

Implement Cedaw charter to uphold women's rights

Rights leaders urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a discussion yesterday demanded implementation of Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (Cedaw) to ensure equal rights of women, says a press release.

They said this at the discussion organised by Citizens' Initiatives on Cedaw in association with Steps Towards Development in the city yesterday.

The speakers said the government should take proper initiative for full ratification and implementation of the Cedaw charter.

Bangladesh has ratified Cedaw with some reservations to Article 2, nucleus of the convention, which leads to a challenge to establish equal rights of women, they added.

To uphold human rights of women, the government will have to take steps to withdraw the reservations.

Human rights activist Dr Hamida Hossain said, "A pressure should be created on the government to materialise the Cedaw charter."

UNIFEM Programme Manager Nahid M Ahmed, Kamrunnessa Nazli of Ain O Shalish Kendra, Mojahidul Islam Nayan of PSTC and Mahmuda Imam of Karmojibi Nari also spoke.



Additional Secretary of Home Ministry Dr Sheikh Abdur Rashid speaks at the inaugural function of Free Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre in the city yesterday.

'50000 drug addicts in country'

METRO DESK

At present there are about 50000 drug addicts in the country while 20000 of them take drugs through

syringe, speakers said at the inaugural ceremony of a rehabilitation centre yesterday.

The 3rd 40-bed Free Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) was established with the financial and technical support of Family Health International at Johnson Road in the old part of the city, says a press release.

The speakers also said that due to easy access to drugs it has spread widely as a serious social disease. Treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts is important to combat this crime, they added.

So far with the financial and technical support of Family Health International, DAM from 2005 has given free treatment to 1459 addicts and helped them rehabilitate in old Dhaka and Mymensingh.

Majority of the drug addicts who received free treatment from the DAM have returned to normal life. Meanwhile, 96 persons have been provided with jobs, technical training was given to 939 people and 33 HIV patients have been provided with free drug addiction treatment and service.

Besides, Ahsania Mission is also going to start a drug addiction treatment and rehabilitation centre for women in the city this year.

Additional Secretary of Home Ministry Dr Sheikh Abdur Rashid inaugurated the Treatment Centre as the chief guest.

The inaugural ceremony was presided over by DAM Programme Director Shafiqul Islam while Family Health International Country Director Misti Mc Dowell was present as special guest.

Assistant Director AKM Abdur Razzak, Project Manager Iqbal Masud and Family Health International Programme Officer Sheikh Jahangir Hossain were also present.

DAM has been operating one 100-bed treatment centre at Gazipur, one 60-bed free treatment centre at Johnson Road in old Dhaka and one 35-bed rehabilitation and treatment centre in Mymensingh.

Since 1990, DAM has been conducting anti-drug activities through 402 sub-committees in 150 upazilas of 54 districts.

US ship with 26,000MT food aid arrives in Ctg

UNB, Dhaka

A consignment of 26,000 metric tons of wheat as US food aid, worth approximately \$17 million, arrived at Chittagong seaport by a US-registered vessel.

The food-grain, carried into the port on Monday, will be used for the United Nation's World Food Programme's (WFP) national school feeding programme and to ensure food availability to the poorest of the poor living in the cyclone Sidr-affected areas, said a US Embassy release yesterday.

More than half of the wheat from this shipment (14,887 MT) will be used to assist Sidr-affected families through general food-distribution programmes and Food for Work programmes.

"These resources will ensure food availability for 1.5 million people affected by Cyclone Sidr in the twelve worst affected districts. The remaining wheat will be used to produce fortified high-energy biscuits that will be distributed to about 350,000 primary school students," it said.

This US government assistance, administered by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is part of the additional \$40 million of food aid announced by US Ambassador Moriarty in May.

"This food aid to victims of cyclone Sidr is a direct response to the food-security assessment completed by the WFP," said the release.

The US government's assistance to Bangladesh includes support for free, fair and credible elections and more transparent and accountable governance, assis-

stance for a better educated, healthier and more productive population, funding to increase economic opportunities through equitable economic growth, food assistance, and support for disaster mitigation.



