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THE PRIME MINISTER

I am happy to send my best wishes to everyone involved in the 2026 edition of British Bangladeshi Who's Who.

This is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements and contributions of members of the British Bangladeshi community and highlight the positive impact made across every part of the UK.

The British Bangladeshi community makes a meaningful contribution to the life of our nation, helping to strengthen our economy, enrich our culture, and serve our communities with distinction. This publication provides an important platform to celebrate those achievements and to recognise the individuals whose dedication, talent and leadership continue to inspire others.

My congratulations go to all those featured in this year's edition, as well as to everyone who has helped make the publication such a valued and enduring success over the past seventeen years.





MAYOR OF LONDON

Thank you for your letter of 20th July requesting a message of support for your 17th Anniversary Edition. I am happy to provide the following message:

"I want to extend my congratulations to British Bangladeshi Who's Who 2026 as you gather to celebrate the achievements of the British Bangladeshi community.

The contributions of the Bangladeshi community to London are an undeniable part of what makes us the most vibrant city in the world. A city that celebrates and respects its differences. I am proud to be Mayor of such a forward-looking, dynamic and global city.

I know the importance of role models, and as you celebrate your community, I know it will only continue to inspire the next generation of all Londoners, not just members of the Bangladeshi community.

Congratulations to you all, I hope you have an enjoyable evening celebrating your success"

Yours sincerely,

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London



High Commission for the People's Republic of Bangladesh
London, United Kingdom

High Commissioner

Message from H.E. the High Commissioner

I am pleased to learn that the 2026 edition of the *British Bangladeshi Who's Who* is being published.

The British Bangladeshi community has made significant contributions to politics, business, arts and culture, education, and many other areas of professional and public life. Through their hard work, dedication, and determination, members of this community have achieved remarkable success and earned recognition in their respective fields. Their accomplishments are a source of great pride for Bangladesh and its people.

Recognising and celebrating these achievements is important for preserving the success stories of our community and inspiring future generations. The experiences of successful British Bangladeshis will encourage young people to pursue their ambitions, overcome challenges, and contribute positively to society. This publication will also provide an opportunity for Bangladeshis at home and abroad to learn about these accomplishments and draw inspiration from the outstanding contributions of their fellow countrymen.

I appreciate the *British Bangladeshi Who's Who* for its commendable initiative in documenting and promoting the achievements of British Bangladeshis. I am confident that this publication will continue to serve as a valuable source of inspiration, while strengthening the sense of pride, unity, and shared identity within our community.

I wish the *British Bangladeshi Who's Who 2026* every success and hope that this worthy initiative will continue to flourish, making a lasting contribution to the British Bangladeshi community and fostering closer ties between Bangladesh and the United Kingdom in the years ahead.

Ambassador Muhammad Abdul Muhith
High Commissioner of Bangladesh to the United Kingdom



Foreword from the Editor

We have now reached a magnificent 17th year for this publication. During these times of anti-migrant rhetoric, it has become extremely important to highlight the contributions that migrant communities are making and have made to this country.

This years publication focuses on the high achievers and success stories within this brilliant British Bangladeshi community.

We have, as usual, selected the brightest and best and given them the awards for their achievements.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy reading through the wonderful stories in this years edition.

Mohammed Abdul Karim (Goni)
Editor
15th October 2026



Foreword from the Executive Editor

The British Bangladeshi Who's Who is now in its 17th year and what better way is there to celebrate than by highlighting the amazing achievements of this great community which is endlessly making immense contributions to this country.
This years edition promises to be as exciting as ever and has revealed some real success stories. These role models will continue to inspire the current and future generations.
I hope you enjoy the evening and the Publication.

Suhana Anwar Ahmed
Executive Editor
20th October 2026



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Mohammed Koysor Ahmed

Sector:
Politics / Entrepreneur / Community

Mohammed Koysor Ahmed is a Bangladeshi politician, entrepreneur and community leader whose career has encompassed public service, business and community engagement in both Bangladesh and the United Kingdom. His professional and civic journey reflects a longstanding commitment to political participation, grassroots development, entrepreneurship and the advancement of opportunities for communities at home and abroad.

Ahmed currently serves as a Member of Parliament for the Sunamganj-3 constituency, comprising Jagannathpur and Shantiganj, in the Jatiya Sangsad, representing the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). His political career has been shaped by extensive organisational experience, community engagement and involvement in democratic advocacy.

His interest in public life developed during his student years, when he became involved in student politics at Jagannathpur College and subsequently at Madanmohan College in Sylhet. These formative experiences provided an early grounding in political organisation, leadership and grassroots engagement. They also brought him into close contact with the aspirations of young people and the challenges confronting local communities, experiences that would influence his subsequent approach to public and community affairs.

Before entering Parliament, Ahmed established a prominent organisational role within the British Bangladeshi community. He served three terms as General Secretary of the UK BNP, undertaking significant responsibilities in coordinating the organisation's activities and maintaining engagement with the Bangladeshi diaspora in Britain.

During his years of organisational leadership, he was involved in arranging seminars, roadshows, public demonstrations and awareness initiatives addressing issues including democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Bangladesh. His work brought together members of the diaspora around matters of civic and political interest and provided him with considerable experience in organising people, coordinating public activities and communicating across communities and geographical boundaries.

Alongside his political career, Ahmed has pursued an entrepreneurial career with business interests in both the United Kingdom and Bangladesh, particularly within the catering and hospitality sectors. His experience in business has provided him with an understanding of the opportunities and challenges encountered by entrepreneurs, employers and local communities. It has also informed his emphasis on the contribution that enterprise and private-sector activity can make to employment, family livelihoods and local economic development.

Ahmed has remained closely connected to the British Bangladeshi community and has supported charitable causes, grassroots initiatives and community programmes. His civic involvement has included efforts to strengthen social connections, support families and encourage opportunities for younger generations. He has consistently emphasised the importance of community participation and the responsibilities associated with leadership beyond formal political office.

His career across politics, business and community life has developed through a combination of organisational experience, entrepreneurial activity and sustained engagement with people in Bangladesh and the United Kingdom. From his early participation in student politics to his leadership within the diaspora and subsequent role in national politics, Ahmed's public life has been closely connected with grassroots organisation and community engagement.

Through his work in public service, enterprise and civic initiatives, Mohammed Koysor Ahmed continues to maintain a strong connection with both the communities he represents in Bangladesh and the wider British Bangladeshi community. His professional journey reflects an enduring interest in democratic participation, economic opportunity, community development and creating pathways for future generations.



Ruhul Amin OBE

Sector: Technology

Ruhul Amin OBE is a British-Bangladeshi technology entrepreneur and engineer who co-founded Onfido, the artificial intelligence company that helped transform how people prove their identity online.

Ruhul grew up in East London and developed an early interest in computers, electronics and understanding how things worked. He studied Engineering Science at the University of Oxford, specialising in Information Engineering. During his final year, he completed a machine-learning project that used images to identify wildlife at scale. The project introduced him to the wider potential of machine learning and how it could be used to solve real-world problems - experience that would later prove valuable at Onfido.

In 2012, shortly after leaving Oxford, Ruhul started Onfido with two fellow Oxford graduates. Doing so meant turning away from the more conventional careers available and taking a leap of faith on an idea with no guarantee of success. The founders were in their early twenties, had little professional experience and had to learn how to build a product, find customers and run a company. For Ruhul, entrepreneurship offered the opportunity to apply his technical skills and build something from the ground up.

Onfido was founded on the belief that proving your identity online should be both secure and straightforward. The company used artificial intelligence to check identity documents and match them to the person presenting them, enabling people to access services remotely. Machine learning was built into the product from the outset, long before AI became widely adopted by businesses. Over the following decade, Onfido remained at the forefront of the field, applying advances in computer vision, deep learning and generative AI as both the technology and the threats it had to address evolved. Alongside developing the technology, Ruhul and his co-founders placed a strong emphasis on building an exceptional team and a culture in which people could do their best work. Both played a defining role in the company's success.

Onfido grew from a small start-up into a global business employing more than 500 people, serving over 1,200 customers and generating more than $130 million in annual revenue. Its growth coincided with remote identity verification becoming a routine part of opening bank accounts and accessing other regulated services online. In April 2024, Onfido was acquired by Entrust in a transaction worth $650 million.

In the King's New Year Honours 2026, Ruhul was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to fintech and artificial intelligence. The honour recognised his contribution to a field that has become increasingly important as AI creates both new possibilities and more sophisticated forms of identity fraud. It also carried a wider personal meaning: that someone raised in East London and shaped by its Bangladeshi community could help build technology with an impact around the world.

Ruhul became involved in community work at a young age, volunteering at Stifford Community Centre in Tower Hamlets. He helped the centre deliver services and activities for local people while gaining early experience of taking responsibility, organising projects and working with others - skills that would later prove valuable at Onfido. He has continued to support and encourage young people through mentoring, school talks and other outreach initiatives, particularly those considering careers in engineering and entrepreneurship.

After leaving Onfido, Ruhul has continued to explore new ventures and advise founders and investors, particularly in artificial intelligence and other technically ambitious fields. His focus remains on building new things and applying technology to difficult real-world problems.



Dr Rafiqul Haider

Sector: Business / Community

Dr Rafiqul Haider is a British-Bangladeshi business and community leader whose professional career spans finance, taxation, entrepreneurship, hospitality, property and community development in the United Kingdom and Bangladesh.

Born in Narayanganj, Dhaka, and with family roots in Kulaura, Moulvibazar, Bangladesh, Dr Haider has built a career characterised by professional expertise, entrepreneurship and sustained community engagement. Following his education at the University of Dhaka, and he is general affiliate member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) he began his professional career in Bangladesh before moving to the United Kingdom, where he established himself within the country's accounting and business community.

Dr Haider has been associated with Mohammad Shah & Co. LLP Chartered Accountants, one of London's longstanding Asian-led chartered accountancy firms, since 1995. Over more than three decades in the profession, he has developed specialist expertise in VAT, taxation and investigation cases, advising businesses and individuals on complex financial and regulatory matters.He currently serves as a partner at the chartered accountancy firm, reflecting his longstanding professional experience and contribution to the practice.

Alongside his accountancy career, Dr Haider has developed extensive entrepreneurial interests in both the UK and Bangladesh, with more than two decades of experience in the restaurant and housing sectors. His business activities reflect a broad understanding of commercial operations and the changing needs of entrepreneurs and communities in both countries. His involvement in the hospitality sector has further expanded his professional and community contribution. He serves as Finance Director of the Asian Catering Federation, where he contributes to the organisation's financial affairs and industry initiatives, including the prestigious Asian Curry Awards. Through this role, he has brought together his experience in finance, hospitality and community-led enterprise.

Dr Haider's commitment to community service extends well beyond his professional responsibilities. In January 2025, he was appointed as a Trustee of Darul Amaan Trust (Darul Amaan Masjid), Apasen International, Helpful Hands Foundation, Jokiganj Education Trust and Sherpur Welfare Trust, adding another significant dimension to his charitable and community work.

He currently serves as Chief Treasurer of the Global Jalalabad Association and as Treasurer of the South London Bangladesh Welfare Association. He is also a life member of several UK-registered organisations supporting healthcare, education, community welfare and social development. These include Beani Bazar Cancer Hospital, Bangladesh Welfare Association of Croydon, Jalalabad Association (UK), Homeless Poverty Relief Foundation,Friends of National Heart Foundation Sylhet and Kidney Foundation Hospital Sylhet.

Dr Haider has also supported organisations including The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity and Sreepur Village in Dhaka Bangladesh, reflecting his longstanding interest in charitable initiatives and community development on both sides of the Bangladeshi diaspora.

His community engagement also extends into public and political life. He serves as Treasurer of a local Labour Party community organisation, alongside his wider involvement with Bangladeshi community and charitable organisations and also Member of British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce &Industry (BBCCI).

Dr Haider's contribution to professional and community life has been recognised through a number of honours. In 2024, he received the Excellence in Financial Leadership and Community Service Award at the Global NRB Awards. In 2025, he received an Excellence Award from the Sunrise Spectrum Bangla radio programme.

His commitment to public service is also rooted in his family's history of service. His father, Asaddar Ali, served in the British Army during the Second World War and subsequently joined the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) as an Accounts Officer following the independence of India and Pakistan in 1947. His mother, Alam Ara Begum, devoted her life to her family. His elder brother, Jalal Uddin Haider, was a freedom fighter who lost his life during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.

Before moving to the United Kingdom, Dr Haider worked for the Bangladesh government's Social Services Department. This early experience contributed to his longstanding interest in public service, social welfare and community development.

Family remains an important part of Dr Haider's life. His wife, Sofia Haider, works as a sixth-form coordinator at a London school. Their son works in the IT sector in London, while their daughter is a law graduate.

From his early professional career in Bangladesh to his longstanding role in London's accountancy sector, Dr Rafiqul Haider's journey reflects the experience of a British-Bangladeshi professional who has combined financial expertise with entrepreneurship and community service. His work across accountancy, business, hospitality, charitable organisations and community institutions has enabled him to contribute to both professional and civic life, while maintaining strong connections with communities in the United Kingdom and Bangladesh.



Mayor Forhad Hussain

Sector: Politics

Forhad Hussain is a Labour politician whose life and public service have been shaped by Newham, the borough he has always called home. Forhadwas elected Executive Mayor of Newham in May 2026. Like many British Bangladeshis, his story is one of hard work, resilience and determination. Growing up on a local estate, he studied while working to help support his family. He experienced racism and the financial pressures familiar to many families, experiences that strengthened his belief in opportunity, fairness and public service.

Education opened new opportunities for him. After attending local schools and Newham Sixth Form College (NewVIc), he became the college's first student to achieve three A grades at A level before going on to study Aeronautical Engineering at Imperial College London. He went on to build a successful career in engineering and infrastructure, including working as a Principal Consultant at Arcadis on the Lower Thames Crossing, one of the UK's largest infrastructure projects.

Alongside his professional career, Forhad has remained committed to serving his community. He served as a Newham councillor and cabinet member for eight years until 2018, before being elected Executive Mayor of Newham in May 2026.

As Mayor, he has focused on improving everyday life for local people, with priorities including safer neighbourhoods, opportunities for young people, support for working families and high-quality public services. He believes leadership starts with listening.

Under Forhad's leadership, the Council is working to be more open, transparent and accountable, building stronger partnerships with residents and communities so that decisions reflect the people they affect.

Away from public life, Forhad is a passionate supporter of grassroots cricket. As an ECB Level 2 coach, he has helped develop young players across Newham and east London, believing that sport builds confidence, teamwork and stronger communities.

Forhad is proud of his British Bangladeshi heritage and of Newham's rich diversity. He believes the borough's greatest strength is its people and remains committed to helping create a future where every resident can succeed and every family can look forward with confidence.



Forhad Hussain Tipu

Sector:
Entrepreneur / Catering / Charity

Forhad Hussain Tipu is a British Bangladeshi entrepreneur, community leader and charity organiser whose work encompasses business, healthcare, education and community development in both the United Kingdom and Bangladesh.
Born in Dasura, Beanibazar, Sylhet, he received his early education at Dasura Senior Madrasah before completing his SSC at PC High School, Barlekha, and his HSC at Barlekha Degree College. He subsequently studied Economics at MC College, Sylhet, before moving to the United Kingdom. He continued his education at Tower Hamlets College and Ethames Business School and later obtained a BA (Hons) in Business and Management from the University of Sunderland, UK.

Forhad began his entrepreneurial career in 2001, establishing a takeaway business in Halstead, Essex, with his elder brother, Aktar Hussain. The success of the venture led to the expansion of their catering interests and further investment in property across the region. In 2022, together with business partners, he co-founded the Kaani Kaana Group, a Bangladeshi and Indian takeaway brand with a growing presence in Essex.

An active figure within the UK hospitality sector, Forhad currently serves as Deputy General Secretary of the Bangladesh Caterers Association UK. He has previously held the positions of Press and Publications Secretary and Organising Secretary, as well as serving as General Secretary of the Association's Essex Branch. He is also an Executive Member of Catering Circle, a hospitality-focused television programme broadcast on Channel S.
Alongside his business interests, Forhad has maintained a longstanding commitment to charitable and community service. His involvement in voluntary work began in Bangladesh, where he served as Organising Secretary of Proyash Volunteer Organisation. Through the organisation, he helped coordinate day-long eye camps and other community welfare initiatives aimed at supporting underprivileged people.

Following his move to the United Kingdom, he became actively involved with his village association, Dasura Shondorpur Jonokollan Samity, an organisation established in 1965. He served as Organising Secretary and later as Acting General Secretary, contributing to a range of community development and welfare activities.

He was also a Coordinator with Royal Voluntary Service from November 2019 to December 2023 and has actively raised funds for numerous charitable causes, including Cancer Research UK.
He is currently Co-Founder, Trustee and Marketing Director of the Beanibazar Cancer & General Hospital Foundation, supporting the development of Bangladesh's first dedicated cancer hospital. He also serves as Organising Secretary of Friends of Heart Foundation Sylhet and is a Life Member of Heart Foundation Sylhet.
His previous and continuing community roles include Chief Treasurer of Beanibazar Jonokollayan Samity UK, General Secretary of Beanibazar Welfare Trust UK and Founder Director of Prism Foundation. He is also a Founding Member of Beanibazar Sporting Club UK, Tilpara Welfare & Education Trust UK and Ilford Community Initiative, as well as a donor member of Beanibazar High School, Dasura Senior Madrasah and Iqra International.
Through his work in business, healthcare, education and welfare, Forhad has contributed to numerous charitable and social initiatives while helping to strengthen connections between the British Bangladeshi community and Bangladesh. His leadership reflects a lifelong dedication to entrepreneurship, philanthropy and community development.
He lives in Essex with his wife, Amina Aktar, and their four daughters.

Monira K Hussain

Sector:
Lawyer / Entrepreneur / Philanthropist



Monira K Hussain is an award-winning British lawyer, entrepreneur and philanthropist whose career reflects a distinctive combination of professional excellence, social responsibility and commitment to community.
A British-Bangladeshi Muslim woman whose achievements have been shaped by faith, family, resilience and service, she has built a career founded upon the belief that success carries a responsibility to create opportunity for others.
Born into a British-Bangladeshi family, Monira grew up with a deep appreciation of both the opportunities offered by Britain and the sacrifices made by an immigrant generation determined to secure a better future for its children. She describes herself as the "daughter of sacrifice" and the "custodian of my parents' values and dreams." The principles instilled by her mother and late father—honesty, integrity, compassion, hard work and respect—remain central to her personal and professional life.

