



# Akbari Mandi survives attempts to shift it

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LAHORE, April 25: Foodgrain wholesale market Akbari Mandi has survived all attempts made during the past three decades to shift it away from the Walled City.

Efforts for the shifting of the Akbari Mandi and the fruit and vegetable markets started in early 1960's. The fruit and vegetable markets, situated near the Ik Moria Pul on the Circular Road and on Railway Road, Gowalmandi, respectively were shifted on Ravi Link.

take pride in the congestion caused because of the rush of customers and describe it as a sign of success of their business.

Traffic remains stuck up inside the mandi during the most part of the day because of non-availability of space for the movement of the incoming and outgoing traffic on the one hand and use of all sorts of vehicles ranging from the bullock, camel, horse, donkey and man-driven carts, wagons, rickshaws and tractor-trolleys for the trans-

of the shops for loading and the merchandise all the time.

The vehicles waiting for entering the mandi disrupt the traffic on Circular Road while those stuck up inside cannot move out because goods are being loaded on one or more vehicles blocking the road. Vehicles entering the mandi for lifting goods remain stuck up inside for hours.

Initially, the market existed across the circular drain but the business gradually spilled over with the opening of shops on

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