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## PRESS RELEASE

### U.S. CDA, A.I. TO HOST WEBCHAT ON CYCLONE SIDR

**DHAKA, DECEMBER 11 --** A live WebChat will be hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh on December 13 at 8pm (Bangladesh Time). Charge d'Affaires, a.i. Geeta Pasi and members of the Embassy will answer questions about the interagency effort by the United States to provide aid to Bangladesh in the wake of Cyclone Sidr. Preparation before the cyclone and the rapid response afterwards by the Embassy, USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, and the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, working in tandem with other international donors and non-governmental organizations, has been integral in ensuring immediate relief to the worst hit areas. The response has now shifted into early recovery and planning for longer term rehabilitation and reconstruction.

This is an opportunity to ask questions of those who have seen both the devastation and cooperation first-hand, and also discuss "transformational diplomacy" in action.

To join the WebChat on the 13th please visit the U.S. Embassy, Dhaka webpage at <http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/> or connect directly to

[http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/USINFO/Products/Webchats/pasi\\_13\\_dec\\_2007.html](http://usinfo.state.gov/usinfo/USINFO/Products/Webchats/pasi_13_dec_2007.html)

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