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Voice for Global Bangladeshis V4GB is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bangladesh Independence by launching the NRB Award at the House of Commons on 29th March 2022 as our token of Love and Respect (শ্রদ্ধাঞ্জলি) to those who helped the Liberation war of Bangladesh in 1971.





# TRIBUTE TO NRB LIBERATION WAR HEROES 1971

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Dr Hasanat M Hussain MBE  
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The Queen was pleased to receive your kind letter on behalf of the Voice for Global Bangladeshis, sent on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Independence of Bangladesh.

Her Majesty was impressed to learn of your organisation and the support you provide to the diaspora community in the United Kingdom.

Your thoughtfulness in writing is much appreciated. In return, The Queen sends her warm thanks to all those concerned and wishes you a memorable and enjoyable celebration.

PRIVATE SECRETARY

16th March, 2022



Message



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17 March 2022

From The Direct Communications Unit

Dear Dr Husain,

I'm writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your email of 22 February, inviting him to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh, in the House of Commons on 29th March.

The Prime Minister appreciates your kind invitation. The continued strength of the partnership shared between the United Kingdom and Bangladesh, especially in its 50<sup>th</sup> year is commendable. As I hope you will understand, due to the many pressures on this diary, it will not be possible for the Prime Minister to join you or provide a personal message on this occasion.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful anniversary event, and thank you, once again, for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Correspondence Officer

Dr Hasanat M Hussain MBE



Message



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**STEPHEN TIMMS MP**

Dear Dr Husain

Over the past few months, we have been marking fifty years since Bangladesh was created. I welcome your initiative in eastablishing an award to celebrate the contribution of Non-Resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) to the successful outcome of the independence struggle. It is right that we should acknowledge how big a contribution was mad by people living outside the country. I look forward to welcoming you and your guests to the House of Commons on 29 March.

There can surely be no doubt that Bangladeshis living overseas including many in East London, made an immense contribution. They worked tirelessly. Between them, they made an enormous financial contribution. They were ecstatic at the success of the independence struggle, and lobbied for support for the new nation in Parliament, and in other legislatures around the world.

I hope that the importance and significance of the NRB Award will be very widely recognised.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



STEPHEN TIMMS MP





## PROFESSOR MUHAMMAD YUNUS



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Bangladesh has just celebrated 50 years of independence. The liberation gained through the war of 1971 is a result of the historical sacrifices of the brave freedom fighters, the people of Bangladesh, lightning speed initiatives to mobilize global political support by Bangladeshis living all around the world, particularly in the UK and the USA, and reaching out for support from India and other friendly countries around the world.

I am very happy to see your initiative to recognize the contributions of the NRBs to the 1971 liberation war of Bangladesh. I also congratulate all who are not being recognized today because they remained unknown but worked very hard under the radar.

This is an occasion to look back and see what were our dreams and take stock of what we have achieved in the first 50 years after we became an independent nation. We celebrate all positive changes that have been achieved during this period and commit ourselves fully to achieve the goals which have not been attained so far. The commitment that the new generation of Bangladeshis, at home and abroad, must make on this occasion is to fulfil the unfulfilled part of our dream at the earliest time.

I congratulate the winners of this Award which is made of love and gratitude for the sacrifices you made for a cause that did not promise any success at that time, but for which you nevertheless remained stubbornly behind the cause.

You shall continue to inspire all future generations and remind them of the task you left behind with them.

I congratulate the thoughtful organizers of this initiative.

Professor Muhammad Yunus

2006 Nobel Peace Laureate  
Chairman, Yunus Centre  
Founder, Grameen Bank







## DR ZAFRULLAH CHOWDHURY

While I was contemplating to write few lines in remembrance of various contributions of NRBs (Non-resident Bangladeshi) during liberation war against Pakistan in 1971, a great number of common and well-established Bangladesh persons in UK flash back. In an interview of a British journalist with Mr. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, elected leader of East Pakistan was broadcasted in ITN TV probably on 25th March 1971. As the discussion with Pakistan President General Yahia Khan had failed, no way left except struggle for freedom of Bangladesh. Pakistan Army's massacre in Dhaka on 25th and 26th March 1971 started published in various British newspapers, following which East Pakistan physicians working and studying in UK contacted each other over phone to form Bangladesh Medical Association, UK on 10th April 1971 with Eye Surgeon, Dr Abu Hena Sayedur Rahman, popularly known as Khasru bhai as the President, Dr MA Hakim as Vice-president, Dr. Zafarullah Chowdhury as the General Secretary, Dr. MA Mobin, former General Secretary of Chittagong Medical College Students' Union and Dr. Altafur Rahman former Vice-President of Rajshahi Medical College Students' Union as joint secretary. An account was opened in Midland bank (now known as HSBC). It was decided that every East Pakistan Physician living in UK shall contribute minimum £10 (ten) pounds every month. Dr. Fazlul Huq from Scotland and Dr. M. Bakht Majumdar from Kent committed to pay at least £25 pounds every month. During that period, Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury the then Vice- chancellor of Dhaka University was passing through London from Geneva. He was not aware of the Pakistan Army's massacre in Dhaka. We met him in London, requested him not to go back as his life will be in danger but to take the leadership of UK NRBs.

