



# Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles (BUFLA)

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## Amended Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting **Sunday, March 13, 2011**

**Date:** Sunday, March 13, 2011  
**Time:** 11:00 AM-2:00 PM  
**Location:** North Hollywood Community Police Station  
11640 Burbank Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 91601.

**Disclaimer:** Please note that the **Minutes of the Meeting** are intended for member's notification and acknowledgement. These Minutes of the Meeting has been open for 7 (Seven) days for any feedbacks, comments or corrections that deem necessary. All feedbacks, comments and corrections are accommodated into this Amended Minutes of the Meeting. The Amended Minutes of the Meeting will be placed in the EC/GA meeting. No further feedbacks, comments or corrections will be entertained passed the deadline.

**ATTENDEES: (Present in the EC Meeting. The names are exactly in the order it appeared on the Attendance Sheet)**

Sl #	Name of the Attendees:	Position Title in BUFLA	Organization	Time in
1	Mr. Syed Nasir Jabul		S.C. Jalalabad Asscn.	
2	Mr. Kashrir Zaman		S.C. Jalalabad Asscn.	
3	Mr. M. A. Basith		S.C. Jalalabad Asscn.	
4	Mr. Shiper Chowdhury		Taranga of California	
5	Mr. Moazzem Chowdhury		Taranga of California	
6	Mr. Abul K. Toha	BOT Member	Board of Trustee	
7	Maj. (Retd.) Enamul Hamid		Taranga of California	
8	Dr. M. A. Hashem	Former President	Uttoron LA	
9	Dr. Mahbub Khan,	AC Chairman	Advisory Council	
10	Mr. M. A. Hamid		Friends Club	
11	Mr. Ferdous Khan		Valley Association	
12	Col. (Retd.) Omar Huda		BAVOA	
13	Mr. Shafiul Alam Babu,	Organizing Secretary		
14	Mr. Mohammad Ali Khan	Public Relations Officer		
15	Dr. Shah Alam,	General Secretary		
16	Mr. Nazrul Alam,	Former Organizing Secretary	S.C. Jalalabad Asscn.	
17	Mr. Md. Hossain Babul		Manikganj Samitee	
18	Mr. Amzad Hossain		Manikganj Samitee	
19	Mr. Maruf Islam		L. A. Bengals	
20	Mr. Mohammad Tarek		Bangladesh Mela	
21	Mr. Shamsur Rahman Khan		Guest	
22	Mr. Quazi M. Huda		DUAA	

23	Mr. Jashim Ahmed,	President		
24	Mr. Anisur Rahman,	Treasurer		
25	Mr. Ali Reza		S.C. Jalalabad Asscn.	
			<b>Total Organizations = 13</b>	

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### Opening of the Executive Committee Meeting:

1. The General Secretary Dr. Shah Alam opened the meeting.
2. The Meeting started with **National Anthems** of United States and of Bangladesh, **BUFLA Theme Song** ensued (all 3 anthems pre-recorded).
3. Former Organizing Secretary Mr. Nazrul Alam assisted the General Secretary in video-recording of the meeting. Mr. Anisur Rahman, Treasurer was assisting General Secretary with the operation of the sound system.
4. The General Secretary requested the President Mr. Jashim Ahmed to preside over the meeting.

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### **AGENDA:**

#### **1. Agenda Item - 1 Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Minutes of the Meeting** has been emailed to the EC/GA members in advance. Col. Omar Huda raised his concern about mentioning of "BAVOA is formed because of BUFLA" in the meeting minutes caused embarrassment for BAVOAs side. General Secretary assured him that the text was typed as understood and necessary corrective measures will be taken.

The EC members approved the Minutes of the EC meeting on January 23, 2010.

**Statement of Condolence:** The President Mr. Jashim Ahmed made a statement of Condolence of recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan and offered one minute of silence in the minute.

On request of President Mr. Jashim Ahmed General Secretary read out the meeting agenda and mentioned that the Action Committee has been meeting twice a week to carryout the tasks of the Bangladesh Day parade 2011 events.

