



HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
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## **Announcement on MRP and Hand-Written Visa**

The MRP and MRV server of this High Commission became non-functional since 3 February 2020 and was sent to the Department of Immigration and Passport (DIP) on 5 February 2020 as advised by DIP. As such, service seekers were advised on 4 February that no MRP could be delivered for next 15 day (approximately). Service seekers were advised to wait till 20 February 2020 when we expected the glitch to be rectified.

However, DIP has not succeeded in rectifying the problem till 19 February 2020. Entire MRP and MRV service in Australia/New Zealand/Fiji has thus collapsed. Service seekers have been notified individually of the difficulty and the delay expected.

The High Commission **on behalf of the Department of Immigration and Passport (DIP) deeply regrets inconveniences caused to passport and visa service seekers.**

In case of urgency, hand-written visas could be issued for the following type of applicants for the same reason:

- Australian and non-Australian citizens; and
- NVR to members of Bangladesh diaspora.

However, visas for (Machine Readable Visa-MRV) for holders of Australian Travel Document (Titre De Voyage) will be issued only after restoration of the MRP and MRV facility.