Monira entered the legal profession with a clear sense of purpose. For her, law was never simply a profession; it was a means through which individuals and families could obtain justice, security, dignity and a voice.
Her commitment was recognised at an early stage of her career when, while still a trainee solicitor, she received the Peter Duffy Award for Young Human Rights Lawyer of the Year. Her work was recognised for its commitment to securing fundamental rights for Asian women, asylum seekers and young offenders.
The distinction marked an important early chapter in a career that would become characterised by advocacy, determination and an understanding of the human circumstances behind legal disputes.
Monira went on to establish herself within the legal profession and build a successful law firm recognised for professional excellence, compassion and results. Her approach has consistently placed the individual at the centre of legal representation. Whether dealing with immigration, family matters, injustice or uncertainty about the future, she recognises that behind every legal case is a person whose life may be profoundly affected by its outcome.
This philosophy is reflected in her description of herself as "not just a lawyer of the courts, but of conscience."
Beyond the legal profession, Monira has developed an entrepreneurial portfolio extending into property and women's wellbeing. Her business interests reflect a broader philosophy: that commercial success and social responsibility need not exist separately.
A strong advocate for women's economic empowerment, she encourages women to develop financial understanding, create wealth, establish businesses and pursue ambitious careers while remaining true to their values, faith and family responsibilities.
For Monira, financial independence is not simply about personal prosperity. Knowledge of money, enterprise and wealth creation can provide individuals and families with greater security, confidence and choice.
Her entrepreneurial journey therefore forms part of a wider mission to encourage women to move from survival to stability, from stability to prosperity, and from prosperity to meaningful contribution.
At the heart of Monira's understanding of achievement is family. She is proudly a mother, wife, daughter and sister, and regards family life not as separate from ambition, but as one of the foundations of it.
Her philosophy is captured in the words:
"Mothers can build empires without breaking homes."
The statement reflects her belief that women should not be forced to choose between professional ambition and family life. Instead, she seeks to demonstrate that leadership, motherhood and enterprise can coexist when built upon purpose, values and balance.
Her British-Bangladeshi Muslim identity is equally important to her story. Rather than viewing heritage and faith as limitations, Monira regards them as sources of strength, discipline, identity and resilience.
Her journey carries a message particularly relevant to younger generations: one should not have to abandon who they are in order to become who they are capable of being.

Although much of Monira's philanthropy has historically been undertaken quietly, supporting individuals and families without seeking public recognition, she is increasingly focused on transforming that experience into broader social impact.
Her emerging public platform explores themes including law as liberation, women and wealth, faith without apology, immigrant resilience, motherhood, leadership and transforming survival into significance.
At the centre of her philosophy is a simple but powerful principle:
"I do not rise alone. Every step forward is a rope I throw back."
For Monira, legacy is therefore measured not solely by professional titles, commercial achievements or material success, but by the lives touched along the way. Women empowered, families supported, young people inspired and opportunities created for those who follow represent, in her view, the most meaningful measures of achievement.
Her story reflects that of a generation of British Bangladeshis whose parents arrived with limited resources but immense hope, and whose children have transformed that hope into professional achievement, enterprise and civic contribution.
Today, Monira K Hussain continues to build upon that legacy. Her ambition extends beyond personal accomplishment towards creating greater access, confidence and possibility for others—particularly women, young people and communities navigating the intersection of heritage, faith, family and modern opportunity.

Her journey from humble beginnings to professional recognition, entrepreneurship and philanthropy is ultimately a story of purpose: to succeed without forgetting where she came from, to rise without leaving others behind, and to turn achievement into opportunity for the generation that follows.
Monira K Hussain stands as a lawyer, entrepreneur, philanthropist and advocate whose defining ambition is not simply to build a successful life, but to build a lasting legacy of access, possibility and service—from humble beginnings to global purpose.



Mohammed Roziur Rahman Mortuza (Roj)

M.Eng., B.Eng. (Hons)

Sector: Entrepreneur / Sports

Mohammed Roziur Rahman Mortuza, known as Roj Rahman, is a British Bangladeshi entrepreneur, community leader and football club owner whose life reflects faith, family, enterprise and service. Originally from Boro Hazipur, Osmaninagar, Sylhet, Bangladesh, his journey from modest beginnings in Scunthorpe to business leadership and football ownership is one of determination, resilience and a lasting commitment to community.

Roj arrived in the United Kingdom with his mother, Tahera Begum, in August 1974 to join his father, Al-Haj Mohammed Mortuza, who had already settled in Scunthorpe. His father worked tirelessly in the steel industry while dedicating himself to the local Muslim community. He played a leading role in establishing mosques, madrassahs and Muslim burial facilities, advocated access to halal food in schools and hospitals, and built a property portfolio through hard work and personal endeavour.

As one of six children, Roj grew up in a family where achievement was understood as a responsibility to others. Growing up in 1970s Scunthorpe brought cultural, linguistic and racial challenges. As one of relatively few children from the Indian subcontinent at school, Roj experienced what it meant to grow up as part of a visible minority.

Education became an important foundation. Roj served as Deputy Head Boy at college before progressing to university, where he completed a Master's degree in Manufacturing Systems Engineering. Alongside his studies, he gained valuable practical experience, working at the renowned Record Village on Scunthorpe High Street and alongside his brother, Dr Mujahidy, at The Taj Indian Takeaway.

He became one of the area's earliest home-delivery drivers, delivering Indian meals throughout Scunthorpe in an era before mobile phones and satellite navigation. These formative experiences taught him the value of hard work, customer service, responsibility and enterprise, while providing his first insight into the hospitality industry.

Roj continued supporting his father's property business throughout his education and early career. After a period working in engineering, he returned to Scunthorpe in 1997 and embarked upon a career in local government, spending approximately fifteen years in public service, initially within the education sector.

His commitment to young people led him, together with his brother Hafiz Maulana Oliur Rahman, to establish the voluntary Madani Youth Organisation (MYO). The initiative encouraged young people to participate in positive activities, raise their aspirations and improve educational attainment. Its work received national recognition, resulting in an invitation from Prime Minister Tony Blair to visit 10 Downing Street in acknowledgement of its contribution to community development.

In 2006, he formally established Mortz Property Services, naming the business in honour of his father. Through vision and diversification, the enterprise expanded from property into catering, hospitality, construction, leisure, beauty and wellbeing, and international property investment, developing into the wider Mortz Business Group.

Football has been another defining thread in Roj's life. His love for Scunthorpe United began in childhood. Unable to afford a match ticket, he would wait outside the Fox Street gates until shortly before full time, when he could sometimes enter the ground. He remembers standing beneath the floodlights on freezing evenings, surrounded by supporters in flat caps and long coats, with the familiar aroma of Bovril in the air. Those memories created a lifelong bond with the club.

His involvement continued over many years. He supported Scunthorpe United's Football in the Community programme and the Kick Racism Out of Football campaign, helped Muslim players settle into the area, sponsored matches and match balls, funded the stadium scoreboard and sponsored a stand in honour of his father under the name Mortz. His longstanding commitment eventually led to an invitation to join the club's Board of Directors.

In October 2023, Scunthorpe United faced a critical financial crisis following the withdrawal of support from its previous owner. With only hours remaining, Roj became part of a local consortium led by Michelle Harness that completed the takeover, helping secure the immediate future of the club.

The new ownership inherited significant financial challenges, including the urgent need to secure the club's home stadium. Within a year, the stadium was purchased, helping safeguard the club's long-term future. In May 2024, Roj became a co-owner of Scunthorpe United and was appointed Vice-Chairman, serving alongside Chair Michelle Harness and fellow directors George Aitkenhead and Ian Sharp.

He lives with his wife, Anna, and their children, Hafiz Maulana Luqman, Hafiz Maulana Usman and Tahera

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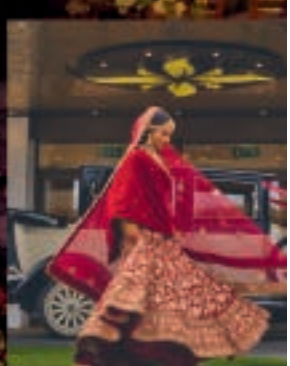

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BRITISH BANGLADESHI

WHO'S WHO 2026

NEW ENTRIES 2026

Cllr Barrister Musthak Ahmed is the Speaker of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for the 2026–2027 municipal year and Councillor for Bethnal Green West. A resident of Bethnal Green for more than two decades, he has devoted much of his life to public service, community advancement and the pursuit of opportunity for others.

Born and raised in Beig Bari, Khatira, Jalalpur, Sylhet, Bangladesh, he is the son of the late Muhammad Ibrahim and Husneara Begum and one of six siblings. His upbringing was founded upon faith, integrity, education, hard work and a profound sense of responsibility towards others.

He came to the United Kingdom at the age of 18 and began his working life as a kitchen porter. Through determination and enterprise, he progressed into restaurant management and ownership, spending approximately 12 years in the catering industry. These formative experiences instilled in him resilience, humility and an enduring respect for the dignity of work.

At 30, while working and supporting a young family, Cllr Ahmed returned to formal education. He studied at Tower Hamlets College, where he was named Student of the Year at Arbour Square, before obtaining a BA (Hons) from The Open University and an LLB (Hons) from the University of Law. He completed the Bar Professional Training Course and was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. His legal experience encompasses civil, employment, immigration and criminal law, including work as a Police Station Legal Representative. He continues his professional development through the solicitor route with Lawmatic Solicitors.

His professional life has also included service within the NHS, Scotland Yard and HM Courts & Tribunals Service. Alongside his professional career, he has served as a School Governor, Police Custody Visitor Panel Member and in numerous community and voluntary organisations.

Cllr Ahmed was first elected to Tower Hamlets Council in 2022 and, among Aspire's 44 candidates, secured the highest number of votes. Re-elected in 2026, he was subsequently elected unanimously as Speaker. His Council service has included Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet Member for Jobs, Skills, Enterprise and Growth.

Community service has remained a defining feature of his life. He has contributed extensively to local mosques and community organisations, served on the Executive Committee of the Council of Mosques and as Director and Secretary of Bishops Way Mosque. His work has championed community cohesion, interfaith understanding, education, youth opportunity and support for residents.

He regards the office of Speaker as an amanah — a trust: one to be discharged with fairness, independence, dignity and humility. He is committed not only to upholding the dignity of the Council chamber, but also to making the Speaker's office visible and accessible throughout the borough.

A particular focus of his term is the Speaker's Living History Project, encouraging young people to understand Tower Hamlets' remarkable history, honour the sacrifices of previous generations and recognise their own capacity to shape its future.

His chosen charities, Bethnal Green Nature Reserve and Vallance Community Trust, reflect his belief in the importance of community-led organisations and the wellbeing of residents. For Cllr Ahmed, Tower Hamlets represents resilience, diversity and shared endeavour. His speakership is founded upon a simple conviction: that public office is most meaningful when it remains rooted in the people and communities it exists to serve.



Cllr Barrister Musthak Ahmed

Sector:
Politics

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Md Ashrupul Alam is an education entrepreneur and business leader whose professional journey has been shaped by a strong belief in the power of education, opportunity, and informed decision-making. Through his work, he aims to help individuals and businesses grow while creating meaningful opportunities across Bangladesh and the UK.

Born in Dhaka City, Mr Ashrupul developed an early interest in education, business, and international opportunities. He later moved to the UK, where he pursued higher education and completed an MSc in International Business from Liverpool John Moores University, UK. His academic experience provided him with a strong understanding of international markets, business strategy, management, and global commercial practices, which became an important foundation for his entrepreneurial career.

Building on his academic background and international experience, Mr Ashrupul founded Neuron Educare , an education consultancy with offices in Bangladesh and the UK . The organisation supports students in navigating higher education opportunities and making informed choices about their academic and professional futures. His focus is on providing students with reliable guidance and helping them access opportunities that can contribute to their long-term success.

Ashrupul's entrepreneurial interests extend beyond education. He has business involvement across property, travel and ticketing, technology, and catering, giving him experience in a diverse range of commercial sectors. Working across different industries has strengthened his ability to recognise opportunities, understand changing markets, manage challenges, and develop sustainable business ventures.

Mr Ashrupul is married to Zinat Rahaman Jheenuk , a doctor practising in the UK, and they have a daughter. Zinat Rahaman Jheenuk holds an MSc in Diabetes Care Management from Glasgow Caledonian University. Balancing family life with his professional responsibilities has further strengthened his appreciation of dedication, responsibility, and service to others.

Beyond business, Mr Ashrupul is committed to supporting students, communities, and aspiring entrepreneurs. He believes that professional success carries a responsibility to contribute positively to society and to help create opportunities for the next generation.



Md Ashrupul Alam

Sector:
Education/ Entrepreneurship

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Forhana Begum

Sector:
Community Relations

Forhana Begum, daughter of the late Manir Uddin Ahmed, former Civic Mayor of Tower Hamlets (2004–05), was born into a family with strong community roots in Ludorpur, Jagannathpur, Sunamgonj, Bangladesh.

She has made Tower Hamlets her home for over forty years, where she has studied, lived and worked. Her longstanding connection with the borough and its people has given her a deep understanding of the community she proudly serves.

Forhana began her community work in 2011 and has since dedicated more than a decade to supporting local residents. For eight years, she has served on the board of East End Homes, contributing to decisions that affect residents and ensuring that their voices and concerns are heard. She also serves on the estate board, advocating for the wellbeing and interests of local people.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Forhana played an important role in supporting vulnerable residents through the local food bank. Taking on a leadership role, she helped ensure that food and essential support were distributed fairly and with dignity. Her warm and compassionate approach brought reassurance to many people during an exceptionally difficult time.

Her community contribution extends beyond her formal roles. She has supported community garden projects, helped bring neighbours together and assisted in organising outings and activities that encourage friendship, social connection and wellbeing.

Forhana is also closely involved with Mohila Ongon, a Bangladeshi women's community group. Working with a dedicated team, she helps organise a wide range of activities, including Saree Day events, fruit festivals, mental health workshops, charity fundraising, art classes and coffee mornings. These initiatives provide women with opportunities to socialise, develop confidence, explore new interests and improve their mental wellbeing.

A particular passion of Forhana's is supporting women from less privileged backgrounds. She provides advice, encouragement and mentoring, helping women overcome barriers, access opportunities and develop a stronger sense of confidence and belonging. She is also a trusted source of support for neighbours, families and elderly residents, regularly helping with forms and applications, accessing services and supporting those experiencing difficult circumstances, including domestic abuse.

Forhana carries out much of this work voluntarily and often without recognition, motivated simply by a desire to help others. Her kindness, reliability and willingness to listen have made her a trusted advocate and friend to many local residents.

Her commitment to community service has been recognised through the Tower Hamlets Council Star in the Community Award in 2012 and a Civic Award in 2024.

Forhana Begum is a dedicated community champion whose life reflects compassion, inclusion and service. After four decades in Tower Hamlets, her enduring commitment continues to make a meaningful difference to the lives of individuals, families and communities across the borough.



Ashid Ali

Sector:
Education

Ashid Ali is the third son of late Al-haj Aftab Ali. He was born in Ghulduba, Nobiganj and arrived to the UK in 1984. He went to school and college in Oldham and completed his first degree at the University of Huddersfield, PGCE in Manchester and Masters in Education at the University of East London. He has dedicated his career to education as well as being actively involved in community development work. He was the Chairman of Oldham Bangladeshi Youth Association and in 2001 was invited to debate at the Oxford Union as well as to speak at the UN conference on Racism, Discrimination and Xenophobia in South Africa. He was the chair of Oldham Coalition Against Racism leading it's successful campaign to stop the BNP getting elected to the council in Oldham.

Ashid is a very active campaigner for equality and justice. He was an executive member on the National Assembly Against Racism campaigning for racial equality in the UK and a committee member for the Geographical Association UK's International Committee working for better geographical education.

Ashid loves sports and played badminton competitively for his university and local league. He was also involved in setting up and running a number of football teams which played in City of Manchester Sunday league and the under 16's team played in the Rochdale Youth league.

Ashid started his teaching career in Oldham in 1998 and in 2002 moved to East London to take up leadership roles. He has been a school leader for the past 24 years which included six years as an Assistant Headteacher in Newham where he completed the National Professional Qualification for Headteachers (NPQH). Whilst working in East London, Ashid has encouraged, trained and developed many young people to the teaching profession and school leadership including Headship.

Ashid is now the Founder and Principal of London Enterprise Academy which opened in 2014 and is niw one of the top performing secondary schools in Tower Hamlets. He has a passion for education and wants to see every young person pursue their ambitions and dreams.

Ashid is a believer in the power of education being able to transform families and communities. He grew up in inner city Oldham where university education was for the few. Education transformed his family and that of his friends and he is a believer that this is the recipe for social mobility.

Ashid is married to Ajufa Ali who is a Chemistry teacher and they have two boys who are studying Dentistry at King's College, London.

Ashid has received many awards including the Freedom of the City of London and the Tower Hamlets Civic Award.

In his spare time, Ashid plays badminton and enjoys travelling and has extensively travelled with his family around Europe, Africa and Asia.

Independent Councillor for Aston Ward, Birmingham City Council, Chief Whip, Better Birmingham Independents, Community Leader, Entrepreneur , Founder & CEO, BEONTVUK

Councillor Abdul Choudhury (Shumon) is an elected Independent Councillor for Aston Ward at Birmingham City Council, a community leader, entrepreneur and media professional whose life and work have been shaped by a long-standing commitment to Birmingham and its communities.

Arriving in the United Kingdom from Bangladesh at the age of 11, Shumon grew up in Birmingham, where he attended school, college and university and established both his professional career and family life. His commitment to public service began within the community long before he entered electoral politics, through voluntary work, grassroots leadership, advocacy and support for community initiatives.

In the 2026 Birmingham City Council elections, Shumon stood as an Independent candidate and was elected to represent Aston Ward on 7 May 2026. He received the highest number of votes in the ward. His election marked a new chapter in a journey spanning decades of community engagement and service.

As a Councillor, Shumon maintains a hands-on approach, regularly engaging with residents and community organisations and raising issues affecting everyday life in Aston. His areas of interest include housing, road safety, parking, cleaner neighbourhoods, community safety, youth opportunities and investment in local facilities. He is a member of the Better Birmingham Independents and serves as its Chief Whip. He also serves on Birmingham City Council's Sustainability and Transport Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Beyond the Council Chamber, Shumon has held numerous community and organisational roles. He is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of BEONTVUK, a community media platform established to showcase achievement, promote positive stories and provide communities with a stronger voice. He is also a Director of Bangla Kagoj, a media organisation serving Bangladeshi communities in the UK and internationally, and Secretary General of Bangladesh Council, an umbrella organisation representing a network of Bangladeshi community organisations.

His wider community involvement includes membership of the Ektu Onnorokom Group, Management Committee roles with Shahjalal Housing Cooperative PLC and the Greater Sylhet Development Council West Midlands, and serving as an Advisor to Birmingham Sporting Club, supporting grassroots sport and opportunities for children and young people. His previous roles include Secretary of the Birmingham Kendrio Shohid Minar Committee and Management Committee Member of Nowka Bais CIC and St. James Advice Centre, Aston.

Shumon is also an experienced entrepreneur. His business career began in 1999, aged 20, when he established a mobile phone sales and repair business, becoming the first Bangladeshi entrepreneur in Birmingham to establish a business of this kind. He operated in the sector for more than a decade. In 2007, he established a regulated accident claims management business, which continues to operate. In 2020, he founded Sweet Homes Manufacturing Ltd, an approved British manufacturer of kitchen and bedroom furniture, and he is also Founder of As-Salaam Travel Ltd.

Throughout his career, Shumon has supported and organised community, cultural, sporting and recognition events, bringing together residents, community leaders, businesses, public representatives and young people.

His journey—from an 11-year-old newcomer to Birmingham, to entrepreneur, community leader, media professional and elected representative—reflects a sustained commitment to service, enterprise and community development. As Councillor for Aston, his focus remains on listening to residents, supporting local communities and working towards greater opportunities for future generations to come.



Cllr Abdul Choudhury (Shumon)

Sector:
Business/ Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Solicitor Prince Chaudhury LLM's remarkable journey from immigrant roots to the legal profession is a story of resilience, determination, community service and an unwavering belief in the transformative power of education.

