



GLAMOUR GROWS, GLORY WANES

Set up on the bank of the river Buriganga, Dhaka was once called the mysterious city of the east. Mughal architecture was the favoured style of housing construction during this period. Roses that were inscribed on the walls in Persian style at the time can still be seen. Eventually, Gothic architecture was developed under the influence of British colonialists.

Over the years, Dhaka lost some of this glamour. Now with more than 10 million people it has taken form of a megacity. The influx of poor from the villages looking for jobs is on the rise. The city is growing towards the sky as the needs of a growing population and a growing economy are met with the construction of high rise buildings.

Century old buildings of old quarters of Dhaka remind us of the beauty of the glorious past.



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