

Press Release

Help Flood Affected People of Bangladesh

Bangladesh has been affected by sever flooding in recent weeks. 38 districts have already been inundated and millions of people being displaced have taken shelter in uplands. More than hundred people died. The marooned people are in dire need of food and assistance. The Government of Bangladesh has already made an appeal to Bangladeshi nationals and Bangladeshi descendants living abroad to come forward to help the flood affected people with generous donation.

Against this backdrop, the Consul General of Bangladesh in Los Angeles Mr. Md. Abu Zafar invited the Bangladeshi community leaders to his office on August 7, 2007. The meeting was attended by a good number of leaders and media personnel of vernacular newspapers. The community leaders unanimously took the following decisions to help our flood affected people:

1. All community members are invited to make generous donations individually, in groups and organizationally.
2. The donations may be made in cash or in checks / drafts either to the “**Prime Minister’s Relief and Welfare Fund**”, (Business Economy Checking Account No. 2260-0024-9580, Bank of America) in person or by post to “Consulate General of Bangladesh, 4201 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 605, Los Angeles, California 90010” or to “**Chief Adviser’s Relief and Welfare Fund**”, Current Account No. 33004093, Sonali Bank, Prime Minister’s Office Branch, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
3. All donations may directly be remitted to the “Chief Advisor’s Relief and Welfare Fund” through “**Sonali Exchange Co. Inc.**”, Los Angeles Branch. [Address: 3200 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite # 1211, Los Angeles, CA 90010, Tel: 213 384 9600, Fax: 213 384 9670].
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4. For any further query or comment, please contact:
323 932-0100 (during work hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Mon to Fri)
323 605 7873 or 323 605 7698 (24 hours)