His family's story began with his father's arrival in Britain in 1963. Settling in Bedford, he worked at Stewartby Brickworks as part of the generation that helped rebuild post-war Britain. Prince's mother joined him in 1967. Through hard work and sacrifice, his father later established the family business, the Bombay Restaurant on Church Street, Wellingborough, laying foundations built on enterprise and service to the local community.

When Prince was five, his parents made the difficult decision to send him to Bangladesh. They believed that opportunities in the UK at that time were limited for him to learn to read and write in his own cultural and religious tradition. In Bangladesh, he was educated in the Bengali language and learned about Islam and his faith.

Prince returned to the UK at the age of 12. Having been educated outside the British system, he faced considerable difficulties adapting, particularly with the English language. These challenges affected his schooling, and he was unable to complete his GCSE qualifications.

Like many young people from immigrant families, Prince entered employment at an early age in the restaurant trade. There he learned the values of hard work, long hours, discipline and service. However, he remained determined to achieve more.

Community Service and Public Life

Prince became increasingly involved in community activities, developing a strong interest in helping others and advocating for vulnerable people. He courageously returned to education, attending college to improve his English and broaden his academic opportunities.

His commitment to community service eventually led him into public life and politics. In 2007, he was elected as a Liberal Democrat Councillor in Northampton, becoming the first British Bangladeshi Liberal Democrat councillor in the town. His election represented an important milestone for both his personal journey and wider British Bangladeshi and ethnic minority communities, providing a greater sense of representation in local government.

In 2015, Prince stood as the Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate for Northampton South, becoming the constituency's first ever Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) parliamentary candidate.

A Second Chance Through Education

Alongside his political and community commitments, Prince embarked on his greatest educational challenge. At the age of 41, despite having left school without GCSEs, he enrolled at the University of Northampton to study for an LLB (Hons) in Law.

Beginning a demanding law degree as a mature student, particularly after his earlier struggles with English, required extraordinary discipline, sacrifice and determination. He continued his legal education over many years, completing his degree and subsequent professional training while balancing family and work commitments.

In 2021, after a long and challenging journey, Prince achieved one of his greatest ambitions: he qualified as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales.

His qualification was far more than a professional achievement. It represented the culmination of a journey that had begun decades earlier with a young boy struggling to find his place within the British education system.

Prince Chaudhury's life demonstrates that a person's starting point does not determine their potential. His journey highlights the importance of education, perseverance and service, while offering inspiration to young people—particularly those from immigrant and minority communities—that it is never too late to return to education, change direction and turn adversity into achievement.



Prince Chaudhury LLM

Sector:
Law

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Mohammed Manjurus Samad Chowdhury

Sector:
Community Leader | Humanitarian

Mohammed Manjurus Samad Chowdhury is a respected community leader, philanthropist, businessman, and humanitarian whose unwavering commitment to social welfare has transformed the lives of thousands of people across the United Kingdom and internationally. For more than twenty-five years, he has dedicated his time, resources, and leadership to supporting disadvantaged communities through education, healthcare, housing, poverty alleviation, and humanitarian relief initiatives.

Widely recognised for his compassionate and practical approach to community service, Mr Chowdhury has played a leading role in establishing and strengthening organisations that deliver meaningful and sustainable support to vulnerable individuals and families. In 2000, he founded the MKC Welfare Trust, a charitable organisation that has since provided assistance in areas including housing, medical aid, educational support, clean water projects, emergency relief, and community development. Under his stewardship, the Trust has extended its reach beyond the UK to support communities affected by poverty, conflict, displacement, and natural disasters in Bangladesh, Palestine, Syria, Türkiye, India, South Africa, Ukraine, and other regions.

Alongside his humanitarian work, Mr Chowdhury has served as Trustee and Treasurer of the East End Islamic Centre since 2004. Through strong financial governance and strategic leadership, he has contributed significantly to the development of one of East London's most important community institutions. His work has helped strengthen educational programmes, welfare services, and community outreach initiatives that benefit thousands of local residents each year.

A passionate advocate for education, he has been actively involved with the Beani Bazar Upazila Progoti Education Trust UK (BUPET) since 2007 and currently serves as its President. His leadership has supported scholarships, student grants, and educational opportunities for talented young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, while expanding the organisation's work into wider community development and humanitarian projects.

Mr Chowdhury also serves as Deputy Finance Director and Trustee of the Beani Bazar Cancer and General Hospital, where his financial stewardship helps ensure access to essential healthcare services for vulnerable communities. The hospital has provided treatment, screening, and medical support to hundreds of thousands of patients, making a significant contribution to public health and wellbeing.

Educated in Bangladesh and the United Kingdom, Mr Chowdhury is also a successful restaurant and property entrepreneur. His lifelong commitment to compassion, integrity, and service has earned him widespread respect, leaving a lasting legacy of leadership, generosity, and positive social impact for future generations.



Zakaria Chowdhury

Sector:
Entrepreneur/ Business

UK-Based Hospitality Entrepreneur | Founder & Managing Director, Mughal Group Zakaria Chowdhury is a distinguished UK-based hospitality entrepreneur, business owner, and community leader whose professional career reflects a strong combination of academic achievement, entrepreneurial vision, and commitment to community development. As the Founder and Managing Director of Mughal Group, he oversees a portfolio of restaurant and takeaway businesses operating across the United Kingdom.

With a professional foundation in hospitality management, Zakaria holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in International Hotel Management from the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, United Kingdom. His academic background has provided him with a comprehensive understanding of hotel and hospitality operations, management principles, customer service, business development, and strategic planning. He has successfully complemented this academic knowledge with extensive practical experience in the competitive hospitality industry.

In his role as Managing Director of Mughal Group, Zakaria is involved in the strategic direction and development of the organisation, with particular emphasis on operational excellence, sustainable growth, customer service, employment opportunities, and maintaining high professional standards. His approach to business combines entrepreneurial initiative with a focus on long-term development and responsible management.

Beyond his professional career, Zakaria has maintained a strong connection with community development and social engagement. Originally from Notun Koshba, Jagannathpur, he has demonstrated a continuing interest in education, skills development, and initiatives that support the wider community.

Zakaria has served as Education and Training Secretary of BCA, where he contributed to programmes and initiatives promoting education, training, and skills development. His involvement reflects his belief in the importance of education and opportunity in strengthening individuals and communities.

He also serves as Chairman of the Halstead Muslim Community, Essex, providing leadership and supporting a range of social, educational, and community-focused activities. Through this role, he contributes to community cohesion, engagement, and the development of initiatives designed to benefit local residents.

Zakaria Chowdhury's career represents a blend of entrepreneurship, professional expertise, leadership, and community service. Through his work in the UK hospitality sector and his ongoing involvement in community initiatives, he continues to contribute to business development, employment, education, and social engagement.

Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridge, United Kingdom Dr Shakil Farid is a distinguished Consultant Cardiac and Aortic Surgeon whose career reflects a sustained commitment to excellence in complex cardiovascular surgery, medical education, research and professional leadership. Based at the internationally renowned Royal Papworth Hospital in Cambridge, he has developed a specialist practice focused on some of the most demanding areas of adult cardiac and aortic surgery.
His clinical expertise encompasses complex aortic surgery, advanced aortic repair, aortic root and arch procedures, valve-sparing root replacement, complex valve repair and replacement, minimally invasive cardiac surgery, coronary artery bypass surgery, total arterial revascularisation and challenging redo cardiac procedures. His approach combines technical precision with evidence-based practice, multidisciplinary collaboration and a strong emphasis on individualised, patient-centred care.

Dr Farid's professional journey has taken him through leading cardiothoracic centres in Cambridge, London, Sheffield, Manchester, Oxford and Brussels, providing him with broad exposure to complex surgical practice and diverse clinical environments. His previous appointment as a Consultant Cardiac and Aortic Surgeon at Oxford University Hospitals marked an important chapter in his career. As a member of the Complex Aortic Surgery Team, he contributed to the development and introduction of advanced surgical approaches, including the frozen elephant trunk technique for aortic arch replacement at Oxford university hospitals .
His specialist expertise in valve surgery was further strengthened through an Ethicon Fellowship in Complex Valve Surgery at Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc, Brussels prior to becoming a consultant in UK. These experiences have helped shape a career characterised by surgical innovation, continuous professional development and a determination to advance standards of care.
Education and the development of future surgeons are equally important to Dr Farid. He serves as East of England Regional Cardiothoracic Surgical Training Programme Director and previously he served as a Royal College of Surgeons Tutor at Royal Papworth Hospital. He has also held educational leadership roles within the Oxford Deanery and contributed to FRCS Cardiothoracic examination preparation, postgraduate education and trainee mentorship. He is particularly committed to supporting international medical graduates and helping emerging surgeons achieve their professional potential. He is currently the chairman of the Planetary health Academia which is the largest trust foundation of Non resident Bangladeshi doctors. His organisation is dedicated to delivering medical education and improving healthcare in Bangladesh working alongside the Bangladeshi doctors.

Dr Farid's academic interests include cardiac surgical outcomes, complex aortic surgery, minimally invasive surgery, coronary artery bypass grafting , rehabilitation, patient safety and quality improvement. He has contributed to peer-reviewed research and medical book chapters, reflecting his commitment to advancing knowledge and translating evidence into improved clinical practice. His wider leadership interests encompass healthcare management, clinical governance, surgical education and professional development. He holds an MBA in Healthcare Management from Keele University and is a Fellow of both the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Surgeons of England. His professional qualifications also include MRCS, FCPS (Surgery) and MBBS from the University of Dhaka.
Beyond his operative expertise, Dr Farid is recognised for his dedication to mentorship, education and the advancement of cardiothoracic surgery. His professional philosophy is founded upon the belief that exceptional surgery requires not only technical mastery, but also compassion, integrity, communication, teamwork and lifelong learning.

Through his clinical practice, academic contribution, educational leadership and commitment to professional development, Dr Shakil Farid continues to make a meaningful contribution to modern cardiac and aortic surgery. His career represents a distinctive blend of clinical excellence, innovation, scholarship and service, with a lasting commitment to improving patient outcomes and inspiring the next generation of cardiothoracic surgeons.



Dr Shakil Farid

Sector:
Consultant Cardiac & Aortic Surgeon.

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Cllr Anamul Haque, also known as Enam Haque, is a respected British Bangladeshi public servant, community leader and entrepreneur whose work over more than 12 years has made a significant and lasting contribution to life in Northampton.
A three-time elected councillor at West Northamptonshire Council, he currently serves as Deputy Mayor of Northampton Town Council. His continued electoral success reflects strong public trust and his long-standing commitment to representing residents, strengthening communities and advocating for local needs at every level of local government.
One of his notable civic achievements was successfully advocating for the inclusion of a seven-day burial provision within the council contract at the point of renewal. This important change provided greater dignity, flexibility and responsiveness for bereaved families, significantly improving local services at a particularly difficult time.

In August 2024, Cllr Haque demonstrated strong leadership and public safety awareness when he became aware of a planned far-right march in Northampton. He promptly convened and chaired a meeting with Northamptonshire Police, supporting a coordinated and proactive response. His engagement helped ensure that additional policing resources were deployed, including officers recalled from leave, to help protect local businesses and residents and reduce potential risks to public safety. He also worked closely with partners to promote calm, reassurance and community cohesion during a sensitive period. His leadership was formally acknowledged by a police superintendent.
Alongside his civic responsibilities, Cllr Haque serves as Chair of the Northampton Communities Alliance, working closely with statutory authorities and community organisations to strengthen partnerships, address local challenges and ensure residents' voices remain central to decision-making. He is also a restaurateur and proud family man, grounding his public service in lived experience and strong community values.

His commitment to community development spans all ages. He has consistently supported local sports teams and championed youth engagement, recognising the vital role of sport and positive activities in creating opportunity, building resilience and developing stronger, more connected neighbourhoods. Through his combined roles in public office, business and community leadership, Cllr Haque has built a reputation for bringing people together, working constructively with partners and standing firmly for the communities he serves.



Cllr Anamul Haque

Sector:
politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Md Enamul Hoque

Sector:
Law

Mr Enamul Hoque is a qualified Solicitor and Partner at Liberty Legal Solicitors LLP. Mr Hoque is a prominent figure within the legal sector, particularly amongst the Bangladeshi community. Having years of experience, his service to the community has helped thousands overcome their legal matters.
Born and raised in Sylhet, Mr Hoque developed a keen interest in justice and fairness from an early age. Like many young people who dream of creating a better future, he understood that education would be the key to unlocking opportunities. Armed with ambition and a strong work ethic, he moved to the United Kingdom in 2008 with a clear goal: to qualify as a solicitor and make a meaningful difference in people's lives.

The journey was far from easy. Building a career in a new country requires sacrifice, perseverance, and relentless dedication. Yet Mr Hoque remained focused on his vision. Through hard work and determination, he successfully completed his LLB (Hons), LLM, and Legal Practice Course (LPC) before being admitted as a Solicitor of England and Wales.
Over the years Mr Hoque has worked for different firms and highly qualified Solicitors based in the East London. Leading with immigration and human rights, Mr Hoque practices family law, litigation and commercial leases.

In 2016 Mr Hoque embarked his Ph.D journey in social sciences at the University of Hull. His passion for education soon extended to teaching. In 2017, he was invited by the University of Suffolk to join its academic team as a part-time lecturer in Business Law. Through his lectures, he shared both his legal expertise and real-world experiences with aspiring professionals, inspiring students to pursue excellence in their own careers.
In addition, Mr Hoque has served as a community panel member for Tower Hamlets Borough.

In the years following, he quickly earnt standing reputation for himself within the community. He went on to become a partner of Liberty Legal Solicitors LLP in 2025 teaming up with very prominent figures amongst British Bangladeshi Solicitors.
Despite a demanding professional career, Mr Hoque continues to dedicate significant time to charitable and community initiatives. He serves as the Secretary of the Greater Lamakazi Welfare Association (GLWA) and is the Founder of MN Foundation. Through these roles, he has been actively involved in fundraising and supporting numerous development projects in Bangladesh. His commitment to GLWA spans more than 15 years, highlighting a longstanding dedication to improving the lives of others and giving back to the community.

Through years of hard work and dedication Mr Hoque is a fine example of a man who appreciates opportunities and aspires to give more.



Taffazzal Haque (Taff)

Sector:
Pharmacy

Taffazzal Haque, known as Taff, is a Superintendent Pharmacist, Independent Prescriber, Advanced Clinical Practitioner and a healthcare leader whose work spans frontline patient care, community engagement and regional pharmacy strategy.

Born in Habiganj, Bangladesh, Taff spent his early childhood in Wapping, London, before moving to Scunthorpe at the age of 14 because of his father's business commitments. Growing up in Wapping, Taff was influenced by his father Cllr Anamul Hoque's civic and community work in Tower Hamlets, including his involvement in the development of Banglatown.
His own commitment to service began early. At 15, Taff became the founding Chair of the youth section of Madani Youth Organisation in Scunthorpe, helping to create and shape its work with young people. This experience strengthened his desire to serve his community and, combined with his aptitude for science and interest in helping others, led him towards a career in pharmacy.

Taff studied for his MPharm at the University of Manchester and qualified as a pharmacist in 2013. After working as a locum, he joined the first cohort of pharmacists entering general practice through the GP Pharmacist Training Pathway. He later completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Practice and qualified as an Advanced Clinical Practitioner.

In 2019, Taff acquired his first community pharmacy. He has since developed Taffs Pharmacy into a forward-looking clinical healthcare destination and expanded the group with a second pharmacy in Brigg. His Scunthorpe pharmacy became the first live community pharmacy Independent Prescribing Pathfinder site within NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB. It has delivered thousands of consultations and helped demonstrate how community pharmacies can provide accessible clinical care alongside their traditional role in medicines supply.
Taff is also committed to reducing health inequalities through outreach work, including cardiovascular health initiatives and vaccination services delivered within care homes, places of worship and other community settings.
As Chair of Community Pharmacy Humber, which represents nearly 200 pharmacy contractors across the region, Taff helps shape local pharmacy strategy and advocates for community pharmacy's growing role within the wider healthcare system. As a Designated Prescribing Practitioner, he also mentors pharmacists training to become independent prescribers and supports the development of future clinical leaders.

Taff's ambition is to help establish community pharmacies as trusted clinical healthcare destinations while inspiring the next generation of British Bangladeshis to pursue leadership roles in healthcare. He has four children and is married to Shahmin, who is pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology.











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Muhammad Imran Hossain

Sector:
Solicitor / Community

Muhammad Imran Hossain was born in 1991 in Puran Gaon (Molla Bari), Kamal Bazar, in the Dakshin Surma area of Sylhet, Bangladesh. He was raised in a family grounded in integrity, discipline and strong moral values, principles that have continued to shape his personal, professional and community life.

His father, Md Abdur Rob, was a skilled tailor who earned widespread respect throughout the Kamal Bazar area for his honesty, principled character and dependable nature. Now retired, he remains a respected member of the community. His mother, Lutfua Begum, was a devoted and self-sacrificing woman who dedicated her life to the education and upbringing of her children. A woman of strong moral conviction, she passed away on 31 July 2025 at the age of sixty-five.

Imran is the third of five siblings, all of whom have established themselves in their respective fields and now reside in the United Kingdom. The values and lessons of his upbringing have remained central to his approach to professional responsibility, leadership and service.

Imran began his education in Sylhet, completing his Secondary School Certificate (SSC) at Shah Jalal Jameya Islamia in Pathantula in 2006. He subsequently attended Cambrian College in Dhaka, where he achieved a GPA of 5.00 in his Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination in 2008.

In 2009, Imran moved to the United Kingdom to pursue higher education. He studied law at the University of Hertfordshire, graduating with an LLB (Hons) degree in 2014. He later completed the Legal Practice Course (LPC) at London Metropolitan University in 2017.

During his university years, Imran became actively involved in student leadership and social initiatives. He was elected International Students' Officer at the University of Hertfordshire Students' Union, representing more than 27,000 students and advocating for the interests of over 4,000 international students. His contribution was recognised in 2012 when he received the Students' Officer of the Year award.

Imran began his legal career in 2014 at Kalam Solicitors as a paralegal. He became a trainee solicitor in 2016, qualified as a solicitor in 2020, and served as an Associate Solicitor until 2024. During this period, he developed extensive experience in immigration, asylum, nationality, family law, housing and civil litigation.

In 2024, he founded Imran & Co Solicitors and became its Principal Solicitor. In 2026, he reached another significant professional milestone when he received an invitation to be called to the Bar by Gray's Inn.

Beyond his legal career, Imran has remained committed to charitable and community service. He is a founding trustee and Chief Executive Officer of Ummah Appeal, and a co-founder of the International Zakat Foundation and the Plumstead Islamic Centre.

An active community organiser in East London, Imran stood as a candidate for councillor in Weavers Ward in the 2026 local elections. His priorities include safer streets, better housing, greater opportunities for young people and fair representation for all. His journey reflects a life shaped by education, professional achievement, family values, leadership and a continuing commitment to serving the wider community.



Sk. Kamrul Islam

Sector:
Education Consultancy / Legal Services

Sk. Kamrul Islam was born in 1975 in Paikgacha, Khulna, Bangladesh. He is a dedicated legal professional and entrepreneur with a strong background in law and a passion for education, care and community development. His work is guided by a commitment to supporting people and creating opportunities for a better future.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and a Master of Laws (LLM), and has also completed an LLB (Hons) from the University of Wolverhampton, UK. He is currently pursuing the Bar Vocational Course with the aim of becoming a Barrister at Law.

Mr. Islam has extensive experience in immigration and related legal matters, providing guidance and support to individuals and families. His understanding of the UK legal system allows him to offer clear and practical advice.

