

German university to establish Bangabandhu fellowship chair

The Heidelberg University in Germany, an institute of international repute, will soon establish a chair styled as "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Professorial Fellowship", it was learnt yesterday, reports BSS.

Dr Heinz-Dietrich Lowe, Pro-Rector (vice-chancellor) of the university, made the announcement late last week in Bonn at a seminar on Bangabandhu and Bangladesh. The seminar on "Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Emergence of Bangladesh" in Bonn was jointly organised by the Bangladesh Embassy in Germany and South Asia Institute of the university.

The Bangabandhu fellowship chair will be established at the South Asia Institute of the university, the oldest institute of higher learning in Germany founded in 1386, a message from Bonn said.

Bangladesh embassy in Bonn proposed the establishment of a professorial fellowship/chair early this year after the name of father of the nation to conduct research on his life and also on the socio-economic and political developments in Bangladesh.

Prof. Lowe said the university authorities feel honoured to have such a chair after the name of a great leader of South Asia who led an oppressed nation to establish a sovereign country, the message said. He thanked the Bangladesh government and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the support extended to establish the chair.

Earlier, Bangladesh Ambassador to Germany Kazi Anwarul Masud signed the Golden Book of the university at the office of the rector on a special ceremony to mark the occasion.

He expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the university authorities for this noble gesture. Bangladesh government will pay part of the expenditure related to the establishment of the chair.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh embassy in Bonn arranged a week-long programme to celebrate the 27th anniversary of the Victory Day.

Seminar and symposiums were organised in different universities and educational institutions in Germany.

