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Foreign aids must be unconditional and accountable

Speakers tell GEJF seminar

On holding Global Economic Justice Forum 2008, Society for International Development (SID) on Thursday organized a seminar on 'Aid Effectiveness' in the capital with Hafiz Uddin Khan, adviser to a former caretaker government, as chief guest and Fritz Meijndert as special guest. Former secretary Dr Moshiur Rahman presented the keynote paper with economist Dr. Quazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmed in the chair. Dr. Kholiquzzaman said around 75 per cent of the foreign aids are spent in hiring of foreign experts and purchasing equipments for the respective projects. He also said foreign aids should be unconditional, having accountability to the government as well as people. He stressed political will and democracy in the use of the foreign aids.

Journalist Ajoy Das Gupta presented the keynote paper at a roundtable on 'Food Security, Commodity Market and Role of Media' organized by Media Forum on Consumers Rights at BIM auditorium moderated by Journalist Julfikar Ali. Speakers told the seminar the poor people in Bangladesh everyday get only 1800 calories from food intake, but he politicians have to pledge for 2200 calories.

Equity and Justice Working Group organized a seminar on 'Political Economy on Bali Climate Conference' where Shamsuzzoha presented the keynote paper with Haider Gazi Salauddin Nurul Huda in the chair. Speakers told the seminar politics and trade related issues were more discussed than climate at Bali Conference. The seminar also demanded to emphasize the climate issue, upgrading augmenting capacity of the participating officials at the conference.

Nasimul Ahsan Dipu moderated a seminar on 'Child Labour and Child Rights in Bangladesh' jointly organized by Save the Children Sweden and Denmark. Presenting the keynote paper, AKM Masud Ali, executive director INCIDIN Bangladesh, said 73 per cent (171 million) of the world children are victim of the worst form of child labour. Speakers demanded to ensure education to the children, bringing an end to child labour.

Coastal Development Partnership (CDP) and NGO forum on ADB, also organized a seminar on Review of ADB: Peoples Perspective of South-west Bangladesh' at WVA's Gomoti auditorium.

The three-day Global Economic Justice Forum 2008 will be concluded today following holding a cultural function this afternoon at Rabindra Sarovar in the capital.

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