He is the Founder and Director of Global Edu Care, a UK-based education consultancy that supports both UK and international students with course selection, university applications and guidance throughout their academic journey. In addition to his UK operations, he has worked with international consultancies, gaining valuable experience in supporting students from diverse backgrounds.

Alongside education, Mr. Islam is involved in the care sector, supporting the delivery of quality care services and providing Government-Funded care training through online programmes. These training opportunities help individuals gain practical skills and enter the healthcare sector.

He also runs a tuition centre, offering academic support to local students in key subjects, helping them build confidence and achieve their goals.

In addition, Mr. Islam serves as the Director (Foreign Affairs) of Fuel Free Power Plant Limited, a company focused on clean energy solutions for a more sustainable future.

He is actively involved in social and charitable initiatives, particularly in his home region of Khulna, where he supports education and community activities.

Through his work across education consultancy, care services and training, legal support, tuition services and clean energy, Sk. Kamrul Islam continues to empower individuals and contribute to a brighter and more inclusive future.

Mohammed Nazmul Islam, born in 1978, is an accomplished educator, entrepreneur, and community leader with a distinguished career spanning education, professional development, and social service. He is the eldest child of the late Mohammed Abdul Ghani (Master) and Mrs. Halima Khanom and originates from Azmir (Master Bari), Ward No. 5, Barlekha Municipality, Moulvibazar, Bangladesh.

Mr. Islam is married to Syeda Shahnaz Akter, and they are blessed with two daughters, Miftahul Jannat Nova and Sidratul Muntaha Saba. He completed his Secondary School Certificate (SSC) at P.C. High School, Barlekha, in 1995 and his Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) at Sylhet Government College in 1997. He later pursued postgraduate studies at Daffodil International University, Dhaka, where he earned a Master's degree in English Language and Literature in 2005.

Beginning his teaching career as an Assistant Teacher at Kurmitola High School & College, Dhaka (2006–2007), Mr. Islam developed a strong foundation in education and student development. He further enhanced his professional expertise by achieving a First-Class Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) from the National University of Bangladesh.

After relocating to the United Kingdom, he continued his commitment to education through private tutoring for primary and secondary students in East London. Driven by a passion for lifelong learning and leadership, he completed a Master of Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Wales, Cardiff, and later achieved a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) from the University of East London in 2022. His UK educational experience includes teacher training at New City College, Tower Hamlets, along with valuable contributions through volunteering in various educational institutions.

As the Founder, Principal, and Managing Director of NSP Educare, Mr. Islam has established a dedicated educational initiative specialising in Mathematics and English Language and Literature for primary and secondary learners. Through innovative teaching approaches, personalised support, and online learning opportunities, NSP Educare aims to strengthen students' academic foundations and inspire confidence for future success.

Beyond education, Mr. Islam is deeply committed to community service and humanitarian values. He currently serves as the General Secretary of Barlekha Foundation UK, a charitable organisation supporting community development and welfare initiatives. His dedication to helping others reflects his belief that supporting those in need is a shared social responsibility.

A passionate educator and community advocate, Mohammed Nazmul Islam continues to inspire learners and contribute positively to society. Guided by a commitment to knowledge, compassion, and service, he remains devoted to creating opportunities that empower both young and adult learners while fulfilling his broader vision of social progress.



Mohammed Nazmul
Islam PGCE , MBA (UK), MA in English, B.Ed
Sector:
Entrepreneur

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Councillor Mohammed Islam is a distinguished public servant, community leader and civic representative, serving as Civic Mayor of Croydon for 2026–27. His career reflects more than four decades of commitment to Croydon and over 25 years of dedicated voluntary and community service.

Born in Ipswich and raised in Croydon from the age of six, Mohammed has deep and enduring roots in the borough. His family originates from Johirpur, Jogonnathpur, Sunamganj, Bangladesh. Together with his wife, Farhana Islam, he has raised a family of four children—three sons and a daughter—and is a proud grandfather of two.

Mohammed entered elected public service in 2022, when he was first elected Councillor for Selhurst Ward. Following his re-election in May 2026, he was elected Civic Mayor of Croydon later that month, an honour recognising his longstanding contribution to civic and community life. As Mayor, he represents one of London's most diverse boroughs, with a particular commitment to inclusion, community cohesion, mutual respect and creating opportunity for future generations.

Alongside his civic duties, Mohammed is a Civil Servant with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA), serving as a Driving Examiner. His professional career also encompasses more than two decades as an Approved Driving Instructor, during which he helped generations of young people and adults acquire the knowledge, judgement and confidence required for safe and responsible driving. Earlier experience in retail and wholesale further broadened his professional background.

Community service has remained a defining feature of Mohammed's life. He is a founding member of the British Bangladeshi Society of Croydon, an organisation providing educational, cultural, wellbeing and community support to people from diverse backgrounds.

During his mayoral year, Mohammed is supporting Legacy Youth Zone and Reaching Higher, reflecting his enduring commitment to children, young people and young adults and his belief in the transformative power of opportunity and education.

His record of service extends beyond public and professional life. He completed the London Marathon in 2001 and remains a regular NHS blood donor. Together with family members, he has also helped establish Johirpur Nizam Sunam Primary School in his ancestral village in Bangladesh, contributing to improved educational opportunities for local children.

Mohammed Islam's public life is defined by service, inclusion and a belief in the power of communities. His guiding ambition is to bring people together, widen opportunity and create a lasting, positive legacy for generations to come.



Cllr Mohammed Islam
Sector:
politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Cllr Abdul Kadir

Sector:
politics

Councillor Abdul Kadir is honoured to serve as the 100th Lord Mayor of Portsmouth during the city's Centenary Year. His appointment is a landmark in Portsmouth's civic history, as he became the city's first British Bangladeshi Lord Mayor.

Councillor Kadir has proudly called Portsmouth home since 1984, when he moved to the city and established a successful restaurant business. Over more than four decades, he has made a lasting contribution to Portsmouth's economic, social and community life, building strong relationships across the city and dedicating himself to public service.

His civic journey has been shaped by a deep commitment to community, inclusion and mutual understanding. He has been particularly active in supporting Portsmouth's Bangladeshi community, while also working to bring people of different backgrounds, cultures and faiths together. His belief is simple: a strong city is one where everyone feels respected, valued and that they truly belong.

The Covid-19 pandemic reinforced this commitment. Having witnessed first-hand the importance of community support and local networks during a time of unprecedented challenge, Councillor Kadir became even more determined to help ensure that Portsmouth remains a welcoming, compassionate and supportive city for all.

Before becoming Lord Mayor, Councillor Kadir served on a number of Portsmouth City Council committees, with particular interests in Scrutiny and Licensing. He has also contributed to the city's religious and cultural life, including through his service on the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE).

Councillor Kadir's public service is supported by his wife, Tahmina, who serves as Lady Mayoress. Together, they have three grown-up children and three grandchildren.

During his mayoral year, Councillor Kadir is passionate about celebrating Portsmouth's diversity, strengthening community connections and promoting a shared sense of belonging. As the city marks its Centenary, he is proud to represent its people, celebrate its rich history and champion the vibrant communities that make Portsmouth unique.

After more than forty years of calling Portsmouth home, Councillor Abdul Kadir continues to serve with pride, humility and dedication. His historic appointment reflects not only his own journey, but also the diverse, inclusive and forward-looking character of the city he is privileged to represent.



Mohammad Abul Kalam

Sector:
Business/ Philanthropy

Mohammad Abul Kalam, son of the late Formuz Ali, was born in Golapganj, Sylhet, Bangladesh, and arrived in the United Kingdom in 1976 to join his father. His journey from Sylhet to Britain is a story of enterprise, resilience, faith and a lifelong commitment to helping others.

After completing his education in the UK, Abul Kalam began his working life with part-time employment in the insurance sector, gaining valuable experience in business, finance and administration. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, he decided to pursue his own ambitions and, in 1989, entered the property and real estate business in Bedfordshire.

Alongside building his property interests, he supported his father and uncle in developing their restaurant business, helping it expand to numerous branches across the United Kingdom. He also encouraged aspiring entrepreneurs to establish themselves in business, believing that success should create employment, opportunity and prosperity for others.

His journey was not without challenges. Economic difficulties during the late 1990s placed significant pressure on both the property and food industries. Through careful financial judgement, perseverance and, above all, his faith in Almighty Allah, Abul Kalam overcame these difficult years. The experience strengthened his belief that true success is demonstrated not only through achievement, but through the courage and determination to rise after adversity.

His entrepreneurial interests later expanded to Bangladesh, where he became involved in the cotton and spinning-mill industry, real estate in Dhaka and renewable energy. Today, he serves as Chairman of a solar power organisation, working with Chinese entrepreneurs through joint ventures and participating in government solar projects across various districts of Bangladesh.

Despite his business achievements, Abul Kalam believes that success carries a responsibility to support those less fortunate. Charity and community service have therefore remained central to his life.

From 2021 to 2023, he served as Chairman of Golapganj Helping Hand UK, supporting disadvantaged people in Bangladesh. During his chairmanship, and with the collective efforts of fellow members, he helped the organisation purchase a property in the United Kingdom, personally contributing £10,000 towards the initiative. Income generated from the property is intended to provide sustainable, long-term assistance to people in genuine need.

He continues his charitable service as Chairman of AFK Community Education Trust UK, supporting deprived communities and individuals facing social and economic hardship.

Throughout his journey, Abul Kalam has remained guided by faith, honesty, patience, dedication and perseverance. He believes that wealth and material achievements are temporary, but the positive difference a person makes in the lives of others can endure for generations. His personal philosophy is simple: to put a smile on people's faces, help those genuinely in need and offer hope where there is hardship.

Hajji Laird Mostafa Mohammad Karim fCMgr. MCMI is a social entrepreneur, digital trust advocate, Foundation Chartered Manager and Professional Member of the Chartered Management Institute. Born in Bangladesh and raised between Bangladesh and the United Kingdom, he is a member of a very distinguished British South Asian family with deep heritage in Bangladesh and Kolkata, West Bengal, recognised for its contributions to Islamic scholarship, medicine and community service.

He is the son of the late Dr Mohammad Abdul Karim, an internationally eminent senior ophthalmologist at the former St Paul's Eye Hospital, Liverpool, renowned Islamic scholar and hafiz, and Mrs Hamida Karim, an accomplished educator of Arabic, Qur'an and Bangla. Following the loss of his father in 1989, Laird Mostafa channelled his experiences into a lifelong commitment to technology, ethical leadership, social innovation and community service.

He holds a BSc in Pharmacology from the University of Liverpool and subsequently built a successful commercial career spanning more than a decade with Apple, where he served as a Senior Specialist. During his tenure, he received five- and ten-year service awards, achieved the highest market performance in the North West, generated more than £1 million in annual sales at the Trafford Store, and drove 25% revenue growth at Liverpool One.

His continuing professional development includes executive education in Islamic Philosophy at the University of Cambridge and a Professional Certificate in Strategic Management from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

In 2018, he founded Muslim Marriage Services (MMS) as a concept, developing it into a Certified Social Enterprise and Shariah-compliant marriage platform built on principles of ethical governance, digital trust, and safeguarding. The website officially launched in 2023. MMS incorporates Yoti digital identity verification, fraud screening and proprietary safety technologies, including DynamIQ Guardian™ and ProfileShield™. The organisation has featured in case studies by Yoti UK and QuestionPro and was recognised in the NatWest / Pioneers Post 2026 SE100 Index in the "Ones to Watch" category.

Laird Mostafa has developed strategic partnerships with organisations including Yoti UK, Indus Net Technologies, Kolkata, and Aramas Law. He also serves on the Member Advisory Council (MAC) and as an Ambassador for the Swiss-based Ayra Association, advocating privacy-first approaches to digital trust and data governance.

His wider community service has included school governance, foster care, mental health advocacy and public discussion of family life, wellbeing and trauma through media platforms including The Mindful Muslim Podcast by Inspirited Minds and Heritage Radio of the British Muslim Heritage Centre, Manchester.

His work reflects a continuing commitment to ethical enterprise, digital trust, responsible leadership and the advancement of stronger, safer communities.



Hajji Laird Mostafa Mohammad Karim
fCMgr. MCMI

Sector:
Entrepreneur

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Flight Lieutenant Labib Khan is the Commanding Officer of 31 (Tower Hamlets) Squadron, Royal Air Force Air Cadets, based in Mile End, East London.

His journey with 31 Squadron began as a cadet, where he progressed through the ranks to become a Cadet Warrant Officer (CWO). During his time as a cadet, Labib developed a strong passion for leadership, youth development and creating opportunities for young people. His experience of the organisation from a cadet's perspective has continued to shape his approach to leadership as an adult volunteer.

As CWO, Labib took on significant responsibility within the Squadron, supporting younger cadets, assisting with training and helping to maintain high standards of discipline, drill and ceremonial activity. His time as a cadet also gave him first-hand insight into the challenges and opportunities faced by young people within the organisation.

Following his transition into adult service, Labib eventually assumed command of 31 Squadron as its Commanding Officer. Since taking command, he has focused on developing the Squadron into a more structured, ambitious and outward-facing unit, while maintaining its traditional RAFAC values of discipline, service, leadership and adventure.

Under his leadership, the Squadron has placed a particular emphasis on expanding opportunities for cadets, strengthening training, improving internal organisation and encouraging cadets to take on greater responsibility. This has included developing activities across areas such as music, marksmanship, leadership, first aid, STEM, communications, adventure training and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Labib has also worked to strengthen the Squadron's presence within the wider community and across London Wing, encouraging cadets to participate in high-profile ceremonial events, competitions and community engagements. He has supported the development of the Squadron's music capability, leadership opportunities and competitive activities, with cadets and staff representing the Squadron at events across London and beyond.

A key part of his leadership philosophy is that cadets should leave the organisation with more confidence, skills and opportunities than they had when they joined. He places significant importance on recognising individual potential, supporting cadets who wish to progress into leadership positions and creating pathways for former cadets to remain involved as adult volunteers.

Labib has also invested in developing the Squadron's staff team and improving the way the unit is planned and managed. With a team of volunteers supporting the Squadron, he has sought to establish clearer responsibilities, better forward planning and a stronger culture of accountability, while ensuring that staff are supported to develop their own skills and confidence.

His commitment to the Squadron and the local community has also been recognised through civic recognition from Tower Hamlets, including recognition for his work supporting young women progressing within marksmanship.

From beginning his journey as a young cadet at 31 Squadron, progressing to Cadet Warrant Officer and ultimately returning as its Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant Khan's career reflects a continued commitment to 31 Squadron, its cadets and the wider Tower Hamlets community.

His aim is simple: to ensure that 31 Squadron remains a place where young people can challenge themselves, develop as leaders, discover new opportunities and achieve things they may never have believed possible.



Labib Khan

Sector:
Command Military and Support

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Mohammed Abdul Kuddus

Sector:
Business, Community / Philanthropist

Mohammed Abdul Kuddus is a distinguished British Bangladeshi businessman, entrepreneur, community leader and philanthropist whose life and career are defined by enterprise, public service and an enduring commitment to the advancement of communities in Britain and Bangladesh.

Born into a respected family in Balaganj, Sylhet, Mr Kuddus is the son of the late Haji Saim Ullah and Anwara Khanom. He received his early education at Balaganj D.N. High School before continuing his studies at Sylhet Government Degree College. In 1991, he moved to England, embarking upon a new chapter that would ultimately establish him as a successful entrepreneur and respected community figure.

With determination, vision and a strong work ethic, Mr Kuddus entered the business world in 1997. Over the ensuing decades, he has built a successful business career and today operates established businesses in Harlow and Bishop's Stortford, alongside interests in UK property and real-estate investment. His influence, however, extends well beyond commerce. A longstanding advocate for education, community development and social welfare, Mr Kuddus has held a number of significant voluntary and charitable positions. He is the Founder Secretary of the Probashi Balaganj Union Kollan Trust UK and Chairman of the Haji Saim Ullah Kollan Trust. He has also served as Secretary of the Probashi Balaganj Osmaninogor Adorsho Upozilla Shomiti and as a trustee of Balaganj Osmaninogor Education.

As Founder Chairman of Rafina Academy, he has championed educational and religious development for future generations. His commitment to educational advancement is further reflected in his support for Balaganj Mohila Madrasa, including building development, and his continuing involvement with Balaganj Degree College.

Mr Kuddus's philanthropic endeavours encompass medical and eye camps, healthcare initiatives and community welfare projects in Bangladesh, together with charitable activities in the United Kingdom. He is a member and former Public Relations Secretary of the British Bangladeshi Caterers Association and serves as a trustee of the Harlow Bangladesh Islamic Cultural Centre.

Family remains an important foundation of his life. His son, Sadik Absar, is a Mechanical Engineer, while his daughter, Tahmina Ferdousi, is a Primary School Teacher.

Through a life shaped by enterprise, service and generosity, Mohammed Abdul Kuddus has made a lasting contribution to both the British Bangladeshi community and the wider societies to which he belongs.



Tarek Mahmud

Sector:
Education/ Entrepreneurship

Tarek Mahmud is an education entrepreneur and business leader whose career has been built on a simple conviction: people make better decisions when they have access to the right information, guidance, and opportunities.

Tarek's path began with a strong academic foundation. In 2014, he earned an MBA in Finance with Distinction from the University of Sunderland, where he developed a deep understanding of financial management, business strategy, and commercial decision-making. The following year, he completed a Master of Arts in International Business Management with Distinction at Middlesex University, broadening his knowledge of international markets, management, and organisational strategy.

Continuing his commitment to lifelong learning and academic development, Tarek also pursued studies in BSc (Hons) in Sociology at the University of Dhaka during the 2025–06 session. His studies in sociology further expanded his understanding of society, communities, human behaviour, and the social factors that influence people's opportunities and decision-making. This broader perspective complements his experience in business and education, reinforcing his belief that meaningful success is built not only through commercial knowledge but also through understanding people and the communities they belong to.

For Tarek, his academic journey has never been just about earning qualifications — it has become the foundation for understanding how organisations operate, how people and communities interact, how opportunities are created, and how businesses can be built with genuine purpose.

That foundation shaped what came next.

In 2019, Tarek founded Tarek Associates Ltd, an education consultancy built around a straightforward but important idea: students navigating higher education face a complex web of decisions, from choosing the right course and institution to planning the next stage of their careers. Tarek saw the need for a more structured, professional approach to guiding students through that process. What began as a single entrepreneurial vision has since grown into an established consultancy with operations in London and Birmingham, supporting students across the UK as they explore higher education opportunities.

Tarek's entrepreneurial interests extend well beyond education. Over the years, he has built business interests across property, food, and other commercial ventures. Working across different industries has sharpened his ability to identify opportunities, assess commercial risk, build teams, and adapt to changing environments — reinforcing his belief that successful entrepreneurship isn't just about spotting an opportunity, but having the discipline to develop it, the resilience to overcome challenges, and the vision to build for the long term.

In addition to his business ventures, Tarek is the Founder and Chairman of Fortune Foundation, a charitable foundation focused on supporting underprivileged people in rural areas of Bangladesh. Through the foundation, he is committed to helping disadvantaged communities access practical support, opportunities, and assistance that can contribute to better lives and stronger communities.

Beyond business, Tarek is deeply committed to community and charitable work in both the UK and Bangladesh. He believes success carries a responsibility to give back, and he remains engaged in charitable initiatives, educational support, and community engagement aimed at creating opportunities for those who need them most.


