

MOULVIBAZAR IN SYLHET

Sand lifting rampant despite crackdown

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Illegal sand mining continues unabated across several upazilas in Moulvibazar, despite a series of raids and jail sentences.

The unlawful extraction, primarily occurring under the cover of night, is wreaking havoc on the environment and posing significant risks to local communities.

Over the past 11 months, at least 50 raids have been carried out in Srimangal, Kamalganj, Kulaura, and Sadar upazilas. Authorities have seized over 40 million cubic feet of sand, which was later auctioned for more than Tk 17 crore, according to upazila administration sources.

Yet, enforcement efforts have failed to deter illegal miners. Environmental degradation, including riverbank erosion and road damage caused by overloaded sand transport vehicles, continues to plague the affected areas.

Bamboo barriers and red flags set up by the administration to block access to quarries have largely been ignored.

A leaseholder was fined Tk 1 lakh for illegally extracting sand from the Manu River in Kulaura upazila. The operation, conducted on September 2 by Md Anisul Islam, assistant commissioner (Land) and executive magistrate of Kulaura, found sand being extracted beyond the designated lease boundary, specifically from a restricted area near Salon Bridge.

Md Saikat, operating on behalf of the leaseholder, was fined Tk 1 lakh under the Sand Quarry and Soil Management Act, 2010.

Sreemangal upazila, home to the highest concentration of silica sand deposits in the district, has seen the most enforcement activity. In the past 11 months, 16 cases were

filed in connection with illegal sand extraction.

Mobile courts conducted seven operations, seizing 71,285 cubic feet of sand and auctioning the material three times. On August 30, 100 cubic feet of silica sand were seized from Bhurbhuria quarries in Shantibag.

Earlier that week, the administration stopped sand extraction near the Gopala Chhara bridge, confiscating 500 cubic feet of sand from the Kalibari area in Raghunathpur.



Additionally, illegal ghats in Sindurkhan union's Sikka and Dobagao areas were shut down, with Tk 50,000 in fines imposed on August 19.

Sreemangal UNO Md Islam Uddin said, "We are monitoring the situation strictly and will take legal action against the violators."

Kamalganj upazila saw 21 raids during the same period, with Tk 13 lakh in fines collected from offenders. The raids on August 23 and 31 led to two individuals being fined Tk 1 lakh each for extracting

sand from Chaitraghat Balumhal on the Dhalai River.

Kamalganj UNO Makhon Chandra Sutradhar said, "Our drive against illegal sand mining is ongoing."

Government records show Moulvibazar has 52 listed silica sand quarries. Of these, 33 are approved by the Bureau of Mineral Resources Development, with 31 located in Sreemangal alone. There are also 26 general sand quarries on rivers, including leased sites on the Dhalai and Manu rivers.

Kulaura UNO Md Mohiuddin reported the seizure of 29.641 million cubic feet of sand from Salon of Tilagaon union, Konimura, Harichak, and Sadhanpur of Hajipur union.

The seized sand, valued at Tk 13 crore, was sold at a public auction for Tk 16.94 crore on August 31 after overcoming legal complications.

Contacted, Deputy Commissioner Md Israel Hossain said the government's campaign against illegal sand mining is ongoing. "We are determined to stop those responsible," he said.

Ex-BRUR VC denied bail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Prof Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, former vice-chancellor of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur, was denied bail and sent to jail yesterday after completing a five-day remand in a case accusing him of embezzling Tk 4 crore from a university development project.

The Metropolitan Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka rejected his bail petition.

Judge Md Sabbir Faiz passed the order after Anti-Corruption Commission Assistant Director Minhaj Bin Islam, the investigation officer, requested his confinement until the probe is completed.

The ACC filed the case on June 18 against five people, including Kalimullah.

PRAYER TIMING
SEPTEMBER 5

	Fazr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN	4-35	12-30	4-30	6-20	7-45
JAMAAT	5-10	1-15	4-45	6-25	8-15

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION

Campaigns ramp up

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Instead, they continued their door-to-door campaign.

Divided into three teams led by their candidates for the top three posts, they campaigned among non-residential and female voters, particularly in the science faculties at Mokarrom and Kazi Motaher Hossain areas.

Two Ducsu panels unveiled their manifestos yesterday. One of them, Samannito Shikharthi Sangsad, led by VP candidate Jamal Uddin Khalid and GS candidate Mahin Sarker, focuses on the university's development.

Jamal, the former President of Islami Shasantantra Chhatra Andolon's DU unit, and Mahin, the former joint member secretary of the National Citizen Party, stated in their manifesto that DU would be their top priority if elected. "We want DU to lead the fourth industrial revolution," they said.

The panel's pledges include assisting DU students with preparations for global examinations like IELTS, GRE, and TOEFL, modernising the university curriculum, promoting

cultural independence, and introducing a "one student, one laptop" programme. They also pledged to digitalise the university, among other initiatives.

The other panel, Biplobi Chhatra Parishad, also unveiled their manifesto, which includes a commitment to work towards placing the university in the top 100 global rankings and ensuring the university operates as a truly autonomous body.

The VP candidate for the panel is Abdul Wahed of the Arabic department, and the executive member candidate is Muhib Khan of the marketing department.

