



## SAGA OF ENCROACHMENT

**A**CCORDING to a study by the World Union for Conservation (IUCN), a densely populated city like Dhaka requires 25 per cent wetland as breathing space. But official statistics show that the city now has less than 10 per cent wetland, putting urban life at risk. Unscrupulous land grabbers have already encroached many parts of rivers, lakes, wetland and canals in and around the city while the authority turns a blind eye to illegal encroachment. Photographs speak of the saga of encroachment in Turag, Buriganga, Dhaledhuli and Banani Lake.

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