

Roquia Haider**Chief, VOA Bangla Service, South & Central Asia Division**

As popularly known amongst her fans around the globe VOA's "Sportscaster in Sari", Roquia Haider, the Chief of Voice of America Bangla Service loves Sports and Politics. She landed interviews with top politicians, sports personalities in South Asia, US and around the world. In more than three decades of service, Roquia has won many awards for her news reporting, particularly on Human Rights issues such as – Child Labor, Acid burning and sports coverages like – World Cup Football, Olympics. She also contributes to VOA Urdu, Afghan, English to Africa and Central News for special events. Prior to VOA, Roquia was a popular radio and television personality in Bangladesh. She is also involved in community development, volunteering, for which she received the US Presidential Volunteer Award in 1990. Her greatest achievement as a reporter was interviewing Nobel laureate Mother Teresa and covering the Olympics. And in her personal life, being the mother of four loving and accomplished children.

Roquia is a graduate from Dhaka University, Bangladesh and has Social Development Certificate from the Indian Social Institute. She completed special training course on Television News Presentation and Interviewing from Asia Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Australian Television in Sydney. She participated in the BBG Office of Civil Rights Equal Employment Opportunity program as EEO Counselor and Mentoring Program. And is a firm believer in sharing her own experiences, knowledge and time to help others grow in the journey of their own careers. As a multi-media journalist Roquia Haider is also a household name in the diaspora community in the US and abroad.