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## Co-ordination of various stakeholders needed to overcome from natural disaster: Muhith

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The Finance Minister AMA Muhith on Wednesday underscored the need for undertaking joint effort of different types of stakeholders along with the government initiatives with a view to tackling natural disaster across the country.

"Co-ordination of various stakeholders is needed to overcome the natural calamities in the country" said the minister while addressing a meeting on 'Good Practices around the world on Inclusive DRR and Humanitarian Actions' at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in Dhaka.

The session was organized on the occasion of three day- long International Conference on 'Disability and Disaster Risk Management' which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday. Addressing as the chief guest, the minister said the international conference is consolidating both disability and disaster management is one sphere which are very important from the perspective of Bangladesh.

"There is a myth that we have many disable people but the fact is the number of disable people is only about 100,000 (One Hundred Thousand) people in the country",

said Muhith.

Mohammad Muslim Chowdhury, Secretary, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance presided over the program.

Disability Inclusion practices should be settled, he said.

He asserted that delegates and activists will be benefited by attending this session.

"We should comprehend long term planning for reducing disaster risks to save the life and properties of the people", he said.

He appreciated the organizers for

organizing such kind of international conference which is time befitting.

Mohammad Abdul Qayyum, Ex-additional Secretary said Mr. Abdul Qayyum said the impact of disasters is not only severe to the PWDs, but also to the other vulnerable people like- women, children, minorities, ethnic etc. He suggested to work jointly while working on disaster vulnerable people. Disaster or hazard may be one, but its impact is different to different

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## 1.8 pc GDP loss for disaster every year: Tofail

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Some 1.8 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) loss is occurring due to natural disasters of the country, said the Commerce minister Tofail Ahmed on Tuesday. The minister underscored the need for undertaking joint effort to secure the life of disable people as well as disaster risk management for the betterment of the country, the minister said.

Addressing as the chief guest, the minister said, Bangladesh is a disaster-prone country in the world and more than 1million people died by Bhola cyclone in 1970, said Tofail.

But, today Bangladesh is the "Role Model of Disaster Management" around the world.

The government is sincerely working for improving the life of disable people as well as undertaking several initiatives for developing disaster risk management.

Private sector can play an important role for improving the disaster management along with the government initiative, said the minister while addressing a working session of the 2nd International Conference on 'Disability and Disaster Risk Management' at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in the city. Sheikh fazle Rahim, Senior Vice - President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) presided over the meeting.

He said after the tragic incident of Rana Plaza, **Continue Page 3**







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## Bangabandhu Satellite makes milestone for country's history: Rail Minister

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The operational activities of the Bangabandhu Satellite-1 are a milestone for the history of Bangladesh which would help predicting the natural disasters across the country, said Md. Mazibul Hoque, Minister for Railways on Tuesday.

Bangladesh is one of the vulnerable countries in terms of natural disasters including cyclone and flood, said the minister while addressing a sideline programme of 2nd International Disability and Disaster Risk Management at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in the city. The government is conducting its continuous effort to keep humanity up stand of disable people and to improve the disaster risk management so that people can lead a peaceful life in the society.

The government is dedicated to ensure a life for the disable people, simultaneously, undertaken several initiatives to improve the disaster risk management, said the minister.

Sapana Bista, Public Health Institute, Liverpool Jhon Moors University, UK



appreciated the government of Bangladesh for undertaking initiatives for the betterment of the disable people in the country.

Professor Abdul Mannan, Senior Research Fellow, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) said some 2.8 million are affected for natural disasters. Dr. Maksudkamal also appreciated the government for launching the Bangabandhu-1 Satellite. He said cyclone and flood are the main disasters of the country.

Maksud Kamal hoped the satellite will increase the preparedness which will advance our overall preparation against disaster.

Mohammad Arifur Rahman, Young Power in Social Action (YPSA), Dr. AltafJalil, Professor, Center for Trade and Investment, University of Dhaka also spoke on the occasion. Dr. A.S.M Maksud Kamal, Dean, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Dhaka presided over the session. The Bangabandhu satellite will help the concerned officials to predict the advance natural disasters accordingly so that people as well as the government are able to undertake necessary steps in this regard. He appreciated the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for launching the Bangabandhu satellite for the betterment of the country.