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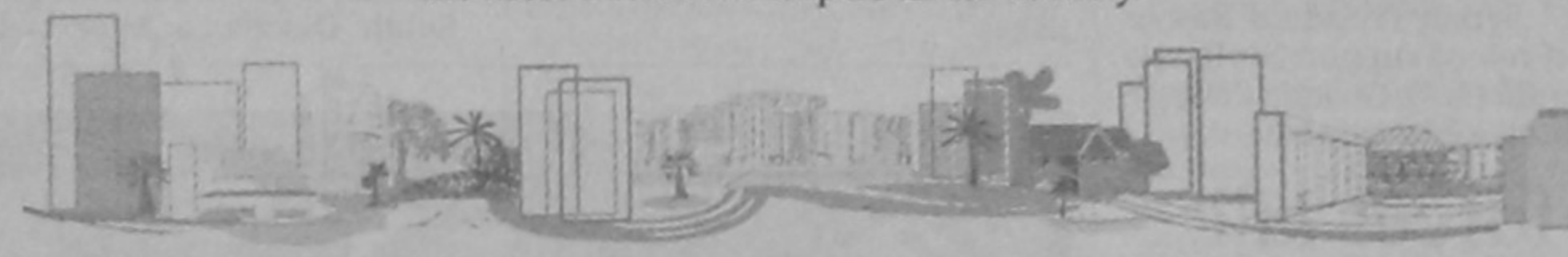
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NOTICE OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **Thirty-Fifth Annual General Meeting** of the Shareholders of Bangladesh Services Limited will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel on Wednesday, the **24th September, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.** to transact the following business:

Agenda

- To confirm the Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 3rd September, 2007;
- To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Audited Accounts of the Company as of December 31, 2007 together with the report of the Auditors thereon and the report of the Directors;
- To declare dividend for the year 2007;
- To elect Directors in place of retiring Directors;
- To re-fix remuneration of the Directors;
- To appoint Auditors for the year 2008 and fix their remuneration; and
- To transact any other business which may legally be transacted at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

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(Md. Aminul Bar Chowdhury)
Secretary

Dated: 3 September 2008

Notes:

- The Register of Members and the Share Transfer Book of the Company will remain closed from 11th September to 24th September, 2008 (both days inclusive). During this period no share transfer will be effected.
- A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf. The proxy form, duly stamped, must be deposited at registered office of the Company not later than 72 hours before the time fixed for the Annual General Meeting.
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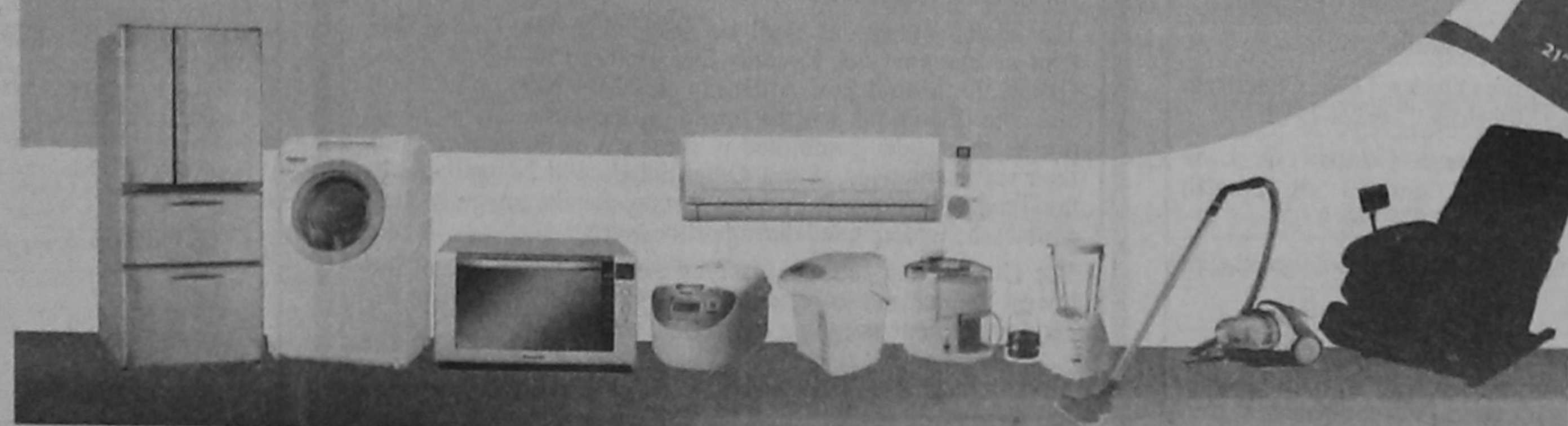
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