



Water is not a seasonal crisis; many residents of Dhaka face this problem daily. Some get water only two times a day. Some stand in a queue to collect water.

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People are crossing a canal by way of a boat-bridge, near Kamrangchiar, in the Lalbag area of Dhaka. Usually boatmen ferry the passengers by boat. But sometimes when water hyacinths cover the water, it is impossible. The boats are then joined together to make such a bridge.

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Architecture of Scarcity.

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A life, a face, a man, a hardworking team always keeping others' lives clean. But they are nobodies. They live in darkness under the clouds. They live close to ugliness in order to make life shiny for others, not for themselves. No life security, no citizen security in this profession.
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1. A Bangladeshi boy works in a shipbuilding factory downtown. These factories employ young boys as apprentices without pay for the first few years. They work in extreme conditions without safety equipment like gloves, goggles and other protective gear. In exchange, they learn the skills of the trade. But this costs them loss of health and education. Bangladesh labor law prohibits employment of children under 14 at any work site, but no one checks, and these children have no security in their lives.

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2. For security.

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3. Developing security for mother and child. Homeless mother and child in the footpath and everywhere. Homeless children become anti-social and uneducated. The country must work to solve the problem.

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“No security without development, no development without security”. This is the message of GTZ's Spotlight in 2009, for security is a crucial prerequisite for development and poverty reduction. Today, lack of security is a major obstacle to development in many regions around the world. Economic, religious and ethnic conflicts, financial and governmental crises, and unrest caused by rising food and energy prices are reported in the media every day. In our work at GTZ we aim to help strengthen social stability in our partner countries. We believe that security is vital to the sustainable development of all societies.

But how do Bangladeshis experience “security” in Dhaka? In order to find answers to this question, we approached the topic from a cultural perspective and asked photographers in Bangladesh to give visual expression to GTZ's Spotlight of the Year for 2009. These photographs present the stunning answers to our question. Enjoy



Water logging
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Sazzad does his homework in the evening. His father, Sahabuddin Sheikh, died last year of heart disease. After his father's death, his mother abandoned him. Now he lives with his grandfather on a footpath and studies at Surovi School.
Dhaka, Bangladesh
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Proper management of garbage disposal must be ensured to maintain a clean city with healthy citizens. The garbage of Dhaka is dumped at various sites on the city outskirts, from which homeless people collect valuables while exposing themselves to deadly diseases and thereby exacerbating the sanitation problem.
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