

The EBWA 25 Year Silver Jubilee

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Report of Secretary General Altaf Hussain

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.
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Let me first of all, on behalf of the EBWA members, extend to you a very warm welcome. Some of you will have traveled far and would have experienced much inconvenience in order to be with us here 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 whose names have become synonymous with the Bangladeshi community in Essex. These are the EBWA members from 1984, it was under their campaign that this Association started, and they have spent much of their own time dedicated to EBWA with tremendous success

They have served this Association with pride spending great amounts of their own time volunteering on the projects of EBWA. Their great courage, devotion and integrity has inspired many of our members, and we want you to know that we are indeed grateful to you for all that you have done for EBWA. We wish to show you our deep gratitude and respect.

At an occasion such as Silver Jubilee of any Association, one of the first things we must do is to remember those who have given their best efforts to the Charitable Association. We remember late Mr Montasir Ali Khan who was the first President when EBWA started in 1984. He formed a committee with the help of late Mr Montasir Ali Khan who was the first President when EBWA started in 1984. He has formed a committee with the help of Mr A.Karim Mr Ataur Rahman, Mr Alas Miah Kamali, Mr Shamus Uddin, Mr Abdul Quddus Jagirdhar, Mr Nimar Ali, Mr S.M.A. Khaliq, Mr Siraj Ali, Mr Manik Miah, Mr Bahar Uddin, Mr Abdul Mannan, Mr Muftil Hussain, Altaf Hussain, Mr Mokbul Ali, Mr Shamsu Miah, Mr Noor Uddin, Mr Dilwar Hussain, Mr Wahidul Hassan, Mr Ashique Miah, Mr Abdul Quayam, Mr Nazam Uddin, Mr Abdul Malik, Alhaj Abdul Quasem, Mr Noor Hussein, Alhaj Rafique Ahmed, Mr Atahar Ali Khan, Mr Gulam Faruque, Mr Noorul Islam, Mr Lutfur Rahman, Zulfukar Ali (Nuruzzaman) Mr Shahadat Hussain, Mr Ali Ahmed Kamali, Mr Ashok Ali Kamali, Mr Shamsuddin Ahmed and few other individual restaurateurs who came over in the early days.

The committee of The EBWA had the main task of finding a prayers place or a Masjid for the local community and it succeeded at Milton Road, Westcliff On Sea Essex. The Masjid building was founded by the local Bangladeshi community with their generous donations and Quard-E-Hasanah.

The EBWA has been slowly but steadily encouraging and promoting cultural activities along with religious and social life. 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 future generations should maintain the proper balance between religious cultural, social along with general School work and sports, not only when an examination is round the corner but at all times..

I am very glad that many founder members of the EBWA are present with us today. We have heard quite often how they have collected donation and membership against great odds- especially during that time. They had to journey one city to another - when very few Bangladeshi restaurant and 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. Mr. Karim's perseverance that kept the Association going and gradually started the EBWA on its forward march.

We have had so far four accomplished Chairmen who have taken care of the EBWA from its infancy. Soon after Mr Khan has retired, Mr Alas Miah Kamali was chosen to take care of the EBWA as a Chairman . Mr Siraj Miah joined him as a Secretary. Together they nurtured the EBWA over the next following three years.

Keeping their hard work with growing association in perspective, if they were occasionally seen as being over-indulgent, I think, could be understandable. Then again we remember Mr A Malik, who is in his own simple way added a tremendous amount to the association as a secretary under Mr Kamali's 2nd terms soon after Mr Siraj Miah has resigned.

EBWA is twenty 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 beget us." We needn't be troubled whether they were all famous or not. The names of those who have or continuing to volunteer for the Bangladeshi Community in Essex. Let us remember them.

Mr S.W.Hassan became the president of EBWA after Mr Kamali's fourth term. During Mr S.W.Hassan's 1st term, I remained as a Secretary and it was my task to apply for the registration number to the **Charity Commission** and it has successfully obtain the registration number. Since then EBWA is a Charitable Trust. I believed the EBWA should focus on promoting volunteering and charitable work without diluting its resources.

