

Appeal to save an eminent journalist

Mr. **Bibhuranjan Sarker**, Executive Editor of the Weekly Mridubhashan, currently is in a dire physical condition. Doctors have identified a major heart condition including a number of "blocks" that requires immediate surgery for his survival. Hepatitis B+ has also been diagnosed, which is also making the situation a life threatening (medical reports are attached). Total expense for surgery and other medical costs is estimated to be near about Taka 10 lakhs.

He is under treatment of Senior Consultant Cardiologist Dr. Shuva Dutta, who advised Mr. Sarker to go for heart surgery at Birla Heart Research Centre in India by the mid March.

As a journalist, Mr. Bibhuranjan Sarker has been maintaining a very simple living through modest earnings from his profession. His family is not in a position to provide full support for the expensive surgery abroad. Extended support from his friends and well-wishers are now seemed to the only hope of his life.

Mr. Bivuranjan Sarker has been a senior journalist and columnist, in a number of dailies and weeklies, holding key positions, including editor of Daily Matribhumi. Currently he is the Executive Editor of The Weekly Mridubhashan. In late eighties, he became a famous columnist of the country writing in the most popular weekly Jajaidin with pen-name, Tarikh Ibrahim.

He is the author of a number of books on socio-political issues related to national development. As a progressive social activist, he has contributed a lot through establishing a clinic for the poor in his locality. He is also the founder of civil society organization named Citizens' Voice to promote human rights and issues of social justice

On behalf of his family, it is an utmost request to you to consider his case with sympathy and benevolence and grant a form of financial assistance to cover the cost of his expensive surgical operation.

You may deposit your contribution to the following bank account:

Account Name : Bivuranjan Sarker
Account Number: 0734058528
IFIC Bank, Shantinagar Branch, Dhaka

Your cooperation and help will always be remembered.

Sincerely yours,

Personal account of Bibhuranjan Sarker

Mother's name:	Madhabi Sarker
Father's name:	Late Anil Chandra Sarker
Age:	51 years

Family: Mother, wife and two children
Present address: 31/A Shantinagar, Dhaka- 1217
Telephone: 9355595 (res) 0171409086 (Cel)
Permanent Address: Village and post- Boda, Panchagar
Education: Master of Arts in Bangla, University of Dhaka.

Current position

Executive Editor
The Weekly Mridubhashan

Previous positions

- Local correspondent (Boda, Panchagahar), The Daily Azad (early seventies)
- Assistant Editor, Joyodhani
- Sub-editor, The Daily Sangbad (in late seventies)
- Assistant Editor, Weekly Ekota (from late 70's to mid 80's)
- Assistant Editor, The weekly Jajaidin (late 80's)
- Assistant Editor, The Daily Rupali (early 90's)
- Founder Editor, The Weekly Chaltipotra (mid 90's)
- Executive Editor, The Daily Matribhumi (late 90's)

Regular contributor to different national Dailies and Weeklies

Contribution to social welfare and activism

- One of the Founders of the Dristidan, a non-profit organization, committed to bring about substantive changes in the livelihood of the rural poor of Boda;
- Founder of the Farhad Memorial Clinic, aimed at providing free medical services to the rural poor of Boda Upazila;
- Founder and General Secretary of Citizens' Voice, an organization of conscious and committed citizens, to promote Human Rights and Social justice;

Publication

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