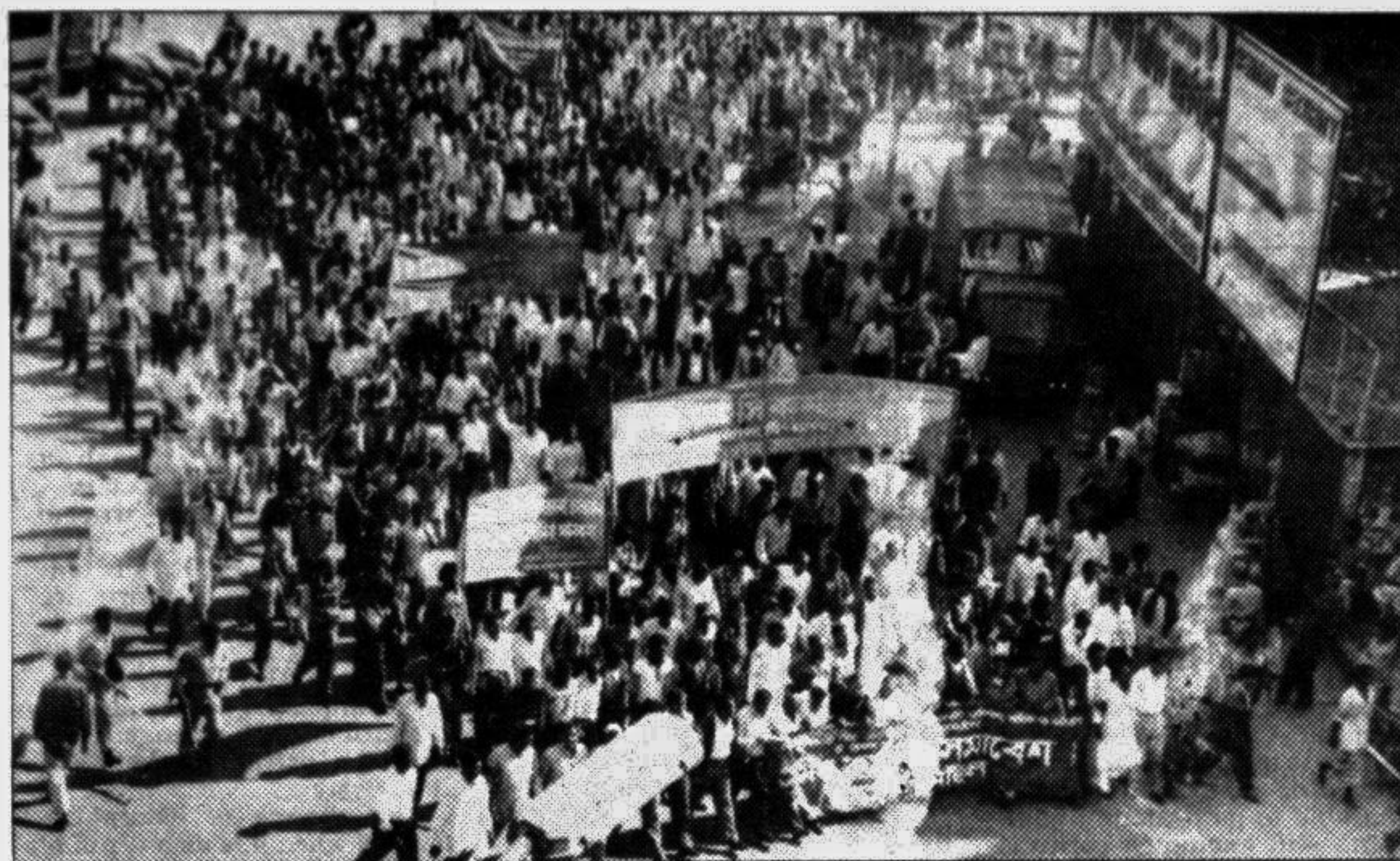
Housewife burnt to death

A housewife was burnt to death while her clothes caught fire in her kitchen at her Mohakhali residence yesterday, reports APB.

Police and hospital sources said Montaj Begum, 40, wife of Shaha Raj of GP-Cha-181, Mohakhali in Gulshan thana, met the accident when she was cooking meals at about 12.30 pm.

As the smoke was emitting from the house, neighbours rushed and found that the woman was ablaze in the kitchen.

Police recovered the body. A case was filed with Gulshan police.



BCIC Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad brought out a procession in the city yesterday to press for their demands. — Star photo

Weather

Night temperature may fall

Weather is likely to remain dry with temporally and partly cloudy sky over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight fall in night temperature is expected over the country during the period, the Met office said.

The country's highest temperature 29.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Teknaf and the lowest 10.2 degree Celsius at Srirangol.

The sun sets today at 5:16 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:37 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius	Humidity in Percentage
	Max	Min
Dhaka	28.3	13.3
Chittagong	28.5	15.8
Khulna	27.8	14.3
Rajshahi	28.3	11.5
Barisal	28.4	13.2
Sylhet	28.3	14.2
Cox's Bazar	29.4	17.4

JS body on women affairs meet held

A meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs was held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban here yesterday, reports BSS.

Presided over by committee chairman Dr M S Akbar the meeting discussed the activities of the Directorate of Women Affairs and laid emphasis on extending its works to the thana and district levels for making it a dynamic one.

The committee expressed its concern at the disruption of the directorate's activities due to manpower shortage. The committee recommended to take necessary steps to appoint equal number of staff at each district and thana for ensuring smooth functioning of the directorate.

Committee members State Minister for Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs Dr Mozammel Hossain, Kazi Keramat Ali, Begum Meher Afroz, A K M Hafizur Rahman and Mohammad Mozahar Hossain attended the meeting.

Secretary in charge of the Ministry Prof Dr Tahmina Hossain and other concerned high officials were also present.

Nepalese envoy meets Ershad

Newly appointed Nepalese Ambassador to Bangladesh Madhu Raman Acharya met Jatiya Party chairman H M Ershad at his Baridhara office here yesterday, reports APB.

During the meeting, the Nepalese envoy expressed hope that with the opening up of road communications between Bangladesh and the Himalayan kingdom the trade volume would go up manifold.

UAP seminar held

Professor S M Deen of the Department of Computer Science, University of Keele, Staffordshire, UK delivered a talk in a seminar on "An Overview of a Computational Model for Cooperating Agents" at the University of Asia Pacific (UAP) on Thursday, says a press release.

Dr Deen is an authority on knowledge based system and has authored a number of books. The seminar was attended by the faculty members of UAP and a large number of students.

President's Ramadan greetings

President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday greeted the people of the country on the eve of the holy month of Ramadan, reports BSS.

