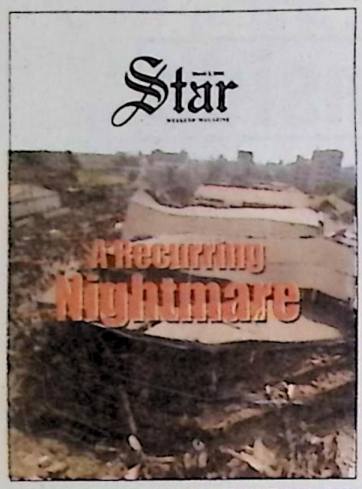


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The location of Bela Sheshe

I was very interested to learn about Bela Sheshe, a safe home for elderly people. My current position is very similar to Nurunnahar. I am also a retired teacher and live with one of my daughters in Malibagh. My daughter is a very busy person and is unable to spend much time with me and I am passing a very lonely life. I wonder if it's possible for you to give the address of the organisation, Bela Sheshe. I am sure many others like me will want to know more about the place.

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The address of Bela Sheshe:
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Collapse of the building

The collapse of the five-storied Phoenix building at Tejgaon on February 25th was really very shocking news.

From the news report it has been seen that the doomed building had a foundation for three storeys. But the owners went for vertical expansion. The surprising fact is that it was renovated for starting a hospital.

One of my friends from India sent me a mail asking me whether my country had any authority to think about the disaster caused by this accident? It was an embarrassing question for me and I was in a fix about what to answer. Again most of the buildings in Old Dhaka are in such a condition that most of them will collapse even if a small earthquake takes place. For an earthquake that measures 7 on the Richter scale intensity the direct losses will amount to USD 865 million. Again the loss of life will be immense. We want no more loss of lives. So I request the concerned authorities to take the necessary steps.

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Metropolitan Nuisance

Among other things in the city of Dhaka, one will find beggars knocking at the car windows in every traffic signal points asking for alms while the red signal is on. Besides, booksellers, fruit vendors, household hawkers and others disturb the commuters in the cars and in all sorts of transports which also causes further traffic jam. This picture is not at all seen in any other big cities of other countries. The scenario can be termed as a public nuisance. The present government is determined to beautify Dhaka City as one of its election commitments. The image of the country in the eye of the foreigners is highly affected with these street irritations. This kind of nuisance should be stopped by the law enforcers which would also help reduce traffic jam.

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