



The Death of Dhaka's Posh Spots

Dhaka's so-called "posh", "residential" areas have and continue to become anything but that. Dhanmondi, Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara -- places where half the city travels to every morning, to work in banks and restaurants, shops and garment factories.

Quaint independent houses have been turned to high rise apartment buildings, sacrificing the beautiful gardens. Lanes are now thoroughfares where cars honk rudely and create traffic jams. Roads are pot-holed, muddy and smell of rotting garbage left in heaps in corners. Avenues of elegance have been turned into lines of commercial establishments from banks to schools to clinics. So what happened to the best neighbourhoods of Dhaka?

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