

**Todays Special thanks goes to
Your worship Mayor (Not confirmed)
Southend On Sea borough Council**

Your worship Deputy Mayor
Cllr. Clive Walter & Mrs Walter
Castle Point Borough Council . Essex

Chief District Commander
Mr Neil Puddney
Essex Police

Community Police officer
Mr Tristan Adam

Mr James Dudridge MP
(Not confirmed)
Southend East and Rochford

Mr Davis Amess MP
Southend West (Apology)

The members of the Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association who have given special efforts to make our event successful , I convey my gratitude to all of their support .

Thank you .

Altaf Hussain (Secretary)

The Essex Bangladeshi
Welfare Association.



**CELEBRATING
BANGLADESH INDEPENDENCE DAY
26th March 2018**



EBWA
Working for the Community

EBWA
Charity Registration No . 1100174

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The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association
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Thorpe Bay
Essex SS1 3EX
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MISSION STATEMENT



The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association was established in 1984. It is a volunteering body working to ensure the development and recognition of the role of the Essex Bangladeshi and community sector.

EBWA's main aim is to ensure that the needs of Essex Bangladeshi communities are incorporated within national and local policy and that these needs are effectively met through services provided by mainstream organisations, statutory bodies and voluntary organisations.

EBWA's Mission is to support the development of Bangladeshi organisations and strengthen their infrastructure through its skilled and customer-oriented specialised teams

.Its aims are to provide and develop.

- High quality services that strengthen Bangladeshi organisation.
- A strong voice on policy issues that affect Bangladeshi community.
- Opportunities for strategic partnerships between Bengali organisations in UK and overseas and other key agencies.

EBWA's services aim to be:

Specific to the needs of Bangladeshi.

Progressive.

Equal .

Challenging.

Inclusive.

Accessible.

Long-term.

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APPEAL

Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association (EBWA) is a charity registered organisation working toward creating better understanding among various ethnic groups in the community. We also provide social, cultural & religious support to Bangladeshi community as well as teachings of English language for better integration in society.

EBWA have been operating from private residence of individual members and hiring the halls for social functions but with the growth of community it has become necessary to acquire our own building where we can operate with flexibility and economically. It is not possible to give figure for exact capital needed but a sum of at least half a million pounds will be needed for this project. We will have better idea of required amount once we have chosen a property. This is only possible after sufficient funds have been raised for deposit. It is with this aim in mind we appeal to you to contribute toward this worthy cause.

You can support us in different ways as follows:

- Standing orders - Please fill in the standing order form attached.
- Regular cash donations
- Interest free loans a fixed period of time. (we only need 50 persons at £ 2000 each for raising deposit).
- Working with us fund raiser.

We will be making door to door calls soon and hope you will not disappoint us in this worthy cause. Please send your donation to-

E.B.W.A 189 ,The Broad way, Thorpe Bay, Essex. SS1 3EX

To: The Manager,-----

With immediate effect please pay from my account No:

Sort Code (.....) Sum of £----- on last day of every month

until further notice.

EBWA, account No: 01056409, Sort Code 40-46-14
HSBC Bank , 152 Hamlet Court Road Westcliff - On - Sea ,
Essex . SS0 7LL.

SCHEDUEL 26th MARCH 2018



Office Bearers at present 2018

1:00 pm	Registrations and early networking
1:30 pm	Lunch serve
2:15pm	Introductions
2:30 pm	Invite dignitaries to stage.
2:45 pm	Welcome and opening remarks and speech .
4:45 pm	Live Entertainments by Noorjahan Shilpi & group
6:00 pm	Wrap-up and closing

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Asst.Office Secretary	Mr Riazul Haque	01702613161
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Asst. Cultural Secretary	Mr Fazlur Rahman	01245328787
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Asst. Religious Secretary	Mr.Syed Shadat Hussain	
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Asst.	Mr Ashique Miah	01702431590
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Asst.	Mr Abul Hussain	
Asst.	Mr Ali Ahmed	
Public Relation	Mr Heron Miah Kamali	
Asst.	Mr Jillur Rahman	
Asst.	Mr Suruk Miah	
Asst.	Mr Abdul Hamid	
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Executive Member	Abdul Rafique (Ferdous)	
Executive Member	Mr Misbah Ahmed	07852231009

About EBWA

Report of the Secretary General.

Let me first of all, on behalf of the EBWA members I extend to you a very warm welcome. Some of you would have travelled far and would have experienced much inconvenience in order to be with us at this happy occasion. We are really and truly grateful to all of you for your presence this afternoon.

It is necessary to introduce you to our past & present distinguished key members of the EBWA. Few important names have become synonymous with Bangladeshi community in Essex. Those are with EBWA from 1984 and it was under their campaign that this Association was started and has spent most of their time for the EBWA and dedicated all their talents and energy to that one volunteering good cause.

