

DCC removes illegal billboards

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Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), after almost a month into their announcement, has finally launched a drive to knock down hundreds of illegal mushrooming billboards all over the capital.

These gigantic hoardings had turned out to be an eyesore and a cause of vision pollution for the city inhabitants while depriving them of viewing natural and architectural aesthetics of the city.

A DCC eviction team led by Saifuddin Ahmed, chief executive officer of DCC, Chief Estate Officer Kamruzzaman Chowdhury and chief cleaning staff commander Sohail Faruqi along with number of other officials from the corporation knocked down around 50 illegal billboards during a 5-hour drive on Thursday night from 11:00pm to 4:00am.

"We started the drive later at night for the convenience of general people and to avoid traffic congestion," said

Kamruzzaman Chowdhury, chief estate officer at DCC.

Three teams of DCC officials with the help of the army and the police started the drive from Phulbaria Bus Terminal, Minto Road and Paribagh Sakura Market and pulled down the illegal billboards with 8 cranes, 10 bulldozers, and 5 gas cutters along with around 50 vehicles.

"We knocked down those billboards because most of them were built either without authorisation or violated terms of authorisation," said Kamruzzaman Chowdhury.

The teams began the drive by removing the massive billboard of a private telecom company of around 2,000 sq feet in front of Hotel Sheraton. Fasihullah, the executive officer of DCC region 6 said the billboard was constructed without DCC approval.

The officials went on to demolish a number of other billboards from Minto Road, Paribagh, Phulbaria, Gulistan

intersection and the adjacent areas.

"Majority of the billboards that were knocked down during the drive were as big as 1,800 sq feet to 2,500 sq feet -- a complete violation of our permitted area of 600 sq feet," said Saifuddin Ahmed, chief executive officer of DCC.

During the drive on Minto Road, owners and officials from Uttaran Art, Basundhara Communications and a few other advertisement firms arrived on the spot and protested against the drive.

"They blamed us for indiscriminately knocking down the billboards, but we told them that we published a number of final notices and advertisements in national dailies a week prior to the drive," said Kamruzzaman Chowdhury.

According to sources, there are around 367 billboards that DCC had authorised. DCC officials however failed to give out the figure of illegally built billboards. Some of the billboards also fall under

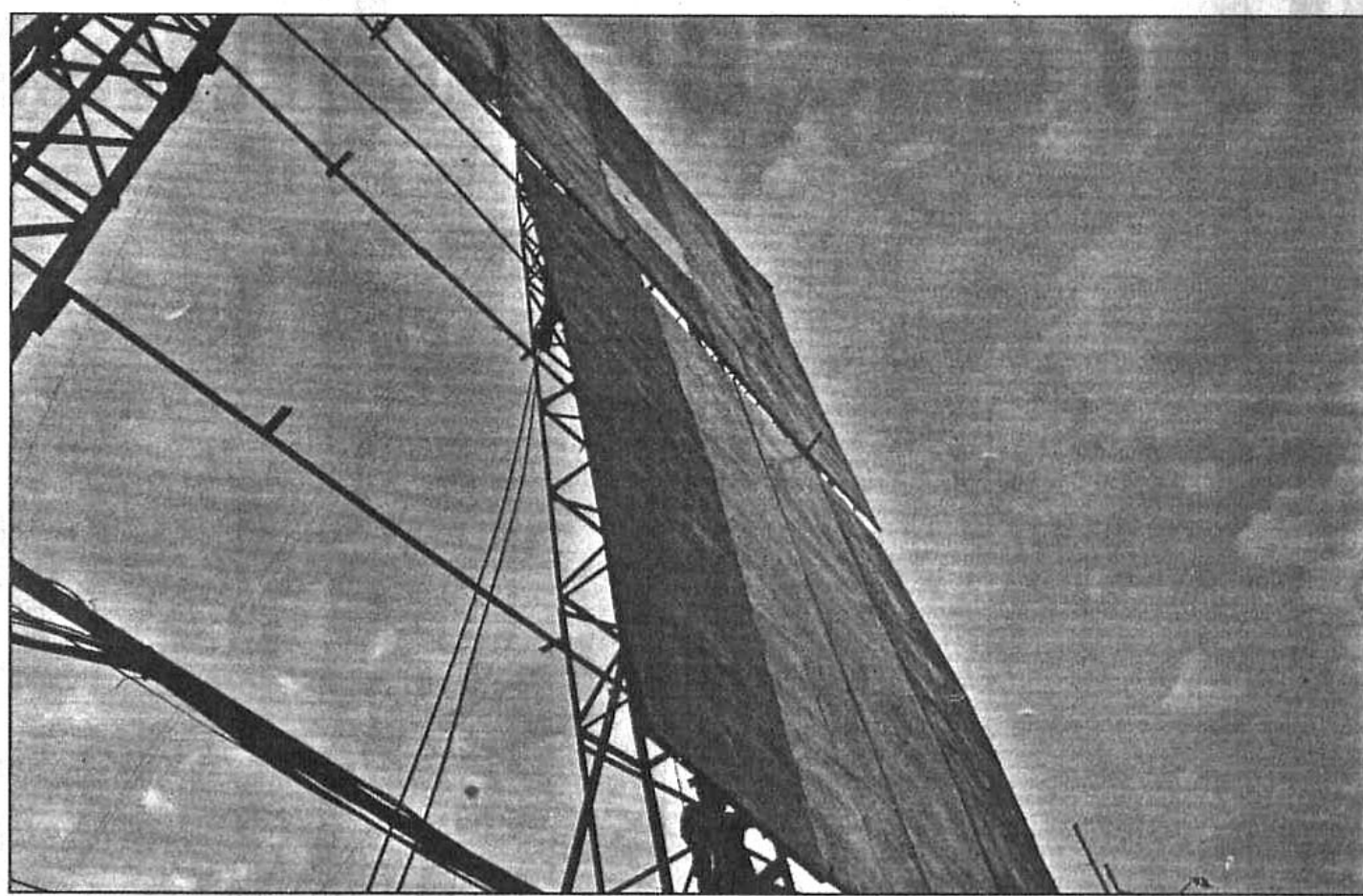
the jurisdiction of Public Works Department while others belong to Roads and Highways Department.