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Haji Matin

Sector:
Chartered Engineer

A Life of Engineering, Learning and Service Chartered Engineer Haji Matin C.Eng, FIStructE (UK), FIE(B) is a distinguished civil and structural engineer whose remarkable life journey spans professional achievement, lifelong learning and dedicated community service.

Born in 1942 in the village of Bagula, Upozilla Chunarughat, Habigonj, Bangladesh, Haji Matin attended Habigonj Government High School before completing his Civil Engineering studies at Dhaka Polytechnic. After working in Bangladesh for several years, he moved to the United Kingdom in 1963 as a skilled worker.

While working full-time at an engineering consultancy, he studied Civil Engineering through an Evening/Day Release programme at the University of Aston in Birmingham. His determination and commitment to professional excellence led to his qualification as a Chartered Structural Engineer in 1973. He later became a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers in Bangladesh.

Haji Matin went on to build an exceptional 49-year career in civil and structural engineering in the United Kingdom. He spent 20 years with Thames Water, where his contribution to an important project earned him Fellowship of the Institution of Structural Engineers in 1993. During his career, he also spent 20 years with Transport for London, where he led and contributed to major bridge and tunnel construction projects across the capital. From 1978 to 1980, he was seconded to Ghana as a Field Consultant Engineer.

A passionate advocate of lifelong learning, Haji Matin continued to enhance his professional knowledge through postgraduate studies and specialised CPD programmes, including training at Imperial College London. In 2023, he received a certificate commemorating 50 years of Chartered Membership of the Institution of Structural Engineers—an achievement attained by only a small number of members.

Beyond engineering, his greatest legacy is his commitment to education and community welfare. Between 1977 and 2000, he established five education and welfare trusts in Chunarughat, providing annual scholarships to students. He donated land for two villages, Atikpur and Matin Nagar, established a primary school, and supported the communities with mosques, tube wells and solar facilities. He has also contributed generously to hospitals and charitable organisations in Bangladesh. Mr Matin gave away his family inheritance and all other assets in sylhet to his siblings.

His passion for learning continued into later life. At the age of 81, he sat the GCSE Higher Grade Mathematics examination alongside his 16-year-old granddaughter—an extraordinary achievement that attracted national media attention.

Recognised for his contribution to community life, Haji Matin received the Channel S Community Award in 2013 and was honoured at the Queen's Garden Party.

Married to Latifun (Tulu) Hussain, he has two daughters, Dr Nashaba Matin and Samantha Matin. Now retired, Haji Matin and his wife remain active in their local community and political life in Tottenham, North London. He is also the author of the memoir Sreethe Theke Kichu Khota.

His life stands as a testament to determination, lifelong learning, professional excellence, generosity and service to others.



Dr Nashaba Matin
BSc, MSc, MBBS, FRCP, DLSHTM, Dip HIV Med

Sector:
Medicine

Specialism: HIV Medicine and Infectious Diseases
Professional Interests: HIV Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Clinical Research, Medical Education and Health Inequalities

Dr Nashaba Matin BSc, MSc, MBBS, FRCP, DLSHTM, Dip HIV Med is a Consultant Physician and internationally recognised specialist in HIV Medicine, with a distinguished career spanning clinical medicine, research, medical education and international healthcare. Born in 1971, she was educated at Latymer Grammar School before undertaking her medical education at the University of London.

Her professional career has been shaped by a longstanding commitment to improving the lives of people living with HIV and advancing compassionate, evidence-based healthcare. Her work has taken her between the United Kingdom and Bangladesh, providing her with a broad perspective on HIV medicine and the very different challenges involved in delivering specialist care across diverse healthcare settings.

In Bangladesh, Dr Matin served as Head and Lead Clinician of the Jagori Unit at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b), in Dhaka. In this role, she played an important part in the development of specialist clinical services for people living with HIV and contributed to clinical research exploring HIV-associated illness and the complexities of providing specialist care in a low-prevalence setting.

Returning to the United Kingdom, Dr Matin continued her specialist career within the NHS, with her work associated with Barts Health NHS Trust and the Royal London Hospital, where she has practised in HIV medicine, infection and immunity. Her clinical and research interests have extended beyond HIV itself to encompass co-morbidities, ageing, population health and the wider social and health inequalities experienced by people living with HIV.

Dr Matin's academic contributions include peer-reviewed research on HIV-associated illness and the health of people living with HIV, together with contributions to professional guidance through the British HIV Association (BHIVA). Her work reflects a sustained commitment to translating research findings and clinical experience into meaningful improvements in patient care.

Medical education has been another defining element of her career. She is the founder of the HIV Apollo Course, an educational programme dedicated to the clinical management of people living with HIV, and has contributed as a speaker and case presenter at specialist HIV meetings in the United Kingdom. She also serves as an MRCP postgraduate examiner for the Royal College of Physicians and as an examiner for the Diploma in HIV Medicine, contributing to the education, development and assessment of future generations of physicians.

Throughout her career, Dr Matin has maintained the belief that excellent medicine extends beyond diagnosis and treatment. It requires understanding the individual behind the illness, recognising the social circumstances that influence health, challenging inequalities and ensuring that advances in medicine translate into better lives for patients.

Her experience across two healthcare systems has given her a distinctive perspective on medicine, service development and global health. Through her clinical practice, research and teaching, Dr Matin continues to advocate for high-quality HIV care, medical excellence and a more informed and equitable approach to health.

Hasina Miah is a distinguished construction professional, media personality, entrepreneur, mother and passionate animal-welfare advocate whose life and career reflect resilience, ambition, compassion and an unwavering commitment to personal growth.

Beginning her professional career at the age of 18, Hasina has spent more than two decades building a successful and diverse career through determination, continuous learning and a willingness to embrace new challenges. With more than 15 years of specialist experience in the UK construction sector, she has developed extensive knowledge across customer care, technical services, quality, handover and project management.

Today, Hasina manages the Central Region for Bowmer + Kirkland, one of the UK's leading family-owned construction and development groups. Her career progression within a traditionally male-dominated industry is testament to her perseverance, professionalism and ability to adapt.

Her professional journey began in HR, office management and property management before she moved into construction. Her educational background includes a GNVQ Advanced qualification in Business Studies, together with GCSEs in Dance, Music, English, French and Mathematics. Hasina believes that success is not simply defined by professional titles, but by the willingness to learn, accept responsibility and continue moving forward.

Family has always played an important role in Hasina's life. As the only daughter among four siblings, she has carried significant family responsibilities and has devoted many years to supporting her parents, who remain an important influence in her life. Her father, Samsu Miah, is a businessman and public figure who has dedicated much of his life to supporting his local community in Bangladesh and helping people who are less fortunate. His example of community service has strongly influenced Hasina's own values and her desire to give back.

Beyond construction, Hasina has developed a successful presence within media and entertainment. She has appeared on Islam Channel, including as a chef, and has undertaken live television work, guest speaking, red-carpet hosting and voiceover assignments. She has also been involved with recent events as a channel host for Bangla Page 24 and Bangla Global Media.

Hasina is also widely known through social media as "Bengali Cat Mom." Her platforms provide an opportunity to share her lifestyle, experiences, interests and personal reflections, while addressing subjects including mental health, personal experiences and everyday life. She uses social media not simply for entertainment, but as a means of connecting with others and demonstrating the person behind the professional achievements.

§Animal welfare is one of Hasina's greatest passions. For around four years, she has actively supported stray, abandoned and vulnerable cats. She has rescued, fostered and adopted animals, helped them find loving homes and personally contributed to their food, care and veterinary treatment. Through her online presence, she also raises awareness of the challenges faced by vulnerable animals and promotes compassion and responsible animal welfare.

Outside her professional and charitable interests, Hasina enjoys cooking, fitness, maintaining an active lifestyle and travelling. She has travelled to 24 countries. Hasina Miah's story is ultimately one of perseverance and purpose. From beginning work at 18 to establishing herself in senior construction management, while raising a family, building a media presence and advocating for animal welfare, she has continually demonstrated that determination can open new doors.

Her journey continues to evolve, driven by a belief that personal growth has no age limit, that new ambitions can be pursued at any stage of life, and that success is most meaningful when it is accompanied by compassion, independence and a desire to make a positive difference.



Hasina Miah

Sector:
Construction

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Arriving in the United Kingdom in 1986 to join his father, Mofozul brought with him the values of family, hard work and a deep connection to his Bangladeshi heritage. His journey in charity began in 1991 while he was a Year 10 student, when he raised more than £200 to support communities affected by a devastating cyclone in Bangladesh. Later that year, he spent several months in Bangladesh, where witnessing poverty and hardship first-hand inspired a lifelong commitment to supporting those in need.

From 2000 onwards, community service became a central part of Mofozul's life. Based in Oldham, he has dedicated himself to bringing people together through football activities, tournaments, fundraising events and community initiatives. He has supported families with weddings, healthcare needs, education and welfare, always striving to make a positive difference.

During the COVID-19 pandemic and periods of severe flooding, Mofozul worked alongside Warrington Borough Council and the Mayor to help deliver essential supplies and hundreds of meals to vulnerable people and families.

Running became another important part of his charitable journey during lockdown. Training locally with his close friend Jewel Miah, Mofozul discovered a new passion that allowed him to combine personal achievement with fundraising for meaningful causes.

With support from Mr Afruz Miah, Mofozul secured his first London Marathon place in 2021. Since then, he has completed multiple London Marathons in support of charitable causes, including Maggie's Cancer Support, The Children's Society, Pancreatic Cancer UK in memory of his dear friend Jewel Miah, and Muslim Charity.

The 2025 London Marathon held special significance as Mofozul ran in memory of Jewel, carrying his friend's memory and inspiration with him throughout every mile.

Mofozul is also recognised for proudly wearing his traditional Bangladeshi lungi during his running challenges. Wearing the lungi during the London Marathon, as well as while climbing Ben Nevis and Snowdonia, he has become known as "Mr Lungi Man" across social media platforms and within his community. For Mofozul, the lungi represents culture, identity, heritage and pride in his roots.

In 2026, Mofozul shared one of his proudest moments as a father when his son, Saleem Hussain, completed the London Marathon alongside him in support of Muslim Charity. Seeing the next generation embrace the values of compassion and giving was a deeply meaningful achievement, and Mofozul hopes his children will continue this legacy of helping others.

Throughout his fundraising and community activities, Mofozul has raised approximately £50,000–£60,000 for charitable causes. His work has included organising fundraising dinners, raffles and community events, supporting students travelling overseas, and helping vulnerable communities in Bangladesh through projects that have included building six homes and installing tube-wells to provide access to clean water.

Mofozul's life and work are guided by the principles of humanity, compassion, community and pride in his heritage. He believes that true success is measured not only by personal achievements, but by the positive impact made in the lives of others.

Mofozul Miah is a proud father of three children, a dedicated community volunteer, fundraiser and charity runner whose life has been shaped by compassion, service and a commitment to helping others.



Mofozul Miah

Sector:
Philanthropy / Sports

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Arif Mohid

MEng, PGCE, NPQML

Sector:
Sports / Education

Arif Mohid is an educator, entrepreneur, philanthropist and Team GB karate athlete who has spent fifteen years helping young people unlock their potential.

Born and raised in Oldham, Arif's journey has been shaped by resilience and responsibility.

After losing his father young, he helped run the family corner shop in Glodwick and support his mother and sisters while continuing his studies. He graduated from the University of Manchester with a Master of Engineering in Aerospace Engineering, having overcome dyscalculia as a child, an experience shaping his belief that success depends far more on support than on where a person starts.

Though trained as an aerospace engineer, Arif felt drawn back to his community. While completing his PGCE in Mathematics, he began tutoring local children, and his mother sold her gold jewellery to convert the shop's former butcher's area into a classroom. It became he foundation of Aim High Tuition, founded in 2010 to help young people achieve, inspire and motivate.

Fifteen years on, Aim High Tuition has grown into a nationally recognised organisation, delivering face-to-face and online tuition in Mathematics, English and Science through around twenty educational professionals. It has supported more than 3,000 students, many progressing to leading universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, or building careers in medicine, engineering, law and business.

Arif also spent thirteen years as a secondary mathematics teacher at The Radclyffe School in Oldham, achieving the National Professional Qualification for Middle Leadership. He has long worked to improve social mobility among working-class and ethnic minority children, including the British Bangladeshi community, and with schools in Bangladesh to train teachers and strengthen English-medium education.

Arif's charitable work spans over a decade, including climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in 2010 for children requiring prosthetic limbs in Afghanistan, cycling from Oldham to London, and supporting humanitarian projects across Africa and Bangladesh, including building a school, raising tens of thousands of pounds.

A committed advocate of discipline and lifelong learning, Arif returned to competitive martial arts after years away. In November 2025, despite injury and the demands of family, education and business, he represented Great Britain at the World Karate Championships in Norway, winning three silver medals and one bronze.

Arif created and presented Maths Plus Much More, an educational programme on a Bangla TV channel, has performed in mainstream theatre at venues including Manchester's Contact Theatre, and appeared in the BBC documentary Muslim Tommies, on Muslim soldiers who served with British forces in the World Wars. His work has also included public speaking and youth mentoring, recognised locally through the Oldham Business Awards. A husband and father of two, Arif is driven by a vision beyond personal success. Through his initiative Aim 1 Million, he aims to inspire a million people to take a positive step toward their goals, reflecting his belief that change begins with one decision to act.

Achieve. Inspire. Motivate. These principles have guided Arif's path from a small classroom in Oldham to leading a national educational organisation and representing Great Britain on the international stage.



Dilu Naser

Sector:
Media

Syed Abu Naser Dilu, widely known as Dilu Naser, is a distinguished British Bangladeshi poet, story writer, journalist, broadcaster, cultural organiser, and community activist. Born in 1964 in Sylhet, Bangladesh, he began writing in his early teenage years. Over a career spanning more than four decades, his poetry, short stories, articles, features, and rhymes have appeared extensively in newspapers and literary publications across Bangladesh, West Bengal, and the United Kingdom.

Dilu Naser began his broadcasting career in 1982 as a regular presenter for Bangladesh Betar, Sylhet, establishing a lifelong connection with radio, television, and community media. In 1984, he entered journalism with Dainik Sylheter Dak, the first daily newspaper published in Sylhet, while also contributing as a freelance journalist to several leading national newspapers in Bangladesh.

After moving to the United Kingdom, he continued his journalistic career as a member of the editorial board of the Bengali weekly Purbodesh. He subsequently played a pioneering role in British Bangladeshi community journalism, serving as Editor of Salam Bangladesh, recognised as Britain's first free Bengali-language newspaper, and Banglatown Sangbad. He has also been associated with publications including Notun Din, Notun Desh, Janomot, Bangla Times, and Weekly Potrika. For more than two decades, he has been a regular contributor to Weekly Potrika, writing features, essays, opinion pieces, news reports, and a popular weekly topical rhyme addressing contemporary global affairs.

As a broadcaster, Dilu Naser has presented numerous programmes on Bengali-language television and radio he has worked with are Vectone TV, NTV Europe, Channel S, Channel 9 UK, Spectrum Radio, Betar Bangla London, and Relaks Radio, covering literature, culture, current affairs, and entertainment. As a poet and creative writer, he has published ten books of poetry and rhymes. His writing explores humanity, migration, cultural identity, social justice, peace, and the experiences of the Bangladeshi diaspora. His literary work has also reached international platforms dedicated to peace and intercultural understanding.

His contributions have been recognised through several prestigious honours, including the Sanghati Literary Award (2013), the Poet Dilwar Literary Award from Bangla Academy UK (2015), and the Chharalok Medal (2018) in Sylhet. He has also received recognition from cultural organisations including Udichi, Spectrum, and Sunrise Bangla Radio.

Alongside his literary and media career, Dilu Naser has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to community service. Since 1997, he has worked at Sonali Gardens, operated by St Hilda's East Community Centre in Tower Hamlets, supporting elderly members of the Bengali community through social inclusion, cultural engagement, and recreational activities.

Through his poetry, journalism, broadcasting, documentaries, and community work, Dilu Naser has made a significant contribution to preserving and promoting the Bengali language, literature, culture, and heritage within the British Bangladeshi diaspora and beyond.

Mr Mahbubur Rahman Qureshi is a businessman, community activist and humanitarian dedicated to supporting the British Bangladeshi community and addressing important social issues. He currently serves as Chairman of the Redbridge Welfare Association (RWA), Joint Convener of the Campaign for Osmani Airport, Executive Member of Voice for Global Bangladeshis working for the best interests (VFGB) globally and Vice Chairman of Syedpur Jobo Kallyan Parishad. Jukthorajjo Sylhet Bivag Gonodhabi Parishad (Treasurer) Born on 4 July 1979 and raised in Sylhet, Bangladesh, his family village is Syedpur, Jagannathpur, and he has also residence in Pathantula, Sylhet.

He is the son of the late Azmol Hussain Qureshi, a former businessman, and Selina Qureshi, and the grandson of the late Azizur Rahman Qureshi (Auditor) and the late Syeda Shorifa Begum. After completing his BA at Sylhet Government College, he moved to the United Kingdom in 2002. Family is central to Mr. Qureshi's life. His wife, Jisamin Qureshi, is a primary school teacher. They have three children: Alvi Rahman Qureshi, 23; Amna Qureshi, 15; and Rayan Qureshi, 13. Their eldest son, Alvi, has recently obtained both a BEng and MSc in Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Qureshi's concern for the younger generation remains at the heart of his community work, and he is committed to promoting education, opportunity, safety and positive guidance for future generations. His brother, Hifzur Rahman Qureshi (Shilu), gave him the opportunity to join the family restaurant business in Sunderland. He began with Cafe Blue Cobra, established by his brother in 1996, before the family expanded with Bhaji, an Indian takeaway, and, with support from their uncle, Cafe Indigo. Mr. Qureshi also has business in land and commercial property in Bangladesh. In 2003, he relocated to London, becoming a silent partner in the family businesses while gaining management experience across several restaurants. He later established a clothing wholesale business exporting garments to Bangladesh.

In 2013, Mr. Qureshi co-founded the Redbridge Welfare Association with close friends to challenge injustice and antisocial behaviour and help create a safer community. Its initiatives have included football and badminton activities to engage young people positively and steer them away from drugs, crime and antisocial behaviour. He has worked closely with councillors, police and community leaders on issues including knife crime, antisocial behaviour during the night around Ilford Lane, homelessness and rough sleeping. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he and his colleagues distributed PPE, provided meals to NHS staff and care homes, and promoted public-health awareness. His wider involvement includes Voice for Global Bangladeshis, Voice for Justice, GSC Essex Branch, the Tafida Raqeeb Foundation, and other international humanitarian and charitable organisations. Since 2024, he has served as Joint Convener of the Campaign for Osmani Airport, advocating for improved infrastructure, transport connections, modernised terminals, increased international airline access and greater direct connectivity between London and Sylhet.



Mahbubur Rahman Qureshi

Sector:
Business, Community

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Khandaker Md Abdul Karim (Nipu) is a British-Bangladeshi entrepreneur, business leader and community organiser whose career reflects a longstanding commitment to enterprise, leadership and community service in the United Kingdom. Based in Dagenham, London, he has built a successful career in business while maintaining strong and enduring connections with his Bangladeshi heritage.
Born on 10 September 1980 in Rautgaon, Kulaura, Moulvibazar, Bangladesh, he is the son of Khondkar Md Abdul Kadir and Syeda Aziza Khatun. The eldest of three brothers and two sisters, he was raised with a strong appreciation of family, education and community values.

