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Home for the Holidays; Now, Back to Bangladesh

My brother and I run an infrastructure company in Bangladesh, but I have lived most of life in the United States. I moved to the US in 1969. My son and daughter are now grown up, married, and living in the US and the UK.

This fall we went to visit them and to meet our grandsons. The oldest one just turned four, and a few weeks before the trip, he said the most interesting thing on Skype: "Nana and Nanu (that's Bengali for Grandpa and Grandma) are like owls. They sleep when we are up, and we sleep



U.S. Embassy Zone Warden, Sirajul Islam, with his grandson on his visit to New York.

when they are up." These kids are deep thinkers and are transcending every intellectual boundary they are not supposed to cross at their age. We miss them.

Our home is in a little town called Somers in New York. The fall season is full of spec-

tacular, colorful trees. We went by the city town hall, the place my wife and I voted in national elections for 30 years, to meet old friends.

And though I hope I will be back in the US to vote in November 2016, I better learn enough about absentee ballots... just in case. It was wonderful seeing my children and grandchildren, but it is great to be back in Bangladesh.

The U.S. Embassy, Dhaka wants to thank all of our zone wardens for their fantastic service in 2015. We look forward to working with you in the new year.

American Home Cooking: Recipes shared by U.S. Citizens

The US is known to be a melting pot because of the many backgrounds and cultures that call our country home. There is no place that displays our diversity more than our cuisine. In this section, we will share recipes that people enjoy over the holidays or throughout the year. Try them at home, and enjoy!

Christmas Bark By Chris C.

Serves 25-30 pieces
Cook Time: 10 minutes

INGREDIENTS

40 saltine crackers
(approximately one
sleeve)

1 cup (2 sticks) of un-
salted butter

1 cup of dark brown
sugar

2 cups of chocolate chips

1 cup of chopped pecans (optional)



Recipe and photo from
tablefortwoblog.com

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. On a 9x13 jelly roll pan lined with parchment paper, line the saltine crackers side by side until the entire pan is filled.
3. In a sauce pot, melt butter and sugar together. Bring to boil, then let boil for 5-7 minutes. Do not stir, but make sure the mixture doesn't burn.
4. Pour the contents of the pot evenly over the saltines, then place in an oven to bake for 5 minutes.
5. While the saltines and caramel mixture bake, melt the chocolate chips in a microwave safe bowl, stirring in between 30 second intervals.
6. Remove pan of saltines from oven and pour chocolate evenly on top of the caramel. Sprinkle the nuts on top.
7. Place bark in fridge for one hour.
8. Once cool, break into two-inch pieces.

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

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

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

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

The FPCA registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for a minimum of all federal elections in the current calendar year. To ensure you continue to receive absentee ballots during your time away from your voting residence, be sure to submit a new FPCA every January, each time you change your address, and at least 90 days prior to the election in which you plan to vote.

Timeline of the absentee voting process:

Step	What	When
1	Register and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) .	January of each year
2	Receive your absentee ballot from your State election office.	45-30 calendar days before the election
3a & 3b	Return your State absentee ballot to your State; If you do not receive your State absentee ballot, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) .	As soon as you receive it
Note:	If you are overseas or on a deployed naval vessel	30 calendar days before the election
Note:	If you are a stateside Uniformed Service member or eligible family member	7 calendar days before the election

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.

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

The Voting Registration Deadline for Overseas Voters is Approaching Quickly.

Register to Today to Vote in the 2016 Presidential Election.

State (links to FVAP State website)	Presidential Primary Election Date	Voter Registration Deadline (FPCA)	Ballot Request Deadline (FPCA)	Ballot Return Deadline (FWAB)	Additional State Information (State Website)
California	June 7, 2016	Returned by mail: Postmarked by May 23, 2016 Returned by Fax: Received by May 23, 2016	Received by May 31, 2016	Returned by Mail: Postmarked by* June 7, 2016 Returned by Fax: Received by June 7, 2016 *must be received by the 3 rd day after the election, excluding holidays	California Military & Overseas Voters
Florida	March 15, 2016	Postmarked by February 16, 2016 (Must be mailed)	Request Mail Ballot: Received by March 9, 2016 Request Email/Online or Fax Ballot: Received by March 15, 2016	<u>Within U.S.</u> - Return by Mail: Received by March 15, 2016 <u>Outside U.S.</u> - Return by Mail: Postmarked by* March 15, 2016 <u>Outside U.S.</u> - Return by Fax: Received by March 15, 2016 *must be received by the 10 th day after the election	Florida Military & Overseas Voters
Michigan	March 8, 2016	Received by 8 PM, March 8, 2016 (Can be submitted by mail, email or fax)	Received by 2 PM, March 5, 2016	Received by 8 PM, March 8, 2016 (Must be mailed)	
New York	April 19, 2016	Received by March 15, 2016 (Can be submitted by mail, email or fax)	Received by April 12, 2016 (Can be submitted by mail, email or fax)	Postmarked by* April 18, 2016 *Primary election ballots must be received by the 7 th day after the election (Must be mailed)	New York Military & Overseas Voting
Texas	March 1, 2016	Received by February 1, 2016 (Can be submitted by mail, email or fax)	Received by February 19, 2016 (Can be submitted by mail, email or fax)	<u>Within U.S.</u> Received by March 1, 2016 <u>Outside U.S.</u> Received by March 7, 2016 (Can be submitted by mail or fax)	Texas Military & Overseas Voters

For the complete list of state-by-state guidelines, visit www.FVAP.gov



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 - EMERGENCY MONEY TRANSFER FACILITATION

We no longer offer additional visa pages for U.S. passports, as this service was phased out worldwide on December 31, 2015. If you do not have enough visa pages in your current passport to support your upcoming travel, please apply to renew your passport. Forms and instructions are available on our website: http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/passport_services.html





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UPCOMING EMBASSY CLOSURES

December 31– New Year’s Day Observed

February 14– President’s Day

January 17– Martin Luther King’s Birthday

February 21– Martyr’s Day/International Language Day