The Ganges Restaurant of Tasadduq Ahmed was the meeting place of a number of British Member of Parliaments and the Bangladeshi Left student Leaders of the NRBs assembled in Trafalgar Square and Hyde Park corner to promote the freedom struggle of Bangladesh. The movement was further strengthen with Mr. Mohiuddin Ahmed, 2nd Secretary of Pakistan High Commission leaving the Pakistan Government and joined the freedom struggle. Lulu Bilkis Banu, Abdul Matin

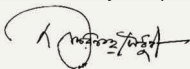


Chowdhury, Zakaria Chowdhury, Wali Ashraf, Shamsul Alam Chowdhury, Serajur Rahman of BBC, Tony Haque, SK Mannan, Sultan Sharif, Runi Khan, Fazle Hasan Abed and many others spearhead the movement. Thousands of Bangladesh workers living in UK contributed their time and money generously even sharing the same bed to donate the saved rent to Bangladesh Fund.

They organized meetings with Justice Abu sayeed Chowdhury in various places of UK. East Pakistan students with Dr. Khondoker Moshrraf Hussain, presently with BNP marched towards Pakistan High Commission enchanting "Joy Bangla" slogan and demanded the release of Banga Bandu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Few students went on hunger stike in front of the 10 Downing street, the residence of British Prime Minister:

A good number of young English men and women formed 'Action Bangladesh' with the leadership of Paul Connect and Marietta Procope whose residence was given free of rent for meetings and office purposes. They organized meetings with British MPs and leaders of all political parties and media.

It is most unfortunate that, Government and most People of Bangladesh have forgotten the contribution of NRBs who haved one so much in support of the freedom struggle. Without their continued support, contributions and the leadership of Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury great leader SK Mujib would not be released from Pakistan prison. The role of Bangladesh Government in exile is also undermined and forgotten. Last but not the least, I am very pleased to know the activities of Voice for Global Bangladeshis to promote contribution of NRBs during freedom struggle of Bangladesh in 1971. Please continue help building better economy and good governance in Bangladesh. Whenever any of your member visit Bangladesh please request them to visit Gonoshasthaya Kendra to be acquainted with our activities for promoting better health care with nominal costs. Bangladesh needs your continued support. 'Voice for Global Bangladeshis' may lead the way. I wish Dr. Hasanat Husain, MBE's effort to promote cause and contribution of NRBs through Voice for Global Bangladeshis a success. NRBs should given VIP treatment at Bangladesh Airports and a card depicting 'We salute NRBs with deepest Gratitude, Love and Respect' from People of Bangladesh, he given to each of NRBs. I join you in spirit.



Zafrullah Chowdhury (Dr.)





## DR. KHANDAKER MOSHARRAF HOSSAIN

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Former Parliament Member & Minister

Date: 08/03/2022

I am delighted to learn that the Voice for Global Bangladeshis (V4GB) is organizing an event celebrating the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh Independence Day at the House of Commons in London, UK on 29th March, 2022. It is highly commendable that V4GB is celebrating the great event by launching the 'NRB Awards' for contribution to the 1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh from abroad.

Independence of Bangladesh is the greatest historical achievement of our people. Most of Bangladeshis participated directly and indirectly in our Liberation War. People, who were living abroad, especially in the UK also took active part in building strong international support in favour of the War of Liberation. Bangladeshi people from different occupations and communities formed action committees in different cities of UK including London. I was lucky person to have opportunity to lead the 'Bangladesh Student Action Committee in UK' and in organising mass gathering, procession, hunger strikes, seminars and participating in Lobbying the British Parliamentarians as well as global leaders.

Bangladeshi people were indebted to the British Parliamentarians for raising the issues in the Parliament and for their moral support. I remember a memorial day when Mr. Bruce Douglas-Mann, Honourable MP from North Kensington, London submitted a Resolution signed by 300 Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrats MPs in the British Parliament on 14th May, 1971 (Resolution No. 509) by condemning genocide and atrocities committed to the people of the then East Pakistan. There was very fruitful and meaningful General Discussion in the Parliament on that



day. Different Bangladesh Action Committees staged candle light procession around the Parliament while the Discussion was in progress. The British Parliament deliberated the issue of Bangladesh many times in the British Parliament which helped greatly in creating global sympathy and support in favour of the Liberation War of Bangladesh. The Media of the UK played a leading role in publishing news and views supporting the just cause of Bangladesh. After long 50 years of our Liberation War and establishing of Bangladesh, I would like to salute and express our gratefulness to the People, Parliament and Media of UK for their great contribution and support for our Liberation War.



(Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain)

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Labour MP for Newcastle  
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## MP CHI ONWURAH

It is 50 years since the liberation of Bangladesh, following a devastating genocide and war of liberation. Today, we look to recognise the contributions of the Bangladeshi diaspora to this struggle. I commend the efforts of community leaders in the UK in keeping this tragic, important history in our thoughts and for campaigning for the recognition of the efforts of the Bangladeshi community in the UK in the struggle. It is important that we know our history, it is part of who we are. In Newcastle we are proud of the different communities which make up our great city, and people of Bangladeshi heritage make an important contribution to Newcastle's culture and identity.

I particularly want to pay tribute to two of my constituents: Ahmed Kutub, who was Newcastle's first Minority Ethnic and Muslim elected councillor in 1986, and who was involved in supporting the liberation movement. He died in 2007 and is soon to be honoured with a blue plaque. I also want to pay tribute to Abu Lais – known as Suba Miah – a freedom fighter who lives in Newcastle in Elswick.

