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Citizen Registration and Warden System

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Citizen Registration

We recommend that all U.S. citizens register (the form is on the reverse). Registration is voluntary, but it is very useful if your passport is lost or stolen, or if you or your family need to be notified in the event of a personal emergency here or in the U.S. Registration also allows the Embassy to know more accurately the number and location of American citizens, which could be extremely important in a general emergency (see information on the Warden System, below). Registrants should be aware that under the terms of the Privacy Act, consular officers can release any information only when authorized to do so by the individual citizen concerned. A Privacy Act Release allowing disclosure of information is below and should be executed at the time of registration.

Warden System

The Warden System is a network of American volunteers who assist the Embassy in rapidly disseminating official U.S. Government information to American citizens in Bangladesh during emergencies. Receipt of such information, sometimes in the absence of telecoms, was critical for many Americans during the 1998 floods. Warden systems have also been activated in many countries to convey information on terrorist threats.

Wardens are assigned to a geographic Zone. The Warden undertakes to convey official information from the embassy to the registered American citizens in his Zone whenever the System is activated. In most cases, contact is made by telephone, but sometimes it is necessary to contact American citizens in person. Because many zones are large or contain many Americans, Wardens frequently enlist the aid of other Americans living in the zone to serve as Sub-Wardens. Citizens interested in volunteering should contact the ACS unit in the Embassy Consular Section.

Wardens can only contact Americans if the latter have registered with the Embassy. Americans are therefore encouraged to register and ensure that their contact information is up-to-date. Registration information is protected under the Privacy Act and can be used by Wardens only in the execution of their volunteer duties. Registered Americans who are unfamiliar with, or who have not been contacted by, their zone Warden or Sub-Warden should contact the American Citizen Services unit in the Consular Section.

PRIVACY ACT RELEASE

In accordance with the 1974 Privacy Act (PL 93-579), a Foreign Service post cannot release any information regarding you that is not considered to be in the public domain to anyone without your written consent, except as set forth in the Act. Therefore, it is requested that you complete the authorization below, specifying whom the post may contact and release information. Please return the completed authorization with your Registration to the Consular Officer or to the Embassy.

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

The information requested is authorized by 22 USC 2658 and is voluntary. The primary purpose for soliciting the information is to establish your citizenship, identify, and entitlement to welfare and protection services by the U.S. Government. This information may be made available on a need-to-know basis to personnel of the Department of State and other Government agencies having jurisdiction in the performance of their official duties. It may also be made available to officials of the host government, should the disclosure of such information be considered to be in your interest. Failure to provide the information requested on this form, may make it difficult or impossible for the Department of State to assist you.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, I do hereby authorize the American Embassy at Dhaka and the Department of State, to release information about my welfare and whereabouts to the following:

A. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of person(s) you wish the Embassy to contact:

PERSON 1	PERSON 2	PERSON 3
STREET	STREET	STREET
CITY STATE ZIP	CITY STATE ZIP	CITY STATE ZIP
TELEPHONE A FAX	TELEPHONE A FAX	TELEPHONE A FAX
TELEPHONE B FAX	TELEPHONE B FAX	TELEPHONE B FAX
EMAIL	EMAIL	EMAIL

B. In the event other parties request information regarding my situation, information can be released to those listed below. Information will be released to the parties listed below only if they request it and if we have your authorization to do so.

- Anyone Family Congress Legal Rep
 No One Media Medical Only Other

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 (Name, Printed)

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 (Signature)

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 (Date)