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## People's Health Assembly likely to formulate Health Charter

People's Health Assembly 2000, an international conference, aiming to ensure equitable health for all, will be held in Savar on December 4-8, reports UNB.

The main objective of the 5-day conference is to identify problems, trends and challenges for evolving strategies to ensure health for all classes of people, especially the grassroots ones around the globe.

Over 1,000 representatives from over 100 countries, including Indian noble laureate Prof Amartya Sen and Albanian noble laureate Farid Murad and WHO Chief Brutland, will attend the assembly, organisers said.

The assembly is likely to work out an action plan and formulate People's Health Charter (PHC).

On the basis of the PHC, it will try to influence health planners and governments to rectify their health policies so that equitable health service could be ensured for all classes of people.

The idea of People's Health Assembly was mooted in 1985 and preliminary works on it began in 1999. Its activities were distributed among five re-

gional coordination offices: Asia, America, Europe, Australia-Oceania and Africa. Its main secretariat is located at CI office, Penang, Malaysia.

### 'Khaleda trying to save self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu'

NAOGA, Sept 1: Begum Khaleda Zia is trying to save the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu by forming alliance with the beneficiaries of 1975 and autocrats in the name of oust-government movement, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the one-year long training course of 'Fellow of the College of General Practitioners (FCGP) at the BIRDEM auditorium in the city.

Chaired by Dr Mirza Majumdar Islam, the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by Dr Mohammad Younus Bhuiyan, Dr Mohammad Abdus Shaheed, Dr Mohammad Moniruzzaman Bhuiyan and Dr Delwar Rana.

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## Quality training for physicians stressed

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof Dr M Amanullah yesterday laid emphasis on providing quality training to the physicians for ensuring better health service to the people of the country, reports BSS.

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## Journalists back PM's remarks on judicial loopholes

A total of 630 journalists in a joint statement yesterday extended their support to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's remarks on granting bail to terrorists, reports BSS.

Protesting the statement of 113 journalists published in a section of the press on August 25, they said the Prime Minister's recent remarks on the loopholes of the judiciary is the reflection of the sentiment of millions of people struggling every day for getting justice.

They said it is not fair on the part of any journalist to make statement if any remark of the Prime Minister goes against the interest of a legal practitioner.

They said the irregularities and weaknesses prevailing to the judiciary for decades have eroded the credibility of the judiciary and hindering the establishment of the rule of law in society.

To get rid of this situation, the Prime Minister has rightly pointed out the crux of the problems for which the people are deprived of getting justice, they said.

They said as a democratically elected Prime Minister and head of the Executive, it is her constitutional obligation to ensure the rule of law and fair dispensation of justice.

The conscious section of the press observed that as the Prime Minister is accountable to the people for ensuring the rule of law, she (PM) has to air the sufferings of the people caused by judicial tangles.

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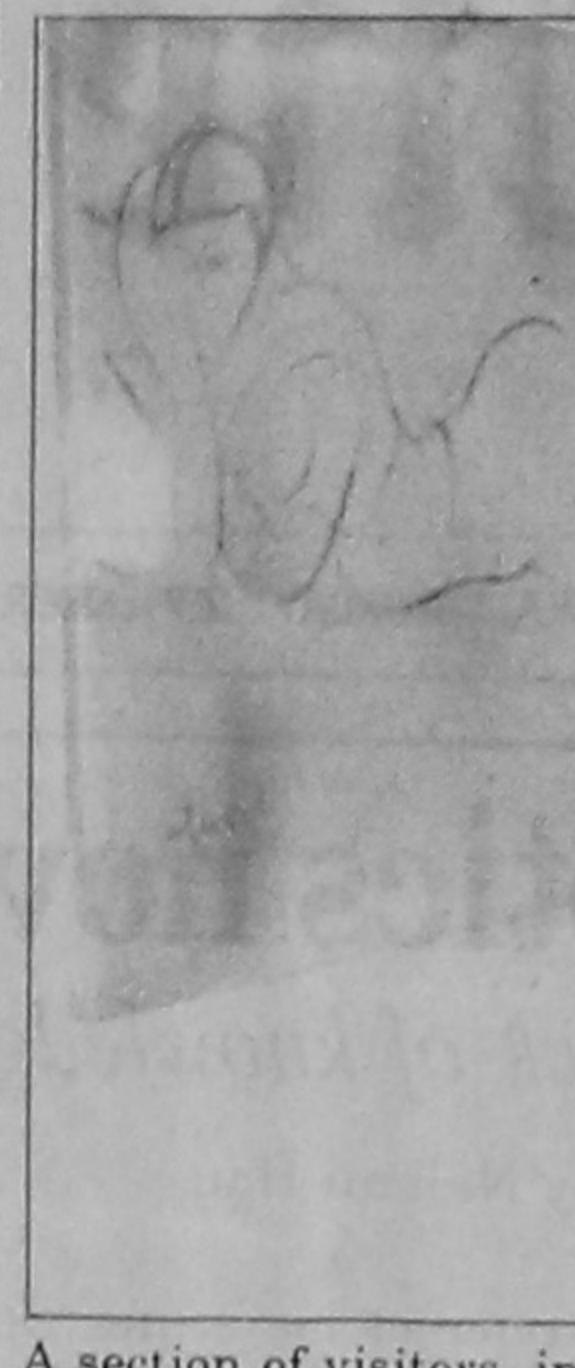
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A section of visitors, including former model Bibi Russel admiring a painting by artist Naima Haq. The artist's 15-day long exhibition opened at Arial Centre at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday.

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