Best wishes

Chi Onwurah

Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne Central  
Shadow Minister for Science, Research and Innovation





## PROFESSOR DR KABIR HUSSAIN CHOUDHURY

Bangladesh celebrates the 50th anniversary of its independence and the birth centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman this year. Pakistani military junta unleashed a war of genocide upon the innocent people who lost their lives during the nine months of armed struggle against Pakistan armed forces till our final victory of independence on 16th December 1971. Today Bangladesh has emerged as an Asian Tiger with sustainable economic growth and immense prosperity in the future contrary to what Henry Kissinger once labelled this country as "Basket Case".

The Bangladeshi diaspora in the United Kingdom played a historic role in raising public awareness within the community and beyond for the FREE BANGLADESH campaign. Voice for Global Bangladeshis (V4GB) has taken a great initiative recognising the services of those who contributed during the Liberation War in 1971. V4GB is officially launching this event at the House of Commons on the 29th of March 2022. This initiative must have to be acknowledged. V4GB must have to be hugely congratulated for taking this initiative.

*Kabir H Choudhury*  
17 02 2022

Professor Dr Kabir Hussain Choudhury  
(Chairman, Academic Council  
SCHOLARSHOME)



Message



RT HON DAMIAN GREEN MP

29th March 2022

I am happy to join those celebrating the Non-Resident Bangladeshis who did so much in the early days of the existence of Bangladesh. It is good that in Parliament the Voice for Global Bangladeshis has been able to give a proper commemoration of these patriot and to ensure that their service is not forgotten. I congratulate everyone who is involved with this event, and the whole of Bangladesh.

*Damian Green*

RT HON DAMIAN GREEN MP



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## DR. HASANAT M. HUSAIN MBE

16th December 1971 was the day when Bangladesh was liberated from Pakistani military junta by a war where millions perished. It can be recalled that in the 1970 general election of Pakistan; despite the fact that the East Pakistanis won majority of the seats, the then military rulers (instead of handing over power), unleashed a reign of terror on civilians in the nights of 25th/26th March 1971

As soon as the news of the Genocide by the Pakistani Army reached London, Trafalgar square was flooded by protesting East Pakistanis. Bangladesh Action Groups were formed in every major cities in the UK. They provided the first foreign currency reserve for the Bangladesh Government formed in Kolkata (India) in exile. They sent and paid for lawyers to fight for Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who was accused of 'Agortola conspiracy' against Pakistan, they sent money to buy arms to fight for freedom, some left their jobs, factories, restaurants and families in the UK to join the liberation forces in Bangladesh.

Fifty years have passed by and, no governments in Bangladesh ever felt the necessity to recognise properly the sacrifices made by the commonwealth citizens, the then overseas Bangladeshis known as East Pakistanis for liberation of a motherland of their own. Therefore, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh Independence, we in our Voice for Global Bangladeshis VfGB Executives' meeting at Corbridge, Newcastle, UK on 12 July 2021; took a decision to honour the contribution of those NRBs (Non Resident Bangladeshis) with our deepest gratitude, love and respect.

It was decided to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh Independence by launching 'NRB Awards' for those who contributed to the liberation war effort of Bangladesh in 1970/71, from abroad.





We assigned two research cells, to find out the names and addresses of those people irrespective of party political, family or any other affiliation, A NRB Award Steering Group with six sub committees was formed, members of which had worked relentlessly, to meet deadlines and to oversee that the event becomes a memorable one. A souvenir booklet has been published and in that, we have published the first list of 100 NRBs. There will be many more names on the 16th December 2022 to coincide with the Victory Day.

With the help of Rt. Hon. Stephen Timms MP, we have booked House of Commons' Terrace Pavilion for Tuesday the 29th of March 2022, the nearest day available to the 26th March Bangladesh Independence Day. We tried to locate as many of those NRBs as possible and invited them; many have passed away, some have moved back to Bangladesh and where possible, we tried to invite their children to come, attend and receive the award on their behalf. Ours is a continuous search for the people who from overseas contributed in individual or collective capacity. If you know anyone whose name needs to be included in our list please do get in touch and we shall do our best.

It is with great pride and personal satisfaction, I can say that we have started a process to show our collective Respect (শ্রদ্ধাঞ্জলি) and Gratitude (কৃতজ্ঞতা) to the NRBs.

We also take this opportunity to salute those hundreds and thousands known and unknown martyrs who died in cities, towns, villages, roads, rivers and canals in Bangladesh; fighting to liberate our dear homeland Bangladesh. They had a dream for 'the riches of freedom and the security of justice' and it is upon us, to fulfil that dream.

With best regards.



Dr. Hasanat M. Husain MBE

President, Voice for Global Bangladeshis VfGB





## A M OHID AHMED

I am honoured to welcome you all to our first in person event at the iconic Houses of Parliament to celebrate Bangladesh's 50<sup>th</sup> Independence Day and Voice for Global Bangladeshis inauguration.

As a British Bangladeshi, I am very proud of the achievements and growth of our community in the past 51 years. Today Bangladeshis are leading the way in science, academia, politics, and innovation and this is thanks to the unbounded sacrifices of our elders and first-generation migrants.

Today we remember our unsung heroes whose dedication and sacrifices resulted in a liberated independent sovereign Bangladesh. I would like to pay tribute to the architect of an independent Bangladesh, Late Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. I would also like to pay homage to Late President Ziaur Rahman whose bravery and resilience paved the way to our nation's independence, his drive and intellect led the Bangladeshi army to victory.