Khandaker Md Abdul Karim Nipu began his education at Rautgaon Government Primary School before continuing at Rautgaon High School. He was among the first-batch students of Longla Modern College, where he completed his Higher Secondary education in Business Studies with First Division.
He subsequently pursued Accounting Honours at Madan Mohan University and College, Sylhet. In 2002, he moved to London to further his education, studying at Holborn College. He later completed a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in the United Kingdom and continued his academic development towards an MBA.

His professional journey in the United Kingdom began in 2002 with McDonald's, where he developed a strong foundation in business operations, customer service and management, receiving recognition for his contribution and performance.
In July 2007, he joined Rock UK Ltd in the fuel and petroleum retail sector. During his tenure, he held Store Manager positions at several locations, gaining substantial experience in retail management, operational leadership, staff development and business administration.
In 2015, he took a significant step into business ownership as a Director of K & M Redbridge, beginning with Redbridge Service Station. Through sustained development and expansion, he subsequently established interests in a number of further locations, including Beam Service Station, Northumberland Park Service Station, Loxford Service Station and Ilford Service Station.
His business portfolio now encompasses six petrol stations, together with convenience and food-service operations associated with established brands including Londis, Pret A Manger, Greggs and Subway.

Alongside his business career, Khandaker Md Abdul Karim Nipu has remained closely engaged with the Bangladeshi community in the United Kingdom. His community work reflects his enduring connection to his roots and his commitment to maintaining meaningful relationships among people from Kulaura and the wider Bangladeshi diaspora.
He serves as General Secretary of the Kulaura Welfare Association UK and is involved with a range of community, social and political organisations.
Through these roles, he contributes to community engagement and helps strengthen the bonds connecting people of Bangladeshi heritage in Britain.

Khandaker Md Abdul Karim Nipu lives in Dagenham, London, and is the father of three daughters and one son.
From his early life in Rautgaon, Kulaura, to his established career in business and community life in London, his journey represents a continuing connection between his Bangladeshi heritage and his life in the United Kingdom.
His professional career, entrepreneurial interests and community involvement form an integral part of his contribution to both the business and social life of the communities with which he is associated.



Khandaker Md Abdul Karim (Nipu)

Sector:
Entrepreneur/ Business.

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Mohammed Azizur Rahman

Sector:
Businessman / Philanthropist

Mohammed Azizur Rahman is a British Bangladeshi entrepreneur, community leader and philanthropist whose life reflects resilience, enterprise, service and commitment to community development.

Born in Awoi, Golapganj, Sylhet, he came to the United Kingdom in 1981 aged fourteen. Settling in London, he attended Montifior Secondary School in Tower Hamlets, adapting to a new country and culture while developing values that have guided his life: hard work, perseverance, humility, responsibility and service to others.

Azizur Rahman began his professional journey through his family's leather business, gaining experience in entrepreneurship and commerce. He later expanded into clothing and retail, establishing Top Guys, a menswear business with branches in Green Street, Brick Lane and Dalston. His career has been characterised by determination, adaptability and strong community connections.

Alongside his commercial activities, Azizur Rahman has devoted considerable time to community, educational and charitable work, serving in leadership and trustee roles supporting education, welfare and community development.

His community involvement includes Al Kalam, where he is a Founder Trustee, former Chair and currently Vice Chairman. He is also a Founder and General Treasurer of London Iqra Academy, a Trustee of Unite Welfare Foundation, and has been involved with the Golapganj Upazila Education Trust.

His wider community and professional involvement includes membership of the British Curry Association (BCA) and Golapganj Helping Hands, Life Membership of Catering Circle, and serving as an Ambassador for Channel S / RFC.

Education has been an important part of Azizur Rahman's community work. Through educational institutions and initiatives, he has supported opportunities for young people and the development of education within communities connected to his heritage.

He is a donor member of Banigram Bohorgram High School, Beani Bazar High School and Chondorpur High School. His involvement reflects his belief that investment in education creates opportunities for individuals, families and communities while strengthening institutions for future generations.

A defining feature of Azizur Rahman's life has been his commitment to community and charitable work, supporting initiatives involving healthcare, education, social welfare, community development and entrepreneurship.

He has been associated with Beani Bazar Cancer & General Hospital, serving as a Trustee and Fundraising Director and supporting efforts to improve access to healthcare. He has also supported the National Heart Foundation Sylhet and initiatives aimed at strengthening healthcare provision.

His wider involvement extends to Ajwa Investment Ltd., contributing to business development and organisational leadership, and UKBCCI, participating in business networking and supporting entrepreneurship within the British Bangladeshi business community.

Across the United Kingdom and Bangladesh, Azizur Rahman continues to contribute to community organisations and initiatives involving education, young people, social welfare, healthcare and community development. Through these roles, he has helped create opportunities, strengthen organisations and improve the wellbeing of individuals and families.

His journey from a village in Sylhet to a successful life in Britain represents the experience of a generation of British Bangladeshi entrepreneurs who have combined business enterprise with family responsibility and community service.

For Azizur Rahman, achievement extends beyond commercial success. He believes lasting success is measured by the positive difference one makes to others and the opportunities created for future generations.

His service remains rooted in responsibility, compassion and community progress.



Imranur Rahman

Sector:
Sports

Imranur Rahman is one of Bangladesh's most successful athletes and one of the most recognisable names in Bangladeshi sport. Known as Bangladesh's fastest man, he has represented the country in major international competitions and achieved historic success in athletics.

Born on 5 July 1993 in Sheffield, England, to Bangladeshi parents, Imranur grew up in the United Kingdom. Despite being raised in Britain, he chose to represent Bangladesh internationally. His decision has made him an important figure for Bangladesh and for the Bangladeshi community around the world.

Imranur is a specialist sprinter, competing mainly in the 100 metres and 60 metres. His personal best in the 100 metres is 10.11 seconds, a performance that stands as the Bangladeshi national record. His personal best in the 60 metres is 6.59 seconds, showing his ability to compete at a high level over both sprint distances.

One of the biggest achievements of Imranur's career came at the 2023 Asian Indoor Athletics Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan. He won gold in the men's 60 metres, becoming an Asian indoor champion and giving Bangladesh a major continental athletics title. His victory was a historic moment for Bangladeshi athletics and helped put the country on the map in international sprinting.

Imranur also reached another major milestone by representing Bangladesh at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Competing at the Olympics is one of the highest achievements an athlete can accomplish, and Imranur proudly carried the Bangladeshi flag onto the world stage.

His success is particularly significant because athletics is one of the most competitive sports in the world. Sprinting requires exceptional speed, strength, discipline and consistency. Imranur has shown all of these qualities throughout his career, while competing against athletes from countries with long traditions in athletics.

His story is also one of identity and dedication. Although he was born and raised in England, Imranur has chosen to represent his parents' homeland. He has become an example of how members of the Bangladeshi diaspora can make a contribution to the country's sporting achievements.

For many young athletes in Bangladesh, Imranur represents what is possible through hard work and determination. His national record, continental championship gold medal and Olympic appearance have made him a standout figure in Bangladesh's sporting history.

Imranur Rahman is more than just Bangladesh's fastest man. He is a national record-holder, Asian champion and Olympian — and one of the athletes who has helped raise the profile of Bangladesh in international sport.

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Sayak M. Rahman

Sector:
Writer and Human Rights Advocate

Sayak M. Rahman was born in the village of Silimpur, a traditional village in Jagannathpur Municipality, Jagannathpur, Sunamganj, Bangladesh. His father name is Alhaz Mohammed Abdul Motin and Mother Surma bibi. his father was a business man.
After completing his Intermediate studies at Sunamganj Government College, he travelled to Germany in 1985 and later lived in France before settling in England in 1989. He subsequently earned an Honours degree in Business Management from the University of Northampton.
Over the years, Rahman has established himself as a writer, columnist, journalist and human rights advocate, drawing upon his international experience and longstanding engagement with the political, social and economic affairs of Bangladesh.

Rahman serves as Vice President of the Bangladesh National Human Rights Association and as Advisory Editor of the UK-based online news portal Shirshokhobor.com. He has dedicated years to observing, documenting and commenting on developments that have shaped Bangladesh's recent history.
Writing has always been one of Rahman's greatest passions. For him, writing is not simply a professional pursuit, but a personal, non-profit humanitarian endeavour through which he seeks to give a voice to those facing injustice, raise awareness of social issues and contribute towards the betterment and upliftment of society.
His first book, "Oboruddho Bangladesh" (Bangladesh Under Siege), records political, social and economic developments in Bangladesh from 2015 through the first half of 2018. The book was published in London in April 2018. His second book, "Ekti Bhorer Protikkhai" (Waiting for a Dawn), co-edited with Dr. Abdul Aziz, documents and reflects upon events from mid-2018 through March 2021. The book was published by the Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Rahman's contribution extends beyond his publications and professional positions. He has never sought publicity or recognition for personal gain. Rather, his work has been guided by principle, conviction and a sincere vision for a better Bangladesh.
His greatest strength has always been his pen. Through writing, journalism and advocacy, he has spoken out against injustice, championed human rights and encouraged others to stand for truth, democracy and justice. His influence derives not from power or position, but from conviction, integrity and an unwavering commitment to truth.
Through his writing and public service, Rahman continues to contribute to important conversations surrounding democracy, human rights and social justice. His life and work demonstrate how perseverance, principled journalism, faith and a commitment to truth can enable an individual to make a meaningful contribution towards a more just, democratic and humane society.
Family has always been a deeply important part of Sayak M. Rahman's life. He has been married for 38 years to Khayrun Rahman, a British Bangladeshi homemaker who has remained a steadfast source of love, strength and support throughout their life together. Mrs Rahman's dedication to her home and family, quiet strength and unwavering support have played an important role throughout Rahman's personal and professional journey. Behind his many years of writing, public service and advocacy has been a family partnership built on resilience, loyalty and mutual support.

Together, Sayak and Khayrun are the proud parents of six children — five daughters and one son. Their children have pursued their own paths, with three daughters working in Civil Service roles and two daughters working in healthcare. Three of their daughters are married and continue to build their careers alongside their family lives. Their only son is currently pursuing his education at one of the country's leading colleges.

Rahman is also a proud grandfather to five grandsons, who are an important and cherished part of his growing family. his role as a husband, father and grandfather remains a central and deeply valued part of his life and legacy.



Kamila Rahman

Sector:
Law

Founder of a Youth Mentoring Scheme and Advocate for women, Kamila Rahman is Senior Partner of Cambridge Solicitors LLP in Birmingham and has been a practising solicitor for over 16 years. Nominated and shortlisted by the Law Society Excellence Awards as Legal Businesswoman of the Year in 2014 in her first year of practice as a Partner.

An exemplary leader for woman in business and author of the article 'The Pink Glass Ceiling' Kamila Rahman has achieved new heights in the business world. Having successfully opened Cambridge Solicitors with Famida Ahmed in 2014, Kamila Rahman provides legal services to a diverse client base. Born in 1984 in the UK to parents, Zia Us Samad Chowdhury, Justice of Peace and Development Manager of Sandwell Confederation of Bangladeshi Muslims Organisation and Syeda Nazma Chowdhury a Primary school teacher and SENCO. Her parents have been her greatest support.
Breaking traditional concepts, she strives for quality at the highest level for all her clients. Kamila supports young aspiring woman and teenagers to achieve their goals in education and in the business world. She provides advice and assistance with interview techniques, how to be forward thinking and confident and have the perfect work life balance. She strives to help individuals to reach their full potential and break social and cultural stigmas.
Kamila Rahman gives talks in schools and education facilities when visiting Bangladesh to help grow curiosity for learning and promote education in arears of poverty in Bangladesh. She is involved with the provision of water wells, energy efficiency and local aid work.
As a solicitor, Kamila was met with a number of difficulties being a young mother at university and managed to become the first in her class to open her own firm by the age of 30. In 2002 Kamila studied LLB Hons at Coventry University and went on to do her Legal Practice Course (LPC) at the University of Law in Birmingham.
She has recently become a Fellow of The Higher Education Academy (FHEA) from the University of Worcester. Highly intelligent and approachable to all, she is now a successful mother of three young boys and an advocate for the Bangladeshi woman of today. Kamila Rahman is a visiting lecturer at the University of Law in Birmingham as well as the Senior Partner of Cambridge Solicitors LLP. As the Training Principal she has helped to support a number of young women to become aspiring solicitors and advocates. Her hobbies are reading, writing novels and travelling to different countries to learn and appreciate different cultures.

Muhammed Shahed Rahman is a British Bangladeshi writer, educator, former college Principal, journalist, media personality and social activist.
Originally from Bangladesh, he has been actively involved in education, literature, journalism and community development for several decades.
He is the former Principal of the historic Syedpur Adarsho College in Jagannathpur Upazila, Sunamganj, Bangladesh, and currently works at Queen Mary University of London in the UK.

Mr Rahman began his literary journey during his student years and has published novels, poetry, children's literature, research and travel books.
His notable works include Bashanta Rajani (1997), Ek Chilte Hashi (1999), Priyotomeshu (2000), Udbhut Binyase Phute Acho (2004), Swapnoghuri O Megh (2009), Kalyanmulok Rashtra O Bangladesher Rashtrapotigon (2010), Sylhet Bhramansangi (2017), and Jodi Megh Ashe (2024). In 2025, he edited the poetry anthology Bilete Kabita Lekhar Aage, featuring works by 17 UK-based poets.

Since the late 1990s, he has also been involved in editing and publishing the little magazine Ajker Shatabdi and has contributed to publications including Sarinda, Drishtipat and Tourism Plus.
His journalism career began with the daily Bhorer Kagoj. He has written for numerous Bangladeshi newspapers, essays, articles, stories and poetry for newspapers including Sylheter Dak, Jugabheri, Manchitra, Sylhet Bani, and Banglabazar Patrika and currently serves as Special Correspondent for Bangla Mirror News, Assistant Editor of Bangla Sanglap, and UK Correspondent for Dhaka Post.
He is also the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Jagannathpur Times and Editor of UK Bangla Guardian (www.ukbanglaguardian.com). He is the founding President of the UK Bangla Reporters Unity.
Rahman has made significant contributions to education and social welfare. Since 1999, he has served as Executive Director of SAY Foundation, through which annual merit scholarships and educational support have been provided to students in Jagannathpur Upazila since 2007. To date, 2,061 students have benefited from the programme.

He has held several community leadership roles, including Secretary of the Greater ShaharPara Jubo Shongo (GSPJS), Convener of the British Bangla Progressive Writers Association, and Founding President of the Tourist Club of MC College, Sylhet, established in 1996.
His recognitions include the Poroshi Shaheetto Award (1999), Tilokratna Award (2012), Dr Muhammad Shahidullah Memorial Award, UKBRU Media Award (2021), UK GSPJS Community Golden Award (2022), and British Bangladeshi Young Talent Award (2024).
Through his work in literature, education, journalism and community service, Muhammed Shahed Rahman continues to contribute to the cultural and social development of both Bangladesh and the British Bangladeshi community in the UK.



Muhammed Shahed Rahman

Sector:
Media

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mr Irfat Ahmed Shahajan is a dedicated community volunteer and advocate who has made a significant contribution to the lives of people in Coppice, Oldham, and beyond. His work is driven by a strong commitment to community, faith, health, wellbeing and creating opportunities for people to come together.
Mr Shahajan arrived in the United Kingdom in 1991, having already developed a strong interest in social and community work in Bangladesh. Since settling in Oldham, he has continued this commitment through voluntary service, leadership and involvement in a wide range of community initiatives.
A significant part of his contribution has been through Shahjalal Mosque and Islamic Centre, where he has served as General Secretary. In this role, he has played an important part in supporting the management and development of the mosque and its activities. His responsibilities have involved working with trustees, volunteers and members of the community to help ensure that the mosque continues to serve as a place of worship, education, support and community engagement.
Based in the Coppice area of Oldham, Mr Shahajan has a strong understanding of the needs of the local community. He recognises the importance of creating opportunities for people to meet, build friendships and participate in activities that improve both physical and social wellbeing.
Health and fitness are particularly important areas of his voluntary work. Mr Shahajan co-founded a Health and Fitness group to encourage members of the community to become more physically active and adopt healthier lifestyles. The group provides opportunities for people to participate in exercise and recreational activities while also developing friendships and reducing social isolation.
Mr Shahajan is also Vice Chair of SPARC, the Shahjalal Physical Activeness & Recreational Club. Through SPARC, he supports a programme of activities aimed at children, young people, families and the wider community. These include sports, fitness sessions, recreational activities, arts and crafts, community trips and family events.
His work through SPARC reflects his belief that community development should involve everyone. He particularly recognises the importance of giving young people positive opportunities, helping families spend quality time together and encouraging people who may otherwise be less active to participate.
Mr Shahajan's community involvement also extends to Bangladesh, where he has maintained strong links and contributed to initiatives aimed at supporting social development and improving people's lives. His commitment to both Bangladesh and the United Kingdom reflects the importance he places on giving back to the communities that have shaped his life.
What distinguishes Mr Shahajan is the consistency of his voluntary service. Much of his work takes place away from the spotlight, involving organisation, planning, fundraising, supporting volunteers and making sure community activities actually happen. He gives his time because he believes that a strong community is built through participation and service.
From his home in Coppice, Oldham, Mr Irfat Ahmed Shahajan continues to play an active role in supporting local residents and strengthening community connections. Through Shahjalal Mosque and Islamic Centre, SPARC, health and fitness initiatives and wider community projects, he has demonstrated a sustained commitment to helping others.

His contribution is an example of how voluntary leadership can make a real difference to people's lives. Through his dedication, practical support and willingness to give his time, Mr Shahajan continues to help build a healthier, more connected and supportive community in Oldham.



Irfat Ahmed Shahajan

Sector:
Community Relations

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Ehsanul Islam Chowdhury Shamim

Sector:
Catering

From the heart of Sylhet to the forefront of Britain's culinary landscape, Ehsanul Islam Chowdhury Shamim has built an inspiring legacy through passion, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Widely recognised as "The Curry King," Chef Shamim has become one of the most celebrated figures in British Bangladeshi cuisine, redefining the perception of curry and elevating it to the level of fine dining.

Based in Northampton and leading the acclaimed kitchen of Aramintas, Chef Shamim has transformed traditional Bangladeshi flavours into sophisticated culinary experiences. His cuisine reflects a unique fusion of heritage and modern gastronomy — combining the rich traditions of Sylhet with contemporary British tastes, refined presentation, and exceptional attention to detail.

Over the years, Chef Shamim's culinary artistry has attracted an impressive audience, including distinguished guests from the worlds of politics, entertainment, and public life. His reputation has been built on authenticity, creativity, and his ability to create dishes that connect people through memorable flavours and cultural storytelling.

Chef Shamim's remarkable achievements have earned him widespread recognition and numerous prestigious honours. He was crowned Britain's Best Chef at the BCA Awards in 2022. He later achieved an unprecedented milestone by winning Britain's Top Chef at the Asian Curry Awards for three consecutive years — 2023, 2024, and 2025. In 2026, he further strengthened his legacy by being named Chef of the Year at the English Curry Awards and receiving the highly regarded ARTA Award.

Beyond individual recognition, Chef Shamim's success represents the growing global appreciation of Bangladeshi gastronomy. Through his work, he has demonstrated how traditional recipes, when combined with creativity and modern culinary techniques, can achieve international acclaim.

Born in Shadar Para, Shibganj, Sylhet, Chef Shamim's journey began with the simple yet powerful inspiration of his family kitchen. Encouraged by his roots and driven by ambition, he pursued his dream with determination, overcoming challenges and building a career through dedication, resilience, and hard work.

