

Change negative attitude towards people with disabilities

Speakers tell discussion

Expressing their concern over the negative attitudes of society towards people with disabilities, speakers at a discussion have said little care and recognition can surely change the scenario.

Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad at the Cirdap auditorium in the city on Sunday. Bangladesh Economic Association President Dr Qazi Kholiqzaman said only 4.0 percent of the children with disabilities are getting the opportunity for education while 80 percent of them have the ability to study at the mainstream schools.

International in 2005, a total of 5.6 percent of the total population lives with some kinds of disabilities. Among them, 32.2 percent are visually challenged, 27.8 percent are physically challenged, 18.7 percent are hearing impaired, 6.7 percent are intellectually disabled, 3.9 percent are speech impaired and 10.7 percent are living with multiple disabilities.

Schools for the hearing impaired across the country, I saw that most of the teachers of these schools do not know sign language. They do not have proper training and are teaching the students the way they think is fine. There is no monitoring system at the government level," said Khaled.

2,000 GMG passengers stranded for technical maintenance

UNB, Dhaka

Some 2,000 passengers of GMG Airlines got stranded as its Dubai-bound Boeing-747 was grounded for "technical maintenance" at Zia International Airport on Monday.



Education Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman speaks at a press briefing on HSC examinations at the conference room of the ministry yesterday.

Call for greater unity of Muslim Ummah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

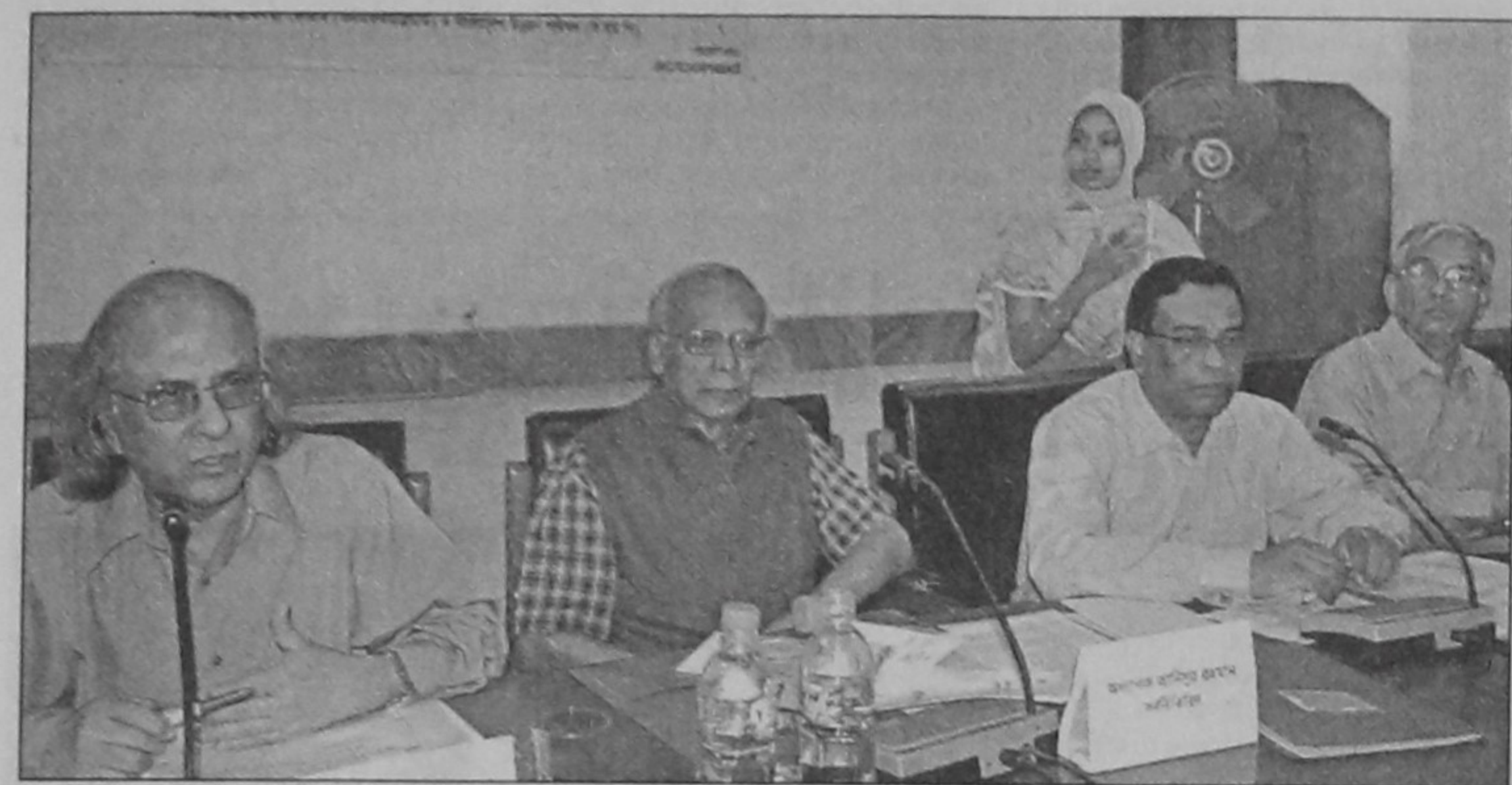
Speakers at a programme yesterday underscored the need for greater unity among the Muslim Ummah, saying the lack of unity has led to factions and sufferings among the Muslims across the world.



