

# Appeal to Bangladeshi Community

Dahlia Ahmed

I am writing to appeal for much needed support on behalf of my husband Salahuddin Razzaq Rana. Currently Rana is a co-owner of a Fast-food shop located at Motijheel, Dhaka and I work as a DGM Training Customer Service officer at Bangladesh Airlines Training Centre (BATC).

We, along with our daughter Daminee Zakiya Salahuddin, arrived in Sydney on the 25th of December 2010 to visit my nephew (Salahuddin Khan Srabon) and his wife (Amreen Kabir). This trip was only possible due to the privilege of getting free tickets to Sydney for my long service at BATC.

On the morning of 29th December 2010, my husband Rana got ill with an excruciating pain in the abdomen and was taken to Prince of Wales Hospital. He was diagnosed to have severe pancreatitis. In his case, inflamed pancreas has caused abdominal inflammation. This in turn has caused severe damage on the lower portion of the lungs and hence resulted in breathing complications. In addition to this, secretion of fluid from the pancreas penetrated into the lungs and increased the severity of the breathing problems. CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) was initially used to counter the inhalation complications but due to the severity of his case, the treatment needed to be elevated to Intubation (on a ventilator) for 3 days. He has been put back to CPAP recently for the slow recovery process.

My husband's recovery is my prime concern but I'm also worried about the huge hospital expense (amounting to \$3,000 Australian Dollar per day) that I have to pay eventually.

The day Rana got admitted, Amreen opened a visitors' insurance but unfortunately that will not cover at all. We talked to other organizations that do charity but they also have no funds for tourists. At this stage I guess I have no other options but to approach you all to give a hand so that I could settle this matter once it comes to

me. Please don't pressurize yourselves, just give it a try and see what you all can do. I believe that every penny counts. I talked to my family and friends back at home and they are also trying. I need support from all of you and would be ever grateful.

Any possible donation can be sent out to the following account:

BSB: 012-303

Account Number: 4774-34666.

Thank you all and God Bless.

**Dahlia Ahmed**