A meeting to discuss the draft Master Plan of Operation (MPO) for the Government of Bangladesh-Unicef for 2001-2005 was held at the NEC Bhaban, Planning Commission yesterday. The meeting was organised by Joint Government-Unicef Advisor Group (JGUAG) and chaired by Dr SM Farid, Member (SEI & Programming) Planning Commission and Chairman, JGUAG. Shahida Azfar, Unicef Representative in Bangladesh and Nigel Fisher, Regional Director, Unicef Regional Office for South Asia attended the meeting.

Thousands of vessels on rivers have no registration

1561 killed between '84-'98

BARISAL, Apr 4: Thousands of vessels are operating in the country's coastal areas without registrations and fitness certificates, reports UNB.

Taking advantage of loopholes in river traffic rules, most vessel owners never renew the fitness certificates of their vehicles.

As per the 'Inland Mechanised Vessel Act -1971', all modes of mechanised vessels must be registered. But an amendment to it in 1976 has allowed movement of vessels under 16 horsepower, without registration.

According to BIWTA officials, there were few 16 horsepower vessels when the law was amended. But now 90 per cent of passenger vessels and fishing trawlers have engines under 16 horsepower.

Taking advantage of the amended law, a section of some water vehicle owners are operating their high-power mechanised vessels with labels of under 16 horsepower, depriving the government of huge revenue earnings.

Meanwhile, there are no records of 5,467 vessels, out of 7,608 previously registered vehicles as only 2,041 have renewed their registrations.

Among these vehicles were 2,082 passenger vessels, 1,382 cargoes, 73 tankers, 240 tugs, 70 fishing barges and 1,620 dumping barges. The others were allowed registration after necessary inspection.

According to competent sources, vessel owners with the help of a section of employees frequently change the names of their boats either to avoid punitive action after accidents or evade tax.

"We are always blamed for movement of faulty vessels that lead to mishaps, but we have little power to regulate them, says a BIWTA senior official.

According to a BIWTA report, 1,561 people were killed in 226 river traffic mishaps during 1984-98 due to overloading and technical faults.

According to existing laws, vessel owners are to be fined Tk 100 per head for carrying excess passengers, but the law is hardly ever applied.

Golam Kabir, an officer at Barisal terminal, said they cannot monitor all vessels plying over a vast area of the region for lack of adequate manpower.

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Dhaka to adopt rights-based approach for children

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh will adopt a rights-based approach in line with the government's adoption of the National Plan of Action for Children (1997-2002), says a Unicef press release.

The key priorities will include 'the unfinished agenda' for achieving global goals set at the World Summit for Children in 1990, countering the threat of arsenic contamination of groundwater on a priority basis, combating emerging issues like HIV/AIDS.

The agenda also includes ensuring access to quality primary education for all children, improving the situation of the adolescent girls, promotion of birth registration.

The release also says that communication based on the Convention of the Rights of Child and Convention on elimination of all forms of discrimination against women through mass media and other channels and behaviour development will continue to be a major strategy of the new county programme.

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The meeting was organised by Joint Government-Unicef and Unicef Advisory Group (JGUAG) and chaired by Dr Shah M Farid, member Planning Commission and chairman JGUAG.

Shahida Azfar, Unicef Representative in Bangladesh, Nigel Fisher, Regional Director, Unicef Regional Office for South Asia, high government officials and Unicef programme staff attended the meeting.

Speaking as the chairperson of JGUAG, Dr. Farid emphasised the importance government attaches to children's and women's rights. He mentioned that "Bangladesh was one of the first countries to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The government has undertaken the National Children Policy adopted in 1994 and a National Programme of Action for Children in 1991-2002."

He reaffirmed commitment to include women fully as part of development process. He also praised the government and non-governmental efforts in increasing immunization, Vitamin A supplementation coverage, and control of diarrhoeal diseases, reduction in fertility, child and maternal mortality rates, improvement in nutrition, and enhancing enrollment in primary schools.

Unicef Representative in Bangladesh, Shahida Azfar gave an overview of the country programme development process and the strategic directions and framework of the programme.

She noted that despite incredible successes made in the health and educational status of children, gender discrimination, early marriage of girls, domestic violence, and use of child labour are still challenges to the full realisation of children's and women's rights.

"The programme before us today is rights-based and it is result-based, which I am sure you will agree, will consolidate, and build on the lessons of the past," said Azfar.

The Master Plan of Operations (MPO) contains all programmes and projects that will be undertaken during the period January 2001 to December 2005 to fulfill the rights of children and women to survival, protection, development and is expected to be signed towards the end of this year.

The preparation of the document began in 1998 by assessing and analysing the situation of children and women based on the Common Country Assessment undertaken by the UN System in Bangladesh as a holistic exercise. Earlier in January this year, a strategy paper in the form of a Country Note was presented to the Unicef's Executive Board, which is currently chaired by the Government of Bangladesh.

Nine people were arrested early yesterday on charges of preparing to commit a highway robbery at Narayanganj Link Road on Biswa Road. They were picked up by the police after a chase which left them seeking shelter in a nearby pond. Local people helped nab the alleged robbers. —Star photo

All villages to be turned into satellite towns : Tofail

CHAR MANICA (Char Fashion), Apr 4: The government is trying to convert all the villages into satellite towns by establishing small and cottage industries and providing other facilities there, reports UNB.

Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed also said that the government's topmost priority is to extend road network up to remotest areas, reaching electricity to the rural areas, ensuring pure drinking water, facilitating health and educational services and setting up small and cottage industries.

The minister was addressing the inauguration of the construction work of Char Aicha-Kachhapia road at Kachhapia Bazar in this coastal area. The 1.5-kilometre road is being constructed at a cost of Tk 10 lakh in a union 110 km off Bhola district town.

European Commission Ambassador to Bangladesh Antonio De Souza Menezes and local AL leader Abdullah Al Islam Jacob also addressed the meeting.

Later, the minister, accompanied by the EC envoy, went to Char Kukri Mukri, a union at the Southeastern tip of Bangladesh, to see the activities of ActionAid, an EC funded NGO.

The NGO has taken up a project for overall development of the 10,000 people on the island.

Briefing the minister and the Ambassador, ActionAid officials said they have been implementing development projects since 1997.

They include training to the villagers for disaster-preparedness and management, infrastructure work, health, education, samity and community disaster-preparedness program.

Government officials informed that 23 barracks has so far been constructed in 17 Asrayan projects accommodating 230 destitute families of the island. Addressing a gathering at the cyclone shelter-cum-Kukri Mukri Primary School premises, Ambassador Souza said, on demand of the local people, that EC would consider the embankment construction to save the 7-sq kilometre island, which is often washed by tidal bores.

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NOTICE OF THE 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Under order of the Honourable High Court notice is hereby given that the Twenty-nineth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at its Head Office at Printers Building, 5, Rajuk Avenue Extn., Dhaka-1000 on Thursday, 20 April 2000 at 10.30 AM to transact the following business:

1. To confirm the minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company held on 23rd December 1996.
2. To approve the Directors' appointment of M/s. Ata Khan & Co., Chartered Accountants as auditors in the vacancy created by absence of M/s. N. Ahmed & Co., Chartered Accountants or to appoint the Company's auditors from the following two firms as suggested by Securities and Exchange Commission:
   a. Hoda Vasi Chowdhury & Co., Chartered Accountants, Ispahani Building, 14 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.
   b. Rahman Rahman Hoq & Co., Chartered Accountants, 9, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka.

Explanatory Notes:

In the 28th Annual General Meeting of the Company M/s. N. Ahmed & Co., Chartered Accountants were reappointed auditors of the Company. The Company's books of account were duly closed and the auditors were invited to start audit work but they did not respond even after repeated remainders. On enquiry it was found that Mr. N. Ahmed, the proprietor of N. Ahmed & Co. has left the country without notice and the post of auditors fall vacant. After obtaining legal opinion and in exercise of power vested in the Directors by Section 210(7) of the Companies Act, 1994, the Directors have appointed M/s. Ata Khan & Co., Chartered Accountants have submitted their report. Later on the Security and Exchange Commission have suggested to appoint auditors from either of the above two audit firms. If the shareholders approve the action of the directors in appointing M/s. Ata Khan & Co., Chartered Accountants as auditors these accounts and the report of the auditors will be considered in this meeting. Otherwise the accounts will have to be re-audited and the agenda number 3 will not be considered at this meeting.

3. To receive and adopt the Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 1996 together with Auditors' and Directors' Reports thereon.
4. To elect Directors in the offices vacated by the Directors retiring pursuant to Article 104 of the Company's Articles of Association.
5. To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

Dated : 5 April 2000.

Khan Mohd Esrafil
Director

Notes :

1. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from 13-04-2000 to 20-04-2000 (both days inclusive).
2. Proxy form must be lodged at the Head Office of the Company at Printers Building, 5, Rajuk Avenue Extn., Dhaka-1000 at least 48 hours before the time fixed for the meeting.
3. A member entitle to attend the Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him in the Annual General Meeting.
4. Entrance to the Meeting room will be on production of Attendance slip attached with the Proxy Form.

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NOTICE OF THE 30TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Under order of the Honourable High Court notice is hereby given that the Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at its Head Office at Printers Building, 5, Rajuk Avenue Extn., Dhaka-1000 on Thursday, 20 April 2000 at 11.00 AM to transact the following business:

1. To approve the Directors' appointment of M/s. Ata Khan & Co., Chartered Accountants as auditors in the vacancy created by absence of M/s. N. Ahmed & Co., Chartered Accountants or to appoint the Company's auditors from the following two firms as suggested by Securities and Exchange Commission:
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2. To receive and adopt the Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 1997 together with Auditors' and Directors' Reports thereon.
3. To elect Directors in the offices vacated by the Directors retiring pursuant to Article 104 of the Company's Articles of Association.
4. To transact any other business with the permission of the Chair.

Dated : 5 April 2000.

Khan Mohd Esrafil
Director

Notes :

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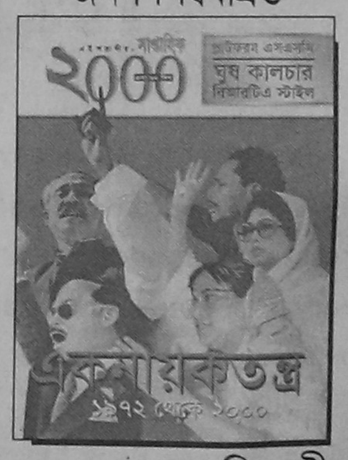

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