Journalist at programme



## Menon stresses inclusion of disable people in rural and urban planning

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Social Welfare Minister Rashed Khan Menon underscored the need for undertaking the inclusion of disabled persons in rural and urban planning with a view to promoting them in society.

"Persons with Disabilities are often faces multifarious problems, and for this, they are leading in distress situation which is very painful and agonizing", said the minister while addressing a sideline programme on 'Voices and Roles

of Persons with Disabilities , their collectives and Disabled People's Organizations (DPOs) with Disaster Risk Management' at Bangabandhu International

Conference Centre (BICC) in Dhaka on Tuesday. He mentioned Bangladesh is highly disaster prone country and the suffering of disabled persons is very acute. The minister urged the local and international communities for sharing knowledge with disabled persons which would helping them to do better.

Menon suggested for increasing the allocation for the disable people so that they can lead a secure life in

the society.

"If we include disable people in rural and urban planning budget, it will be easy to attain sustainable development goal (SDG)", said the minister.

Monsur Ahmed Chudhury , Former member United Nation's Committee on the Rights of Persons' with Disability presided over the fourth session of the first day of the three day- long International Conference on ' Disability and Disaster Risk Management' which was

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inaugurated by the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Shudarsan Subedi , National Federation of the Disabled (Nepal ) presented key note- 1 titled ' Disability

Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DIDRRM) in Nepal : Challenges and Way forward post Gorkha Nepal earthquake of 2015'. Xiang, Vice -President of China Disable person's Federation said there are 85 million persons with disabilities in China. He mentioned the Rehabilitation Departments have undertaken sincere effort to rehabilitate them in society. A good number of local and foreign experts also spoke on the occasion.



Participants from different countries experiences each other





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## Disability friendly schools needed for disable people: Anisul Islam

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Anisul Islam, Minister for Environment, Forests and Climate Change said the establishment of new schools or structures should be disabling friendly with a view to facilitating them across the country. "Such initiative will help the disable people to encourage for surviving along with social and moral dignity", the minister said this at a sideline programme of the 2nd International Conference on 'Disability and Disaster Risk Management' at Bangabandhu International conference Centre (BICC) at Dhaka on Tuesday. The Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the three day-long conference. After the inauguration, the minister participated a sideline program on

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the private sector is spending huge money to make green factory so that the risk factors declines. He assured the private sector will undertake holistic measures to improve the disaster risk management across the country. Asif Ibrahim, Chairman, UN ESCAP sustainable Business Network), Action Aid BD said disaster impact assessment will be ensured for sustainable development. Md. SirajusSalekin, Speech

Therapist said Bhola cyclone was a devastating disaster for the country due to poor information communication system but the situation has changed. Munir Chowdhury, Director General, WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce, Md. Abdul LATif Khan, International Relief Expert, Md. BelayethHossain, National centre for Special Education, Department of Social Science and AM Nasiruddin, Manager, UN World Economic Situation and Prospects also took part on the occasion.



'Innovative and inclusive Practices on DRR, Crises Management/ Humanitarian actions and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)'. The minister said Bangladeshi people are contributing innovatively to make General people are working innovatively for making our country strong enough to respond to disaster effectively. Armed forces and civil society have developed a mutual understanding and working collaboratively to manage disaster.

He also enunciated that climate change is reality and happening now. Global warming, sea level rise and Himalaya's snow melting will increase. This will result in increased amount of water draining from our rivers.

Addressing as the chief guest, Lt. General Mahfuzur Rahman said climate change manifests long term negative impacts on macro level economic activities. He added that countries should invest to develop such infrastructures which can help to combat sea level rise and other climate change consequences.

Vulnerable and marginal group are affected seriously and suffer most during any disaster situation. Among them women, children, elderly and person with disabilities are worst sufferer. Besides economic session, our academic session allow us to take more essential steps for disaster management. He also said Bangladesh army has initiated 'Proyash School' to foster children with disabilities. "Such inclusive growth is a very important to ensure sustainable development which has started in Bangladesh", he said. Dr. Md. Atiqur Rahman, Additional Secretary (Parliament and Coordination), Khademul Islam Chowdhury, Advocate and Ahmedullah, Director (Admin), CPP also spoke on the occasion.

