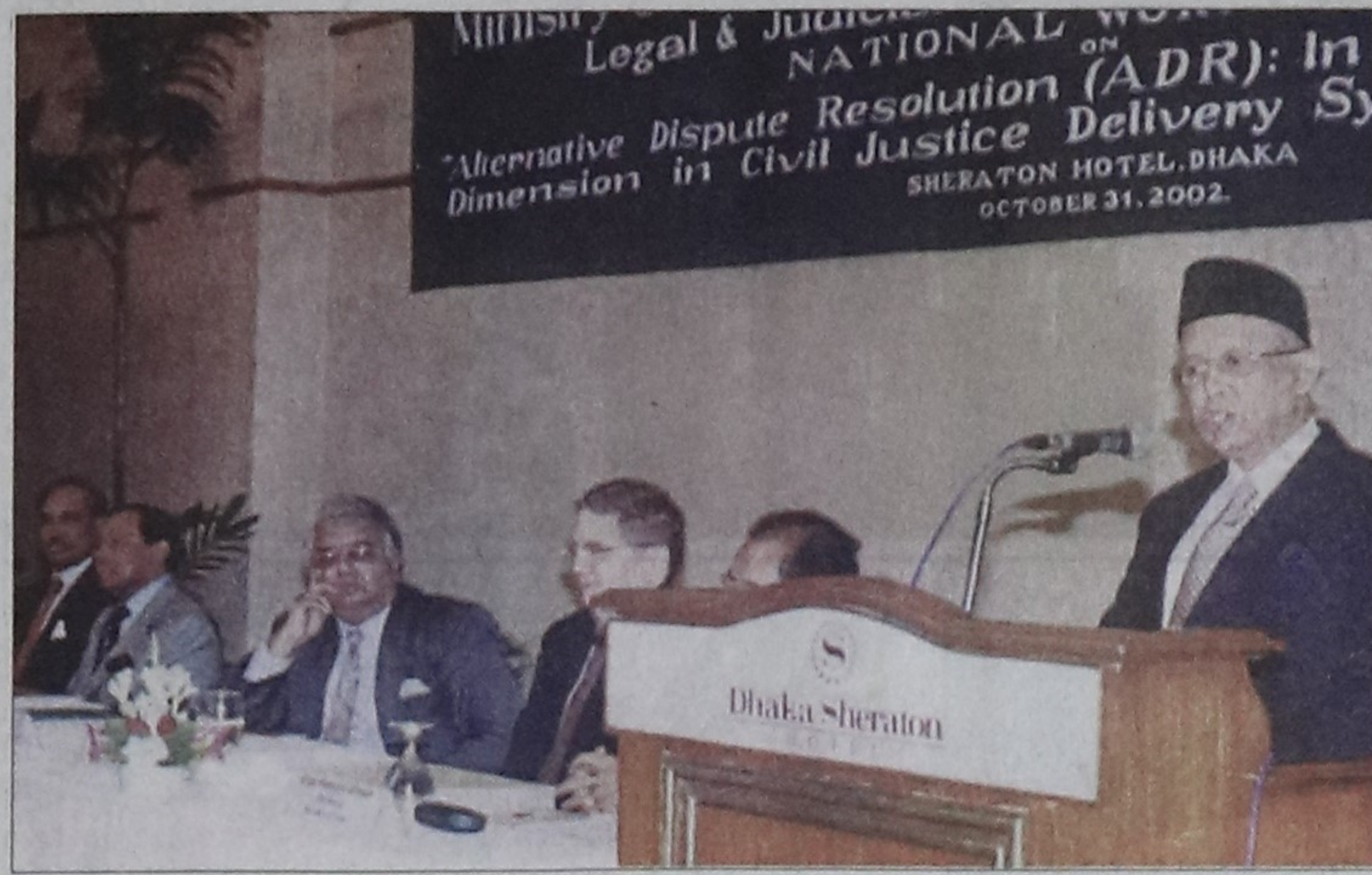


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Chief Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury speaks at a national workshop on 'Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR): In quest of a new dimension in civil justice delivery system in Bangladesh' at a city hotel yesterday.

US raises visa fee

UNB, Dhaka
 The US Department of State has decided to raise the worldwide non-immigrant visa fee to 100 US dollar from 65 dollar from today.
 This processing fee is charged for all non-immigrant visa and border crossing card applications.
 This adjustment will bring the fee into line with the actual costs of administering non-immigrant visa services. These fees are adjusted periodically to reflect the actual cost of the programme.
 Added security screening, procedures, restrictions on the role of support staff and further increase in management oversight have added to the cost of non-immigrant visa processing.
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Ranking for computer training instts likely

BSS, Dhaka
 Minister for Science and Information & Communication Technology Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan yesterday said the government is likely to introduce ranking system for the computer training institutes to improve the standard of computer training.
 He said the standard of training in 75 per cent computer institutes is now questionable.
 The minister was speaking at a roundtable discussion on "Review of one-year activities in the information technology sector" in the city.
 Dr Iqbal Mahmud of BUET, Secretary of the ministry Karar Mahmudul Islam, scientists and economists took part in the discussion.
 The minister said the information technology sector would be a main instrument to reduce poverty. The nucleus of our future society will be science, not economics, he added.
 He said the government is not interested in imposing any re-

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33 listed criminals arrested

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 Police arrested 1,753 people, including two extremists and 33 listed criminals, from different parts of the country during their ongoing drive, in the last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.
 Police also recovered 13 firearms, four other weapons and 22 rounds of bullet and filed 10 cases against 14 people under the Arms Act, said a police headquarters press release.
 The extremists belonging to outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party were identified as Jashim of Khulna and Ashraful Islam of Kushtia.

Workshop on Asian University for Women

UNB, Dhaka
 Education Minister Dr M Osman Farruk left Dhaka yesterday for Boston on a nine-day official visit to the United States.
 In Boston, Dr Farruk will address a two-day planning workshop on establishment of 'Asian University for Women', a university exclusively for women in Bangladesh.
 Poor and meritorious female students of Southeast Asian countries will get the opportunities of tuition-free study in the university to be set up at Bogra.
 Academic activities of the university are expected to begin in 2004-2005 session.

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