

Roads named after language heroes

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Eight roads of Dhaka city have recently been named after language heroes. Last year in December road 9 and 10 of Dhanmondi were named Kazi Golam Mahbub Road. Last February Dhaka City Corporation renamed seven roads after the language heroes.

From now on road 3 of Dhanmondi will be known as 'Bhasha Shoinik (language hero) Mohammad Sultan', road 4 as 'Bhasha Shoinik Oli Ahad', road 5 as 'Bhasha Shoinik Abdur Rashid Torkobagish', road 6 as 'Bhasha Shoinik Abul Kalam Shamsuddin', road 7 as 'Bhasha Shoinik MA Matin', road 8 'Bhasha Shoinik Gazul Haq' and from Mirpur technical to Mirpur 1 as 'Bhasha Shoinik Abul Kashem'.

DCC Mayor Sadeq Hossain Khoka said, "We have a plan to inaugurate more roads after historical persons in future. We also have a plan to introduce people friendly short names instead of full names of the persons," as people have a tendency to call the roads in their previous names or shorter names.

Three of the eight language heroes got this honours in their lifetime. On February 10 Abdul Matin, on February 15 Gazul Haq and on February 27 Oli Ahad inaugurated the roads named after them.

Khoka inaugurated rest of the roads. Earlier, 11 roads were named after 11 sector commanders.



Dhanmondi road 6 is named after Bhasha Shoinik Abul Kalam Shamsuddin.

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Internal feuds, greed mar reputation

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on the Brahmo Temple premises without following the building code.

Rajuk has recently ordered the Brahmos to demolish the building, the source said. The demolition would cost a huge amount of money, he added.

"They are not thinking about the library or progressive activities of our ancestors," said a member of the society.

He mentioned that the Brahmos established Dhaka Brahmo School, which is now Jagannath University. They also established Eden Female School, which is now Eden University College, he added.

Pranesh Somaddar Acharya, now disabled due to old age, has been serving as librarian and the main priest of the society since 1958.

He told Star City that the

library was a large one before the Liberation War of 1971. Most of the books were destroyed during the war.

About the library's present state, he said he could not move for the last few months and was not aware of the situation. "I can only say, the library had more than a thousand books when I was there last time (about 2/3 months ago)," he said.

About the legal battles, he said, practice of the Brahmo norms by both the groups could solve the problems and save the sanctity of the temple and the library.

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building and the confrontation between two groups.
"Somebody has to come forward to save the Brahmo Society and the library, I don't know who will be the restorer, may be caretaker government or not. But I know I have to fight for the Brahmo Society and for the people up to the last."

On the temple premise this reporter met Murad, an expatriate Bangladeshi businessman who recently came from Dubai with his wife after three decades.

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| Bangladesh Medical College & Hospital | 9118202, 8115843 |
| Central Hospital | 9660015-19, |
| China Bangla Hospital (JV) Ltd | 8913674 |
| Dhaka Medical College Hospital | 8626812-16 |
| Gana Shasthyo Kendra | 8617208, 8617383, 8620178, |
| Greenland Hospital | 8912663 |
| Gulshan Mother & Child Clinic | 8822738, 8812992 |
| Holy Family Hospital | 8317606, 9557354, 8317819 |

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| Salimullah Medical College Hospital | 7319002-6 |
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| Labaid Cardiac Hospital | 8610793-8 |
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| Medinova Medical Services Ltd | 8620353, |
| Monowara Hospital | 8318135, 8319802 |
| Pangu Hospital | 9112150, 9113041 |
| PG Hospital (BSMMU) | 9614545-9, 9612550-4 |
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| Bangladesh Red Crescent Blood Bank | 9334152, 8316766, 8126293 |
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| lines | |
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TRAIN TIMING

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| Subarna Express | Leaves Dhaka at 4:30 pm |
| Mahanagar Prabhati | Leaves Dhaka at 7:30 am |
| Mahanagar Godhuli | Leaves Dhaka at 3:15 pm |
| Turna | Leaves Dhaka at 11:00 pm |
| Parabat Express | Leaves Dhaka at 6:40 am |
| Joyantika Express | Leaves Dhaka at 12:45 pm |
| Upabani Express | Leaves Dhaka at 9:45 pm |
| Tista Express | Leaves Dhaka at 7:00 am |
| Ekata Express | Leaves Dhaka at 5:00 pm |
| Upakul Express | Leaves Dhaka at 8:00 pm |
| Agnibeena Express | Leaves Dhaka at 9:20 pm |

Victim of pathetic planning

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"The project is a victim of absolute inconsistent management. There is no easy access to the terminals due to absence of approach roads and no policy on types of vehicles eligible to ply the waterway. There is no proper dredging, proper width and no other corresponding services," he said.