Mr S.M.A. Khalique who served as President immediate after Mr Hassan's 1st term, I remained as a Secretary and Muftil Hussain appointed as a Treasurer. Mr Khalique has contributed most of his time to serve 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 again on his 2nd terms during the difficult period immediately after resignation of Mr S.M.A Khalique. I joined him on his 3rd terms as the secretary of EBWA.

We thank all of them with deep gratitude and realize how very different our efforts are when compared to all they have done for this Association. Above all we think of the names of the pioneers at EBWA, those completing 25 years of devoted service to the Association and have come to love the volunteering work and to whom the Association is their main concern. We congratulate them and at the same time thank them profusely for 25 years of loyal service.

I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce who was past serving of their best to the Association are as follows::

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| President | Secretary |
| Late Montasir Ali Khan | Abdul Karim |
| Mr Alas Miah Kamali | M a Malik |
| 2nd 3rd terms | Siraj Miah |
| | Abdul Mannan |
| 4th terms | S.W.Hassan |
| S.M.A Khalique | Altat Hussain |
| 1st & 2nd terms | |
| S.W.Hassan | Altat Hussain |

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

Altat Hussain
Secretary
on Behalf of The EBWA

Dedication

When we talk about restaurateur in Southend, the first name that obviously comes to our mind is the name of late Haji Saifullah. He is said to be the umbrella of many new arrivals up and down in the United Kingdom, When he ventured his first restaurant in Cliff-town Road , Southend On Sea , he chatted with merchants, strangers and other shop owner, a few of whom eventually ventured inside to try "Indian food with a Bangladeshi humbleness."

Haji Saifulla always feels he has a responsibility to support the organizations that support the less fortunate . He was the Treasurer of the Islamic Mosque in West Road when it was first dedicated to the Muslim Community in Essex.



A Note from President

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, interwing 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 .

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.

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 25 years

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 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 Brigedier 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 un-serviceable steam roller, 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.

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) atone minute past 5 p.m. on 16 December 1971.



Mr Siraj Ali
Ex. Secretary
Essex Jamme Masjid Trust Ltd.

S.W. HASSAN
President

MR ALAS MIAH KAMALI



As the former President of The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association, I would like to pay a tribute to my colleagues and friends for their dedication and commitment to expanding EBWA day by day. Some of them passed away , whom I salute today.

Mr Alas Miah Kamali .
Former President

Congratulations to the EBWA on your 25th Silver Jubilee Ceremony. Over the decades since 1984 , the Association has gone from strength to strength - representing its members and the Bangladeshi community in Essex and in good times and in difficult times.

The influence of Bangladeshi Welfare Association—and on British Bangladeshi culture since it started in 1984 has been profound, and hugely welcome. Your theme for this year - celebrating the Silver Jubilee , continuing the journey - is very appropriate. Congratulations on your 25th anniversary , and all best wishes for the future.

Mr M Hussain
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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.

Present Committee of The EBWA

| NAME | POST |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| S.W.HASSAN | President |
| MR MANIK MIAH | Vice President |
| MR MOKBUL ALI | Vice President |
| ALTAF HUSSAIN | Secretary General |
| MR DILWAR HUSSAIN | Joint Secretary |
| MR MUFTIL HUSSAIN | Treasurer |
| MR BAHAR UDDIN | Joint Treasurer |
| MR AROSH ALI | Office Secretary |
| MR RIAZUL HAQUE | Joint Office Secretary |
| MR ANWAR AHMED | Cultural Secretary |
| MR FAZLUR RAHMAN | Joint Cultural Secretary |
| Mr ABDUR RAHMAN | Religious Secretary |
| MR SYED SHADAT HUSSAIN | Joint Religious Secretary |
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| MR HERON MIAH KAMALI | Public Relations Secretary |
| MR JILLUR RAHMAN | Joint Public Relations Secretary |
| MR ABDUL HAMID | Joint Public Relations Secretary |

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.

