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## STATE OF THE FEDERATION ADDRESS

by BUFLA PRESIDENT SHIPER CHOWDHURY

Delivered at the BUFLA – GA Meeting on August 18, 2013

Distinguished guests, honorable members of BUFLA, our Bangladeshi-American Community members and Media Personnel – Assala mu Alaikum and Good Afternoon. As the President of BUFLA, it is my honor and privilege to welcome all of you to the First General Assembly Meeting of BUFLA for the calendar year of 2013-14. I and the cabinet members are very thankful to you for your strong cooperation and taking the time from your busy schedule to attend this GA meeting.

Fellow Members and the distinguished guest – it is now crystal clear that BUFLA is getting stronger and united and all the credit should go to you and to all the efficient and dedicated cabinet members of the past years. BUFLA is a unity Federation not an organization, it's a Federation of many Bangladeshi organizations of Greater Los Angeles. We all are united carrying the torch of our glorified history, the history of our native country, history of our brave people, the citizens and our motherland Bangladesh and we are proud to be Bangladeshi Americans. We hold the flag of our two great nations and march on the main streets of Los Angeles every year to send a message to the world that we are Bangladeshi Americans and we are grateful to our motherland. We are the one welcoming our future generations, our children, inspiring them to know about their roots, to know from where we came from and why we are so proud about our beloved country Bangladesh. We believe in action not in words, we show our patriotism which is in our heart" jake bole mone prane". I salute our all the organizations whose sincere efforts and strong dedication make Bangladesh Day Parade a great success every year. On behalf of BUFLA and our cabinet, we would like to express our sincere gratefulness to all of the organizations by giving a big round of applause.

Fellow members and distinguished guests – BUFLA's main focus is to present a colorful and spectacular parade and celebrate our independence day. This year we are planning to have a very colorful and gorgeous parade and will try to extend the parade route from little Bangladesh to Vermont/1st street. We will invite more dignitaries to join us in the parade insha'allah. We need to bring a festive mood in every corner of southern California – LA county-Orange county-Ventura county-Riverside County. People of this world should know that Bangladeshi's are proud about their nation, about their heritage, about their history and they never forget the sacrifice of the martyrs who had brought the freedom of our beloved country Bangladesh in the year 1971. It all can happen if you all can help us, extend your hand for your motherland and be united as a Bangladeshi.

My dear fellow Angelinos – don't you feel proud that we are the only Bangladeshi's who celebrate our Bangladesh day, holding the flag on the main streets of Los Angeles to show the world how proud we are about our motherland.

However, let me tell you what is our mission and vision to run BUFLA cabinet this year. Our most pressing and immediate objectives are to establish a BUFLA office. We have to consider this matter seriously. Our proposal is to get an office within a range of \$1000 which will include all expenses and share this expense within our all member organizations, AC members and from our distinguished community members. It should not be difficult to collect that amount if we take this matter seriously. The benefit of the office will be that each organization can probably use this office for their regular meeting and possibly can use that office address for their mailing purpose. I will ask all the distinguished guests and the members to give your opinion in your discussion time.

Our 2nd mission is to welcome more organizations who sincerely want to work to glorify the image of our motherland and maintain the dignity of our 2 great nations. Even though, we would like to welcome individual American Bangladeshi citizen to join with us and to help us to dignify our motherland in this country. We will welcome any individual to join in any of our standing committee to help make this year's event successful. Our goal is to reach all of our community members in every corner of the greater Los Angeles and welcome them to participate in the Bangladesh Day Parade and be proud of it.



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Last year the previous cabinet introduced "HEALTH FAIR" which we will try to do more effectively so that it can bring some benefit for the community members. We are discussing with many of our Bangladeshi doctors how to make it beneficial for the community. We are in discussion to bring Child specialist, Family Medicine Doctor, Gynecologist, Cardiologist, Cancer specialist, Chiropractor, Dentist, Anesthesiologist, Cigna health care, Blue cross, Free flu shot for 20 people and after that with a minimum payment with the courtesy of BUFLA cabinet. Please let us know if any of our distinguished guests or members want to join with us to improve on these ideas to make it a success. Please share your ideas in your discussion.

My Dear fellow members and distinguished guests – I would like to request all of you to please forget everything that has happened in the past and help us with your advice, strong cooperation and friendship for the sake of our proud nation. I, on behalf of our cabinet are extremely sorry and apologize to any individual member or groups if your feelings were hurt during any of our BUFLA events. We are all in one family and proud to be a Bangladeshi. Let's work together.

We will try to popularize the BUFLA website to our community members so that they can connect with each other wherever they live and participate in any activities of our community. Our suggestion will be to restructure the website design so that the website becomes more productive and helpful. We may need to form a committee with the IT and Web design expert from our community for their advice and can seek their help and cooperation. We would like to thank to Dr. Mahbub Khan for maintaining BUFLA website regularly and for creating the LA-Discussion e-Forum which has opened a new door for our community members to exchange their views.

Our mission is to establish a number of standing committees and steering committees for community center, corporate funding, parade celebration, membership, political liaison with government officials and youth committee for our future generation. Those committees will be more independent and have the accountability with the cabinet. The responsibilities and procedures will be discussed in our next EC meeting and the processing will start immediately.

Our other mission is to contact with each and every donor(s) who helped BUFLA in the past years and to express our deep appreciation and gratefulness for their support. Our aim is to bring those donor(s) together and get their ideas as how BUFLA can be strengthened and improved in future. We feel they should be recognized in BUFLA website.

Distinguished guest and members – I would like to assure you that our financial transaction will be very accurate and every 6 month will be submitted to the EC's and we may post it to our website. Our vice President will be the coordinator of the financial team and he will assist the Finance Secretary from the beginning of our period. Every single penny will be accounted for and every member and the donors will be recognized by our cabinet.

Respected members and guests – we want to form a very strong Advisory Council who will help us with their advice and guidance in every step of BUFLA. In our next EC Meeting we will discuss about it and to form an Advisory Council immediately. We will ask your help to recommend the name and bring them into BUFLA for the greater interest of our community.

Dear respectable community members and attendees of this meeting, thank you very much for listening to my address with your full attention. I have already expressed my hopes and expectations that all of you are going to help this cabinet to make BUFLA stronger and more durable. The Cabinet and I are looking forward for your unconditional support and help to strengthen BUFLA and together Insha'allah we will take BUFLA to a higher level. I would also like to express my deep gratitude to the numerous sponsors, patrons, volunteers and friends who have helped tremendously to support and enrich BUFLA through the years. Today, in this very special BUFLA General Assembly meeting, I am cordially inviting all of you to please come forward and give your cooperation and help to transform our community into a distinguished community through the sincere steps and honest efforts of BUFLA.

At the end let's say "YES WE CAN", "UNITED WE STAND" and "TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE BUFLA BETTER AND STRONGER"



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MAY ALLAH HELP US

Thank you,

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