About BIWTA's claim of success in cargo transportation, Habib said the landing station of Aminbazar is serving the purpose of the traders who use the waterway to transport goods anyway. "The traders built landing stations in Aminbazar on their own to meet their own needs for easier cargo transportation."

"But we want the eastern side [second phase] project to start because we want to see CW succeed," he added.

Dr Abu Saeed M Ahmed, head of architecture at University of Asia Pacific,

said, "CW is one of the priorities of the city dwellers. If we can maintain it, CW will lessen the pressure of traffic and the maintenance cost will be less than building a road. If vital water bodies of the city -- Begunbari canal, Gulshan lake, Hatirjheel and the Balu river -- could be linked, we can guarantee that these canals would not be dead and would help drain out floodwaters."

If the inner canals of the city could be connected, people in the city can travel on waterways. For an instance, if the Begunbari canal can be revived, a person can go to Karwan Bazar from Rampura without going through the jam-packed city streets.

Abdullah Abu Sayeed, member of Buriganga Task Force, said there are very few cities in the world, which are surrounded by rivers and canals. The waterways could be an inexpensive way to transport human and cargo

and promote tourism.

He said if dredging could be done successfully, water flow of rivers and canals connected with the Buriganga would increase and that would reduce pollution in the dying river.

Estimated cost for the second phase of the 40-km waterway consisting rivers Balu and Shitalakkhya and Tongi canal is Tk 103 crore. Tk 40 crore is allocated for dredging which is yet to be approved. Tk 52 crore is allocated for building approach roads -- to be completed by Local Government Engineering Department (LGED).

The second phase of the project is pending for Executive Committee on National Economic Council's (Ecne) approval for the last one year due to bureaucratic tangles and reservations against this project, said BIWTA sources.

Tangles of overhead

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Iqbal Hossain, senior information officer of Desa.

"But the negotiation effort didn't go as well as we had anticipated. Although we had announced that we would remove their cables, we could not do so due to different reasons," he added.

Most utility service providers however refused to take responsibility for the cable mess and they pointed fingers at others for the haphazard distribution of cables.

According to BTB officials, most telephone cables in the city are channelled through underground channels and the cables are connecting to different telephone cabinets in

different zones. Each of these cabinets has a capacity to support a limited number of telephone connections and usually a 100 to 150 feet overhead cable is required to connect a telephone.

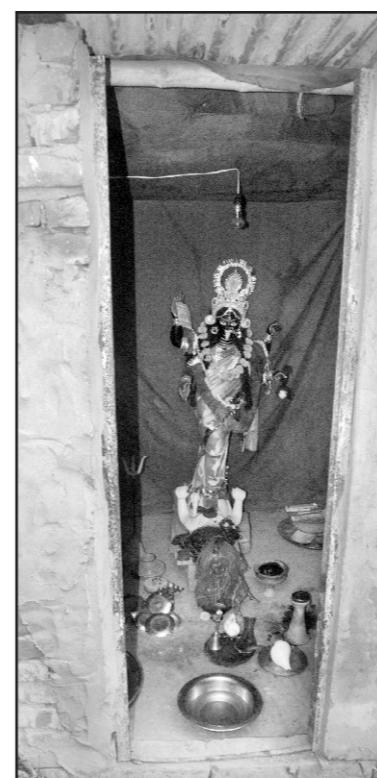
"I don't see how people can blame us for the tangle as most of our cable network is underground and the only cables that are visible to the people are just the ones going in their houses from our cabinets," said a BTB official seeking anonymity.

On the contrary, Cable Operators Association of Bangladesh (COAB) officials blamed other service providers for the untidy practice. They

also blamed the authorities for poor maintenance of the utility poles as well as the cables.

"We had an agreement with Desco that we would compensate in return for the maintenance of our cables, so Desco should be blamed for the tangles," said Anwar Parvez, president of COAB.

"As we use optical fibre technology to provide our connection to the subscribers, we need only one cable for multiple connections. The internet service providers and BTB however has to use individual cables for each connection," he explained.



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