



BAZAR FOR THE POOR

THE Fokinni Bazar, otherwise known as “Gorib er Bazar”, sells vegetables and fruits salvaged from the nearby Karwan Bazar. The bazar, which started back in 1983, has some 120 open-air stalls selling produce. According to the vendors, it all started when those living near the rail lines began collecting vegetables that fell off wagons or were thrown out for being “damaged”. They took the scraps and sold them for less than half the price. The financially-challenged customers of the bazar do not consider the blemishes to be deal-breakers and instead use them to haggle down prices. The bazar serves as a grocery haven for slum dwellers who live in and around the area. However, due to frequent eviction drives, it may just be in its twilight years.

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