



BURIGANGA BOAT RACE

The rainy season has replenished the river Buriganga with floodwaters from the Jamuna in the upstream. The arrival of new waters has dispersed billions of gallons of toxic wastes accumulated in the Buriganga during the long dry season. With its shores and foreshores inundated, millions of people living along the Buriganga now wake up every day with new hopes, often too unwilling to accept that the same river will become a pit for the city wastes as soon as the water recedes and its current vanishes.

Amid hopes in the rainy season at least six traditional boat races are organized along the river Buriganga. One in Basila has taken place every year for the last forty years. Haji Razzak's family and friends organized the race. Six traditional racing teams subscribed for the competition this year. The winning team's cheerleader Lal Mia walked away with a brand new motorbike while the second received a 12 cft fridge and the third a 21-inch color television.



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