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## Sketch Map of Dacca

**Stock#:** 61084  
**Map Maker:** Survey General of Pakistan  
**Date:** 1952  
**Place:** Dacca ?  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 19.8 x 20.7 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Dhaka, Bangladesh, Traced From Air Photos"*

Rare separately published map of Dhaka, the Capital of Bangladesh, published prior to Independence from Pakistan.

Dacca is shown on the North Side of the Burhi Ganga River, with a single railroad line entering from the north. A number of public buildings are noted, including government buildings, private manufacturers and colleges, Cinemas, Hotels, Banks, Bazaars, etc.

A note at the bottom states that the map was "traced from air photos taken in 1952 at the area . . . "

The present edition notes that it is a "Preliminary Edition." The reference key identifies a number of Streets and Roads. One section in the east near Manda notes tht it is "Usually flooded during rainy season."

The area of Dhaka has been inhabited since the first millennium. The city rose to prominence in the 17th century as a provincial capital and commercial center of the Mughal Empire in South Asia. Dhaka was the



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capital of Mughal Bengal for 75 years.

Under the British Empire, the city saw the introduction of electricity, railways, cinemas, Western-style universities and colleges and a modern water supply. It became an important administrative and educational center in Eastern Bengal and Assam after 1905. In 1947, after ending of British rule, it became the administrative capital of East Pakistan. It was declared as the legislative capital of Pakistan in 1962. In 1971, it became the capital of an independent Bangladesh.

**Rarity**

The map is very rare. We note copies at Princeton and the National Library of Australia.

**Detailed Condition:**

Wall map on linen, with original wooden rods.