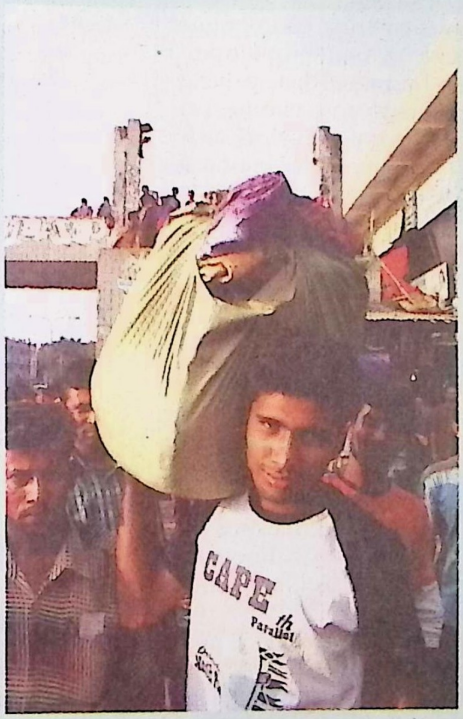
Facing an Uncertain Future



Life for 100,000 hawkers and street-vendors of the city has turned into a hellish night-mare after the government's drive to evict them from the streets and foot-paths where they used to sell things as wide in variety as nail polish to mint-leaves. Though promises have been made to allot them an alternative place to run their businesses, no initia-tive has so far been taken by the govern-ment to implement that pledge. These hawkers, poor as they are, have always remained outside the paradigm of power, and chances are, they along with thou-sands of others will slip into social and economic chaos.

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