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Bangladesh Paribesh Andolan and Institute of Architects, Bangladesh organised a roundtable on "Waterlogging in Dhaka city: Causes and its solutions " at the National Press Club yesterday.

## Coaching centre staff shot

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Unknown criminals shot and injured a staff of a coaching centre at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday.

Police said Khorshed Alam, 49, a staff of E- Haq Coaching Centre at 9 Kalabagan, was sitting at the ground floor when a gang of three stormed the

office and shot him at around 9:15am.

Khorshed took first aid from Dhaka Medical College Hospital for his injuries in the back and hand.

Police could not ascertain the motive behind the attack.

No case was filed with Dhanmondi Police Station till 7:00pm.

## 5m disabled affected by flood

Bangladesh Pratibandhi Kalyan Samity report says

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Some five million disabled people, mostly women and children, have been affected by flood in 43 districts across the country, according to a report released yesterday by Bangladesh Pratibandhi Kalyan Samity (BPKS).

Of the flood-affected disabled, 2.4 million are physically handicapped, 1.5 million are blind, 600,000 deaf and dumb, 300,000 mentally retarded and

200,000 others with various disabilities.

Of the total, 2.6 million are women and 1.9 million children, said the BPKS report based on spot survey in 14 flood-hit districts.

"Among the flood-affected people, the condition of the disabled is much worse as they are unable to go to the relief centres like a normal person. They are also unable to collect relief materials supplied by the government and the NGOs," it said.

The BPKS felt that special relief operations are needed for the affected disabled people, who constitute 10 per cent of the population according to World Health Organisation (WHO). The number of the disabled in Bangladesh is believed to be 14 million now.

"Huge number of the flood-affected disabled are passing a miserable life in hunger and deprivation and ignored during the relief distribution," said the report.