#### **2. Agenda Item - 2 Fundraising:**

##### **a. Collection of Organizational & Fundraising Donation Pledges.**

SoCal Jalalabad Association	paid \$2,500.00	
Dr. M. A. Hashem Uttoron LA	paid \$1,000.00	
Mr. Marufl Islam of L. A. Bengals	paid \$500.00	
Ms. Amy Ghosh	paid \$200.00	
Dr. Shibly Nomani	paid \$100.00	
Mrs. Anjuman Ara Sheuly	paid \$100.00	
Dr. Shah Alam	paid \$390.00	
Dr. Shahidul Alam	paid \$100.00	
Mr. M. A. Hamid	paid \$200.00	Balance \$300.00
Col. Omar Huda		Balance \$1,000.00
Mr. Ismail Hossain		Balance \$500.00
Engr. Saleh Kibria	paid \$300.00	Balance \$200.00
Several Children (Anika, Shahriar)	paid \$	
Dr. Mahbub Khan	paid \$1,600.00 (\$500.00 in the Fundraising Dinner)	
Dr. M. A. Hashem	paid \$1,000.00	
Mr. Ferdous Khan		Balance \$500.00

Mr. M. A. Hamid (Friend Khokon) has made a commitment of \$500.00 and he mentioned Shafiul Alam Friend Babu will have the remaining \$300.00.

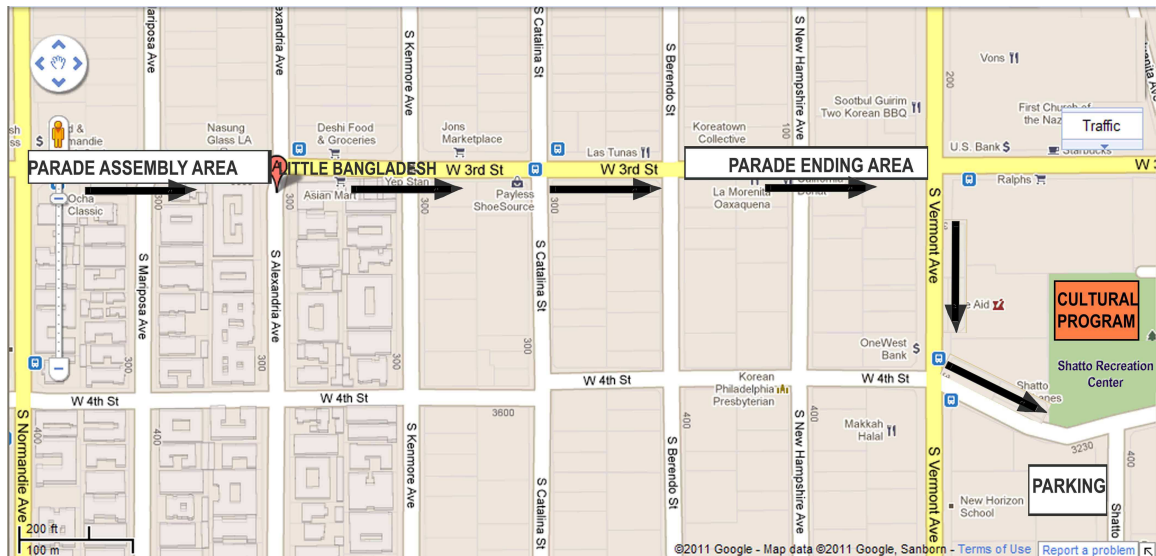
Col. Omar Huda stated that he would be embarrassed for not being able to collect pledged donation of \$1,000.00.

Dr. Shah Alam, General Secretary stated that in addition to the pledge of \$300.00 made in the Fundraising Dinner and reassured that he will continue all sorts of support and Jalshaghar Entertainment's in-kind donations for BUFLA.

