

NEWS LETTER

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From the Desk of the General Secretary: We have already passed one year in the office. Very eventful 2nd year is also running very fast. Since we took office we have undertaken many programs like winter cloth distribution, free medical camp, carrier counseling for cadets and young ex-cadets etc. We also amended the JEXCA constitution in the AGM. We inducted the ex-cadets of 41st & 42nd intake in our family. Besides organizing picnic and family get-together, Iftar party and Magfirat prayer for departed soul, we also had several meetings with intake representatives and council of advisors. Many intakes invited us in their own get-togethers. But probably the all important event in our tenure has just started moving ahead- "THE GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF JCC & 11TH.JEXCA REUNION." The caravan has started its journey under the able leadership of Syed Sajjad Hayat (3/99) As per the charter of our association we have given top priority to interconnectivity among JEXCAITES. Member's Directory of JEXCA was last published in 2007. Since a good number of ex-cadets have become members and a few of our members have passed away. Apart from these, in many cases personal information were not up to date for different reasons like changes of profession, job, address, contact numbers etc. Keeping all these factors in view, we have decided to make an e-directory within a very short time and prepare to publish before the GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION. May I therefore request you to kindly furnish us with your latest personal information as per the format given in the [website: www.webmeeting-jcc.com](http://www.webmeeting-jcc.com). If you have any confusion regarding this, you can contact our information and communication secretary Jasim,17/947/H (cell:01713490609, [mail:jasim947@hotmail.com](mailto:jasim947@hotmail.com)). A down loaded copy of this format is sent along with this issue of News Letter. Fill the form and send it back to Jexca office along with two copies of your PP size and one copy of stamp size photograph on or before 30th. March 2012. Names of Organizing Committee of Golden Jubilee Celebration & 11th.Jexca Reunion and List of all Sub-Committees are given in the Jexca official [website:www.jexca.org.bd.com](http://www.jexca.org.bd.com)

Editorial:

An Ode to 'Change'

Imagine a tiny boat in the midstream of a river running fast. Imagine how it is swept down the stream by the overwhelming current. Look at the world we live in today, look how the stream of time is shaping her every day. The tides of tsunami off the coast of Fukushima are still high on our minds and the towering flames of the nuclear explosions it caused keep burning bright. Eight months on, we are listening to the global anti-nuclear voices it has raised and the noise is getting stronger every day. Last week, French activists stopped a German train carrying nuclear waste at the border. The train was bound for a clandestine location inside France. Remember the widely publicized picture of 3 empty barrels of nuclear waste over a lush green vegetable field? That was how the German people were voicing their protest against the nuclear policy of their

country. Who knows this might well be the beginning of the end of an age- one that many- with certain pride on the back of their minds- were calling the Nuclear Age. Look at the continuously changing political landscape of the Arab world. Step back only half a calendar year and even the wildest of your imaginations would fail to see such miserable ends of despots like Ben Ali, Muammar Gaddafi and Hosni Mubarak. See the spectacular movement against the corporate world germinating in the heart of USA. 'Occupy Wall Street' - their audacious slogan reads as the roar is now heard across the Atlantic. So 'change' today has really been the word to watch out for. Sure enough- one Barack Obama popularized the chant á couple of years back as the idea shot him up to the White House in a most historically magnificent manner. Though he hasn't quite lived up to the hype notwithstanding the glory of the Nobel, the commoners across the globe have held the torch high.

Back in our own yard, how are we reacting to this global wave of change? 'Bodle Jao, Bodle Dao' - the clamor sounds fairly big. But are we really changing? Dr Selina Hayat Ivy and the people of Narayanganj might be telling us- 'Yes we are'. Indeed the monumental victory of Dr Ivy in the Narayanganj City Corporation election was one of the finest demonstrations of the power of democracy. It also goes on to show that our democracy is finally showing some signs of maturity. Still there are things that raise grave concern. Even if we choose to turn a blind eye on issues like the plummeting stock market, growing pollutions and corruptions, how can we remain oblivious of our growing lack of compassion to fellow human beings- a phenomenon that is manifested through the mindless acts of atrocities brought to us by the media?

So, where do we go from here? Where do we look for the light? We know there is light on the other side of the oceans; we know there is light across the deserts. Problem is- the distance makes us believe we never belonged there; we tend to feel that the events there are not relevant to us. This makes us indifferent to the extent that we lose our passion for change. So, what we really need is to try and look it up right in front of us. How about those poor village women of Pirganj who changed their fortune simply by joining hands? How about that old rickshaw puller who paddled his way through the dream of establishing a hospital for the poor? For us- the JEXCAITES- things may be even closer. The spirit of change has been held high at our own organization. If we were happy to see democracy getting a boost in Africa, JEXCA in the recent times should also make us proud. Indeed JEXCA has never been more democratic than it is today. The practice of democracy can now be felt in each and every decision-making process of JEXCA. To increase the operational efficiency of JEXCA, senior members and former executives are consulted on regular basis. Opinions and suggestions of the JEXCAITES are considered with due importance and are often reflected in the policy attributes of JEXCA. This should go a long way in giving everybody within JEXCA a true sense of belonging.

As humans, we are designed for extraordinary things- a truth that has been documented through ages. So, if 'change' is what the 'blue planet' really needs today, change we will- for the better.

