ozone, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen oxides.

Despite these capabilities, controlling air pollution remains a significant challenge as polluters are not compelled to adopt

cleaner practices or comply with emissions limits, speakers said.

The government plans to address this issue through a new initiative supported by the WB. The upcoming five-year "Bangladesh Clean Air Project", set to launch in July, aims to reduce annual average PM_{2.5} levels by 15 mcg/m³ nationwide and by 30 mcg/m³ in Dhaka.

The project will focus on improving air quality governance, reducing emissions, and raising community awareness.

Interim govt

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He made the remarks at a discussion organised by National People's Party (NPP) at Jatiya Press Club.

Khasru, a BNP standing committee member, said they all supported the current government as there was a need for a neutral administration until an election is held following the fall of the Sheikh Hasina regime.

"We didn't take part in this government. BNP and other political parties have all decided together that no political party should play a role in this government, as its character is neutral," he said.

He said the interim government must restore people's ownership of the country, their voting rights and bring back democratic order through a neutral election.

Several hurt

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"People as old as their fathers have come here to protest, but they were attacked, assaulted, and humiliated. What kind of act is that? We will not leave until the announcement of fulfilling our demands comes from government high-ups," said Rafiqul Islam, another teacher.

Shah Alam, convener of the teachers' platform, said, "Like primary school teachers, we teach thousands of madrasa students. But we have faced discrimination for several decades."

"We will continue our movement until the government assures us that our demands will be met," he added.

The teachers have been staging demonstrations for many years, and most recently, they started a sit-in in front of Jatiya Press Club for the past several days to press home their six-point demand, including the nationalisation of the madrasas, similar to primary schools.

Once vital canal now a source

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Residents of villages such as Satparia, Khatiarpur, Piam, and Sakusail have been significantly affected by the canal's decline.

The canal's water, once clear and widely used for domestic purposes, has become pitch-black and emits a strong stench, said Jahangir Alam, a resident of Satparia village.

Motaher Hussain, another villager, said livestock and poultry frequently fall ill or die after coming into contact with the polluted water. He cited a recent incident where 200 ducks belonging to a farmer in the village died after exposure to the contaminated canal water.

Farmer Abdul Qadir said during the monsoon season, the canal overflows and floods surrounding croplands, leaving behind chemical residue that makes cultivation nearly impossible.

Environmentalists warned that the contamination is spreading beyond the canal, flowing into the Balabhadra river and potentially affecting the Meghna.

Tofazzal Soheli, general secretary of the Habiganj unit of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon, stressed the need for urgent and collective action to stop the industrial pollution.

He urged the interim government to take effective measures to protect the environment and the livelihoods of those dependent on it. Contacted,

Ferdous Anwar, director of the DoE's Sylhet Divisional Office, said the Department of Environment has initiated an investigation into the pollution.

He also said their preliminary probe showed excessive levels of industrial pollution.

"Legal action would be taken against the responsible institutions under existing laws," he said, adding that the names of the industries involved could not be disclosed at this stage for the sake of investigation.

Rare Asiatic

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In Sylhet, said, "There were once four species of bears in the subcontinent, three of which were found in Bangladesh. Now, only two species remain, both critically endangered. Habitat destruction, hunting, smuggling, and food shortages have brought them to the brink of extinction."

"At one time, these bears thrived in the mixed evergreen hill forests of Sylhet and Chattogram. Now, only a few remain in the deep forests, struggling to survive. Publicising their presence could pose serious risks to their safety, as it may attract hunters."

Mohammad Robin Mia, upazila nirbahi officer of Chunarughat, said, "We must ensure these bears are neither hunted nor smuggled. Additionally, we need to create a sustainable food supply for their survival and engage local communities in conservation efforts."

The Wildlife (Conservation and Security) Act of 2012 protects endangered species in Bangladesh, making hunting, killing, or harming them a punishable offence, he added.

Students' demo shuts

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said, "Around 50-60 students of 7 Dhaka University-affiliated colleges came to my office to meet me. I asked them to send two representatives instead. At that time, they all forcibly entered the office room."

"I sternly told them if they want to create a 'mob-

like' situation, I won't address their concerns," he added.

Meanwhile, the DU authorities called a meeting with the principals of the seven colleges at the university VC's office today to discuss the issue, said a notice issued by DU public relations office.

Putul was Canadian

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ACC Director General Akhtar Hossen told the reporters that the ACC investigation team is assessing the possibility of whether Putul can be brought back to the country.

Earlier, the ACC filed a case against Putul,

Hasina, and other family members, alleging fraud and forgery to obtain a plot in Purbachal.

Later, the ACC sent a letter to the WHO via the ministries of foreign affairs and health and family welfare to remove Putul from her post.

ICT finds proof of Rab shooting from helicopter

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The prosecution also revealed that the investigation is continuing, with efforts to identify other individuals involved in these crimes against humanity.

When asked whether Harun is currently in the country, Tajul said authorities are unsure of his whereabouts and that it is the responsibility of law enforcement to locate and arrest him.

As of now, arrest warrants have been issued for 96 individuals, including former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, her cabinet members, police personnel, and former Major General Ziaul

Ahsan.

Harun took over as Rab DG on June 5 last year but was relieved of his position after August 5 and subsequently retired.

Rab's official statements on July 25 and July 30 denied any involvement in firing shots from helicopters during the protests, claiming that only teargas canisters and sound grenades were used.

"No shots were fired from our helicopters. Certain quarters are deliberately attempting to make the use of helicopters controversial," one statement read.

However, these claims were contradicted by the

death of Sumaiya Akter, 20, a mother of a two-month-old daughter, who was fatally shot while standing on her balcony in Siddhirganj, Narayanganj, on July 20.

Sumaiya had reportedly been watching a Rab helicopter fly overhead amid clashes between protesters and law enforcement. Her mother, Asma Begum, alleged that the fatal shot came from the helicopter.

In response to the allegations regarding Rab's use of firearms, teargas shells, and stun grenades during the uprising, current Rab DG AKM Shahidur Rahman said during a meeting in

December last year that the truth would emerge through investigations and appropriate measures would be taken based on the findings.

Meanwhile, the prosecution sought permission from the tribunal to interrogate SI Abdul Malek and Constable Mukul regarding their alleged involvement in the burning of six protesters' bodies in Ashulia, Savar, during the uprising. The tribunal granted permission and scheduled the interrogations for January 28 and January 30, respectively.

Both Malek and Mukul were produced before the tribunal.

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