Ramadan is of very high significance in establishing social harmony and ensuring welfare of life here and hereafter," he said in a message.

"Let the teaching of restraint of Ramadan be reflected in the lives of all," he said.

PM's greetings

In a separate message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greeted the people as well as members of the Muslim Ummah on the advent of Ramadan.

The Prime Minister said the sacred month of Ramadan is now at our doorsteps carrying the message of sacrifice and restraint. The month has boundless significance for devout Muslims who will surrender to Allah through sacrifice, gratitude and self-restraint shunning the path of jealousy, disorder and difference.

"I hope we will be able to develop an atmosphere of brotherhood and harmony with our united efforts following the teachings of Ramadan forgetting all differences, irrespective of nationality, religion and caste," she said in her message.

Khaleda

Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia has prayed for divine blessings for the nation during the holy month of Ramadan, reports UNB.

In a message on the eve of Ramadan, the BNP chairperson said the month is significant as the holy Quran was started revealing to Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM) during Ramadan.

Begum Zia appealed to all to maintain the sanctity of the month.

She also greeted the Muslims all over the world on the occasion.

Taxi cab service launched Plan to develop sustainable public transport system

A modern Taxi-Cab service, equipped with electronic meter and radio communications, was launched in the city yesterday, report agencies.

Capital Cab Company (CCC) Ltd, a privately-owned operator, commissioned a fleet of 50 brand new 1500 cc Cielo cars from Daewoo, the South Korean car manufacturer.

Inaugurating the taxi-cab service, Communications Minister Anwar Hussain yesterday said the government was planning to develop a sustainable public transport system which would help ease traffic jam and reduce pollution in the capital city.

He said development of a sustainable public transport system was part of the government's plan to turn the capital into a modern city with improvement in the quality of life.

The inaugural function was also addressed by BRTA Chairman Najmul Hussain, World Bank representative Iqbal Karim, Hong Kong Shanghai Bank representative David T Humphreys, Daewoo Managing Director Chan Kun Han, Capital Cab Managing Director Muzaffar Uddin Ahmed and its Director Maj (ret) Ekrumuzzaman.

Anwar Hussain stressed the need for respect to the law in a comprehensive way and said this service would help reduce

traffic jam, accident and also emission of pollutants into the air.

"A vast majority of the people cannot be held hostage by a few who are not respectful to the law," he said, adding that the people as a whole now wanted something good for them, not the rhetoric of the past.

The minister said the government was doing everything possible for the improvement in the quality of life of the people. He said the country through implementation of a broad-based development programme, "We cannot afford luxury with the people's money in the name of serving them," he said.

BRTA chairman Najmul Hussain said the registration fee of taxi cab would be reduced like that of other commercial vehicles to encourage more such services to the benefit of the city dwellers.

The company officials said they would add to the fleet another 50 cabs within a fortnight. The company plans to raise the number of its cabs to 1000 in two years.

The four-door air-conditioned cars, procured with financial assistance from Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) Limited, will run in the city and its suburbs.

The CCC taxis can be called over telephone by any customer who will be charged the fares fixed by the government. The cabs all have computerised meters.

The passengers will have to pay at the rate of Tk 20 for first two kilometres and Tk 8 for every additional kilometre.

Zillur criticises Khaleda for threat of hartal during Ramadan

LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday criticised Begum Khaleda Zia for issuing the threat of hartal during the holy month of Ramadan, reports UNB.

He said the audacity of Begum Zia has hurt the religious sentiment of the Muslims and damaged the sanctity of the holy month.

Addressing a V-day discussion meeting organised by Ruseel Jatiya Shishu Kishore Parishad at Shyamoli Baitul Aman Housing Society ground, Zillur said some anti-liberation elements could not accept the victory of the Bangladeshis in 1971.

"The anti-liberation forces with the help of Zia-Ershad-Khaleda have distorted the history of the liberation struggle and its spirit," he said.

Now they are conspiring to oust the pro-liberation government by creating chaos in the name of hartal.

Zillur said nothing could be done against the Awami League government by hatching conspiracy and hartal.

He said BNP could not be able to mislead the people by calling hartal, resorting to anti-government movement and talking about mid-term polls against the will of people.