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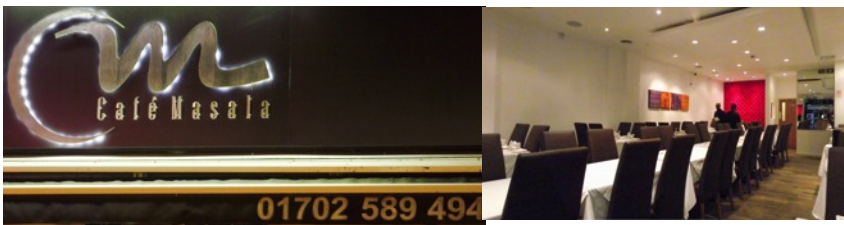
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there when he was Prince of Wales, and the night after the boats from India berthed at the London docks, there was always an influx of maharajahs.

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Modern Indian restaurants have exchanged larger, chicken tikka masala (actually an Anglo- Bangla creation, concocted for English palates by some of the first curry house owners in England) and flock wallpaper in favour of designer dining rooms and posh cuisine. A couple of them even have Michelin stars. Sake Deen Mahomed, an Indian who had married an Irishwoman, opened the first Indian restaurant, the Hindustani Coffee House in London, 200 years ago this year. In its early days, it was distinctly upmarket. Edward VII I frequently dined



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16th March, 2011

Dear Mr. Hussain,

I have been asked to thank you for your kind letter to The Queen, sent on the occasion of Bangladesh Independence Day and the Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association Silver Jubilee which are both being celebrated at Garon Park Leisure and Tennis Centre, Essex on 3rd April.

Her Majesty much appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and, in return, sends her warm good wishes to all those who will be present for a most memorable and enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely,

David Ryan
Director, Private Secretary's Office

Mr. Altaf Hussain.

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Mr'Altaf Hussain
Secretary General
Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association

14 March 2011

Dear Mr Hussain

Thank you for your letter of 9th March and I am very honoured by your invitation to attend the Jubilee function on 3rd April to mark the 25th anniversary of the Bangladeshi Welfare Association and I note it will take place at the Garon Park Leisure Centre at fpm.

I will be delighted to attend this and will look forward to the occasion. However, my wife Sheila has a problem that day because it is Mothers' Day and members of our family have invited her out to celebrate this occasion. So I shall be coming myself but Sheila sends her best wishes with my own.

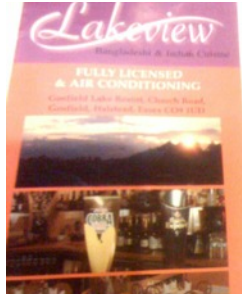
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Shohid Dibosh 21 February

The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association celebrate 21 February on Wednesday 2011 at The Shagor restaurant, Westcliff On Sea, Essex. The event was attended by over 100 Bangladeshi community members in Essex.

The meeting began with Jonab A Miah's 's Qur'an recitation while it was chaired by The EBWA Association president S.W Hassan. The speakers included community leader and The EBWA Ex Chairman Mr S.M.A Khaliq, General Secretary - Altaf Hussain, Asst. secretary Dilawar Hussain, treasurer Muftil Hussain and Manik Miah, Mr Arosh Ali, Mr Dunnial Dicosta, Riazul Haque, Mr A. Rahman and others. The speakers talked about past problems that hampered the community but look forward to strengthening the Bangladeshi Community in Essex.

The centrepiece of the cultural programme took place on the main stage. This was expertly managed by Mr S.W.Hassan, with colourful performances by local community artists as well by a number of groups from all over the County of Essex. However, this year's celebration of 21 February has finished, but the happy memories and euphoria arising from a sense of achievement continues and will stay with us for quite some time.



The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association have been emotionally waiting to reach this landmark of 25th year Silver Jubilee and hope to make this event a really memorable one. The afternoon will start at 1.00 pm with soft drinks and canapés followed by a sumptuous lunch and diverse entertainment. At this memorable occasion we will recognize the hard works of our members by honouring them with a prestigious awards Certificate.

