

## 'Protect children from undue harassment'

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Juvenile offenders should be treated as per law and with utmost care so that their behaviour is corrected in future, speakers at a discussion said yesterday.

They also stressed the need to

protect children from undue harassment.

Bangladesh Retired Police Officers' Welfare Association and Save the Children UK jointly organised the discussion on 'Ways to ensure child-friendly Judicial System' in association with Dhaka Metropolitan Police

and Department of Social Welfare in the city.

The speakers suggested opening separate registers for juvenile offenders at police stations and court custody, mentioning their age in the first information reports, court registers, forwarding reports and charge-sheets, and informing their

guardians at the earliest possible time.

They also advocated for granting the children bail from the police stations, keeping them away from adult criminals in police custody and appointing a child-friendly police officer in every police station.

Former IGP Dr M Enamul Huq said stressed concerted efforts of law enforcing agencies, human rights organisations, civil society members and media professionals to ensure a child-friendly judicial system in the country.

DMP Commissioner Nayeem Ahmed chaired the programme.



PHOTO: STAR  
Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus speaks at the closing ceremony of Microcredit Fair 2007 at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday. Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation organised the fair.