Notable Events:

The AGM and Inception of the 41st and 42nd Intakes:

This year JEXCA calendar has already seen a string of important and memorable events. JEXCA AGM was one of the most vibrant of them all. Held on the 1st of July, 2011 at the Hotel '71 in Bijoy nagar, Dhaka- the program was attended by a total of 167 ex-cadets. Add another 100 fresh pass-outs to this and you have quite a crowd. There were more than a few participants from abroad who deserve special mention. Ex-cadet **Azmal Khan (3/188)** from Pakistan was returning to the JEXCA family after 40 long years. Try and imagine what a moment this was for him! Ex-cadet **Mokarrim (3/104.)** who was the first general secretary of JEXCA travelled from the US to join the meeting. In the AGM this year, a number of important amendments were made to the JEXCA constitution. The amended constitution will be posted in the JEXCA website shortly.

The AGM this year was tagged with the inception of the 41st and 42nd intakes into the JEXCA family. This added colors to the event and greatly invigorated the whole occasion. The new JEXCA members interacted with the senior ex-cadets to have some vital clues about how life is for the cadets outside the walls of the cadet college. For many, the encounter was a true eye-opener.

The chief guest of the inception program was Mr. Sk. Nasiruddin- Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Akiz group. The meeting started at 4 in the afternoon and continued until 10.30 pm.

JEXCA Iftar Party:

JEXCA Iftar party took place on Friday, the 5th of August, 2011 at the same venue. The event was observed with due religious zeal and fervor as the Jexcaites participated in large numbers along with their families. The program started at 5 in the afternoon. Special prayer was held just before the Iftar where blessing of the almighty Allah was sought for peace and tranquility in the country, in the Muslim Ummah as well as in the world. The program ended with dinner. The occasion was another opportunity for the extended JEXCA family to come closer to one another and rejuvenate their spirit of fraternity.

49th JCC Day & the Naming Ceremony of the House Common Rooms after the BDR Martyrs:

The 49th JCC day was observed in JCC on 18th October, 2011. The event this year was a special one in the sense that it incorporated the ceremony in which the three house common rooms of JCC were named after the three BDR martyrs from the JEXCA family. If AGM was the most vibrant of the JEXCA events this year, this was one that was most emotionally charged. A brainchild of Ex-cadet Md Nasser Shahrear Zahedee (6/315), the program was attended by the parents of the martyrs, a number of EC members from Dhaka including JEXCA president Nasir and GS Mahbub and a delegate from Khulna that included Ex-cadet Firoz and Amir. Ex-cadet Zahidi travelled from Jessore to join the event. Ex-cadet Sajjad (15/845)-the principal of JCC made sure that the program was organized in a most befitting manner. The space in between the academic block and principal's office was decorated where the main formalities of the program took place.

The common room of Badr house was named after BDR martyr Col. Moshiur Rahman (11/664) and common rooms of Khaiber and Hunain house were named after BDR martyrs Col. Kudrat E Elahi Rahman Shafiq (11/623) and Major SM Idris Iqbal (22/1249), respectively. The parents of the martyrs spoke on the occasion. Their tearful speeches made the air heavy. Death has brought them glory- their supreme sacrifice has orchestrated a complete transformation in the ranks and files of Bangladesh Rifles. As members of the JEXCA family, we do take pride in their sacrifice. What, however, hurts is the thought that life could have brought them more than what death has! Special prayer was held seeking divine blessings for the departed souls.

Later, a grand luncheon was thrown in the honor of the dignitaries which was attended among others by district Commissioner, Police Super and the Member of the Parliament of Jhenidah.

Upcoming Events:

Reunion and the 50th Anniversary of JCC:

Although a date is yet to be finalized, the next JEXCA reunion is set to take place in January 2013. As we all know that the upcoming reunion is going to coincide with the 50th anniversary of JCC- a landmark that everyone in the JEXCA family would agree-calls for a befitting celebration. To this end, you can send in your thoughts and ideas to the committee through the JEXCA website (www.webmeeting-jcc.com), new JEXCA information and communication **SECRETARY** Jasim Uddin Ferdous/947/17/H (jasim947@hotmail.com) or directly to the e-mail of the JEXCA general secretary (mahbub949@yahoo.com).

Important Notifications

EC meetings of JEXCA are being held regularly at the JEXCA office. Advance notifications regarding the date and time of the meetings are made by the JEXCA GS Mahbub. All EC members are requested to attend the meetings regularly.

Ex-cadets are requested to update their whereabouts at www.webmeeting-jcc.com. For password and other assistance in this regard, please contact Jasim 17/947/H (jasim947@hotmail.com) the new Information and Communications Secretary of JEXCA (Cell: 01713490609).

Notable Personal Achievements by JEXCAITES :

Following are some of the recent personal achievements by JEXCAites that we know of;

Mahfuz (10/618), Sk. Md.Aman Hasan (9/516) and Salauddin Miazi (12/ 688) were promoted to the rank of Major General, congratulations!
Ahsan (12/685), Siddique (14/834), Rouf (14/830), Shams (15/839), Shafique (15/ 868), Saiful (15/884) and Shafin (15/887) have been promoted to the rank of Brigadier. Congratulations! Razzak (7/476) recently got promotion and awaiting his posting. Maruf (10/603) has promoted to the rank of Additional DIG and posted to DMP as Joint Commissioner DB.

Bashar (18/1003) became an Assistant Professor of Vascular Surgery at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD).

Shiham (37/1996) has recently joined the Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC. He is presently working at the bank's Gulshan Branch.

Ashiq (37/2017) has recently Joined SSF.

Appeal: We would like to bring you stories like this on a regular basis. Intake representatives are requested to e-mail us the news of any personal or group achievements/initiatives from time to time, so we can include them in the subsequent issues. E-mails for correspondence; ahmbashar@yahoo.com, mahbub949@yahoo.com jasim947@hotmail.com

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