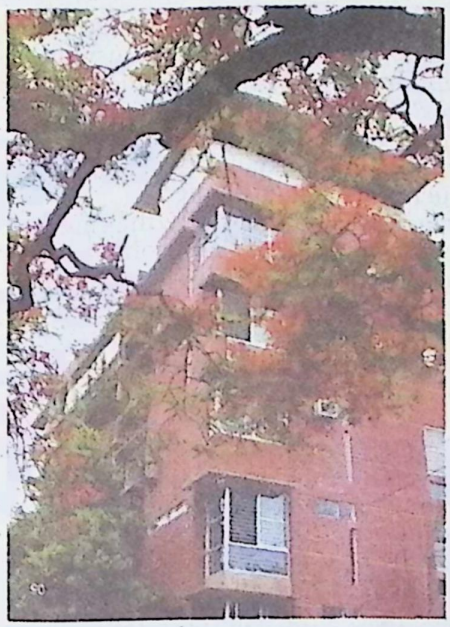
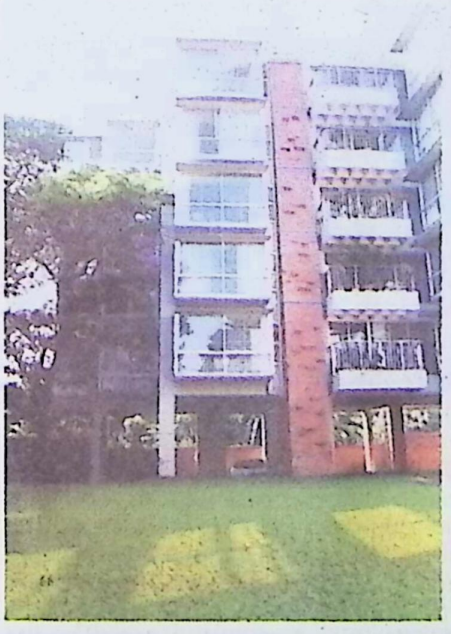
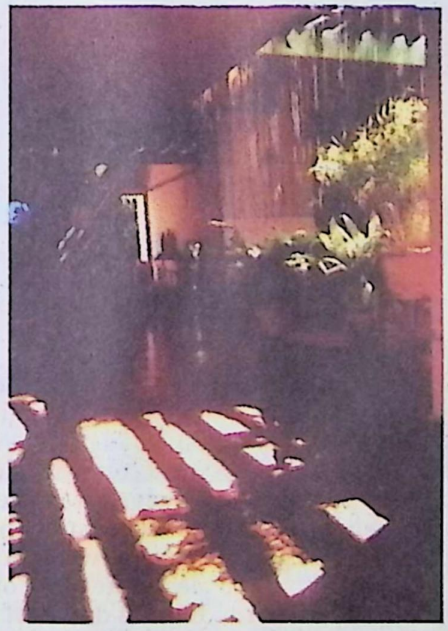
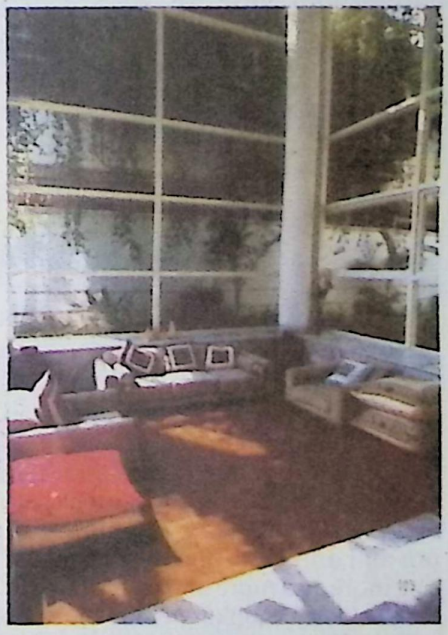


Azam. "As we are moving on in space, upwards, we're losing the 'ground -green'. The detachment from the green may create complicated situations for the children, in particular. This also ushers in lack of oxygen. My architectural firm 'Shatatto' puts in greenery at different levels, to bring in the vital connection with nature --the greenery and oxygen. There must be a link with the natural beauties around us at every level of the housing area."

Talking about the areas that he caters for in Dhaka, Rafiq Azam says that their projects stretch from Khwaje-Dewan, Lalbagh, from Dhanmondi to Shantinagar and Gulshan. He does not concentrate on a specific place. He also handles areas in Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rangpur and Khulna. He has assignments overseas too as in Chennai and in Malaysia.

Rafiq Azam is the principal architect of Shatotto. The has been teaching at the University of Asia Pacific,Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, Brac University, Dhaka, and has worked as a Research Associate , Conservation Study of Old Dhaka, Dept. of Architecture, BUET. He has 23 awards from home and overseas, including the "Mimar International Design Competition- VII, London, and the "Jawaharlal Nehru memorial gold medal".

His exhibition at the Bengal Gallery will go on until December 26.