The maximum area of a billboard permitted in the city is 600 square feet. There is also a surveyor group of DCC operating in the city to randomly monitor violation of the permissible size, DCC officials said.

Saifuddin Ahmed, CEO of DCC, told this correspondent that they would continue the drive until all illegal billboards are wiped out from the city.

"DCC will continue this drive to remove illegal billboards every Thursday for an indefinite period. From now on as the advertisement agencies are evading millions of taka in taxes each year," said Ahmed.

"Although many advertisement firms were approved to build billboards maintaining specific size, they built bigger ones by violating the terms of the agreement," he added.



The steel frame of an illegal billboard removed on Friday still stands as an eyesore on the western side of Hotel Sheraton.

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Leaves Dhaka at 7:30 am
Leaves Dhaka at 3:15 pm
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Leaves Dhaka at 6:40 am
Leaves Dhaka at 12:45 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 9:45 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 7:00 am
Leaves Dhaka at 5:00 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 8:00 pm
Leaves Dhaka at 9:20 pm

Reaches Chittagong at 10:35 pm
Reaches Chittagong at 1:55 pm
Reaches Chittagong at 10:55 am
Reaches Chittagong at 6:40 am
Reaches Sylhet at 2:30 pm
Reaches Sylhet at 9:20 pm
Reaches Sylhet at 6:40 am
Reaches Bahadurabad at 1:05 pm
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Reaches Jagannath at 2:30 pm

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TA 4651-BAN: Dhaka Water Supply Project

Request for Expression of Interest for Feasibility Study of Proposed Surface Water Treatment Plant at Khilkhet

At the request of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) the Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a Technical Assistance grant to conduct studies and identify projects to meet the water demand of Dhaka city up to the year 2030. Accordingly ADB engaged a consultant for the aforesaid works. With other items the consultant in its report recommended for construction of a Surface Water Treatment Plant of capacity 500 MLD near Khilkhet in Dhaka city with intake at Meghna river near Baidyer Bazar and raw water transmission pipe along the road from Baidyer Bazar to Khilkhet. Dhaka WASA intends to conduct a feasibility study for the proposed "Khilkhet Surface Water Treatment Plant" under DWASA revenue fund which may be retroactive financing from ADB. The study will mainly comprise of the following works.

- Detailed feasibility study of the proposed Khilkhet Surface Water Treatment Plant.
- Identify the exact location of the treatment plant and quantity of land required.
- Locate the intake point and identify quantity of land.
- Identify the alignment of the raw water transmission main including river crossing.
- All other works related to the feasibility study.
- Financial & environmental study.
- Analysis of Raw Water Quality and Quantity of Meghna River at Baidyer Bazar. This analysis shall be done with the help of modern tools like mathematical modeling.
- Preliminary design of Surface Water Treatment Plant, Intake & Raw Water Transmission Main.
- Preliminary cost estimate of Surface Water Treatment Plant, Intake & Raw Water Transmission Main.
- Preparation of tender document.
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Social Impact Assessment (SIA).

DWASA now invites eligible International Consultants from ADB's member countries

and listed in ADB's database of consulting firms to submit their expressions of interest (EOI) for short listing firm for the consultancy for the feasibility study. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures description of similar assignments, experience in similar condition, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc). The EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following of the firm.

- Core business and year of business.
- Qualification in the field of the assignment.
- Technical and managerial organisation of the firm.
- General qualification and number of key-staffs.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualification but should mention whether the association is in the form of a "Joint-venture" or of "sub-consultancy". In the case of an association, all members of such "association" should have real and well defined inputs to the assignment.

Consultant will be selected in accordance with the GoB's Public Procurement Regulations 2003 (www.cptu.gov.bd).

Interested consultants may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned from 0900 to 1300 hours on all working days. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI proposals either in part or in full without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Expressions of interest shall be submitted in sealed envelope, delivered to the address below on or before 15/3/07 at 12:00 noon.

EOIs received after the last date of submission will not be considered for short listing. DWASA will not be responsible for any delay in submission including delay due to postal or any other reason, whatsoever.

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