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## Mental health law should be updated as it's British era law: Saima

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World Health Organization's Goodwill Ambassador for Autism in South East Asia Region Saima Wazed Hossain, also daughter of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, on Tuesday emphasized on updating the mental health law of the country terming it as a British law.

"Although the country got its independence at around 48 years ago, the mental health policy is running with the backdated concept. It was formulated at British era. It is still remaining as it was during the British period. The situation and the demand of the country changed in that period. It is not appropriate for today. So, the government should take steps to update the law as soon as possible," she said while addressing a session of the International Conference on

Disability and Disaster Risk Management held at Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC) in Dhaka. Saima, also international focal point of Advisory Group on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Management of Bangladesh, claimed the policy is required update to adopt with time keeping the necessity in mind.

Addressing as the chair of the session, Saima Hossain said the international conference is consolidating both disability and disaster management in one sphere which are very important from the perspective of Bangladesh. Disaster Ministry Secretary Md. Shah Komil was the chief guest of the session while WHO officials Selma Sekai and Dr. Tari Kesarum were given two separate presentations.

Ministry's Deputy Secretary Nafisa Ahmed and

Suhoco Foundation officer Nazish Arman also expressed their experience gets from Humanitarian activities for Rohingya refugees. The Humanitarian activities are running at Rohingya camp as scattered. Saima Hossain said, adding that such types of activities are needed holistic approach under UN agencies. It also created some problems.

She also claimed so many caregivers are facing traumas during humanitarian crisis of Rohingya camp.

The WHO ambassador also mentioned that the language barrier is the main challenge for caregiver in providing mental supports during humanitarian crisis on disaster. The local caregivers try to overcome the problems. But, there are some limitations for the local providers.





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## More cyclone shelters to improve disaster management: Jamilur Reza

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Professor Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, University of Asia Pacific on Wednesday underscored the need for creating more cyclone shelters with a view to securing the victim people from the natural disasters.

The government is sincerely working to improve disaster risk management, he said. "We have 60 per cent of necessary cyclone shelters but we need many more to improve disaster management risk", he said while addressing a sideline session on Towards Resilient Cities Accessible Urban Planning and Inclusive Urban Risk Reduction at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in Dhaka.

He said this at the second day of three-day-long 2nd International

Disability and Disaster Risk Management which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday.

Addressing as the chief guest, he said urban inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) is necessary to tackle the natural disaster from the community, he also said.

"Dhaka is one of the crowd cities among other mega cities of the world, so, the possibility of natural disaster is much more. We have to undertake different types of preventive measures to ensure the security of the people. Earthquake resistant buildings are being designed and we are working on this issue", he said.

This is a huge challenge, but we will be able to do it if we work together. Such kind of awareness generated at this conference needs to be spread throughout the country, especially



UNESCAP Special Advisor officer Aiko Aoyama delivering speech at 2nd International Conference on Disability and Disaster Risk Management

the building design and infrastructural awareness such as fire exits, accessibility and universal design, he added.

Zakir Hossain Akanda, Additional Secretary, MoDMR presided over the programme.

Nurul Matsumura, Country Programme Coordinator, Disaster Management, IICA Bangladesh said in Japan, we monitor our cyclone shelters, and if there are any that are faulty, we immediately demolish and rebuild them. Longevity of IICA's cyclone shelters in Bangladesh is also something we are working on.

Shebu Krishna, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK and Ifat Jinn, Christian Aid Bangladesh also spoke on the occasion.



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Management meeting of the Bangabandhu International Conference Center



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Minister Hon. Kanti Pathak, Mr. Ministry of Home Government Relation Papua New Guinea Attended in the 2nd International Conference of Disability and Disaster Risk Management.



Mr. Palitha Tonga Bandara (MP), State Minister of Sri Lanka for Irrigation and water resources Management Attended in the 2nd International Conference of Disability and Disaster Risk Management.

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Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal Speaks at 2nd International Conference on Disability and Disaster Risk Management.

## Maya appreciates PM for supporting to organize international confce

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Mofajil Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Minister for Disaster Management and Relief on Thursday appreciated the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for completing successfully of the 2nd conference Disability and Disaster Risk Management in Dhaka.

The minister made the remark at the concluding ceremony of the three day-long 2nd International Conference of Bangabandhu International Conference (BICC) in Dhaka. The Prime Minister on Tuesday inaugurated the conference to promote the disable people as well as improve the disaster risk management in the country.

"For the last couple of months, the Prime Minister has been with us giving sincere instructions to make this conference successful so that appropriate ways and means are worked out to bring out a positive change in the lot of the suffering disable people. I convey sincere thanks to her on behalf of the disable people and my ministry", said the minister while addressing the concluding ceremony of

three day-long international conference. The minister also appreciated Sajib Wajed Joy for his contribution in making digital Bangladesh. "He is the path finder of our successful mission in the space. He earned honour for us in

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the world. The people of the disaster prone area will be benefitted mostly from the satellite launched in the space by Bangladesh. I convey sincere thanks to Sajib Wajed Joy on behalf of the Ministry of Disaster Management", Maya said.

The minister also appreciated the foreign delegates as well as the disable people to participate the said conference. "This conference will enlighten the disable persons as this will make people realize their plight, their pain and suffering making inspired to do something for them", he said.

The minister urge all to come forward to stand by the disable people and make positive outlook to them changing our thinking and behavior so that they can lead life with self dignity.

Maya urged all to call 1090 to know all available information regarding weather as our goal is to be a disaster resilient nation. He also appreciated the officials of the Prime Minister's office, the Ministers, Parliament members and officials from different ministries contributed hugely with their invaluable time and effort to make this conference successful.

The officials of my ministry worked very hard day and night for last couple of months. The members of all committees and sub committees put their utmost effort relentlessly.



State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam joined a session of 2nd International Conference on Disability and Disaster Risk Management.