We have now taken the initiative to highlight distinguished Bangladeshi/British figures leaving in the Essex County which will help to establish a legacy that the future generation will be able to look back at and recognize personalities and celebrate their success.

Mr Anwar Ahmed
Cultural Secretary



Mayor hands over Crest to Community Personalities

BANGLADESHI COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 36 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

A COLOURFUL festival of music, dance and song - took over a Southend leisure centre, as members of the Bangladeshi community celebrated their independence. More than 200 people from all over Essex visited Garons park leisure centre for an afternoon of entertainment put on by The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association.

The festival is held every year to commemorate the independence of the nation from Pakistan won after a war of independence, in 1971.

To mark the 40th anniversary, traditional Bangladeshi performers staged live entertainment throughout the afternoon. Speeches were given by guests and members of the association, with invited delegates including the towns. There has been cultural entertainment and it was something children and the whole family could enjoy.



The Mayor of London Borough of Tower Hamlet Ex Cllr. Shofiquel Haque gave away crest to certain personalities on their outstanding achievement on community work at the Mayors office in Mulberry Place, he handed over crest S.M.A.Khalique president, Mr Altaf Hussain General Secretary Mr S.W.Hassan Vice president, Mr Siraj Ali and Mr Ansar Ali from The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association.

As the former President of The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association, I would like to pay a tribute to my colleagues and friends for their dedication and commitment to The EBWA.



Mr S.M.A. KHALIQUE
Former President
The EBWA

TO BE BRITISH AND BENGALI

Westminster Report by
James Duddridge MP



I was invited to the Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Associations celebrations last Sunday for Bangladeshi Independence Day - and it was a truly colourful affair.

March 26 is a special date in the Bengali calendar, as it was on that day in 1971 that the Bangladeshi Declaration of Independence was made. This declaration cut the region's ties with West Pakistan and officially established Bangladesh as an independent country.

There is now quite a large Bangladeshi community in Southend and across Essex, and its members have their own very special take on nationality. It was particularly special on Sunday when my hosts were singing the Bangladeshi national anthem while proudly displaying the Union Jack and the flag of Bangladesh side by side.

The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association does a great job of supporting the Bangladeshi community in Essex. As a registered charity, the association works towards creating better understanding amongst various ethnic groups in our community. They also provide teachings to the members in the English language, to help with integration into British culture.

But the Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association also knows how to put on a good celebration! I thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon on Sunday. As well as chatting to the members of the local Bangladeshi community I got to watch some dancing, listen to music and sample some food. which was absolutely delicious - although it was very different from my usual Sunday roast! I think the strongest message I took away from the afternoon was about how positive it can be when different cultures come together. In some way all of us in Southend have different backgrounds and different ways of doing things, but that makes our community all the more strong for it.



Our momentous decision to choose freedom for ourselves led us to draft and approve the signing of the Declaration of Independence, March 26, 1971, thus severing our ties from West Pakistan. It was a choice not to be

forgotten.

Why are we *still* celebrating? First of all, we celebrate our choice of freedom over tyranny and oppression. We celebrate that soldiers in past wars have agreed that democracy was worth dying for. We celebrate that as individuals we have rights that no one ruler can take away. And we celebrate the freedom to worship this week in whatever mosque, synagogue or church whose doctrines we believe. We celebrate the freedom to educate ourselves without restriction. We celebrate the freedom to hold a job and make whatever money our energy, health, and abilities will allow. We celebrate the freedom to pack our families into a car and drive across the country without asking anyone when or if. We celebrate the freedom to buy the best food and medicine science has provided.

But in addition to this celebration of choices, let's also remember that we celebrate the freedom to change. To become all that we can be. To improve the condition of ourselves and people the world over. We can change our health problems with research and cures. We can change our cities through compassion and involvement.

We are one nation—black, white, brown. We are Muslim, Protestants, Jews, and Catholics. We have English blood, Indian blood, German blood. We are intellectuals and of common thinking. We are light-hearted and somber. We are engineers and beauticians, artists and plumbers. We make our home in the East and in the West. We are liberal and conservative, rich and poor.

