



Hasina wins prestigious UNESCO prize

US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Sheikh Hasina in December 1997, signed a landmark peace deal with tribal leaders ending a 22-year insurgency while Mitchell helped broker last year's historic Northern Ireland peace accord.

Kissinger said that with international conflicts on the wane, "the jury took into consideration the fact that internal conflicts of political, ethnic, religious or cultural origin predominate because of the difficulties of ensuring the peaceful coexistence of minorities within a single state."

The date and venue of the award ceremony will be announced later.

The prize, named after the late Ivorian head of state, carries 800,000 francs (122,000 euros).

PARIS, Apr 1: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and former US Senator George Mitchell were named the winners of UNESCO's 1998 Houphouet-Boigny Peace Prize today, reports AFP.

The two were designated in recognition of "their contribution to the resolution of conflicts in Bangladesh and Northern Ireland" by an international jury chaired by former