They have served this Association as one of the greatest and most fearless volunteering worker that anybody ever saw. Their great courage and devotion and integrity have inspired many of our members, we want you to know that we are indeed grateful to you for all that you have done for the EBWA. We are showing you our deep gratitude and respect. We welcome you all with great love and great joy.

At an occasion such as Association one of the first things we must do is to remember those who have given of their best to the Charitable Association. We remember the late Mr Montasir Ali Khan who was the first President when EBWA started in 1984. He has formed the committee with the help of Mr A. Karim Mr Ataur Rahman, Mr Alas Miah Kamali, Mr Shamusuddin, Mr Jayghirdar, Mr S.M.A. Khalique, Mr Siraj Ali, Mr Manik Miah, Mr Bahar Uddin, Mr Abdul Mannan, Altaf Hussain, Mr Arosh Ali, Mr Shamsu Miah, Mr Noor Uddin, Mr Delwar Hussain, Mr Ashique Miah, Mr Abdul Quayam, Mr Nazam Uddin, Mr Abdul Malik, Alhaj Qashim Ahmed, Alhaj Rafik Ahmed and few other individual restaurateurs who came over in the early days.

The year after formed The EBWA it was main task or an agenda, if I may say so, to make a Masjid and it was successfully achieved a religious worship place at Milton Road, Westcliff On Sea Essex. And most of our Muslim brothers and sisters, young and elders all are settling down to their prayers with greater interest.

At the EBWA the emphasis is slowly but steadily encouraging to cultural activities from sports. This does not mean that we are neglecting sports. Our boys did very well in sports, as you will see further on our next report, but I am very keen that our boys should maintain the proper balance between religious /cultural studies or general School work and sports, not only when an examination is round the corner but at all times.

To care for the EBWA as the Chairman and Mr Siraj Miah joined him as the Secretary. Together they nurtured the EBWA for the next three years. Keeping their long association with the growing Association in perspective, if they were occasionally seen as being over-indulgent, I think, it is entirely understandable. We remember Mr Malik, who is on his own simple way added a tremendous amount to the tone of this Association as a secretary under Mr Kamali's first terms.



MEMBERSHIP FORM

Date :

Serial No :

নাম :

NAME

বয়স / জন্মতারিখ:

AGE / DATE OF BIRTH

বাংলাদেশ

ADDRESS IN BANGLADESH .

ঠিকানা, ইউকে :

ADDRESS IN UK & PHONE

পেশা

OCCUPATION

যে এলাকার জন্য আবেদন :

THE REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLY TO(Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association).....

আমি সশ্রদ্ধচিত্তে ঘোষণা করিতেছি যে, আমি নিশ্চিন্ত আর্দশ ও লক্ষ্যে বিশ্বাসী :

I SOLEMNLY DECLAR THAT , I BELIVE THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION:-

SUBSCRIPTION FEES : £15.00 Life long membership £200.00.....

I desire to become a General member / Life long member of the Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association . The above details are correct . I agree to confirm to the rules of the above voluntary organisation or any regulation which may be from time to time laid down by the committee .

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE..... COLLECTORS NAME.....

SIGNATURE

DATE

DATE

Authorised by :

NamePositionSign

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Note

I am very glad that some of them are present with us today. We have heard often how they have collected membership against great odds-especially during that time visited one town to another because those days-when very few Bangladeshi restaurant or family was existed in one city. Mr Karim has served as a General Secretary and it was a most difficult period as the EBWA was very new to start. It was Mr. Karim's perseverance that kept the Association going and gradually started the EBWA on its forward march.

We had so far five accomplished Chairmen who took care of the EBWA from its infancy. Soon after Mr Khan has retired, Mr Alas Miah Kamali was chosen by community members Mr S.M.A. Khalique became the president after Mr Kamali's fourth terms as the President. During his time a large number of publications were distributed to the community by the secretary Altaf Hussain. He thinks that EBWA should focus on promoting volunteering and charitable work without diluting its resources in areas that are not intrinsic to it..

Mr Syed Wahidul Hassan became president after Mr S.M.A. Khalique's departure who has been serving as a President . Altaf Hussain as Secretary and Mr Muftil Hussain as a Treasurer . Mr Khalique has contributed most of his time to serve the EBWA . I am sure that all of us will agree that his devoted and noble life was a great source of encouragement and inspiration to many of us on his terms.

Mr S.M.A. Khalique who has served as a President joined him Altaf Hussain as Secretary and Mr Muftil Hussain as a Treasurer immediate after Mr S.W.Hassan's first terms. Mr Khalique has contributed most of his time to serve the EBWA . I am sure that all of us will agree that his devoted and noble life was a great source of encouragement and inspiration to many of us on his terms. Mr. S.W.Hassan became President on his 2nd terms again during the difficult period immediately after the resignation of Mr S.M.A Khalique. Altaf Hussain joined him on his 2nd terms as the secretary of EBWA.

