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BARIDHARA DOHS PARISHAD
DHAKA CANTONMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY THE 10TH JUL 09 AT 5.00 P.M.
AT BARIDHARA SCHOLARS' INSTITUTION

1. Present: 38 members as recorded in the attendance list were present in the meeting.
2. Brig Gen Enayet Hussain, psc (Retd), the President of Baridhara DOHS Parishad, presided over the meeting.
3. As the quorum for holding the meeting was present the President called the meeting to order.
4. The meeting started with recitation of verses from the holy Quran by Hafez Md Akhter Hossain.

Item - 1: Welcome address by the President:

5. The President welcomed the members present in the General Meeting. He said that this General Meeting is the 1st one since the present Executive Committee has taken over. It has been called to discuss three important points with respected members of DOHS Baridhara Parishad and take decision. Meanwhile, Other points given by the members will also be discussed.

Item - 2: To present and adopt the resume on the Secretary's report:

6. The Secretary of the Parishad presented the following report:

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim.

Respected members, Assalamu Alaikum and good evening.

- (1) On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to present the following resume of activities of Baridhara DOHS Parishad from 23rd February 2009 till to date.
- (2) At the very out set I, on behalf of the Executive Committee, would convey our grief and condolence for all those members, spouses and children who have passed away since our last AGM. We all pray to Almighty Allah for their eternal peace.
- (3) This Executive Committee has taken over about four and a half months. During this short period we have tried to take forward the on going Development activities of this DOHS. In our effort we have made some progress and will continue to work for the Development of our DOHS. Now, I would like to give a brief run down about our activities during this short period.

a. **Traffic problem:** We all are tremendously suffering due to Traffic congestion in this DOHS. To ease the problem the Army HQ's constructed two by-pass roads which have been opened. This subject will be discussed in detail in this meeting.

b. **Crisis of water supply:** During the months of March and April 2009, we faced acute shortage of water supply. However, we have overcome the problem with kind co-operation of WASA. Now, we are better off in this regard.

c. **Convention Centre:** The work is in progress casting of two roofs have been completed. This will also be discussed later on.

d. **Removal of garbage/cleanliness:** Earlier Cantt Board used to collect garbage from our houses. But DOHS Parishad has been given this responsibility since last April. We were facing problem since the garbage vans became unserviceable and cleaners were taken away by the Cantt Board. However, we have purchased new vans and cleaners have been recruited. We have also requested respected members to use garbage bags which are being mostly used. You will find a definite improvement in this regard within a week or two.

e. **DOHS mosque:** Mosque Committee has purchased new mattress for the Musullies. One ghat is being constructing at the pond to ease the 'Aju' problem of the Musullies. We are facing problem for cleaning the dead bodies for "Janaja" in the mosque. One gentle man of this DOHS has kindly offered to create the washing facilities at his own cost. One AC has been installed in the mosque library by a sponsor. Col M Abdul Hai (Retd), our Member Admin and Security has been kind to arranged it.

f. **Plantation:** We have planned to plant a considerable no of Saplings in and around our DOHS this year. All arrangements have been made including collection of Saplings, manure etc. Saplings will be planted some time next week.

g. **Extension/Repair works:** Repair works near school gate and Anannya Shopping Complex has been undertaken by the Cantt Board and work is in progress. Lane wise repair work will also start soon by the Cantt Board.

Item - 3: To discuss the traffic problem of DOHS Baridhara:

7. The President then took over the floor and discussed the following points:

a. **The traffic problem of DOHS Baridhara:** It was discussed threadbare. President informed that the station HQ's Dhaka Cantonment has issued an instruction regarding the use of newly constructed two by pass roads and our DOHS internal road. They have made the by pass road from Engr Bde to BSI school two way while By pass road on the western side of DOHS and our DOHS main road as one way. The President further informed the respected members that he was called in Army HQ's and the matter was discussed where