I would like to congratulate all our award winners this evening, your accomplishments and contributions have been engraved in our country's history.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my V4GB team including our executives, Subcommittee members and everyone who has worked tirelessly to put this event together. I am grateful for your dedication to this organisation and am confident we will continue to do great work together. We cannot forget our sponsors for their support in putting this event together and most importantly our well wishers for your endless encouragement and adherence to this cause.

With Regards

A M Ohid Ahmed

Director General





## SYED NADIR AZIZ (DARAZ)

I am truly honoured to contribute on this special occasion, the 50th Independence Day celebration of Bangladesh & official inauguration of V4GB in the prestigious British House of Commons, London.

Let this day be one of remembrance and enormous gratitude to those unsung heroes, to those who have contributed physically, financially socially and emotionally from all over the globe to the war of independence, followed by successful Liberation of Bangladesh in 1971.

This was certainly no straightforward task. The team has worked relentlessly over the months to compile relevant information, followed by thorough investigations in order to list the first 50 individuals on the 50th Victory Day Anniversary of Bangladesh on 16th December 2021.

Today, on the 50th Independence Day celebration, we are delighted to announce another 50 names and honour them with our highest sense of gratitude. There are many more left, who will be honoured as we continue our journey to shine the light on these heroes.

Sadly many of them have deceased, may their soul be in peace.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank V4GB President Dr. Hasanat M. Husain MBE, all the V4GB Executives, members of the 'NRB Award Steering Committee', the Sponsors and the host team in the House of Commons; for their support and hard work.

Above all, your presence has made this possible and a day to remember.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Syed Nadir Aziz".

Syed Nadir Aziz (Daraz)

Chair: NRB Award Steering Committee  
V4GB.





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## NRB Award list for their contribution to the liberation war of Bangladesh

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Fifty years have passed by and, no governments in Bangladesh ever felt the necessity to recognise the sacrifices made by overseas Bangladeshis in the struggle for liberation of motherland Bangladesh.

On this 50th anniversary of the Victory day of 16th December 2021 we, in Voice for Global Bangladeshis V4GB, remembered the contribution of NRBs (Non resident Bangladeshis) with our deepest gratitude, love and respect.



Below is the list of those unsung Heroes (many of them have passed away).

01. Late Justice Mr. Abu Sayeed Chowdhury (London)
02. DR. Zafrullah Chowdhury (London)
03. Late Shah AMS Kibria (Washington)
04. Mr. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith (Washington)
05. Late Lulu Bilkis Banu (London)
06. Late Mr. Gaus Khan (London)
07. Late Tayubur Rahman (London)
08. Late Mr. Serajur Rahman (BBC - Bangla)
09. Late Abdul Motin Chowdury (Manchester)
10. Late Tasadduq Ahmed MBE (London)
11. Dr. Kabir Hussain Choudhury (Manchester)
12. Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hussain (London)
13. Late Wahid Uddin Ahmed Kutub (New Castle)
14. Late Alhajj Hafiz Moziruddin (London)
15. Late Mr. Sheikh Abdul Mannan (London)
16. Late Alhaj Shamsur Rahman (London)
17. Late Minhaz Uddin (London)
18. Late Afroz Mia Hatem Tai (B'ham)
19. Late Mr Zakaria Chowdhury (London)
20. Late Barrister Moudud Ahmad (London)
21. Late Mr. Shamsul Alam Chowdhury (London)
22. Alhajj Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed MBE (Chester)
23. Alhajj Mr. Motasem Ali (Coventry)
24. Mr. Tozammel (Tony) Huq MBE (Birmingham)
25. Late Mr. Wali Ashraf (Jonomot, London)
26. Mrs. Ferdous Rahman (London)
27. Late Bodrul Hussain Talukder (London)
28. Late A K M A Haque (B'ham)
29. Late Munawar Hussain (Oldham)
30. Late Mr. Abdur Raquib (London)
31. Alhajj Nasir Ahmed (B'ham)
32. Late Alhaj Mr. Jillul Haque (London)
33. Late Alhajj Muhammed Ali Ismail (Birmingham)



34. Late Mr. Rezaul Karim (BD Mission, London)
35. Late Mr. Nazir Uddin Ahmed (Manchester)
36. Late Mr. Abdus Sabur Choudhury (B'ham)
37. Late Syed Abdur Rahman (B'ham)
38. Late Mr. Moksud Ali (Oldham)
39. Kobi Dobirul Islam Choudhury OBE (St Albans)
40. Late Moin Uddin Ahmed Monaf Miah (London)
41. Late Alhajj Mr. Mimbor Ali (London)
42. Mr. Ataur Rahman Khan (London)
43. Alhajj Aftab Ali (London)
44. Late Moshahid Ali Chowdhury (London)
45. Late Haji Nisar Ali (London)
46. Mr. Sultan Mahmud Shorif (London)
47. Late Amir Ahmed Sinkaponi (London)
48. Late Abdul Moonan (Sanu Mia) (London)
49. Late Mr. Mokoddos Bakth (Manchester)
50. Mr. Khandakar Abdul Musabbir MBE (Rochdale)
51. Sir Fazle Hasan Abed (London)
52. Dr. Mohammad Yunus (Nashville, USA)
53. Mr. Mohiuddin Ahmed (London)
54. Mr. K. M. Shihabuddin (Delhi, India)
55. Mr. Amjadul Huq (Delhi, India)
56. Dr. A. Hakim (Glasgow)
57. Mr. Yousuf Khan Majlis (Geneva, Switzerland)
58. Late Barrister Lutfur Rahman Shahjahan (London)
59. Late Alhajj Ahabab Hussain (London)
60. Alhajj Mr. Noor Miah (London)
61. Late Md. Alhajj Ustar Ali (London)
62. Mr. Abdul Matin (London)
63. Late Alhajj Mohammad Somru Mia (London)
64. Late Abdul Motlib Chowdhury (London)
65. Mr. Jamshed Mia (Birmingham)
66. Mr. Ramzan Ali (London)
67. Mr. A. K. M. Abdur Rouf (BD Film, Art/Culture Archive, London)
68. Mr. Misir Ali (Birmingham)
69. Mrs. Zebunnessa Bokth (London)
70. Mrs. Munni Rahman (London)