Ameer of Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat in Bangladesh Mobasher ur Rahman speaks at a discussion on the occasion of 100 years of 'Khilafat' at its office in the city yesterday.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat Bangladesh organised the daylong programme at its central mosque in the city to celebrate 100 years of the sect's Khilafat.

Rashed Khan Menon, Executive Chairman of JSD Mainuddin Khan Badal, writer and journalist Shahriar Kabir, Dr Anwar Hossain of Dhaka University, columnist Nayeem Mohaimen, human rights activists Father Tim and Taleya Rahman and freedom fighter Ziauddin Tareq Ali also spoke on the occasion.



Bangladesh Economic Association President Dr Qazi Kholiqzaman Ahmad speaks at a view exchange meeting on 'Rights of the people with disability in the national development policy' at Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday.

DU likely to place Tk 152cr budget for next fiscal

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) is likely to place its annual budget of around Tk 152 crore for the fiscal 2008-09 at its senate meeting next month.

Bangladesh gets priority in new Pak foreign policy

UNB, Islamabad

Pakistan Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi yesterday said he has initiated a move to pursue an eastward foreign policy with Bangladesh receiving the top priority.

He stressed the importance of strengthening trade relations saying there are scopes for raising the volume of trade. He admitted some impediments including absence of direct shipping service, which, he said, should be removed at the earliest.

Jubo Dal demands release of Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, youth front of BNP, yesterday announced its 12-point demand including release of former premier Khaleda Zia after withdrawal of all cases so that she can participate in the formal talks.

Two brokers arrested

The US Embassy in Dhaka congratulates Dhaka Metropolitan Police for arresting two men alleged to be involved in an extortion scheme against a US diversity visa winner recently.

RMG worker murdered, teenager found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A garment worker was beaten and stabbed to death in Khilgaon neighbourhood in the city early yesterday, police said.

Railway police Monday recovered the body of a 13-year-old from the rooftop of Upalul Express after the train pulled in to Kamlapur Railway Station.

Move to abolish Pirojpur-2 constituency protested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local people of Kaukhali and Bhandaria in Pirojpur yesterday protested the Election Commission's decision to abolish the Pirojpur-2 constituency comprising the two areas.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka

Moulana Abul Khair Bikrampur, noted Islamic scholar and central leader of Islamic Constitution Movement, passed away due to a cardiac arrest at Jaldhaka upazila in Nilphamari on Monday night at the age of 60.

Appeal for help

UNB, Dhaka

Md Jamil Khan, an eight-year-old boy, has been suffering from aplastic anaemia, a serious rare disease that develops when the bone marrow fails to produce blood cells, says a press release.

DU student missing

DU CORRESPONDENT



Abdullah Kamil Shiblee, a fourth year honours student of Persian language and literature department of Dhaka University (DU), has been missing for the last 13 days, says a DU press release.

Tele link in 8 dists to remain suspended for 3 hours

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Due to repairing works of optical fibre cable at Bogra-Rangpur route, BTB telecommunication service will remain suspended tomorrow from 12:00am to 3:00pm in eight districts -- Rangpur, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh.

Manpower export

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Khaleda's petition

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next course of action after the special court starts proceedings of the case on June 1.

Appl for help

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WEATHER TODAY graphic with sun and cloud icons.

No change in temperature likely

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Table with columns: City/Town, Temperature in Celsius (Max, Min), Humidity in percentage (Morning, Evening). Rows include Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal, Sylhet, Cox's Bazar.

DHAKA TODAY logo.

Discussion Bangladesh Mahila Parishad organises a discussion on reduction in maternal mortality. Venue: Cirdap Auditorium. Time: 3:30pm.

Dhanmodi Police Station OC, 2 SIs suspended

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Officer-in-charge (OC) and two sub-inspectors (SI) of Dhanmodi Police Station were suspended yesterday on charges of registering a robbery case as a theft case.

Govt sits

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Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry President Anisul Huq confirmed The Daily Star about the invitation but said the time of the meeting was yet to be fixed as of 5:30pm.

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