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the then CAS, QMG, E-in-C, Log area Comd, Sta Comd and many other senior officers were present. President informed them about the sentiments of the members of the DOHS that the DOHS main road cannot be made one way but the then CAS was strict to his decision. CAS opined that it was earlier decided by the previous Executive Committee that the DOHS road will be made one way and that is why, two by pass roads have been constructed. Since the President of the Parishad was reluctant to accept above decision, the AHQ instructed Sta HQ's to issue a letter (which were circulated among all the respected members) to try above decision for 15 days and submit a report regarding feasibility of making the road one way. Since the report has to be submitted immediately, the valuable suggestion/comments of the members are sought. Almost all the members present at the meeting took active part in the discussion. Most of the members opined that the DOHS road cannot be made one way. The road from railway crossing (near ASS/POL Depot) should be made one way, upto school gate then either enter the DOHS or go straight to Engr Bde/Airport road. The by-pass road from school gate to Engr Bde/Airport road should be one way. But this restriction shall not apply for army vehicles. The bypass road on the western side of DOHS will also be one way i.e vehicles will enter from Anannya gate and go upto Engr Bde/Airport road. There will be no turning right after reaching the Engr Bde-BSI school by-pass road. The main road of DOHS will be two way. It was decided that AHQ will be informed above opinion of the respected members of DOHS.

b. **Convention Centre:** The president of the Parishad informed the members that the construction of the Convention Centre is in progress. Two roofs have been casted. Ministry of Land demanded no objection certificate of Deputy Commissioner Dhaka for leasing out the land to the DOHS. It has been obtained after lot of correspondence and pursuance. We have already spent about Tk. 3 (Three) Crore for the construction upto 2nd roof including the basement. Now the MEO office has demanded an amount of Tk. 4,27,64,090.00 (Four crore twenty seven lac sixty four thousand and ninety) as value of the land (incl revenue charge). We have already informed them that it is not possible on our part to pay the amount and requested them to sanction lease of land at a nominal cost of Tk. 100.00 (One hundred). Now, if we take loan of Tk. 5 (Five) crore from the Army HQs, we are going to face serious financial problem because we have to pay an amount of Tk. 25,00,000.00 (Twenty five lac) only per year as interest of the loan amount. He explained pros and cons of the draft MOU. He proposed that at present we request AHQ to sanction us a special grant (non-refundable) and complete upto 2nd floor only with whatever money we have and the grant if given by AHQ. A long discussion took place. A number of members incl Air Cdre Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, psc (Retd), Brig Gen Solaiman Ahmed, psc (Retd), Lt Col Mohd Abdul Khaleq, psc (Retd), Lt Col Md Shamsul Islam (Retd), Lt Col M Badiur Rahman, psc (Retd) took part in the discussion. Then almost all the members present in meeting agreed with the proposal of the President.

c. **Commercial use of Houses/Flats:** The President of the Parishad informed the respected members present in the meeting that many of us have rented out houses/flats for the commercial use like big offices/buying houses. Some of us have rented out the whole house. These offices have lot of tpts and manpower. Most of them use high powered generators. We are facing serious problems because of this. There are instrs of Army HQS/ Cantt Board who have laid down the policies regarding commercial use of our houses/flats but many of us are not abiding by the rules. Long discussion took place. It was decided that the ground floor and another floor or 4000 Sft can be rented out for the use of small offices/commercial use. Those of us have rented out the full house or more than 4,000 Sft for commercial use are requested not to renew the existing contract and try to terminate the existing contract by Dec 09. It was further decided that we will not allow any clinic/coaching centre/call centre in our houses. Existing coaching centers/clinics will be immediately closed.

Item - 4. To discuss the points received from the member:

8. Points have been received from the following hon'ble members:

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| a. Lt Col Mohd Abdul Khaleq, psc (Retd) | House # 304, Lane # 04 |
| b. Lt Col Nasir Ahmed (Retd) | House # 489, Lane # 08 |
| c. Wg. Cdr QM Shah Alam (Retd) | House # 546/1, Lane # 13 |
| d. Maj M A Bashir (Retd) | House # 486, Lane # 08 |
| e. Brig Gen Mohammad Obaidul Haque | House # 377, Lane # 06 |
| f. Brig Gen Asrarul Haque, psc (Retd) | House # 476, Lane # 08 |
| g. Lt Col Syed Mohd Kabir Uddin (Retd) | House # 468, Lane # 08 |
| h. Maj Reajul Haque (Retd) | House # 362, Lane # 05 |

9. The points received and the replies/actions thereon are as under:

a. **Point:**

(1) By pass road should be extended upto Gulshan avenue (near Embassy of Pakistan) to remove the agony of the inhabitants of Baridhara DOHS.

Decision:

The point was not discussed in detail since it involves governments policy regarding making a road through an Army installation. However, a proposal may be sent to auth concerned for their kind consideration.

Point:

(2) Arrangement for removal of POL Depot form the present location be made for safety of people and POL Depot as well.

