

DHAKA TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2001



The South Asia Consultation for the 2nd World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children opened in the city on Sunday. From left are Dr Waheed Hassan, Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia, Khurshid Jahan Haque, Minister for Women and Children Affairs, K M Ehsanul Haq, Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Shahida Azfar, UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh, and Sheng-ji Li, Acting Director of ILO Area Office, Dhaka.

Combating abuse of children

South Asian delegates call for strict law enforcement

South Asian delegates at the consultation for the Second World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) yesterday called for strict law enforcement, deterrent punishment and all-out effort to eliminate commercial sexual exploitation and abuse of children in the region.

Presenting the country papers during the second day of the three-day deliberations in the city, the delegations drew the attention to the need for building social security and safety nets for the victims of commercial sexual exploitation and abuse.

Dr Waheed Hassan, Deputy Regional Director, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia, chaired the session.

Delegates were unanimous on the need for a strict enforcement

of laws, deterrent punishments and other serious efforts to eliminate commercial sexual exploitation of children, child sexual abuse and trafficking of children.

Bhutan, India and the Maldives presented their country reports highlighting the issues of cross-border trafficking, recovery and reintegration and need for building effective partnership with the NGOs and civil society.

Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh shared country reports and reviewed progress made since the First World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Stockholm in 1996.

K M Ehsanul Haq, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs prefaced Bangladesh presentation by reminding the delegates that "A society is judged by the way it treats its children." The report cited lack of reliable data

that impedes the efforts to combat CSEC.

In a lively question and answer session, the delegates and children offered candid comments on the serious concern about CSEC, sometimes even in the places that are supposed to protect them.

This observation brought quick assurance from the senior government delegates that corrective measures will immediately be taken.

Strengthening the capacity of service delivery and children's active participation were strongly supported for eliminating CSEC. Taking part in the discussion, children expressed their views and expectations from the society predominantly ruled by adults.

Over 150 delegates comprising government, NGOs, children, media and international organisations of the region are taking part in the event.

WEATHER TODAY

Dry weather likely

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Light rain or showers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Chittagong and Rajshahi divisions in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country during the period. Met office said predicting no change in night temperature over the country.

Country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 34.3 degree Celsius at Sitakunda, and the lowest 19.8 degree at Srimangal.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:16 pm and rises tomorrow at 6:08 am.

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	31.7	21.6	77	74
Chittagong	34.0	23.7	79	69
Rajshahi	33.2	22.5	82	78
Khulna	32.7	22.5	79	87
Barisal	31.8	21.2	88	92
Sylhet	31.1	21.0	74	85
Cox's Bazar	32.6	25.0	88	83



M Shahidul Haque, Regional Representative of IOM, Dr Tasneem Siddiqui of Dhaka University and Charles Nuttall of the British Council are seen at the concluding session of a workshop on Labour Migration yesterday. The workshop was organised by the Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit (RMMRU).



Sandhani organised a voluntary blood donation programme at the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) at its Banani campus yesterday. Picture shows Carmen Z Lamagna, Vice-Chancellor of AIUB, with university students at the programme.

CU admission

Distribution of forms begin from Nov 14

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Distribution of forms for admission into first-year honours in Chittagong University (CU) begins from November 14 next.

The admission forms will be available at the branches of Agrani Bank at CU campus, New Market, Sheikh Mujib Road-Agrabad and Kapashoga in the city, a CU press release said.

The last date for the submission of forms is December 12. The schedule of admission test will be announced later, the press release added.

Meanwhile, all scheduled examinations of the Economics department of university were suspended yesterday for an indefinite period.

Obituary

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Mohammad Shahjahan, data entry operator of National Institute of Mass Communication (NIMC), died of pneumonia at his dormitory residence yesterday morning. He was 43.

After his namaj-e-janaza at the NIMC premises after Zohr prayers, his body was sent to his village home at Someshpur in Ramganj upazila of Laxmipur district for burial.

Officers and employees of the NIMC expressed deep shock at the sudden death of Mohammad Shahjahan.

DHAKA TODAY

Conference
The Bangladesh Chhatra Federation will hold their 6th Conference. Venue: Arts Building, Dhaka University. Time: 10:00 am.

Poetry evening
Kabitlap will hold the prize distribution ceremony of the Khatun Kabitlap Literature Award 1991-2001. It will be followed by an evening of poetry recitation. Venue: Begum Sufia Kamal auditorium of National Museum. Time: 6:00 pm.

Bengali songs
Kranty presents an evening of popular Bangla songs composed by late music director Samar Das. Venue: Isfandiar Zahid Hasan auditorium of Biswa Shahitya Kendra. Time: 6:00 pm.

Seminar
Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold a seminar entitled "Andre Malraux and the Liberation War." It will be addressed by Prof Mahmud Shah Oureshi. Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road. Time: 6:30 pm.

Dutch film week
Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen three movies Mrs Dalloway by Marleen Gorris, Amsterdam by Dick Maas and The Rose Garden by Fons Rademakers. Venue: Goethe Institut, Dhaka. Time: 4:00 pm, 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm respectively.

Screening
The High Commission of India will screen Rabinadrath Tagore's Chinnappa, a video film based on Dr Noazach Ahmed's photographs. Venue: Cultural Centre of Indian High Commission, 754, Salmasjid Road. Time: 6:00 pm.

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