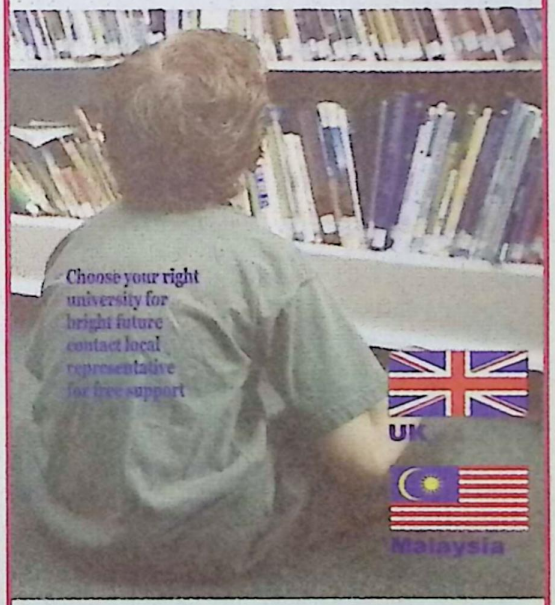
homage to the martyrs and at night we have feasts in our cafeteria," says Lisa.

Sakib a student of World University, Bangladesh, however, is one of many young people in this country, who would rather leave Bangladesh and emigrate elsewhere. Sakib wants to leave his homeland for Australia because of the ever-growing population and insecurity in the country. "I am leaving for Australia this December but I hope to return once my higher studies are finished. We can actually make use of the large number of people that we have in the country by sending people to the developed parts of the world and be in touch with the advanced science and technology. We can later on use this and develop our skills to develop our own nation as well," opines Sakib.

Nowadays, young people are concerned and aware of the challenges that Bangladesh is facing in the 21st century. Right now one of the major problems for Bangladesh is the global climatic change. Asif a student of the Department of Environmental Science, North South University, says that on this Victory Day, Bangladesh will be able to campaign successfully to get its fair share from the United Nations Climate Fund to face the odds of climate change and to compensate for the climate victims in the country's coastal area. "Recently I visited Kuakata with my friends and teachers from our department on a study tour. There we came to learn practically how the global climatic change is affecting the lives of our people in the coastal areas. The sea is rougher than before for the local fishermen. However, there are also glimpses of hope, as we have seen that most of the village houses are using solar panels as a source of renewable energy. Only if the developed nations of the world could use this kind of eco-friendly energy then Bangladesh would be free from the threats of global warming and sea level rise," says Asif.

For the last few years, the people from all walks of life are voicing the demand for the trial of war criminals louder than ever before. Dr Amena Mohsin, Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, is hopeful that there will be a fair trial of the war crimes within the next few years, which will definitely not be politically motivated. The eminent educationist also hopes for the people of Bangladesh to be courageous and bring an effective change to the so-called form of democracy that the country follows. Only then can we create a better Bangladesh, she says.

Nabil, a ten-year-old cricket enthusiast, of class three, Little Angels School, Dhaka, hopes for the Tigers to win the World Cup to be held in Bangladesh early in 2011. Like Nabil, we also wish for a Bangladesh, ready to solve problems, resolve issues and finally justify the lives of the millions of martyrs, who had lost their lives to gain freedom and establish a mark on the world map.

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