INT'L DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY TODAY

'Ensure rights of people with disability'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The 17th International Day of Persons with Disability will be observed today in the country as elsewhere across the globe to strengthen the campaign for ensuring the rights of the physically and mentally challenged people.

The theme of the day is 'Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities: Dignity and justice for all of us'.

The government and different non-government organisations including National Alliance of Disabled People's Organisations, Bangladesh Organisation for Disabled Advancement and Bangladesh Protibandhi Kalyan Samity have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day.

The day's programmes include seminar, discussion, and procession.



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A procession was brought out in front of the Teacher-Student Centre on the Dhaka University campus yesterday on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disability.

marking the day.

Malek, special assistant to the press conference. chief adviser, informed this at

tively, he added.

Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Service, Dewan Zakir Hossain, Disabled Persons' Right,

tor of NFOWD and Farida

a press conference yesterday was organised by Action on organised by National Forum Disability and Development of Organisations Working with (ADD) with participation of the Disabled at National Press around 400 persons with disability at TSC intersection Two seminars will be held yesterday. Besides, a rally was at Bangladesh-China also held at Central Shaheed Friendship Conference Centre Minar demanding equal rights at 9:00am and 2:00pm respec- and dignity of the persons with disability.

From the rally they

Iftekhar greets Hillary

UNB, Dhaka

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formulation of policy with

their participation, and creating friendly environment

where they can participate in

elections without any con-

forming standing committee

for the disables at national and

local level, and preserving 5

percent quota in government

and 10 percent in private

Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz,

former justice Golam

Rabbani, Senior Vice

President (Programme) of

ATN Bangla Nowajesh Ali

Khan, Golam Mortuza, Rokeya

Kabir, and Colonel (retd)

Faruk Khan attended the

Kalyan Samity also organised

a seminar on 'UN Convention

on the Rights of People with

Disabilities' at Biam

and raising awareness on

Speakers at the seminar

Foundation auditorium.

disability issue.

Bangladesh Protibandhi

Dhaka university Vice

The demands also include

straint.

services.

programme.

Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury yesterday sent a message of felicitations to the newly designated Secretary of State of the United States, Hillary Clinton.

While congratulating her "most warmly" upon her appointment, the foreign adviser said: "we express appreciation of the fact that someone of your prodigious capabilities should be chosen to guide and implement the foreign policy of the United States".

He further added: "We see in the United States and in yourself, values that we in Bangladesh share. We see you as a friend, and have no doubt that during your tenure of office our bilateral relations will widen and deepen even further".

He wishes the newly designated Secretary of State long live, good health and happiness for herself and her family.

Next elected govt won't hold upazila polls on schedule

Speakers tell roundtable

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Speakers at a roundtable yesterday apprehended that the next elected government would not hold upazila election on scheduled time.

They called on the political to parties to pledge in election; manifestos that they would hold upazila polls on time.

The speakers said this at the roundtable on 'Peoples' expectation in establishing strengthened local government and democratic decentralisation' organised by Governance Advocacy Forum at Cirdap auditorium in the city.

They said the local government commission that lacks the power to look into financial necessities required by respective local areas will not be a big help in establishing a strengthened local government in the country.

The existence of financial commission, whish plans budget allocation for local areas in accordance with their requirements, especially con- Akash said, "Decentralisation Dr Salahuddin M Aminusidering ecological vulnerabil- is not enough to ensure peo- zzaman. Coordinator of the ity and peoples' status of depri- ple's rights. Enhancing capac- Forum Mohsin Ali presented a vation, has strengthened local ity of the deprived and poor keynote paper.



Dr Tofael Ahmed speaks at a roundtable at Cirdap auditorium in the city yesterday. On his right is Prof Akhter Hossain and on his left are Mohsin Ali and Dr Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman.

effectively, they added. Dr Tofael Ahmed said, "Financing the local government is a major problem. Separate budget must be allocated for local government, not as a whole budget allocation for local government and rural development ministry."

"Financing is a major issue for the decentralisation of power," he added.

government system in India people through participatory democracy would work in this Member of the commission regard. And actual decentralisation of power will largely depend on economic independence of the individuals."

Prof Atiur Rahman, Jatiya Party (JP-Manju) Secretary General Sheikh Shahidul Islam, Associate Editor of the daily Jugantor Sohrab Hasan and Programme Officer HRGG-PSU of Danida Sarder M Asaduzzaman also spoke at the Noted economist Prof MM programme moderated by Prof



We request all relatives

and friends to pray for Mrs. Yasmin Rahman, the dearest member of our family who passed on to eternity nine years ago.

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin secretary of the ministry of Ahmed will inaugurate the Social Welfare, Masuda Binte programme of the day at Kadir, joint secretary (devel- underscored the need for 9:30am at Osmani Memorial opment) of social welfare changing mindset of people auditorium. He will also ministry, Mansur Ahmed expose a memorial stamp Chowdhury, managing direc-Brig Gen (retd) Abdul Yeasmin were present at the

On the eve of the day, a rally

Chowdhury, director general demanded implementation of of the Directorate of Social the United Nations Charter of

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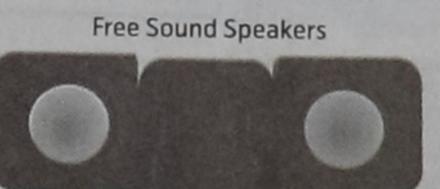
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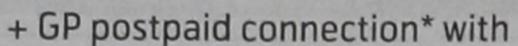








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