We think of all of them with deep gratitude and realize how very incompetent our efforts are when compared to all what they have done for this Association. Above all of the names are pioneers at the EBWA, completed 35 years of devoted service to the Association and come to love the volunteering work and to whom the Association is the main concern. We congratulate them and at the same time thank them profusely for 35 years of loyal service.

The EBWA is thirty five years old today. A line of a scripture comes to my mind as appropriate for the occasion "Let us now praise famous men and the fathers that begat us." We needn't trouble whether they were all famous or not, though the names those who has or has been continued to volunteering work for the Bangladeshi Community in Essex. Let us remember them.

Now, on this important occasion , I now request you, kindly address this gathering of the members, fellows and friends of the EBWA and give your blessings to this Association to grow to be a mighty source of intellectual support to the Community.

Altaf Hussain
Secretary
On Behalf of The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association.

ABOUT TODAY'S CELEBRATION

War of Liberation, The began on 26 March 1971 and ended with the liberation of Bangladesh on 16 December 1971. The armed struggle was the culmination of a series of events, situations and issues contributing to the progressively deteriorating relations between East and West Pakistan. The questions of land reforms, state language, intertwined economic and administrative disparities, provincial autonomy, the defense of East Pakistan and many other consequential questions had been straining the relations between the two wings of Pakistan ever since independence of the country from Britain in 1947.

The general elections of 1970 had made Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the leader of the Awami League which bagged 167 seats out of 169 allotted for East Pakistan, the sole spokesman of the people of East Pakistan and majority leader in the Pakistan National Assembly. But the Pakistan civil and military ruling clique had refused to transfer power to the majority leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his party. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman also refused to yield to the pressure put on him for undue accommodation. Sheikh's historic address on 7 March 1971 made this point quite clear to the Pakistani military.

The Pakistan Army was ordered to launch operation on Bengali people at midnight of 25 March. According to the plan for operation Search Light two headquarters were established. Major General Rao Farman Ali with 57 Brigade under Brigadier Arbab was responsible for operation in Dhaka city and its suburbs while Major General Khadim Raja was given the responsibility of the rest of the province. Lieutenant General Tikka Khan assumed the overall charge of the operation.

The first column of the Pakistan army faced obstruction at Farmgate about one kilometre from the cantonment due to a huge road block created by placing big tree trunks across the road. The hulks of old cars and unserviceable steam rollers, were also used. Several hundred people chanted the slogan *Joi Bangla* which lasted for about 15 minutes. But soon guns silenced them. The army moved into the city before scheduled time and started the genocide.

On 26 March Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was taken prisoner by the Pakistan army. At about the same time, Major Ziaur Rahman announced Bangladesh's independence on behalf of Sheikh Mujib from Kalurghat radio station at Chittagong.

On 27 March, Prime Minister of India Mrs. Indira Gandhi expressed full support of her government to the freedom struggle of the Bengalis. Indian Border Security Force (BSF) opened Bangladesh-India border to allow the tortured and panick-stricken Bengalis to have safe shelter in India. The governments of West Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura established refugee camps along the border. These camps became ready ground for recruitment of the freedom fighters. The students, peasants, workers and political activists joined the Mukti Bahini with high spirit to liberate Bangladesh from the Pakistan army. They were given training on tactics and the use of arms and explosives. On completion of training, they were posted to different sectors to fight the enemy. The headquarters of the Bangladesh Forces was established at 8 Theatre Road, Calcutta which started functioning from 12 April 1971. Lieutenant Colonel M A Rab and Group Captain A K Khandaker were appointed as Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff respectively.

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what an At the international level, the United States and the People's Republic of China considered the crisis as an internal affair of Pakistan. On the other hand, India, Soviet Union and her allies and general masses in Japan, and Western countries stood solidly behind Bangladesh. In order to gain strategic advantage vis-a-vis Sino-US-Pakistan axis, Indo-Soviet Friendship Treaty was signed on 9 August 1971. It provided a new dimension to the War of Liberation.

The Indian troops and the freedom fighters of No 11 Sector reached Tongi on 14 December and Savar in the morning of 16 December. Major General Jamshed, commander 36 Division of the Pakistan Army received Major General Nagra at Mirpur Bridge near Dhaka City. The Mukti Bahini and the Indian forces entered Dhaka city at 10.10 a. m. Major General Jacob, the Chief of Staff of the Indian Eastern command landed at Dhaka airport at 1 p.m. with the draft instrument of surrender. A fleet of helicopters landed on the tarmac of Dhaka airport at about 4 p.m. with Lieutenant General Aurora and his staff. Group Captain AK Khandaker, Deputy Chief of Staff, Bangladesh Forces represented the Mukti Bahini. Lieutenant General AAK Niazi received Lieutenant General Aurora. The instrument of surrender was signed by Lieutenant Jagit Sing Aurora and Lieutenant General Niazi at the Ramna racecourse (now Suhrawardy Uddyan) at one minute past 5 p.m. on 16 December 1971.

S.W. HASSAN

President

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