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Editorial

This issue was due in 1990. Due to reasons beyond our control this publication has been delayed by a few months. From the time of publication of our last issue till the present one two very major world events have taken place. Though these are not directly linked with Architecture, we cannot but reflect on the consequences of the Gulf War and the overthrow of the autocratic government of Bangladesh by mass public uprising. The down fall of the ruling autocratic government and subsequent holding of peaceful and impartial elections is a milestone in the history of the country. Now we can expect the onset of consultative-democracy in the country which will change the system of decision making in all spheres. In case of architectural projects, we hope, selections will be made in a non-biased impartial manner based more on the quality of the project or the ability of the designer than on other considerations. A democratic government with stable economy is congenial for the growth of good architecture. We aspire for a bright future of architecture in Bangladesh in the years to come.

Gulf War besides its other political dimensions was a war for the control of oil, the most common source of energy. Some believe lower price of oil will slow down the quest for alternate sources of energy and will also dampen the energy saving innovation in buildings by Architects. We will be keen to observe what impact this useless war might have on building forms of the future.

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