

## **Environmental Pollution**

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Protection of environment through enforcement of environmental law in Bangladesh is a real challenge; especially for those who are mandated to do it.

This is really a defining moment for government, whose priority for development is driven by decisions to balance pressure groups and environmental activists, as well as for the officials, who are very often in between two fires because of baffling instructions from the government.

It requires high amount of moral courage for the government official to be ready to take challenge to fight for the environment, even sometimes risking career. Along with that is the temptation in more than one form that comes through tantalizingly.

The businessmen whose industries and plants need to be run in compliance with the obligation they need to fulfill do make commitment only to be broken in the process making the life of the officials all the more difficult and challenging, especially these people have high clouts in the society to buy decision in their favour.

However, it's not only enforcement; there need to be strong collaboration between the officials enforcing legal provisions and the business community as well as other stakeholders who are ever vigilant to see sustainable development. The element of reciprocity and complementarity needs to be in place towards ensuring appropriate environment for sustainable development.

Above all, it's the leadership of the officials who make the difference in the enforcement of environmental law in the country by sheer courage and steadfastness in decision-making and implementation.