71. Mrs. Monju Hafiz (London)
72. Mrs. Safiya Rahman (London)
73. Mrs. Taleya Rehman (London)
74. Mrs. Jahanara Rashid (London)
75. Late Mr. Nurul Islam (London)
76. Late Alhajj Tara Mia Khan (London)
77. Late Alhajj Khondoker Farid Uddin (London)
78. Mr. M. A. Rasul (Sheffield)
79. Mr. Zoglul Husain (London)
80. Mr. Joglul Pasha (London)
81. Mr. Azizul Huq Bhuiya (Coventry)
82. Mr. Nikhilesh Chokroborti (London)
83. Mr. Kaosarul Islam (London)
84. Shamsuddin Khan (London)
85. Mr. Mia Monirul Alam (Kent)
86. Late Sofir Ahmed (Birmingham)
87. Haji Kola Mia (London)
88. Dewan Alomnoor Raza (Midlands)
89. Shah Abid Ali (Birmingham)
90. Mr. A. B M, Ishaque (London)
91. Mr. Abbas Ali (Oldham)
92. Alhaj Manik Miah (London)
93. Haji Tahir Ali (London)
94. Alhajj A. Karim (London)
95. Afzol hussain Master (Brighton)
96. Late Alhajj Mohammed Shafiqul Islam Chowdhury (Luton)
97. Alhajj Mohammed Samroo (London)
98. Alhaj Manik Mia (London)
99. Surotur Rahman Surat Mia (London)
100. Mrs. Toymusa Begum (London)



# Executive Committee of V4GB (Voice For Global Bangladeshis)



Dr. Hasanat M. Husain MBE  
*President*

Dr. Hasanat Husain obtained a First Class Honours degree in Physics with Mathematics in 1969 as well as, a First Class M.Sc. degree in 1970 from the prestigious University of Dhaka. Dr. Husain then went on to complete a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Exeter and was appointed as a Royal Society Post Doctoral Fellow at the University of Sussex. He has further completed the PGCE at the University of Greenwich obtaining Grade A.

Dr. Hasanat Husain was Associate Professor at the University of Dhaka, as well as at the University of Zambia and an Associate at the International Centre for theoretical Physics at Trieste, Italy. He was also the Head of Solar Energy at the University of Sebha in Libya.

From 1995 to 2002 he was the Head of Bilingualism and Bilingual Support Services for the Tower Hamlets Local Education Authority. Dr. Husain was a Consultant to the DfES Standards Unit in the UK, as well as an Observer and Inspector for Colleges in the UK and an Associate Advisor to the Birmingham and Bradford. LEAs. He was a Chair of School Governors in England for 8 years and was elected twice to the 13 member National Governors Council NGC in the UK. He was a member of the 'Working Group for 'Inclusive Policy and Practices in the UK. Dr. Husain coordinated the 'Headteachers Forum UK' in 1988 to prevent low entry A level Modern Foreign Languages in the UK, from closure. In 2007 and 2008 he organised and launched the Award ceremonies for outstanding Achievers at the Kensington Town Hall to commend high achieving GCSE and A level students.

Dr. Hasanat Husain has made significant contribution to Ethnic Minority Education in Great Britain and as a recognition, was awarded Member of the Order of the British Empire by Her Majesty the Queen in 2003.

Currently, he is the Convenor of Voice for Justice World Forum.

Dr. Hasanat Husain is a highly educated, sincere and hard working individual, whose success has made him one of the figureheads for British Bangladeshis.







## Ohid Ahmed - Director General

*Profile of DG Ohid Ahmed*

Mr. Ohid Ahmed is an eminent community leader and politician in the East End of London. He has been a local councillor between 2002-2018 and served as the first statutory Deputy Mayor for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. During his tenure as a councillor, he has held various Cabinet roles including Education and Youth services, Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnership, Finance and Performances, Adult, Health & Wellbeing and Community Safety.

Ohid Ahmed had strategic responsibility for Resources of £1.2bn including Finance management of Tower Hamlets. He was the chair of Cabinet Budget and audit committee and was shortlisted for prestigious LGIU award for outstanding contribution to financial performance and or best value services in Tower Hamlets. He has also been a parliamentary candidate for the Labour Party, and a local government advisor. Mr. Ohid Ahmed was a Non-Executive Board Member at Public Private regeneration agency for the Thames Gateway (includes Olympics 2012 area), Europe's biggest regeneration scheme, appointed by the Secretary of State for Local Government.

Mr. Ahmed was board member and Audit and Risk Committee of various institute such as Poplar Harca, Thames Gateway London Partnership (TGLP), City Fringe Partnerships etc.

As an active Labour Party official Mr. Ohid Ahmed established Labour friends of Bangladesh in 2006 (LFB) and campaigned vigorously for Bangladeshi representation at Parliament. He also contested as the Labour Party Parliamentary candidate during the 2010 General election.