Decision:

The point was not discussed.

Point:

(3) To deny stoppage of all transports in front of the Anannya Shopping Complex, footpath with railing should be built in front of the market.

Decision:

The President informed that we shall overcome this problem once the repair work of road opposite Anannya is completed. Anannya authority has been told to open their car parking space at the basement for the customers coming for shopping. No vehicle will be allowed to park/stop in front of the market.

Point:

(4) A total programme should be taken to install a good and comprehensive sound system in the mosque.

Decision:

The point is noted.

Point:

(5) The pond should no more be leased out. It should be developed as a panoramic scenario as a source of recreation.

Decision:

The point has been noted for necessary action and Masjid Sub-Committee will be informed accordingly.

Point:

(6) In morning hour empty taxis available at the gate should be sent inside the DOHS to reduce the suffering of school going children.

Decision:

Respected members may kindly ring up security pers at 01714038012 (Anannya gate) and 01714038004 (BSI school gate) for empty Taxi /CNG. Sy gds have been instr to send the Taxi/CNG if aval.

b. **Point:**

(1) What development/maintenance programs were in hand/planned by the last committee and what are those?

Decision:

Point was not discussed.

Point:

(2) What are the development /maintenance programs planned by the present committee and what are the progress of those?

Decision:

Development and maintenance work programs of current fiscal year has not been finalized since the Cantt Board has not asked for the programs as yet.

c. **Point:**

(1) The newly constructed By Pass Road is treated as VIP road and mostly being used by the civilians coming from Gulshan/Baridhara area. It seems that the road has been made absolutely useless for the residents of Baridhara DOHS.

Decision:

The point has been discussed in detail.

Point:

(2) Baridhara DOHS area has become worse than Commercial/Industrial area from crowds of transport point of view.

Decision:

The point has been covered earlier.

Point:

(3) Sound pollution of the transport should be reduced.

Decision:

The point is noted and discussed widely. Action will be taken. Respected members/residents are requested to kindly co-operate. The President also informed that some young boys are driving cars without silencer pipe. Parents are requested to stop their children. This will be strictly controlled.

Point:

(4) The Dustbin located at parking area of Ananaya Shopping Complex should be shifted.

Decision:

Action is in progress to improve the dustbin area.

d. **Point:**

(1) Security light (Halogen) for eastern boundary should be installed and recover the excess land to make as footpath.

Decision:

Will be considered for next fiscal year.

Point:

(2) Railway land fallen vacant in front of transit camp may be taken as lease for construction of market.

Decision:

Not discussed. We are already having a market and CSD.

e. **Point:**

(1) Necessary measures should be taken to prevent over speeding in DOHS area.

Decision:

The point was discussed. Necessary steps being taken incl making more speed breaker.

f. **Point:**

(1) Minor work for repairing the "Pot holes" of Road # 08 (East) may please be done immediately.

Decision:

It is already approved by the Cantt Board. Will be pursued for immediate action.

g. **Point:**

(1) Necessary steps to be taken for removal of coaching centre from DOHS Baridhara to avoid traffic jam and noisy situation.

Decision:

Already discussed earlier and decision taken to close the coaching centers.

Point:

(2) Pets like dogs being kept in the neighbor's house are making life miserable by barking continuously day and night. So, we the Muslim society should not encourage keeping pets.

Decision:

The point was discussed and respected members present agreed that No dog will be allowed in DOHS Baridhara. Members/ Tenants having pet dogs will dispose them off as soon as possible.

h. **Point:**

(1) Present rate of Rickshaw fare from Army Transit Camp to Road # 13 is high, its may please be revised.

Decision:

The point has been discussed in the EC meeting. All members opined that the rate is all right which is only Tk. 7/-.

Point:

(2) Transport entering DOHS with construction materials should be allowed to enter upto 2400 hrs be allowed to leave before 0100 hrs.

Decision:

The existing timing shall continue. However, special cases may be considered on request from the members.

Item - 5. Closing address by the President.

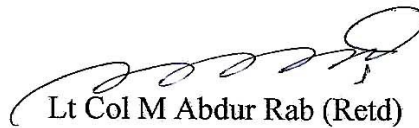
10. As there was no other point the President finally thanked all members present for their active participation and lively discussion in the General meeting.

11. The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



Brig Gen Enayet Hussain, psc (Retd)
President

27 July 2009



Lt Col M Abdur Rab (Retd)
Secretary

27 July 2009

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