For Chef Shamim, cooking is more than preparing food; it is a celebration of culture, history, and identity. His philosophy is centred on the harmony of spices, balance of flavours, and the art of presentation. Each creation tells a story — honouring his Sylheti heritage while embracing the evolving expectations of modern diners.

Today, Ehsanul Islam Chowdhury Shamim stands as a symbol of achievement for the Bangladeshi diaspora and an inspiration for future generations. His journey from Sylhet to Britain's most respected culinary stages reflects the power of vision, perseverance, and passion.

Chef Shamim is not only shaping the future of British cuisine; he is proudly carrying the flavours and heritage of Bangladesh to the world.



Bahar Shahin
FCIPS (Chartered)

Sector:
Procurement

Bahar Shahin FCIPS (Chartered) is an award-winning British Bangladeshi procurement and commercial leader whose distinguished career has been defined by strategic leadership, professional excellence, public service and a commitment to creating lasting social and economic value.

Born in the United Kingdom to Bangladeshi parents from Minarai, Mathiura, Beanibazar, Bahar is the son of Haji Abdul Manik and Hajja Nozmun Nehar. He remains deeply proud of his heritage, which has shaped his values of family, education, perseverance, service and opportunity. His professional journey represents an inspiring example of how determination, education and ambition can translate into leadership at the highest levels of a profession.

Bahar studied Engineering at Queen Mary University of London, developing a rigorous foundation in analytical thinking, technical understanding and complex problem-solving. He began his professional career in the insurance and banking sectors before entering procurement in 2007. Over the subsequent two decades, he progressed through increasingly senior positions, establishing a reputation for transforming procurement into a strategic contributor to organisational performance.

He currently serves as Director of Procurement at Queen Mary University of London, providing strategic commercial leadership across a complex and high-value portfolio. His remit extends well beyond conventional procurement, encompassing commercial transformation, governance, major capital investment, estates, construction and technology programmes. Through his leadership, procurement has become increasingly integrated with institutional strategy, supporting both financial sustainability and long-term organisational objectives.

A respected voice within the higher education procurement community, Bahar has contributed to sector-wide initiatives designed to strengthen commercial practice and professional standards. He has served on a national task force and acted as London Lead in the development of the Higher Education Themes, Outcomes and Measures (HE TOMs) framework, helping advance a consistent and measurable approach to social value across higher education procurement.

Social value is central to Bahar's leadership philosophy. He has championed procurement as a vehicle for delivering benefits that extend beyond financial savings, including employment, skills development, community opportunity, sustainability and responsible business. His work demonstrates how commercial excellence can be aligned with wider societal outcomes.

His achievements have attracted national recognition. In 2025, Bahar was named Individual of the Year at the prestigious UK National GO Awards, while Queen Mary's Procurement Team was awarded Procurement Team of the Year. In 2026, Queen Mary received the Excellence in Social Value award at the National GO Awards, and Bahar was invited to serve as a judge for the 2026 awards.

A member of the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS) since 2010, Bahar was awarded Fellow of CIPS (FCIPS) in 2025, the Institute's highest professional grade. This distinction reflects his substantial contribution to procurement leadership and the wider profession.

Alongside his executive responsibilities, Bahar is committed to mentoring and developing future leaders. He has supported professionals pursuing advanced qualifications, including MCIPS, and regularly shares his knowledge through professional forums and sector events.

Bahar Shahin's story is ultimately one of achievement with purpose. From his British Bangladeshi roots to senior leadership within the UK higher education sector, his career embodies education, resilience, integrity and ambition.

His enduring belief is that true leadership is not measured solely by the achievements of an individual, but by the opportunities, inspiration and positive change they create for others.

Abdul Salam Sheikh is a British-Bangladeshi entrepreneur, community leader and philanthropist whose distinguished life journey spans more than five decades and reflects enduring values of enterprise, faith, family and community service.

Born in Bangladesh, Mr Sheikh arrived in Great Britain on 26 December 1972, aged ten, shortly after the independence of Bangladesh. After initially settling in Hyde, Manchester, he moved to Aldgate, Tower Hamlets, in 1974 and subsequently grew up near Brick Lane, East London. His formative years coincided with a period of significant social hardship, overcrowding and racial tension. He personally experienced the racism and hostility faced by the Bangladeshi community and vividly remembers the murder of Altab Ali in 1978, an event that became a defining moment in the history of the local community.

Following his education and completion of his GCSEs, Mr Sheikh embarked upon a remarkable working life. Beginning in the restaurant trade in 1980, he progressed from waiter to manager before establishing his own business, Shapla Takeaway, in Perivale, Greenford, in 1983. He subsequently worked in leatherwear tailoring and, during the early 1990s, demonstrated exceptional determination by undertaking three jobs simultaneously -as a tailoring machine operator, takeaway waiter and minicab driver.

From 1991 to 2000, he operated Rainbow Video, serving communities across Whitechapel, Limehouse, Mile End and Bethnal Green. Guided increasingly by his Islamic faith and personal values, he subsequently chose to pursue a different direction in business.

In 2001, Mr Sheikh entered the convenience-store sector through the Costcutter franchise.

Over the next two decades, he successfully operated three businesses on Aberfeldy Street, Poplar: Rainbow Spice Takeaway and Café, Rainbow Pound Store and Costcutter supermarket. His businesses became closely associated with his remarkable work ethic, with working days often extending from early morning until midnight. His wife, children and wider family played an important role in supporting the family enterprise.

Following the compulsory acquisition of the properties in 2022 as part of a redevelopment programme, Mr Sheikh retired from his UK businesses. Significantly, on 26 December 2022, exactly fifty years after his arrival in Britain, he returned to Bangladesh, fulfilling a personal ambition he had held since childhood.

One of his most meaningful achievements is Salam Palace Holiday Home in Goala Bazar, Osmani Nagar Bangladesh, a project he began developing in 2018. While it operates as a holiday rental accommodation, its purpose extends beyond commercial success. Abdul Salam Sheikh hopes it will encourage younger British Bangladeshis to visit Bangladesh, connect with their heritage and develop a stronger sense of belonging to their ancestral homeland. He believes that strengthening these connections can inspire future generations to invest in Bangladesh and contribute to its development.

Mr Sheikh has made a substantial contribution to community and charitable life. He is a trustee of Probashi Balagonj Osmani Nagar Education Trust, a founder member and former Assistant Secretary of Aberfeldy Islamic Cultural Centre (AICC), former Chair of Greater Koronshi Trust UK, and a founder and Former Secretary of Beckton Muslim Centre. He is also a former Senior Vice-Chair of Probashi Balagonj Osmani Nagar Adarsho Upozila Shomity.

Married to Anwara Khanam Sheikh since 1985, he is the father of three sons and three daughters and grandfather of ten grandchildren. His life stands as a testament to perseverance, faith, entrepreneurial endeavour and service, bridging two countries and generations while preserving a profound connection to his Bangladeshi heritage.

Abdul Salam Sheikh's life demonstrates the power of determination, hard work and family unity. His journey is not simply a story of business success, but of creating opportunities, supporting communities and helping future generations maintain a meaningful connection to their roots



Abdul Salam Sheikh

Sector:
Entrepreneur/ Community/ Philanthropist

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Cllr Nasreen Shamima is a British Bangladeshi community leader, local politician, media professional and public servant whose career reflects a strong commitment to representation, social inclusion and community empowerment.

Originally from Bangladesh, Councillor Shamima has developed a diverse professional journey across Bangladesh, Italy and the United Kingdom. Her experiences across different countries and cultures have shaped her dedication to public service, equality and creating opportunities for people from all backgrounds. Before moving to the UK, she gained valuable experience in Italy, working with the Central Government Office, public institutions, hospitals, Oxfam Italy and organisations supporting women facing violence and hardship. These roles strengthened her understanding of public administration, social challenges and the importance of providing support to those who need it most.

A Computer Engineer by profession, Councillor Shamima is multilingual and has built a career combining technology, communication, public service and community engagement. In the United Kingdom, she works in the NHS while continuing her contribution to society through media and community initiatives.

She is Head of Communication and a News Presenter at ION TV, where she has played an important role in connecting British Bangladeshi audiences with news, culture and community affairs. Her contribution to journalism and broadcasting was recognised when she was awarded Best News Presenter of ION TV in 2023.

Councillor Shamima entered local politics with a clear ambition to ensure residents have a stronger voice in decision-making. Following the May 2026 local elections, she was elected as Councillor for Little Ilford Ward in the London Borough of Newham, representing the Newham Independents Party. She also serves as Vice Chair of the Newham Independents councillor group and Vice Chair of the Council's Local Development Committee.

As a councillor, she is committed to addressing issues that directly affect residents, including social and affordable housing, support for families, safer and cleaner neighbourhoods, improved local services and opportunities for young people. She believes effective representation begins with listening to residents, understanding their concerns and working collaboratively to deliver positive change.

Beyond her political responsibilities, Councillor Shamima remains actively involved in cultural and community activities, supporting initiatives that celebrate heritage while strengthening relationships across Newham's diverse communities.

Her journey from Bangladesh to Italy and the United Kingdom represents resilience, adaptability and a lifelong commitment to service. Through politics, the NHS, media and community engagement, Cllr Nasreen Shamima continues to work towards a more inclusive, connected and empowered society, ensuring that every voice has the opportunity to be heard.



Cllr Nasreen Shamima

Sector:
politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Cllr Shuile Syeda

Sector:
Politics

Mayor for the London Borough of Merton.
Born and raised in Merton, Councillor Syeda has watched the borough change and grow around her. Now, in a remarkable journey from local resident to first citizen of the borough where she was born, she has become the first Muslim Mayor in Merton's history.
Councillor Syeda was elected Mayor of Merton on 20 May 2026, taking on the role for the 2026/27 civic year. Her appointment marks a significant moment not only for her personally, but for the many communities that make up the borough.
Her journey into local politics began with a commitment to her own community. In July 2024, she was elected as a councillor for St Helier ward following a by-election. Within a relatively short period, she progressed to become Deputy Mayor, before taking on the mayoralty herself.
She knows its neighbourhoods, its people and the experiences that shape life in the borough. That personal connection gives her historic appointment an added significance.
For many Muslim residents, and particularly for younger people, seeing someone from their own community take on such a prominent civic role can be deeply meaningful. It offers a visible reminder that public life and local leadership are open to everyone.
Councillor Syeda's mayoralty is not defined solely by the word "first". Her role is also about bringing people together. Merton is one of London's diverse boroughs, home to residents from different cultures, faiths and generations. As Mayor, Councillor Syeda has an opportunity to celebrate that diversity while highlighting the shared interests and ambitions that connect communities across the borough.
Her chosen charities for the mayoral year — Dons Local Action Group and Merton Mencap — also reflect a focus on supporting people within the local community. The mayoralty provides her with a platform to raise awareness and support for organisations making a difference to residents' lives.
For a young person growing up in Merton today, Councillor Syeda's story may be particularly significant. The journey from being a local girl to sitting in the mayor's chair is a powerful illustration of what community involvement can lead to.
Her election has opened a new chapter in Merton's civic history. Yet perhaps the most striking part of her story is that, despite the historic nature of the occasion, its roots are remarkably simple.
She is a woman from Merton, serving the place she calls home. Retired from the NHS in 2023 with a career spanning over more than two decades, dedicated to patient care and experience.
Various roles in the community from prison mentor to Young Offenders, helping survivors of domestic abuse and fundraising for worthy charities.
Present volunteer roles are safeguarding governor for a local primary school, governor for St Georges, Epsom and St Helier Foundation Trust, Merton Rotarian (president elect for coming year) and bereavement counsellor.



Abdullah Shoaib

Sector:
Entrepreneur

Abdullah Shoaib is a distinguished entrepreneur and business leader whose career reflects determination, integrity and a strong commitment to creating sustainable commercial and social value. He is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Energy Solutions (ES) Ltd., a UK-based business energy consultancy established in 2016, which has grown from a one-person enterprise in Cardiff into an established organisation serving businesses across the United Kingdom.

Abdullah moved to the United Kingdom in 2010 and began his professional career within the business energy sector, gaining valuable experience in sales, energy procurement and customer support. Working closely with business owners and organisations provided him with an in-depth understanding of the energy market and the challenges companies often encountered when managing electricity and gas contracts.

His early professional experience also shaped his entrepreneurial philosophy. Abdullah recognised the importance of transparency, responsible advice and genuine long-term relationships in an industry where businesses can face complex choices and commercial pressures. Determined to create a more customer-focused model, he founded Energy Solutions with a clear vision: to help businesses understand their energy options, control costs and make informed decisions through honest advice and dependable support.
Under his leadership, Energy Solutions has developed into a growing business with a team of more than 25 professionals and access to over 30 energy suppliers. The company's capabilities extend across energy procurement, consultancy, bill validation, payment solutions, energy efficiency and sustainability. Abdullah's approach has been to position the business not simply as an energy intermediary, but as a trusted commercial partner supporting clients throughout their business journey.

Abdullah studied International Relations at Cardiff University, where his time in Cardiff laid the foundations for his professional career in Wales. His academic background, together with his experience in energy procurement, commercial negotiations and client strategy, shaped his practical, relationship-focused approach to leadership.
Beyond his business achievements, Abdullah places considerable importance on entrepreneurship as a means of creating opportunity. Through his businesses, he has contributed to the employment of around 40 people across the United Kingdom and Bangladesh, helping individuals develop professional skills, build careers and support their families. He regards the creation of meaningful employment as one of the most enduring ways an entrepreneur can contribute to society.
Abdullah's family heritage is rooted in Lohagara, Chittagong, Bangladesh. While his professional career has been firmly established in the United Kingdom, he has maintained a strong connection with Bangladesh and continues to engage with business and entrepreneurial communities in both countries. His values are deeply influenced by the principles of hard work, integrity, family, community and giving back.
His entrepreneurial interests have also expanded beyond energy. Through Payee Solutions, Abdullah has entered the payment technology sector, providing businesses with point-of-sale solutions designed to support modern payment requirements and commercial efficiency.

He maintains active connections with respected business organisations and networks, including the British Chamber of Commerce in Wales, Bangladesh British Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BBCCI), Turkish-British Chamber of Commerce & Industry (TBCCI) and the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB).

Looking ahead, Abdullah's ambition is to build upon his achievements by expanding opportunities in employment, renewable energy, sustainability, strategic partnerships and business support. His enduring vision is to develop organisations distinguished not only by commercial success, but by integrity, innovation and their ability to create lasting value for customers, employees and communities.

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Shubina Udeen

Sector:
Children's Social Care and Systemic Psychotherapy

At 38, with five children and years of caring responsibilities already behind her, Shubina Udeen began a social work degree. It was the moment two decades of advocacy found their professional form, and the start of a path that would lead her to co-found and direct a group of London children's homes rated Outstanding and Good by Ofsted.
Born and raised in the United Kingdom, Shubina is the only daughter of Mostezab Uddin and the late Monir Uddin Tarafder, with family roots in Moulvibazar, Bangladesh. Close to her Sylheti roots, she worked as a health-service interpreter while her children were young, helping families be heard. Her earliest advocacy was at home. As the mother of children with additional needs, she learned to navigate education, health and social-care systems, pushing for her children to be recognised for their abilities rather than defined by their difficulties. She is now a proud grandmother.

From 2007 she worked as a foster carer, giving children stability during some of the most uncertain periods of their lives. The work gave her a lived understanding of trauma, attachment, loss and identity long before she studied them formally. After qualifying as a social worker in 2011, she spent six years in Croydon's Community Mental Health Team. She then trained in systemic psychotherapy, completing an MSc in Family and Systemic Psychotherapy, and is registered with UKCP. Since 2018 she has volunteered as a Family Therapist at the Prudence Skynner Family Therapy Clinic, Springfield Hospital.
In 2017, Shubina and her son founded Evoke Care Group, now three residential children's homes across London caring for young people with complex emotional and behavioural needs. As a Director and the Ofsted-registered manager of two of the homes, she leads on safeguarding, quality assurance, workforce development and therapeutic standards, and delivers the group's systemic training. Her work means close partnership with local authorities, police, hospitals, schools and CAMHS on behalf of children affected by trauma, exploitation and placement breakdown. In 2025 she was Highly Commended in the Children's Home Manager Award (South) at the National Children and Young People Awards.
Her voice reaches beyond the care sector. As a presenter on Islam Channel's City Sisters (Series 3), she brought hearing impairment and family life with additional needs to a wide British Muslim audience. Through the charity Conscious Muslim, she takes systemic and therapeutic approaches to orphanages in Zanzibar, reaching children who would otherwise have no access to them.

As a British Bangladeshi Muslim woman leading in one of social care's most demanding sectors, Shubina remains a rare presence in positions of authority. Her path began in her own front room, advocating for her children. It ran through years of fostering and frontline mental-health social work, and into leadership: proof that a career's most defining chapter does not have to arrive first. Her inclusion in the British Bangladeshi Who's Who would recognise not a single achievement, but a sustained, practical belief that no child should be lost within paperwork, procedure or professional language.



Abdul Sufan

Sector:
Business & Community

Abdul Sufan is a successful businessman and respected community leader, originally from Elamer Gow, Biswanath, Bangladesh. He came to the United Kingdom in 1984 and, through determination, perseverance and hard work, established his first restaurant in Harlow, Essex, in 1991.
Over the past four decades, Abdul Sufan has developed a diverse business portfolio, with interests spanning the restaurant and supermarket sectors, alongside his work as a property investor. His entrepreneurial journey reflects a strong commitment to building sustainable businesses while creating opportunities and contributing to the wider community.
Beyond his professional achievements, Abdul Sufan has dedicated significant time and effort to community and charitable service, both in the United Kingdom and in his home village of Elamer Gow. His commitment to supporting others has earned him the respect and appreciation of communities in both countries.

Abdul currently serves as Chairman of the Elamer Gow Welfare Association, where he plays an active role in supporting the welfare and development of his local community. He is also a Trustee of the Bishwanath Probashi Education Trust in Biswanath, contributing to educational initiatives and opportunities for future generations.
In the United Kingdom, he serves as a Trustee of Harlow Bangladesh Islamic Cultural Centre and as Treasurer of the Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA), Essex Region.
From his arrival in Britain in 1984 to his achievements as an established entrepreneur and community leader, Abdul Sufan's journey represents more than four decades of dedication, leadership, service and success. His contribution to business and community life continues to make a meaningful difference to those around him.

In 2012, on a mat far from where his journey began, Javed Uddin made history: the first known person of Bengali heritage in the world to be awarded a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt, presented personally by Roger Gracie, widely regarded as the greatest BJJ competitor of all time. To receive that distinction from one of the sport's defining figures was the culmination of years of disciplined training, sacrifice and sustained determination. Many years on, that milestone stands not as the peak of his story, but as its turning point.

Born and raised in the United Kingdom, Javed is the second son of the late Haji Monir Uddin Tarafder and Mostezab Uddin, with family roots in Moulvibazar, Bangladesh. A qualified accountant by profession, he has devoted more than four decades to martial arts alongside his career, progressing since 2012 to fourth-degree BJJ black belt and adding black belts in Wing Chun and kickboxing along the way, three demanding disciplines, sustained at the highest level, under one relentless standard. Now 55, he remains an active competitor and instructor rather than a figure coaching from the sidelines, with a record that includes numerous medals and podium finishes, including gold, across all three sports.