Ohid is also an accountant by profession and Director of a successful tourism agency based in East London. He holds a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of East London.



## Mahidur Rahman

*Vice President*

Mr. Mahidur Rahman is an eminent community activist, philanthropist and entrepreneur within the British Bangladeshi community in the United Kingdom. Since arriving in the UK in 1975 he has played a vital role in strengthening relations between the Non-resident Bangladeshi communities across the globe with their motherland.

He is the Chair of the Bangladesh Centre for Social Development UK, Trustee of the Brihottor Sylhet Education Trust (BSET), Trustee and former Chairman of the Ashford Muslim Association and Advisor to the BSR Welfare Association. He was



also founder national treasurer Greater Sylhet Development and Welfare Council UK (GSC).

He has served on the British Home Secretary's standing advisory council on race relations between 1988-1990 where he identified some pressing issues around racism and discrimination facing minority communities in the UK. He was the parent governor of Tower Secondary School, Ashford, Kent.

Mr. Rahman was also previously Vice President of the largest catering umbrella body in Britain, the Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA) and also President of Kent region. He was also the Founder President of the British Bangladeshi Business Club which supports and empowers various small businesses across the UK.

As an active Human rights activist, he has played an active role in numerous humanitarian missions across the globe particularly in Bangladesh.

As an outspoken speaker and campaigner Mahidur Rahman has held audiences with political leaders across the world particularly with figures from the United Nations, European Parliament and UK Parliament. He has also met political leaders from across the world to discuss issues relating to Bangladesh. Mr Rahman regularly speaks about political issues in Bangladesh on several mainstream news outlets including BBC World Service, Al Jazeera and TRT World.



**Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin MBE**

*Vice President*

Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin is currently a Senior Advisor and Former President & Director General of BBCCI (British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries), President of the European Bangladesh Federation of Commerce and Industry, Chairman of Sylhet Women's Medical College & Hospital, President of "Council of Bangladeshis in Scotland" and Britannia Spice, Edinburgh", Director of "Sylhet Central Dental College & Hospital and EC", Member of "National Heart Foundation Sylhet", President of "Ornate Group Bangladesh", listed Asian Power 100, recipient of "Asian Jewel Lifetime Achievement award", Member of "Institute of Directors and Rotary International", the Junior Chamber voted him "Young Scot of the year in 1992". In 1984, Dr. Uddin became the first British Bangladeshi "Justice of the Peace" in Scotland.

In 1993, he was appointed as the first Honorary Consul-General of Bangladesh in Scotland and in 1995 he was made a Member of the British Empire. In 2000 he was awarded a Doctorate in Business Administration (Honouris Causa) by Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh. In 2007 he received Doctor of Letters, D.Litt. from Heriot-watt University, "Doctor of the University" award from Edinburgh's Napier University. He is also Chairman of the "Commonwealth Society of Edinburgh" and the "BanglaScot Foundation".





## Mahtab Miah

*Director of Finance*

Mr Mahtab Miah is an established businessman within the Bangladeshi Diaspora in the UK. In 1971 he was actively involved with the Bangladesh liberation movement in the UK. He works with the UK Government, private sectors and financial organisations to assist the Bangladeshi community in the UK, Europe and Bangladesh. Mr Miah's contribution to the Bangladesh catering industry has earned him numerous national accolades and he has held the position of Senior Vice President of the Bangladesh Catering Association UK.

Mr Miah is a prominent community leader and is currently Chairman of Newcastle Bangladeshi Association, Director of British Bangladeshi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and many other voluntary organisations. He is also an advisor for Bangladesh Human Rights Commission North East UK.

Mr Miah is a philanthropist, whose dedication and innovation has led to the huge success of a number of charity events which included raising funds for Cyclone Sidr, and leading the Newcastle Bangladesh Organisation in raising thousands of pounds for the floods affecting Bangladesh, and the Rohingya appeal.



## Kalam Mahmud Abu Taher Choudhury

*Director of Media*

Kalam Mahmud Abu Taher Choudhury is a very well-known personality amongst the Bangladeshi Community in the UK.

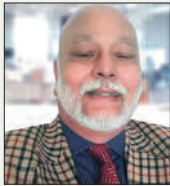
His contributions towards Bengali language and literature are immense. He was a teacher of Bengali for 32 years in Tower Hamlets. His longstanding journalism experience in Bengali news paper coupled with his frequent appearances in debates specific to the Bengali community and many other initiatives have made him authoritative in the field.

Professionally, Mr Choudhury is a Tutor, engineer and a very well known journalist. He worked with many newspapers in Bangladesh. Mr K M Abu Taher Choudhury was a Special Correspondent of the Weekly Jonomoth and Editor of the monthly Dawat.

He was also the Founder Chief Editor and Chairman of the first ever bilingual weekly newspaper, Euro Bangla. He was the Chief Editor of the weekly Bangla Post, Editor of the weekly London Bangla, Chairman of the weekly Bangla Mirror's Advisory Board and an Advisory Editor of the Dhaka Post. He is now President of



the Uk Bangla press club, advisory editor of the londonbdnews24.com, special correspondent of the oldest news paper weekly Surma, and president of the Bangladesh Journalist Association UK. 'community heartbeat', Mr Choudhury, was an elected ex-Chairperson and General Secretary of the Greater Sylhet Council in UK for two consecutive terms, and is currently a patron. He has received Civic award ,Chanel S award ,British Bangladeshi Who's who award ,best national community leaders award from BME community, star of the community award, Sylhet Ratna award, community leadership award and other awards for his outstanding service to the community.



