

## Dhaka Day by Day

### A Funny Type of School Bus

by Tanya Mahnaz Huq

Right now, there is certainly no dearth of schools in Dhaka, be they English or Bengali medium, at primary or secondary level. And most of the new schools (especially the English medium ones) boast of residential facilities, nutritious food, high standard of education and also transport facilities for non-residential students.

Most of these schools are housed in independent houses in residential areas and the modes of transport are simply minibuses which act as school-buses. Even though they have fancy names after well-known schools and universities of England, the students (except for a few of the top ones) are few and the standard of leaving is after questionable! But everyone must have noticed a very funny sight which is seen every day in the streets.

These are the rickshaw or cycle vans which act as school buses for perhaps the lesser-known schools. Obviously, they cannot afford their own minibuses, so they are forced to resort to this. These so-called 'school buses' are cycles with a

box-type carriage behind it. The carriage or box has grills and a seat all around it for the kids to sit on — about (8 or 10) of them. It looks rather funny a bit like an ice-cream van with grills; with the children stuffed together inside looking like forlorn little birds in cages. And doesn't it make one wonder how safe this can be? Some of the kids are so naughty and mischievous that often they can be seen hanging out of the grilles van, and the driver or puller seemingly unconcerned about it all. Laughable as it may sound, it is very easy to pick and carry off a child from one of these if someone wanted to. In fact, some naughty children once made the driver stop near Dhamondil lake so that they could get down for a walk! If the drivers and owners are so unconcerned about the responsibility, then perhaps the question arises, how safe these 'school-buses' really are perhaps the school authorities, instead of trying to save their precious funds, should consider other modes of transport for the children. Those look really pathetic.



### Envoy of Holy See presents credentials

The newly appointed Ambassador of Holy See to Bangladesh Monsignor Edward Joseph Adams presented his credentials to President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Welcoming the Ambassador, the President said Bangladesh attaches importance to her relations with Holy See. He expressed his happiness that the relations between Bangladesh and Holy See are very cordial and warm. He hoped that the relation will further be strengthened in the days ahead.

Reciprocating similar sentiment, the Vatican Ambassador said the people and the government of Holy See have high regards for people of Bangladesh. He hoped that the existing ties of friendship and cooperation between Bangladesh and Holy See will be further strengthened. He conveyed the cordial greetings and respectful best wishes of Pope John Paul II to President Shahabuddin.

### Alumni of DU Eng Deptt Friday

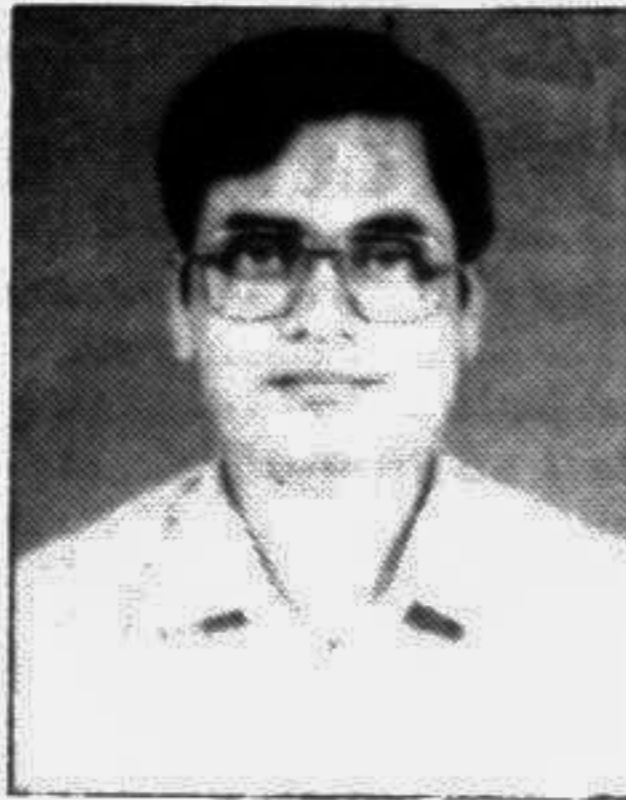
The English Department Alumni Society has organised Alumni Day '96 on Friday, at the TSC premises of the University of Dhaka between 3:30-6 p.m., says a press release.

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### 'Govt firm to ensure accountability'

By Staff Correspondent

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad Monday said the government is determined to ensure transparency and accountability in the administration and increase people's participation in it through strengthening democratic institutions and values.

He also said the government attaches top priority to improving economic ties with the countries of the South Asian region.

The foreign minister was speaking as the chief guest at

the concluding session of a three-day international seminar on "Governance and Development: South Asia in the 21st Century," organised by the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies at its conference room. Yesterday's session was presided over by noted economist Prof. Rehman Sobhan.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan, Director General of the BIIS Brig (rtd) Z A Khan,

were also present.

Participants in the seminar included scholars from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, China, Nepal, Maldives and Sri Lanka.

Samad Azad said the countries of the region inherit similar tradition and socio-economic problems. So, there is wide scope to share each others experience in development. Economic liberalisation should receive due consideration by the governments in the South Asian region, he said.

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Investment Counsel from Sri Lanka will be available in Dhaka on 27th and 28th December for discussions by prior appointment. For appointments please contact the undermentioned:

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#### CORRIGENDUM

It is hereby notified for all Concern that due to Unavoidable circumstances the venue for the Annual General Meetings of the Association for the years 1995 and 1996 will now be held in the Auditorium Hall of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industries instead of "JALSHAGAR", Hotel Purbani.

