

### Consultation on child rights at UN tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

A consultation on the Bangladesh Second Periodic Report regarding implementation of the convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC) will be held at the UN Headquarters in Geneva tomorrow.

A five-member Bangladesh delegation was due to leave for Geneva last night to discuss the report with the Committee on Rights of the Child.

Dr Kamal Uddin Siddiqui, principal secretary to the prime minister, will lead the delegation.

The other members are Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Secretary M Asaduzzaman, joint secretary of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Ferdous Ara Begum, Deputy Chief (Planning) of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education Altaf Hossain, and chairperson of Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum Dr Hamidul Haque.

The Ministry of Women and Children Affairs prepared the report, said a press release.

The delegation will discuss the progress regarding the rights of children in Bangladesh.

It will also seek support and suggestions from the committee in identifying priorities.

### Wildlife Trust formed

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Wildlife Trust of Bangladesh, a trust for the conservation of Bangladesh wildlife, has been set up in the city recently.

Enayetullah Khan of UNB has been made the chairman of the trust formed on September 24. Professor M Anwarul Islam of the Department of Zoology, Dhaka University, will act as its chief executive.

The other members of the trust are Dr Noazesh Ahmed, Prof. M Harunur Rashid, Enam-ul Haque, Phillip Gain and Barrister Ishrat Mahmud, said a press release.

The trust has been established in response to the urgent and growing need to conserve the rich natural resource base of the country amid unsustainable development.

The mission of the trust is to promote conservation of natural biodiversity with special thrust on threatened wildlife and their habitats, and to encourage sustainable and efficient management of natural resources.

It seeks cooperation through partnerships with various stakeholders such as local communities, NGOs, educational and research institutions, youth, women and government agencies.

The trust will try and tackle local and regional environment related issues. It will also focus on conservation education, capacity building and extension through its Threatened Species Conservation Unit, Natural Resources Management Unit, Wildlife Health Unit, Habitat Restoration Unit and Capacity Building and Extension Unit.