### 3. Agenda Item - 3 Action Committee Status Update:

- **Fundraising Committee:** Discussion took place.
- **Parade Design and Coordination Committee:**

On request of President General Secretary stated that Dr. Hashem has been working with him shoulder to shoulder and mentioned Maj. Kutubis absence in all of the action committee meetings despite his responsibility as the Co-Coordinator. General Secretary made reference to Dr. Hashems previous years Parade coordination experience and invited him to make the presentation of the parade planning and preparation.



The Bangladesh Day Parade 2011 will take place on Saturday, March 26, 2011, the 40th Independence Day of Bangladesh. The Parade will start at the Intersection of 3rd Street and Normandie Avenue and it will end at Vermont Avenue, while it will pass over the Little Bangladesh area on 3rd Street.

### Parade Design

#### Sequence of groups

1. Motor Bike Show (15 motorbikes by Hurley Davidson group aka LA Tiger)
2. 3 Horse riders holding 3 flags
  - a. Bangladesh
  - b. United States
  - c. Bangladesh Unity Federation of Los Angeles
3. Largest Bangladesh flag-24 BUFLA Scouts will be holding and carrying it.
4. Convertible car/jeep for 2 dignitaries
5. Dignitaries group
6. Band group
7. Latino group

8. Flag dancing group (cheer leaders) (group of 24)
9. Women's group wearing colorful sharees- (group of 16 Barnamala group)
10. Men's group wearing colorful Red T-shirts or Green hat (group of 24)
11. Different characters groups (Somewhat like Dress as you like that would be in the Bangladesh theme)
12. Cultural group (Jalshaghar carrying musical instruments of all genres)
13. Organizations in groups (All in alphabetical order)
  - a. Sponsor organizations (in the order of sponsor status)
  - b. Registered EC member organizations (in alphabetical order)
  - c. Registered Associate member organizations. (in alphabetical order)
  - d. Any other registered organizations. (in alphabetical order)

**Questions was raised by the following members and answered by Dr. Hashem and the Parade Coordinator Dr. Shah Alam;**

Col. Huda also asked if the Green Party members/Leaders can join. He was responded affirmatively.

In answering to Mr. Shafiul Alam Dr. Hashem responded that the BUFLA Scouts will be comprised of both boys and girls.

Mr. Amzad Hossain asked if BUFLA will provide fund to the parade participant organizations. He also asked if the organization will be given placement in the parade in order to avoid confusion on the parade ground. Dr. Hashem responded affirmatively.

Col. Huda also asked if two blocks between Normandie Ave and Mariposa would be enough to assemble the parade. Dr. Hashem responded affirmatively.

In response to question about parking Dr. Hashem gave more details about parking as in the following; Participating organization members are suggested to drop off their passengers at the intersection of 3rd Street and Normandie Avenue and then they can park their cars at the Shatto Parking on Shatto Pl. Only drivers will be commuted to the parade assembly area by means of Shuttle vans. There will be \$7.00 charge for parking at Shatto Parking.

- **Seminar Committee:** President provided update on behalf of Coordinator.
- **Childrens Program Committee:** No discussion
- **Youth Sports Committee:** President stated its cancellation.
- **Souvenir Committee:** Public Relations Secretary Mohammad Ali Khan provided update that Souvenir is on its finalization and will be published several days before the parade.
- **Cultural Committee:** Public Relations Secretary Mohammad Ali Khan provided details about the Channel-I and artists. He mentioned that Channel-i is going to cover the parade and it will be broadcast in the Channel-i news. Channel-i will also broadcast a 15 minutes video footage of the parade at a later date. Somnur Monir Konal, the winner of the Channel-i Shera Kantho will come to the event. BUFLA will bear all expenses covering airfare, hotel accommodation food and miscellaneous though Channel-i will provide her honorarium. Close up one winner Rumi will come to the event and will perform. BUFLA will bear all expenses covering airfare, hotel accommodation, food, miscellaneous and his honorarium.

**4. Agenda Item - 4    Miscellaneous: No discussion**

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 6:30 PM.

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Please send me your any feedbacks, comments or corrections within 7 (Seven) days from the date of this notification.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

**Dr. Shah Alam**

General Secretary

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