Hasina's ghost

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the administration are implementing Hasina's long-term blueprint through chaos and anarchy."

BNP Economic Affairs Secretary Engineer Khaled Hossain Mahboob Shaymal, convener of Amra BNP Poribar Atikur Rahman, and district BNP General Secretary Sirajul Islam Siraj, were also present.

Journo beaten

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continuing to beat him. Siam was left bleeding before state lawyer Kayum Hossain intervened and took him to the witness stand for protection.

Muktadir was also forced out of the courtroom and verbally abused.

The judge left the courtroom briefly due to the chaos but returned at 3:25pm. After the hearing, the court rejected Monjurul's bail application.


Speaking to The Daily Star, Siam said, "Several lawyers attacked me in front of the judge without any reason. I demand justice for this incident."

Muktadir said, "The police were present but did not intervene."

Lawyer Mahi Uddin Ahmed denied the allegations against him. "I did not assault anyone inside the courtroom," he told The Daily Star.

Dhaka Bar Association General Secretary Syed Nazrul Islam said he went to the spot and tried to calm both sides. He said no official investigation committee has yet been formed.

Meanwhile, Court Reporters' Unity, Law Reporters Forum and Supreme Court Reporters Forum condemned the incident.



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নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি সংশোধন প্রসঙ্গে

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Sl. No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender ID No.	Last selling date & time	Tender closing & opening date & time
1	egp/dscc/z-08/25-26/p-02	Repair works of damaged road in Ward No. 66, 67, 68 and 69 under Zone 08	1146517	29-Sep-2025 13:00:00	29-Sep-2025 15:00:00
2	egp/dscc/z-08/25-26/p-01	Repair & maintenance of office of Zone 8 along with roads infrastructure of Ward No. 66, 67, 68, 69 through term contractor in FY 2025-26	1146516	22-Sep-2025 13:00:00	22-Sep-2025 15:00:00

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Ministry of Cultural Affairs
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
For
Selection of National Individual Consultant [Time Based]

No: 43.26.0000.006.14.024.25.55

Date: 03.09.2025

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Cultural Affairs				
2. Agency	Construction of the Bir Muktizudha Shaheed Naib Subedar Md. Ashraf Ali Khan, Bir Bikram Library and Research Center (1st Revised) Project				
3. Procuring Entity Name	Project Director Construction of the Bir Muktizudha Shaheed Naib Subedar Md. Ashraf Ali Khan, Bir Bikram Library and Research Center (1st Revised) Project Department of Public Library, 1-Mintu Road, BSL Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka-1000				
4. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka				
5. Expressions of Interest for Selection of	Individual Consultant (National) (Time-based)				
6. EOI Ref. no	No- 43.26.0000.006.14.024.25.55				
7. Date	03.09.2025				
KEY INFORMATION					
8. Procurement Method	Selection of Individual Consultant				
FUNDING INFORMATION					
9. Budget and Source Of Funds	GOB (Development Budget)				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION					
10. Project / Programme Code	224325000				
11. Project / Programme Name	Construction of the Bir Muktizudha Shaheed Naib Subedar Md. Ashraf Ali Khan, Bir Bikram Library and Research Center (1st Revised) Project				
12. Last date & time of submission of EOI	Date: 16 September 2025; Time: 2:30 PM (Local Time)				
13. Eoi Submission Place	Project Director Construction of the Bir Muktizudha Shaheed Naib Subedar Md. Ashraf Ali Khan, Bir Bikram Library and Research Center (1st Revised) Project Department of Public Libraries, 1-Mintu Road, BSL Bhaban Ramna, Dhaka-1000				
14. Eoi Opening Date and Time	Date: 16 September 2025; Time: 3:00 PM (Local Time)				
Information for Applicant					
15. Others Details:	a. The soft copy of Prescribed EOI/CV Format, Terms of Reference and more information can be obtained from the website of Department of Public Library (https://publiclibrary.gov.bd/) and from the Project Office during the office hours on any working day before the Eoi submission closing date and time. b. Applicants shall have to submit their Eoi along with a forwarding letter, complete CV (in prescribed format) and relevant documents in support of educational qualification & experience in a sealed envelope with soft copy (word format) clearly marked/ labeled as "Expression of Interest" for the intended position to the following address. The soft copy must be sent by email: pd.ashrafalikhan@gmail.com c. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement Act-2006 and the Public Procurement Rules-2008 (as amended).				
16. Ref No.	Quantity	Duration of Services	Location	Indicative Start Date	Indicative Completion Date
Consultant	01	04 Man-Months	Dhaka	September 2025	December 2025
17. Name of Official Inviting EOI	Dr. Sangib Sutradhar				
18. Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Project Director (Deputy Secretary)				
19. Address of Official Inviting EOI	Construction of the Bir Muktizudha Shaheed Naib Subedar Md. Ashraf Ali Khan, Bir Bikram Library and Research Center (1st Revised) Project Department of Public Library, 1-Mintu Road, BSL Bhaban Ramna, Dhaka-1000				
20. Contact details of Official Inviting EOI	Phone: 02 222229901 email: pd.ashrafalikhan@gmail.com				
21. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOI's without assigning any reason whatsoever					

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