

## Nat'l Assoc of UNESCO Clubs greet Hasina

The National Association of UNESCO Clubs in Bangladesh congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for receiving UNESCO 1998 Houphouet-Boigny Peace Award, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday, Mahbub Uddin Chowdhury, Secretary General of the Association, also extended gratitude and thanks to the Jury Board Chairman of the Award and former US Secretary of State Dr Henry Kissinger for selecting her as one of the recipients of the Award.

Sheikh Hasina has been named as the winner of the Award for signing the historic CHT Peace Treaty with the tribal leaders in December, 1997, ending a 22-year insurgency that claimed at least 25,000 lives.

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday felicitated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for winning UNESCO's 1998 Houphouet-Boigny Peace Award, reports BSS.

BFUJ president Abul Kalam Azad, secretary general Akhter Ahmed Khan, acting DUJ president Suva Rahman and general secretary Azizul Islam Bhuiyan also lauded Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her endeavours for the historic Chittagong Hill Tracts peace accord signed in December 1997.

The journalist leaders also greeted co-winner of the award, US Senator George Mitchell, who helped broker last year's historic Northern Ireland peace accord.

The peace award for the Prime Minister has boosted Bangladesh's image abroad, they added.