**Abdul Latif JP**

*Director of Community Relations*

Mr. Abdul Latif is a Justice of Peace from Birmingham West Midlands. He is a British Bangladeshi successful entrepreneur. Mr. Latif arrived in UK in 1968 and completed T-Technology Course. He opened his first Business "Everest" in 1973. Mr. Latif's contribution in curry industry is massive. During 1985-1986 period his restaurant business "Raj Bangla" flourished. With five restaurants in his growing empire and became one of the best British Bangladeshi successful businessmen in this trade. Mr. Latif helped Bangladesh economy as well by investing huge sums building "London Tower" in Sunamgonj creating local jobs and helping local economy.

Mr. Abdul Latif JP worked tirelessly to help new immigrants in the UK. He worked voluntarily with Birmingham Advice Centre between 1973 to 1978 helping people dealing with their housing, immigration, employment issues. Mr. A Latif was Director of Birmingham Multi-Purpose Centre for three terms. He was President of Bangladesh Caterers Association, Midland for over 14 years, and was one of the founders of Greater Sylhet Development Council and lead the Council for long. He also helped in building many Masjid and Madrasa in Greater Sylhet, Bangladesh; he is currently building a Masjid in Bishshomborpur, Sunamgonj. In recognition of his massive contribution towards the community he was awarded as a JP (Justice of Peace) in 2001.



**Syed Nadir Aziz (Daraz)**

*Director of Culture and Heritage*

Daraz was born in the North East region of Bangladesh, Sylhet and subsequently moved to the North East region of England, Newcastle Upon Tyne. Daraz' grit, entrepreneurial flair and determination to succeed has led him to prominence, notably as the chairman of "The Valley Group" of companies since 1991 to date.

The Group's head office has been established in one of the oldest station house of



the world at Corbridge, Northumberland.

He has been a member of the National Executive Committee of numerous political, youth, art & culture, social welfare and business organisations including general secretary and chair of Newcastle Bangladesh Association.

He is the the founder of Syed Aziz Habib High School, established in 1995 in his native village in Bangladesh. Daraz certainly has a creative bone. He is an avid poet and enjoys reciting his art. His hobbies include a combination of wellness activities for the mind and body, spending quality time with friends and family, reading and keeping fit.



**Shamsul Alam Liton**

*Director of International Relations*

Mr Shamsul Alam Liton is a broadcaster, journalist, and Editor of the Weekly Surma, bi-lingual newspaper published from East London since 1978. He was serving as Deputy Press Secretary to the President of Bangladesh (2003-5). Apart from his work in broadcasting and journalism, Shamsul Alam Liton is an eminent Civil Rights Activist and entrepreneur. He was also the founder trustee of Atish Dipangkar University of Science and Technology in Bangladesh. He's also the Director of International Relations of Voice for Global Bangladeshis (V4GB). London based HR organisation of NRB a professionals worldwide. He is also leading another organisation SupportLife UK and Bangladesh, which is campaigning against capital punishment from the legal system.

Mr. Alam is a graduate (of Socialwelfare) and Alumni of the University of Dhaka and completed his second Masters from Leeds Beckett University on Law from United Kingdom.



**Abdul Quadir Saleh**

*Director of Academic Affairs*

Mr Abdul Quader Saleh is an Imam, writer, columnist and Human rights activist. He completed Masters in Hadith from govt Alia Madrasah and Masters from University of Dhaka.

He started profession as a lecturer in a college and a teacher of political science for post graduate studies in a Traditional Qaumi Madrasah in Dhaka. He works as a full time assistant Editor in a National Daily newspaper AL MUZADDED.

He wrote thousands of articles, features and editorials published in the National Daily in Bangla. He was executive editor of National weekly INTIFADA and regular contributor of popular national weekly BIKRAM. He is Leading many organizations, such as President, Solidarity for Human Rights, President, Rights movement UK and Director General , Symposium- a thought based organisation and so on.





## Nazir Ahmed

*Director of Legal Affairs*

Barrister Nazir Ahmed is a renowned lawyer, writer, analyst, and thinker. He is a well-known personality in Bangladeshi Diaspora in UK and Europe. He is an expert on immigration, asylum and nationality law having an experience of advocacy for nearly two decades. Mr. Ahmed obtained LLB (Hons) degree from Queen Mary, University of London, in 1997. Later, he completed Master of Laws (LLM) from the same University. He was called to the Bar (Barrister-at-Law) by the Lincoln's Inn in 1999. He was at the top of the combined Pass List (of all Inns – Gray's Inn, Lincoln's Inn, Inner Temple, and Middle Temple) of the Bar Council's Bar Final Exams. Barrister Ahmed is currently a Councillor in the London Borough of Newham and was formerly the Deputy Speaker of the Council.



## Dr. Humayer Chowdhury

*Executive Member and Australia Representative*

Dr. Humayer CHOWDHURY is a prominent academic and is a associate professor and lecturer in Sydney Australia. He completed his PhD degree in Australia and has been an emerging researcher in Gold Nano Particles. He is an eminent social activist in Australian multicultural society.