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people, he added. Community involvement and the role of civil society are crucial to face disaster risk management, he also said. Michele Falavigna, Sr. Advisor Disability and Humanitarian Aid, RIDS, Italy said there are disaster maid by human along with natural disasters like Rohingya Crisis are existing in Bangladesh. Otto AmilcarMazariagos, International Disability Alliance,

Guatemala said many organisations are working to reduce disaster risk to Person with Disabilities. "We are promoting one slogan to reduce this problem. It is important to support and we guarantee that if we work together we can surely reduce the problem", he said. Lion DidarulAlam Chowdhury, Senior Vice Chairman, Bangladesh Blind Cricket Council and Md. Habibur Rahman, Executive Director, Southern Socio-economic Development Program (SSDP) also spoke on the occasion.



2. Your Experience to this conference  
• 1) I THINK BANGLADESH MUST SHARE ITS KNOWLEDGE WITH THE WORLD ABOUT INCLUSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT  
2) I AM HAPPY TO BE PART OF THIS CONFERENCE  
3) PEOPLE HERE ARE DOING THINGS RIGHT

3. Your Recommendation  
1) TO MAKE MY INTERVIEWER TERMINING COURSE OF IDRM  
2) TO SYSTEMATIZE BANGLADESH EXPERIENCE  
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## Efficient work of authority concerned needed to incorporate disaster risk governance: Matia

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Minister for Agriculture Begum Matia Chowdhury underscored the need for undertaking efficient work of the authority and officials with a view to incorporating disaster risk governance in the country. "Agriculture is mostly affected by disastrous event, so, we have to cautious in this regard", said the minister at a sideline programme of the 2nd International Conference on 'Disability and Disaster Risk Management' at Bangabandhu International conference Centre (BICC) at Dhaka on Tuesday. The Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the three day-long conference. She mentioned Bangladesh is a disaster-prone country because of its susceptible geographic location. There are two types of disasters which are occurring on a regular basis. One is natural and the other one is human-induced. She said, "Agriculture is mostly affected by disastrous event." She further added the outstanding activities of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman mentioning the contribution in building 'MujibKillas' which is empiric to disaster risk reduction. She said how the present Rohingya influx has been organized by our

Prime Minister. She also mentioned her pleasant feeling about the "Bangabandhu Satellite-1. She mentioned the importance of two approaches in disaster management field. She said, "Strategic management and scientific intervention are very much required in the field of agriculture." Mohammad Moinuddin Abdullah, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture p presided over the meeting. Some three papers presented from three different countries. The first

paper was presented by Chrysant Lily Kusumowardoyo, ASB. The second paper was jointly presented by MahbubaNasreen and Khondoker Mokaddem Hossain on "Assessing vulnerability and resilience of person with disability during disasters in Bangladesh: A gender perspective". The last paper was presented by Kwak Tong Chol, Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled, Korea. The title of the paper was "Inclusive DRR practices in DPR Korea.



## Equal right to ensure safety of disabled person: Planning Secretary

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Planning Division Md. Ziaul Islam appreciated the role of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief for its contribution on disability and disaster management issues with a view to ensuring security of the victim people across the country. He also suggested the government to ensure equal right and complete participation of people with disabilities (PWDs) in every platform to ensure safety of the disabled persons. The Secretary made the statement on Wednesday while addressing a plenary session of second day of the '2nd International Conference on Disability and Disaster Risk Management'. The conference began on Tuesday at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC) in Dhaka. Climate Change Adaptation Consultant of Global Environment Finance of the UNDP Regional office in Bangkok Vasundara Jolly and NOSSAL Institute of University of Melbourne of Australia Dr. Alex Robinson also spoke the occasion, among others. While chairing the session, Md Ziaul Islam said meaningful participation of PWDs played an important role at the international conference on disability and disaster risk management. He has included the sendai framework for the disaster risk reduction as well as the importance of sustainable development goals. UNDP, Bankok Regional office's Vasundara Jolly said some She also 18 million people with disabilities could be displaced by climatic events by 2050. She has also given importance on the initiative which has three focuses - improve for resilience of PWDs to disasters and climate change, capacity-building of disabled people and technical advice to government actors on inclusive policy and budget design and process. Dr.Alex Robinson, NOSSAL, Institute / University of Melbourne, UK/ Australia said the issue of disability data is well noted in the 2015 Dhaka Declaration. He has also revealed that it's important to make forward and the sand between the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the SDGs.