

45 illegal brick kilns fined Tk 47.6 lakh in Pabna

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The Department of Environment conducted a massive drive against 45 illegal brick kilns in Lokhmikunda union of Pabna's Ishwardi upazila on Monday.

Md Abdul Gofur, DoE assistant director in Pabna, confirmed the matter in a press release issued yesterday.

During the drive, the DoE mobile court fined the 45 brick kilns a total of Tk 47.6 lakh, including two kilns Tk 3 lakh each, one Tk 2.5 lakh, one Tk 1.5 lakh, 34 kilns Tk 1 lakh each, one kiln Tk 80,000, five kilns Tk 50,000 each, and one kiln Tk 30,000.

DMP issues traffic

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To keep the jamaa venue clear, vehicular movement will be completely suspended at Farmgate Police Box, Indira Road crossing, Bijoy Sarani crossing, Aircraft crossing, Asad Gate, Raja Plaza, and the Gono Bhaban crossing.

Meanwhile, vehicles from Mirpur heading towards Dhanmondi and Mohammadpur are advised to use the Mirpur-Technical-Shyamoli Ring Road. Those travelling from Mirpur to Ramma or Motijheel will be diverted via Agargaon Crossing and Jahangir Gate.

The DMP further noted that traffic movement may be restricted at major intersections, including Panthapath Sonargaon Hotel, Dhanmondi 32, and

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Specific parking arrangements have also been established to manage the crowd.

Vehicles from within Dhaka have been directed to park at the old Trade Fair ground in Agargaon. Buses and other vehicles arriving from outside the capital will be allowed to park in the Motijheel commercial area, Shahbagh Police Station area, Utara Sector 17 cattle market area, and the 300-feet service road of the Purbachal Expressway.

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recommendations. These include amending the 2021 rules to expand the definition of e-waste by including emerging sectors such as electric vehicles and solar panels, and updating the list regularly.

The organisation also recommended introducing clear incentives and penalties, forming a national coordination committee, and issuing specific provisions for e-waste export.

TIB called for the development of a separate technical guideline covering environmental

protection, occupational health and safety, safe handling of hazardous components, and disaster-related e-waste. It also stressed the need for a dedicated Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) guideline for manufacturers, importers and marketers, with phased implementation and a sustainable funding mechanism.

Speaking at the event, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman described Bangladesh's e-waste management system as reflecting "clear anarchy" due to weak laws, poor enforcement and lack of accountability. "There is no clear management strategy from the government. Whatever laws exist are not being enforced. This is nothing but chaos," he said.

He added that improper handling of e-waste poses serious threats to human health and the environment, while proper management could become "an important

source of national income". Iftekharuzzaman also pointed to major governance gaps, including weak coordination, transparency and accountability among agencies, particularly the DoE.

"The failure to enforce the 2021 e-waste rules is mainly due to unwillingness, lack of capacity and lack of responsibility of the duty-bearers," he said.

He added that continued illegal imports violate both national laws and global commitments.

"We are violating our own laws as well as international obligations," he warned, referring to the Basel Convention.

He also said that gendered risks, saying women are disproportionately exposed to health hazards, as they are often engaged in collecting and sorting e-waste.

Calling for urgent action, Iftekharuzzaman urged the interim government to start implementing TIB's recommendations.

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has been identified as a key reason behind the high fatality rate," she said.

According to the report, a large share of workplace accidents in 2025 occurred in the informal sector. Analysis found that around 84 percent of total accidents took place in workplaces outside the effective coverage of labour laws, making this the most significant structural challenge to the country's workplace safety system.

"Without bringing the informal labour sector under labour law enforcement and social protection frameworks, it will not be possible to significantly reduce workplace accidents," Snigdha said.

Sector wise analysis showed that transport workers were the most affected by workplace accidents in 2025, followed by those in the industrial and manufacturing, service, agricultural, and infrastructure and construction sectors, she added.

JnU student polls

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The four contesting panels and independent candidates later jointly submitted a four-point demand to the JnU VC. The demands include: holding the JnUCSU and hall union elections.

VC Prof Dr Md Rezaul Karim confirmed the revised date.

Student leaders and candidates, however, argued that the polls could have been held as a mark of respect for Khaleda Zia's uncompromising role in the country's democratic movements.

Left-leaning panel's general secretary candidate Ivan Tahseeb said, "Students came to the campus with great enthusiasm to cast their votes. The election could have been completed smoothly. Postponing it at such a moment is unacceptable."

Riazul Islam, vice-president candidate of the Chhatra Shibir-backed panel, and AKM Rakib, VP candidate of the Chhatra Dal-backed panel, echoed

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On behalf of BASIS, we pray for the eternal peace of her soul and extend our heartfelt condolences to her bereaved family, relatives, countless supporters and well-wishers. May Almighty Allah grant her Jannatul Firdaus and provide strength to all those mourning her loss.

On behalf of the members of the Association—Abul Kair Mohammad Hafizullah Khan, Joint Secretary, Local Government Division, & Administrator, BASIS—

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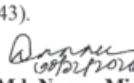
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