Dr. Chowdhury is also Chief Patron of "Man for Man live", a humanitarian organisation based in Sydney. He has received prestigious awards from NSW government and opposition Labour Party for his outstanding involvement in various charitable activities. Dr. Chowdhury is also Convener of BMFA Mariners Ex Cadets Association and former President of Jalalabad Association of Australia.



## Sharafat Hussain

*Executive Member and USA Representative*

Mr. Sharafat Hussain is a local politician in the United States of America. Mr Hussain is a member of the LCDC (Loudoun County Democratic Committee) Executive committee and chair of its fundraising committee. He is also the Vice Chair of the Leesburg Districts Democrats. In addition to his community service, he is also an established businessman and entrepreneur.

Mr. Hussain is also Chairman and editor of "Weekly Bangladeshee" published from Washington DC. In 2020 Mr. Hussain was a local Democratic Party candidate for the Virginia State Senate on 2019. He was the Convener of FOBANA 2022



(Federation of Bangladeshi Associations in North America ) in Washington DC.

Mr. Sharafat is the “Director of V4GB for the US Region” and works to establish relationships with the Bangladeshi diaspora in the USA.



### Anowarul Kabir

*Executive Member and Germany Representative*

Anowarul Kabir is a Freedom Fighter in Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971 in Gaibandha, Rangpur. After graduating from Siddheswari School and Dhaka College he moved to West Germany in 1977.

There he completed German Language course and Leather Goods Technology and Design & Marketing. He runs garments business in Germany and established “Green garments industry” in Bangladesh. He is the Founder Presidents of “Bangladesh Welfare Association” and “German-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce” in Germany. He is also the Founder of “Khariala Graam Unnoyan Parisad” in Bangladesh. Kabir’s wife, Nasrin Kabir Daigy was the general secretary of “Dhaka Rotarian Midtown”; his daughter Natasha Kabir and son Annin Kabir are involved in German Political Party.



### Abdul Mumit (AMC Rumel)

*Executive Member and France Representative*

Mr Abdul Muhit (AMC Rumel) was born in Moulvibazar, Sylhet, Bangladesh. While studying at the university (BSS Honors) in 2006, he discovered himself as a freelance writer and started his career

as a teacher in “Kulaura idéal international school & college” and “Osmani Ideal International School & College”. He has gained lots of reputation by engaging in the teaching profession. He came to London for higher education in 2010 and moved to France in 2015 after finishing graduation. He has been working for long to establish the rights of expatriates since he moved abroad. He is already well-known in the online media as a freelance journalist and presenter of PBTv France. He is the French correspondent of Bengali national newspaper of Bangladesh “Daily Manob Zamin” and also the International Affairs Editor of the “All European Bangla Press Club”. He has been the “Convener of Voice for Justice” since 2022 in France and currently he is an Executive Member of “Voice for Global Bangladeshis”.

Highly active in social media, he is constantly fighting for rights of expatriates Bangladeshis.





## Mahbub Alam

*Executive Member and Malaysia Representative*

Mr. Mahbub Alam is a businessman and philanthropist based in Dhaka Bangladesh. He is currently the Managing Director of "Meizen Travel and Tours" based in Dhaka. He is also advisor on corporate affairs to "K Link International" and "SA Group", both based in Bangladesh. He is currently a Director of "Bangladesh Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry" (BMCCI) and President of "Socheton Bangladesh". Mr. Alam holds Bachelor of Science in Management and Masters in Business, both from the Islamic University of Bangladesh.



## Hasan Mahmud

*Executive Member and Canada Representative*

Researcher; speaker & author of books & docu-movies on Sharia law. Cultural & Human Rights activist.

- Founding Member; MRM (Muslim Reform Movement),
- Former member of advisory board of World Muslim Congress,
- Former Director of Sharia Law, Muslim Canadian Congress,
- Speaker on Sharia law and Human Rights in Islam in many international conferences.

Hasan Mahmud is also widely known as an intellectual giant as a writer, poet, reciter, lyricist, musician, TV host and presenter.



## Sadiqur Rahman

*Executive Member*

M.Sc Physics (DU), Accountant (Retired) UK, singer, lyricist & composer. He has written, tuned and led the audio recording of "VfGB Theme Song" with his own voice with other singers. He is an executive member of "Harrow Over 50 Club", former executive member of "Harrow Bengali Association (HBA), and former executive member of "Bangladesh Association for Culture & Education (BACE)".

He is an officially listed lyricist of Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television. He has written more than 150 songs of which he tunes 72 songs recorded in Dhaka & Kolkata by famous professional singers. He took part in Dhaka & UK television shows to perform his songs. He performed live singing around the world-including Dhaka, UK, USA, Canada, Australia, India, South Africa, and some cities of Europe to promote the rich socio-cultural heritage of Bangladesh. He wishes to do more to promote music of his motherland abroad. To help poor and needy, and help humanitarian causes he took active part in social and cultural activities in UK and abroad.





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## V4GB 29TH MARCH 2022

House of Commons' Event Proceedings

01-00pm

Door opens at the HOC Terrace Pavilion.

Announcement and Welcome

1- 15pm

Buffet Lunch

and presenting Souvenir booklets.

2-00pm

National Anthem

Welcome by Chair

Reading out the names of 100 NRBs.

Followed by Speakers.

2-30pm

Presenting the Crests (শ্রদ্ধাঞ্জলি)

4-00pm

Handing over the crests (কৃতজ্ঞতা)

4-50pm

Vote of Thanks

4-55: Close

House of Commons Entrance is via Cromwell Green Visitors' Entrance

Please allow up to 45 minutes to clear Security