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- PASSPORT RENEWAL
- CONSULAR REPORTS OF BIRTH ABROAD
- ABSENTEE VOTING AND VOTER INFORMATION
- NOTARIAL SERVICES
- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER APPLICATION
- MEDICAL EMERGENCY COORDINATION
- FEDERAL BENEFITS APPLICATION
- TREASURY CHECKS DISTRIBUTION
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September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Eid-ul-Azha	13 Eid-ul-Azha	14	15	16	17
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October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9 Columbus Day	10	11 * Durga Puja	12	13	14	15
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Notes: No American and/or Bangladeshi holidays exists in *August 2016*.

(*) Subject to change based on religious calendar.

The ACS Newsletter

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EMBASSY, DHAKA

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST EDITION

From the Consul General

These are trying times indeed! If you are receiving this newsletter, then you are aware that we now have a Travel Warning for Bangladesh! Now more than ever, we need for you to focus on your personal security – lock your doors, travel unpredictably, and be aware of your surroundings. This is not a good time to keep your eyes on your cell phone while you are traveling to and from work.

If you are looking for things to do, please consider attending our Town Hall Meeting on August 16. You'll have an opportunity to meet the Ambassador, the ACS staff, staff from our Regional Security Office, as well as other U.S. citizens who are living in Bangladesh. All reg-

istered U.S. citizens should already have received an invitation. If you did not get yours, please contact DhakaACS@state.gov.

In the meanwhile, please remain alert and stay safe. We realize that the advice in our Travel Warning probably makes you wonder just what activities you can pursue without danger – we totally understand! This is a good time to entertain small groups of friends at home instead of going to large parties. It's a good time to develop new indoor hobbies, or pick up old ones you used to like but have abandoned years ago. Play around in your kitchen and develop new recipes; learn how to cook or how to bake. It's also a

good time to get around to the household projects you've been too busy to tackle. If you are feeling house-bound and unhappy, consider purchasing an exercise machine. These are just starter ideas. Hopefully, you will come up with many more, and you can share them with other U.S. citizens at the Town Hall Meeting.



Consul General
Elizabeth P. Gourlay

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New URL for the Embassy website

The U.S. Embassy website has a new URL now
<https://bd.usembassy.gov/>

Please browse our new website to get an answer for your inquiry.

U.S. Citizens are highly encouraged to enroll with the Embassy by visiting the Embassy webpage at
<https://bd.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/>



Arrest of a U.S. Citizen



While traveling or residing in Bangladesh, U.S. citizens are required to abide by Bangladeshi laws. If a U.S. citizen violates Bangladeshi law, he or she is subject to prosecution under Bangladeshi law.

If a U.S. citizen is arrested in Bangladesh, the Embassy can help in specific ways. Someone will visit the arrested person to verify his or her well-being, help communicate with family members, and assist the U.S. citizen in finding legal representation.

Avoid getting arrested over-

seas by:

Following the laws and regulations of the country you are visiting or living in.

Learning about laws there which might be different from the laws in the United States. We provide some information for each country on our [Country Specific pages](#).

If you are arrested overseas or know a U.S. citizen who is:

Ask the prison authorities to notify the U.S. Embassy or Consulate

You may also wish to reach out to the closest U.S. Embassy or Consulate to let us know of arrest. Contact information

for U.S. Embassy, Dhaka can be found here or by going to our individual Country Specific Information pages.

Privacy Act

The provisions of the Privacy Act are designed to protect the privacy and rights of U.S. citizens, but occasionally they complicate our efforts to assist citizens abroad. As a rule, consular officers may not reveal information regarding an individual U.S. citizen's location, welfare, intentions, or problems to anyone, including family members and Congressional representatives, without the expressed consent of that individual.

Coffee Bonbons Recipe

Ingredients:

- > 1 cup butter, softened
- > 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- > 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- > 1 tablespoon instant coffee granules
- > 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour

Chocolate Glaze:

- > 1 tablespoon butter
- > 1/2 ounce unsweetened chocolate
- > 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- > 2 tablespoons milk

Instructions:

- ◇ In a bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add vanilla. Combine coffee and flour; stir into creamed mixture and mix well. Chill. Shape into 3/4-inch balls and place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 18-20 minutes.
- ◇ Meanwhile, for glaze, melt butter and chocolate together. Add melted mixture to sugar along with milk; beat until smooth. Frost cookies while still warm.

Yield: 5 dozen. **Prep:** 20 min. + chilling **Bake:** 20 min./batch

If you would like to submit your cooking recipe, please e-mail DhakaACS@state.gov.

What's the First Step to Vote as an Overseas U.S. Citizen?

STEP 1: REGISTER AND REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT USING THE FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA).

(Compiled from the 2016-17 FVAP online Voting Assistance Guide; available at www.FVAP.gov)

HOW TO GET AN FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)

Online Version:

- ◆ Use the online assistant at FVAP.gov to complete your FPCA. The online assistant filters your State's requirements as you go through the process of completing the form. Download the PDF package, print, sign and send.
- ◆ Visit FVAP.gov to download the fillable FWAB. Complete is using the State requirements listed in Chapter 2 of the Voting Assistance Guide. Print, sign and send.

NOTE: You will need to have your own envelope to send your complete FPCA or FWAB by mail. Envelope templates are available to download online.

Hardcopy:

- ◆ Get a hardcopy FPCA from a Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) or at an Installation Voter Assistance (IVA) Office at any military installation, U.S. embassy and/or consulate.
- ◆ Make a copy of the FPCA found in Chapter 1 or the Appendix of the Voting Assistance Guide.
- ◆ Send your completed and signed FPCA to your election official.

Please come to the American Citizen Services Unit to drop off the postage-paid envelope containing your FPCA or ballot on any **working Sunday, Monday, Wednesday or Thursday between 14:00 and 16:00 hours** for return to the U.S. via diplomatic pouch. To enter the U.S. Embassy, you must bring your U.S. passport along with your completed FPCA or ballot. Please note that it can take up to three weeks for mail to reach its destination if sent via pouch. All overseas U.S. citizens are advised to submit their forms and ballots accordingly.

It is important to send in your Federal Post Card Applications as soon as possible. Many states have strict deadlines with no grace periods.

Exercise Security Vigilance

U.S. citizens should take stringent security measures, remain vigilant, and be alert to local security developments. Be aware that U.S. government officials and their families currently are not permitted to:

- visit public establishments or places in Bangladesh
- travel on foot, motorcycle, bicy-

cle, rickshaw, or other uncovered means on public thoroughfares and sidewalks in Bangladesh

- attend large gatherings in Bangladesh

The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to adopt similar security measures.

What not to bring at the Embassy:

<https://bd.usembassy.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/70/2016/07/What-to-Expect-When-You-Visit-the-Embassy.pdf>