But one thing we have in common. We are Human—one body and one spirit for freedom and against oppression. For choice and change, against restriction and stagnation.

Let's celebrate God's blessings on Bangladesh. Let's celebrate the choice our forefathers made for independence. Let's celebrate the sacrifice of those who have died for that freedom. Let's celebrate our resolve to improve that which is not perfection in our country.

My sincere thanks to the Executive Committee who has done an excellent hard work despite their busy schedule work. At the end, my sincere appreciation goes to The members of The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association and its committee.

Mr Dilwar Hussain

Asst. Secretary

The EBWA.



ESSEX POLICE & EBWA, BUILDING BRIDGES

Thorpe Bay Neighbourhood Policing Team has had the luxury of the support of the Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association (EBWA), and in particular the Secretary General Mr Altaf Hussain.

Working together in partnership, we have supported a number of charity events, and managed to raise in excess of £4000.00, these events have seen the local community brought together, and future bonds only made stronger.

The support continues, as we look into a launch of a local business watch, being overseen by the local Neighbourhood Action Panel, again something EBWA are actively involved with.

In addition to this, EBWA are supporting the forthcoming Royal Wedding Event, being held at 5pm on Friday 29th April 2011, in The Broadway, Thorpe Bay.

We would like to Thank Mr Hussain, and EBWA for all of their help, and assistance, without which these events would not have been such a stunning success.

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Bangladeshi Anthem Translate to English



My Bengal of gold, I love you
Forever your skies, your air set my heart in tune as if it
were a flute,
In Spring, Oh mother mine, the fragrance from
your mango-groves
makes me wild with joy
Ah, what a thrill!
In Autumn, Oh mother mine,
in the full-blossomed paddy fields,
I have seen spread all over - sweet smiles!
Ah, what a beauty, what shades,
affection and what a tenderness!
What a quilt have you spread at the feet of
banyan trees and along
the banks of rivers!
Oh mother mine, words from your lips are
like Nectar to my ears!
Ah, what a thrill!
If sadness, Oh mother mine, casts a gloom
on your face, my eyes are filled with tears!



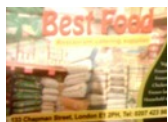
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Community Personality Award

You've commonly heard it said: "This man needs no introduction." Well, EBWA here to say that the following mentioned individuals needs an introduction.... They need an introduction because they are not the kind of people who flaunt their accomplishments. they won't tell you that, as a successful distinguish figures who have built businesses from scratch, whom still supervises the day to day business operations to ensure standards never drop. They won't tell you that, despite their busy schedule, they still make time to partake in endless charity work, and most needed community project.

They won't even tell that, as a member of The Essex Bangladeshi Welfare Association, they contribute many days the year to collecting and hosting fund-raising events for needy charity organizations.

EBWA believe this truly eloquent members are not necessarily top speaker but are credits to their community; they are members who are honest with a certain belief, a belief, that in order to be truly successful, one has to help others with ones success.

That certainly characterizes the deep belief that we are responsible for the welfare of our society. They deeply believe that as individual, whatever his or her background, they can make a difference—in business, in the community, in the world, and they are on a personal mission to ensure that they certainly make a difference in the welfare of others.

The following prominent figures won't tell you all about themselves and their own efforts to others. Therefore, the selection committee feel that they should be formally recognized for the decades of hard work, passion and determination; they have put into helping the less advantaged. So, we have much pleasure to honor these people with **The Prestigious Award Certificate**. We appreciate their contributions to making our community a better place.

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Community Personality Award

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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 .

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SCHEDULE 3rd APRIL 2011

1:30 pm Guest arrival

2:00 pm Registrations and early networking

2:30 pm Lunch I

2:40 pm

3:00 pm Welcome and opening remarks

4:45 pm Presentation

5:00 pm Live Entertainments

6:00 pm Wrap up & closing