

U.S. EMBASSY RESPONDS TO REPORTS OF FRAUDULENT DV ACTIVITIES

DHAKA JULY 10 -- Following the press reports regarding possible fraudulent activities in connection with the DV visa lottery, the U.S. Embassy Dhaka issued this statement:

United States Embassy Dhaka is aware of recent reports that fraudulent activities have occurred involving DV 2006 winners.

The U.S. Embassy Dhaka would like to emphasize that there is no cost for the DV program until the day of the interview. Applicants should not pay money to anyone for DV information until the day of their interview, at which time they will pay the Embassy directly.

If you are a DV winner and have been told that your materials will not be released until you pay money or you have further concerns, please contact the Embassy directly via email at DhakaDV@state.gov . Please include your DV case number on all correspondence if possible.

If you are a DV 2006 winner who has not received an interview date, you may bring your DV documentation to the Embassy any Monday at 9 a.m. (you will not be given entrance to the Embassy without your papers), or you may come to Embassy Gate 2 and fill out a yellow information form. You must report to the Embassy prior to August 1 in order to receive consideration.

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