The meeting presided over the Md Kamruzzaman Khokan was addressed, among others, by Alhaj Maqbul Hossain MP, S M Mannan Kochi, Sheikh Bazlur Rahman, K M Shahidullah, Ajoy Kar Khokon and A B M Majharul Alam.

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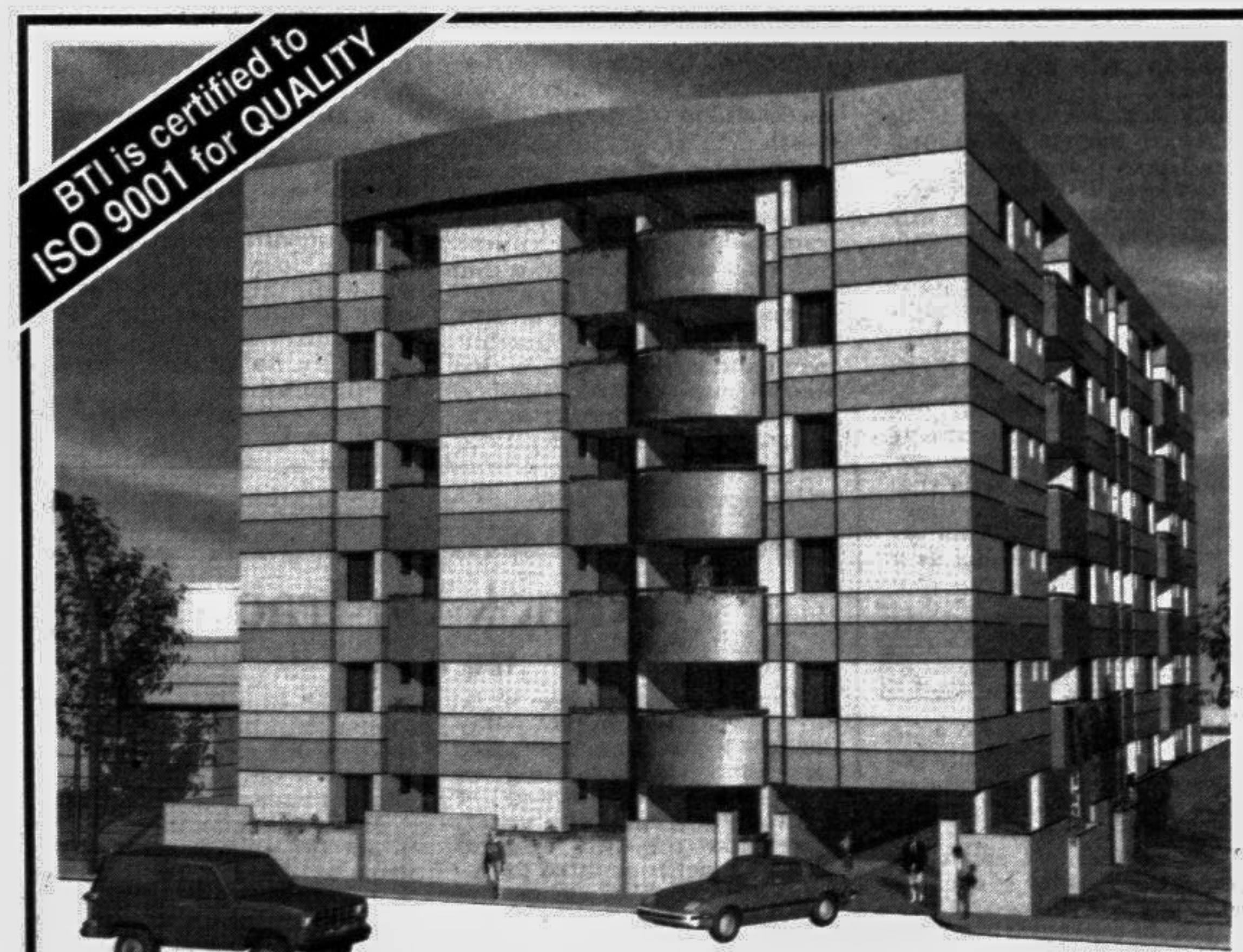
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