

## 290 Children's Councils to be set up in Ctg

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Save the Children, Australia would set up 290 Children's Councils in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar under its Child Access to Rights through Development (CARD) Project by June, 2006.

The project is aimed to improve the lifestyle of some eight thousand children in the light of UN Child Rights Charter and create child-friendly atmosphere in five different areas of the two districts.

This was disclosed at a projection meeting of Save the Children, Australia with the newpersons at a city hotel yesterday.

Sultan Mahmud, country manager of the organisation, said

implementation of the project started in June, 2003 through five NGOs with the financial assistance of Save the Children, New Zealand and technical assistance of Save the Children, Australia.

Of the NGOs, Banaful, Mamata and Centre for Rural Children Development (CRCD) are implementing the project at Chandgaon, South Patenga and Purba Bakola in Chittagong district while Prattaya and Mukti implementing the project at two places in Cox's Bazar district.

Save the Children, Australia took up the CARD Project in Chittagong and Cox's Bazar after its successful implementation in Tangail, Sultan Mahmud said.

## Workshop on rehabilitation of sex workers

The Nari Unnayan Shakti (NUS) and the Department of Social Welfare jointly organised a daylong workshop titled 'Forward looking strategy to sustain the development programmes for the children' at the NUS project office at Kuril in the city on Tuesday, says a press release.

The workshop focussed on the rehabilitation of sex workers and their children at the community level. Recommendations were also placed at the workshop to this end.

Afroza Parvin, executive director of Nari Unnayan Shakti, Abdul Momin, project coordinator, Sufia Akter, national consultant, Selima Sultana, site coordinator of the Capacity Building Project under Department of Social Welfare, took part in the discussion.

Social welfare department officials, local elite and sex workers attended the workshop.

The Department of Social Welfare launched a programme to rehabilitate the sex workers with the assistance of UNDP in 1988. And the Nari Unnayan Shakti along with other five NGOs have been implementing the project.



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Sangbadpatrasebi Oikya Parishad observed a token hunger strike at the Chittagong Press Club yesterday protesting the killing of journalist Manik Chandra Saha and demanding arrest of his killers immediately.

## Khulna JP leader escapes gun attack

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Abdus Samad Khan, senior vice-president of Khulna City unit of Jatiya Party (JP-Ershad), narrowly escaped an attempt on his life when a group of unidentified men fired at him in front of Sonali Jute Mills gate under Khan Jahan Ali police station in the city yesterday.

The attackers came riding in two motorbikes as Samad was talking to a group of party activists

at about 8:00pm, party sources said.

Two people were bullet-hit in the shooting but could not be identified.

Local JP brought out processions in the city and all industrial belts of Atra and Miredanga protesting against the incident and demanded arrest of the attackers.

The Sonali Jute Mills area have been cordoned off by joint forces in the face of mounting tension.

## Obituary



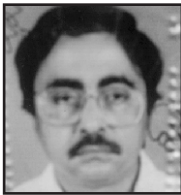
Jahanara Begum Bakul, a social worker and wife of Dr Bahauddin Ahmed of Mahiganj, Rangpur, died at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical

University Hospital on January 19 at 75, says a press release.

She is survived by her husband, four sons and one daughter.

A doa mahfil will be held at her residence at 68/2 Tejkunipara after Asr prayers tomorrow.

Ehsanul Alam Khokon



Eminent artist Ehsanul Alam Khokon, son of late engineer Mosharafuddin Ahmed, died at his Gulshan residence on Tuesday following a prolonged illness

at 62, says a press release.

He was buried at Azimpur graveyard yesterday after a namaz-e-janaza at Gulshan central mosque.