



## Mr Alhaj Mohammed Zillul Haque

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Community Relations**

**A**lhaj Mohammed Zillul Hoque, a Life Long Trustee of Bangladesh Welfare Association was born in Sreeramshi, Jagonathpur in the district of Sunamgonj on the 2nd of January in 1932. His father is late Mr. Moulovi Satir Miah and mother is late Mrs. Hasina Khatun. Mr. Hoque is the youngest of his 3 siblings. He has 2 brothers and a sister (the eldest brother and the sister have passed away).

Zillul Hoque's professional life began in 1956 serving as an honorary founder teacher at the Sreeramshi High School. In the same year he left the country and moved to the UK to attend a university. Despite leaving the country, Mr. Hoque continued to work for the school in the UK in the fundraising capacity.

In 1957 Zillul Hoque was appointed as the Secretary of Pakistan Cultural Society in Europe. He also held the position of Assistant Secretary of the Pakistan Welfare Association (now known as Bangladesh Welfare Association). He was the Secretary of House Purchase Committee for raising fund to buy Shaheed Bhavan base of Bangladesh Welfare Association from 1964 to 1965. Later he was elected as the General Secretary of Bangladesh Welfare Association from 1967 to 1969. Then Mr. Hoque served this association as President from 1982 to 1986.

Among other notable appointments, Zillul Hoque held the role of General Secretary of the Sylhet People's Organization in the UK from 1966 to 1975. He was the chairman of Tower Hamlets Workers' Union from 1969 to 1972. Mr. Hoque did a significant amount of work for the Awami League from 1968 to 1975. He worked as the Public Relation Secretary from 1971 to 1972 and as General Secretary of London Awami League from 1972 to 1975. Previously he was also the Secretary of Bangobandhu Reception Committee (1969) when Sheik Mujibur Rahman was released from Agortola Conspiracy Case and came to England on 23rd of October 1969. Zillul Hoque played a pivotal role as the Organizing Secretary of Action Council for the Independence of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in 1971. During the liberation war, he worked for numerous organisations and later had the privilege of meeting Bangobandhu Sheik Mujib on his



first visit to Britain as the new Prime Minister of Bangladesh. Bangobandhu commended him for his contribution towards the Liberation War.

Zillul Hoque was the Founding Convener of the Jatiya Janota Party of England and later became the co-coordinator. He also served as a Governor for both Tower Hamlets College and Adult Education.

Mr. Hoque was Founding Convener of London Central Shaheed Minar Implementation Committee and the President of Brick Lane Jame Masjid from 1991 to 2002. He was also the Chairperson of Sylhet Bivhag Bastobayon Committee from 1993 to 1994.

Among all remarkable achievements, perhaps the greatest one is that, on 26th March 2005 Mr. Zillul Hoque was presented with a memento from the Bangladesh High Commission for the important role he played during the 1971 War of Independence. In addition to this, Mr. Hoque also received a Channel S Community Award in 2006 for the outstanding contribution he has made to numerous British Bangladeshis. In recognition of his work towards the community, the London Borough of Tower Hamlets also honoured him with the Civic Award in 2001. Mohammed Zillul Hoque is married to Mrs. Shamsun Nessa and together they have four children. Their only son Zituzzaman Hoque completed his LLB from the University of London and at present living in Bangladesh with his family and working as a lecturer at an Independent university in Bangladesh. Two of his daughters are married and the youngest one is studying at a university.