All Other Programmes as notified earlier shall remain Unchanged.

Date: 21.12.1996  
By order of the President  
Nazma Begum  
Secretary-In-charge.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

#### Office of the Executive Engineer

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### Notice Inviting Tender

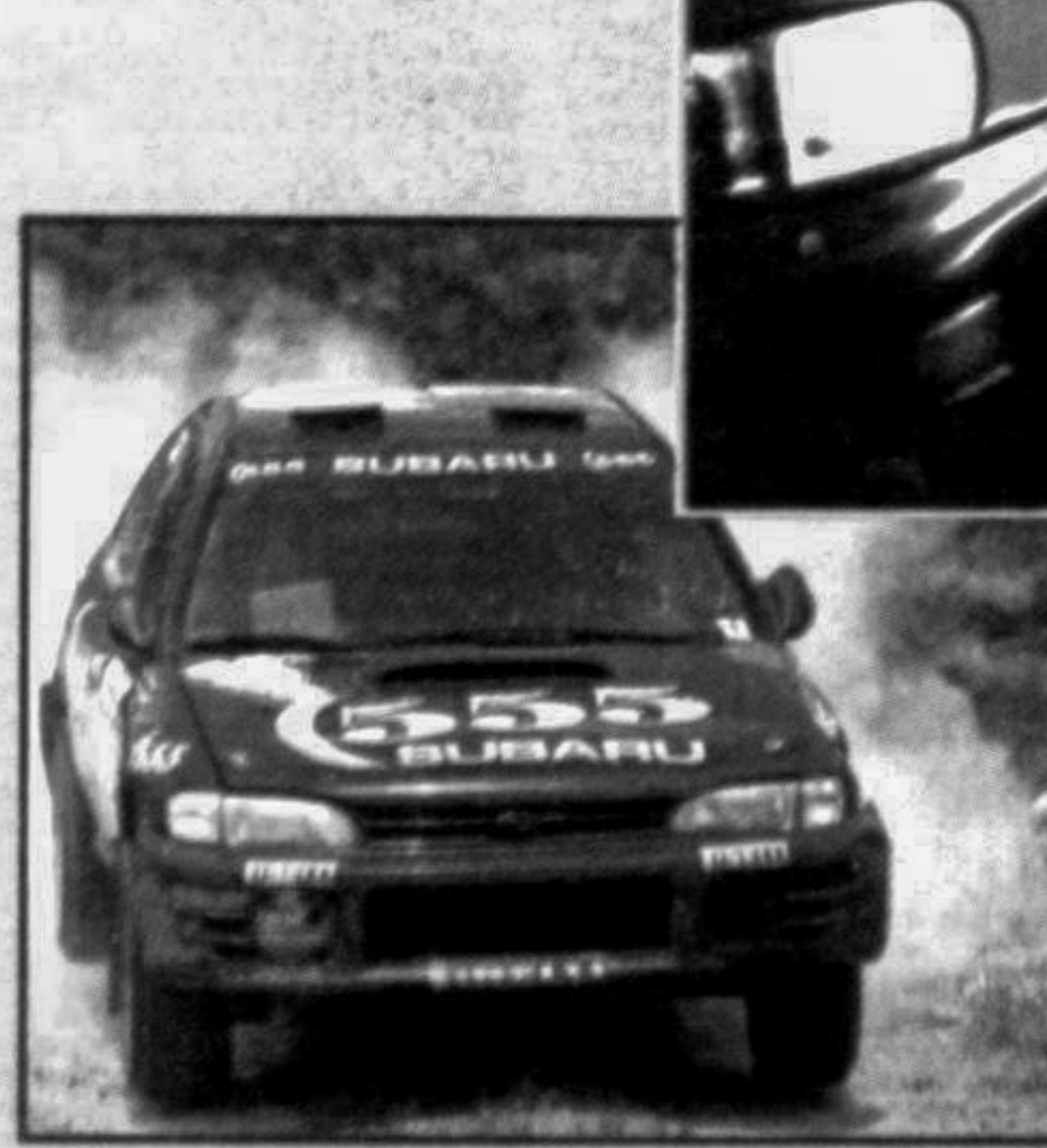
1. Tender No : 144/SD-V/1996-97.
2. Name of work : Construction of 5 storied Ministerial staff quarters, 10 flats, each flat 800 sq ft at Riot Police Complex at Mirpur, Dhaka. Group No-II (SH: Sanitary and water supply arrangement) during the year 1996-97.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 7,53,076.00
4. Earnest money : Tk 15,062.00
5. Time allowed for completion of work : 45 (Forty-five) days from the date of work order.
6. Class of contractor : Enlisted Special Class-I (one) & Class-I (one) Sanitary and Plumbing contractors under PWD.
7. Place of selling and receiving : All PWD Working Division within Dhaka City including Eden Bldg PWD Division, Dhaka/Gazipur PWD Division, Gazipur/Manikganj PWD Division, Manikganj and this Division.
8. Last date of selling tender : 4.1.97 during office hours.
9. Date and time of receiving tender : 5.1.97 up to 12.00 Noon.
10. Date and time of opening tender : 5.1.97 at 12.15 PM.
11. No tender will be sold to a Contractor/Firm who has no "VAT" Registration certificate.
12. The authority reserves the right to accept or to reject any or all tender received without assigning any reason thereof.

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