His teaching career began modestly, in classes held at local mosque bringing martial arts to the Muslim community in familiar, welcoming surroundings, and offering students far more than physical technique: discipline, confidence, resilience, physical wellbeing, mutual respect and belief in their own potential. That grassroots foundation, built without grades, medals or personal recognition as its motivation, grew into Grapplers Den Academy, now headquartered in Balham, South London, with a developing network of affiliate clubs. What began as a local initiative has become a structured pathway, one through which complete beginners can progress over years into experienced competitors, coaches and future instructors in their own right. Many hundreds of students, from children to seasoned martial artists, have trained across the academy and its wider network. Seven have gone on to earn BJJ black belts under Javed's direct guidance, and several of those now teach and coach the next generation themselves, carrying the academy's values of technical excellence, discipline, respect and humility into new communities.

Family runs alongside the achievements. Javed is a father of three sons and a grandfather; his eldest is a doctor, his second an accountant, and his youngest continues his education, evidence of a household built on shared discipline and ambition, and of a man who has balanced elite-level training and competition with the considerable demands of professional and family life.

What sets Javed apart is not simply the milestone he reached, but what he did with it. At a time when British Bangladeshi and Muslim representation in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu barely existed, he not only broke through, he built the infrastructure for others to follow: an academy, a network, a lineage of black belts now teaching in their own right. His legacy is measured less in personal medals than in the doors he has opened for a community that had few role models in the sport before him.

More than 40 years after he began, Javed Uddin continues to train, compete and teach. His inclusion in Who's Who British Bangladeshi would recognise both a genuine first for Bengali representation in world martial arts and a career spent quietly ensuring he wasn't the last.



Javed Uddin

Sector:
Martial Arts

Dr. Mohib Uddin is an internationally recognised Medical Scientist with more than a decade of global Biopharmaceutical experience, specialising in Respiratory Medicine. A graduate of King's College London, University of London, he subsequently pursued his PhD Doctorate in Medicine at the prestigious University of Cambridge Medical School. He is a Fellow of the University of Cambridge and has authored more than 75 scientific research publications, including in landmark journals across the Nature and Lancet title series. Dr. Uddin has presented his groundbreaking research at major international Respiratory congresses and has been invited to participate in distinguished scientific forums, including at the Karolinska Institute's Nobel Prize Research Forum in Sweden, hosted by the Nobel Foundation Chairman Professor Bengt Samuelsson.

Asthma remains one of the world's most significant chronic health challenges, affecting more than a quarter of a billion people globally. Dr. Uddin has been involved in pioneering asthma research by contributing to the development of a breakthrough Biologic therapy that has helped transform the lives of millions of patients worldwide. For him, the true measure of scientific achievement lies not solely in laboratory discoveries but in translating research into real-world impact on patients' lives.

Born into an esteemed family from historic Sylhet Town, Bangladesh, Dr. Uddin draws inspiration from a proud tradition of civic devotion and humanitarian service, with senior paternal and maternal forebears holding high-ranking administrative and military positions during the British Raj.

His late father, Nizam Uddin Tohru, an alumnus of Sylhet Government Pilot School, emigrated to the United Kingdom in the 1960s and became a respected local broadcaster with BBC Radio Bangla Cambridgeshire. Following the devastating 1985 Bangladesh cyclone, which claimed approximately 11,000 lives, he mobilised his broadcasting platform to raise vital humanitarian funds and opened his family home as an Oxfam collection centre to support international relief efforts.

Dr. Uddin's mother, Sirajun Nessa, belongs to the established Bakht family of old Sylhet Town. After settling in London in the late 1960s, she devoted herself to supporting economic migrants from Greater Sylhet as they established new lives in Britain. During Bangladesh's 1971 Liberation War, she was actively involved with the Bangladesh Women's Association and participated in the historic Trafalgar Square rally of 8 August 1971 alongside thousands of expatriates, helping raise crucial funds for the new nation. This family legacy of humanitarian service continues to shape Dr. Uddin's own commitment to global health equity. Concerned by disparities in healthcare provision, particularly in developing countries such as Bangladesh, he is passionate about fostering international research collaboration and promoting fairer access to advances in medicine.

Beyond medical research, Dr. Uddin remains dedicated to philanthropy and community engagement. He has completed the London, Paris and Gothenburg Marathons (42 kM) to raise funds for chronic lung disease research and initiatives supporting children with disabilities.

Recognised among the top 100 Inspiring British Bangladeshi Professionals in London in 2018 for his contributions to Medicine, he was recently honoured by Deputy Commissioner at the Sylhet Expatriates Award 2025 in Bangladesh. He remains committed to academic mentorship, supporting underrepresented medical students at the University of Cambridge and encouraging a more inclusive environment for future scientific achievement.

Dr. Uddin's offers a guiding and enduring ethos inherited from his late father: to work with sincerity, to unite through collaboration, and to commit to empowering vulnerable communities worldwide.



Dr. Mohib Uddin

Sector:
Medicine



Md Nasir Uddin
ACA, FCCA, CPA (Canada)
Sector:
Chartered Accountant | Community Advocate

Md Nasir Uddin is a distinguished chartered accountant; professional leader, mentor, and community advocate whose career reflects excellence, resilience, inclusion, and a deep commitment to creating opportunities for others. His election to the Council of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) for the 2025–2029 term marks a historic achievement. He is the first Bangladeshi in ICAEW's 145-year history to be elected to its Council, representing a significant milestone for the British Bangladeshi community, the wider Bangladeshi Diaspora, and the accountancy profession.
Born in the rural village of Uttar Harbang, Chakaria, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, Nasir's journey to the leadership of one of the world's most respected professional accountancy bodies is a powerful example of determination and the transformative power of education. He began his career in Bangladesh with leading audit firms Nasir Mohammad & Co and Hoda Vasi Chowdhury & Co, developing a strong technical and professional foundation before moving to the United Kingdom in 2003.

Over more than two decades in the UK, Nasir has built extensive experience across professional practice and industry, including senior financial leadership as a Financial Controller within a multi-sector organisation. In 2012, he established his own ICAEW-registered accountancy practice in East London. The firm has grown into a respected professional services organisation supporting businesses, entrepreneurs, and families, particularly within underserved and British Bangladeshi communities. Through his work, he has supported thousands of SMEs, contributing to business sustainability, entrepreneurship, employment, and wider economic participation.
Nasir is equally recognised for his contribution to professional and community leadership. In 2013, he founded the British Bangladeshi Chartered/Certified Accountants Organisation, creating a platform for collaboration, representation, networking, and knowledge sharing among more than 300 finance professionals. In 2024, he co-founded the Society of British Asian Accountants, bringing together professionals from 12 Asian countries and strengthening collaboration between diverse professional communities and the UK financial sector.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Nasir played an important role in supporting small businesses through media engagement and direct professional advice, helping hundreds of businesses understand government support schemes, maintain compliance, and navigate unprecedented economic challenges.
His commitment to education and mentorship is equally significant. Since 2018, he has served as a Research and Analysis Project (RAP) Mentor at Oxford Brookes University, supporting ACCA students pursuing the BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting. His mentoring combines academic guidance, career development, and professional coaching, with mentees progressing to Big Four firms and leading financial institutions.
Nasir's social impact extends to charitable work. In 2017, he founded the AA Memorial Trust, supporting more than 200 underprivileged children through education and providing financial, marriage, and livelihood assistance to disadvantaged families. He is also leading an ambitious project to establish an orphanage providing high-quality, multilingual education for 200 children.

Holding ACA, FCCA, and CPA (Canada) qualifications, Nasir combines professional excellence with purposeful leadership. His legacy is defined not only by his historic professional achievement, but by his commitment to representation, mentorship, community empowerment, education, inclusion, and creating pathways for future generations.



MD Zahidul Islam Zahid
Sector:
Education

Group Chief Executive Officer, The Unibridge Group, Manchester, United Kingdom And Chairman, Central University of Science and Technology (CUST), Dhaka, Bangladesh MD Zahidul Islam is an accomplished higher education leader, entrepreneur and strategic executive whose work has made a significant contribution to widening access to education, institutional development and social mobility. With more than a decade of leadership experience across higher education, professional training and international education, he has transformed ambitious educational ideas into sustainable institutions and opportunities for thousands of learners.
As Founder and Group Chief Executive Officer of The Unibridge Group, he has built and strategically led a diverse education portfolio operating across the United Kingdom and internationally. The Group encompasses UK Management College (UKMC), ASIQUAL Global,
ASIQUAL Awards, Chequers Academy, Glasgow Academy of Musical Theatre and Arts (GAMTA), Civil Ceremonies Ltd, Green Valley Academy, and Central University of Science and Technology (CUST), creating pathways across higher education, professional and vocational qualifications, health and medical training, and creative education.
One of his most significant achievements has been the establishment and remarkable growth of UK Management College. Founded in May 2016 with a single student and one campus, UKMC developed under his decade of leadership into a five-campus higher education provider serving almost 10,000 students. This growth reflects not only institutional expansion but his commitment to creating accessible educational pathways for mature, disadvantaged and non-traditional learners, enabling individuals who may otherwise have had limited opportunities to enter and progress through higher education.
His leadership has driven the development of academic partnerships, widening-participation initiatives, foundation and progression pathways, student support systems and employability-focused provision. At the heart of his work is a belief that education should extend beyond academic qualifications to create meaningful opportunities for employment, professional advancement, economic participation and long-term social mobility.
Extending this vision internationally, in January 2026 MD Zahidul Islam became Chairman of Central University of Science and Technology (CUST), Bangladesh. In this role, he contributes to the University's strategic governance and long-term development, with particular focus on Artificial Intelligence, digital transformation, information technology and health sciences, while promoting research, quality assurance, international collaboration and globally relevant higher education.
Alongside his executive achievements, MD Zahidul Islam has maintained a strong commitment to his own academic and professional development. An alumnus of the University of Dhaka, he holds an MBA from Anglia Ruskin University, UK, together with postgraduate qualifications in Strategic Management and Leadership and Business Management. He continues to pursue advanced academic development (PhD), reflecting his belief in lifelong learning and evidence-informed leadership.
His long-term ambition is to establish The Unibridge Group as an internationally connected education platform, bringing together learners, educational institutions and industry while expanding transnational education and future-focused learning opportunities.
His contribution closely reflects the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Quality Education (SDG 4), Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8), and Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10). Through institution-building, educational entrepreneurship and international collaboration, MD Zahidul Islam has demonstrated how visionary leadership in education can translate into measurable institutional growth, wider access, social mobility and sustainable impact on individuals and communities.

BRITISH BANGLADESHI

WHO'S WHO 2026

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Mohammad Joynal Abedin

Sector:
Sports

Growing up in an army family, He learned discipline, focus, and resilience at an early age qualities that have remained at the heart of his professional and personal journey. These values have guided him across continents and shaped nearly two decades of work in the Higher Education sector in the UK.
He began my career in 2006 as a Student Engagement Officer at Guildhall College. It was there that he discovered my lifelong passion: helping students achieve their educational and professional ambitions.

In 2019, he co-founded Smart move Education and Kampus Group, organisations dedicated to transforming the student journey from admissions to career development. Today, as Chairman, he lead a dynamic team of more than 400 staff across 14 international branches. Together, we guide thousands of students each year in choosing the right courses, developing employability skills, and stepping into thriving careers. This work is deeply rewarding and reflects his belief that education is not just about degrees—it's about futures. The opportunity to see students progress from their first enquiry to a successful career continues to inspire me every single day.

As a public speaker and motivational coach, he had the privilege of inspiring audiences across the world, hosting large international events, and sharing practical insights on leadership, education, and business growth. His work as a business analyst also allows him to support organisations in achieving sustainable success, reinforcing my dedication to both personal and professional growth.
Beyond his professional life, he holds a deep connection with his community. For over 15 years, he has actively supported the Bengali sports community in the UK, particularly through cricket. From participating in recreational leagues to sponsoring tournaments such as the Bangladesh District Cup, he sought to empower young athletes and create platforms for them to thrive. As a grassroots funder and sponsor of new teams, he takes pride in nurturing talent from the ground up, helping local players and clubs find their footing and grow. Supporting sport is more than a pastime for me—it is a way of giving back, fostering teamwork, and building opportunities for the next generation.

At every stage of my journey. Whether through education, mentoring, business, or community service, his purpose has been to open doors for others and to leave a positive, lasting impact. Looking ahead, he remains committed to expanding opportunities globally and creating pathways that allow future generations to thrive.



Jayanal Abedien

Sector:
Community/ Media

Jayanal Abedien is well known in the Bangladeshi community for being a community activist and a popular journalist. He is also widely known as a former lecturer at Goalabazar Government Women's Degree College in Bangladesh,Ousmaninogur, Syhlet. He is an individual who is the sub-editor of Weekly Bangla Times and Bangla Post. Bangla Post is known to be the first Bengali newspaper in the UK. Furthermore, he is the esteemed founder President of Sherpur Welfare Trust (UK) as well as the unsurpassed president of Haji Abdul Jollil & Mahmuda Khatun Welfare trust (UK). In addition, he is the Secretary of Khalilpur Welfare & education trust (UK).

MD Jayanal Abedien was born to Bangladeshi parents in Moulvibazar, Sylhet, Bangladesh in 1973. He is the Son-heir of the late Haji Abdul Jolil and the late Mahmuda Khatun. He completed secondary at Azad-Bakh High school and completed higher secondary at Sylhet Govt College. Also, he has completed MSS at the National University in Bangladesh.

He also completed his Bachelor of Arts at the Greenwich University in London. At present, Jayanal Abedien is a member of London Bangla press club.
Jayanal Abedien is passionate about contributing to betterment of society and fostering connections within the community. His journey from Bangladesh to the UK has shaped his perspective and drive, and he looks forward to continuing his endeavours in both journalism and community service, while leaving a lasting positive impact wherever he goes. Jayanal Abedien resides in Bethnal Green, Tower Hamlets with his wife Mrs Mahdia Chowdhury and son Mohammed Zunayed Abedien.

Abdul Ahad is a British Bangladeshi who has been involved in the catering industry for nearly thirty years, and it is fair to say that he has been more than a success.
His first restaurant was opened in Milton Keynes in 1980 and since then his catering empire has grown stronger and stronger. From the moment Ahad entered the catering trade, he saw a vision to create an ultimate shrine to Indian food. In 1998, his plans began to take shape, and finally in early 2002, the dream became a reality.
Jaipur came to an end in 2018 and Ahad received the Paul Harris Fellowship award of appreciation by Rotary International.
As the former owner of the famous Jaipur Restaurant in Milton Keynes, Ahad is the man behind the largest purpose built Indian restaurant in Europe.

The Jaipur Restaurant itself is an architectural landmark building of great beauty, and one that Ahad refers to as his own 'mini Taj Mahal'. The food and the service inside is equally impressive, having won practically every available award to Indian cuisine.
Furthermore, although initially Jaipur was solely an Indian Restaurant, it now houses a Thai restaurant, the Orchid Lounge, on the first floor.
For all his success as a restaurateur, he is equally as successful in other fields –one of which is fundraising for charities.

Two of Ahad's favourite causes are 'the Jaipur Limb Project' of the Rotary International and Save the Children charity.
The 'Jaipur Limb Project' set up in Jaipur, India, is engaged in manufacturing prosthetic limbs for children and adults who have lost their limbs due to disease or accidents. The provision of a new limb gives them a life changing experience enabling them to a full life in many different ways. Ahad is a major supporter and contributor to the project during the last twelve years, raising over £30,000 through the Annual Charity Dinner.

Ahad is also a high profile and integral member of Britian's Bangladeshi community and has supported the development of schools, mosques, madrassas and other charity projects in his parental village in Sylhet.



Abdul Ahad
Sector:
Philanthropist

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Afia Adamjee is an electronics engineer, philanthropist, prominent foreign investor, wife and mother of four children. For over 40 years, Afia has been a trailblazer in almost every new challenge she has undertaken. From being the only female student in her HSC programme at MC College Sylhet, to being the only woman in her Bachelor of Engineering cohort at the University of Westminster.

Afia's academic excellence was recognised by ITN (Independent Television News), who sponsored her degree and offered her a top of the market graduate job. Since graduating in 1994, Afia was the only female engineer at Gravity Media, an industry leading firm, and she now continues to advocate for and train the next generation of female engineers in a male dominated industry. Afia's career as a highly specialised Senior Broadcast Engineer has taken her around the world. Her expertise has been demanded at major events since 1995, from the Commonwealth Games in Malaysia, Goodwill Games in Australia to the Tennis Masters in Monte-Carlo; and more recently at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, Wimbledon and Paris Olympics.
In December 2023, Afia became the first woman of British Bangladeshi origine to be awarded Commercially Important Person (CIP) status by the Government of Bangladesh, for her contributions as a direct investor to the industrial sector in Bangladesh. Since 2017, Afia has been the Director of British Bangla Chemical Ltd. (BBCL) and invested significantly in the development of the companies' chemical plant in Sreemongal. The plant has been operational for several years now, producing Precipitated calcium carbonate (PCC), and British Bangla Chemical has become a pioneer in the global lime industry, putting Bangladesh on the map of major buyers.

Afia's contributions to the Bangladeshi community, both in Bangladesh and the UK, also manifests in her charitable endeavours. As a trustee to the Just Help Foundation, and major donor to the development of the Just Help Eye Hospital, Afia has contributed to fundraising efforts in the UK and organisation on site at the hospital in Sylhet. Afia is also the co-founder of the Adamjee Foundation, which works hard to provide accessible education for under privileged children, as well as mentorship for first-generation university students in Bangladesh. Afia has a particular passion for supporting women and mothers, and this carries over to her work in the Adamjee Foundation as she endeavours to provide maternity care for rural women.



Afia Adamjee, CIP
Sector:
Engineering/ Philanthropy

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Dr Alauddin Ahmed
MBBS DIP VEN DFFP

Sector:
Medicine

Founder and Principle Partner of the Westbury Road Medical Practice, London.
After completing his schooling at Jaldup High School, Sylhet, Alauddin went on to study Medicine at Sir Salimulla Medical College (SSMC) in Dhaka. He was awarded the MBBS degree in 1968.
On arrival in the UK in 1969, Alauddin completed a Diploma in Venereal Disease (DIP VEN) from the University of Liverpool. He undertook a medical rotation and achieved the level of Registrar in Dermatology and in General Medicine, he worked under the supervision of Sir Professor Fergus Anderson.
Career in General Practice.
Alauddin completed GP training in 1981 and set up his own practice, The Westbury Road Medical Practice in Newham, London in 1982. In 1985 he completed the Diploma of the Faculty of Family Planning and Reproductive Medicine (DFFP). As Principle GP he expanded the practice to include two further GP partners, a salaried GP, GP Registrars, practice manager, a nurse, and a team of other clinical and administrative staff.
He achieved the positions of GP trainer, tutor, appraiser and participated in the regional GP trainee selection panel. In 2015 he negotiated a merger to ensure the long-term survival of the practice he set up over 40 years ago.
He was a founding member of the Small Practice Association of the UK, an active member of the London-wide Local Medical Committees. He was also a co-ordinator for Refugee and Overseas doctors.
He has been a very active member of the Bangladesh Medical Association in the UK. He has organised international seminars and conferences.

Alauddin was born in Mullapur, Beani Bazar, Sylhet. He is one of seven, he had five brothers and a sister.
He is married to Mahbuba Ezdani Khan, retired GP practice manager. They have two children: a daughter, Munaza Ahmed, a consultant at Great Ormond Street Hospital and a son, Rashed Ahmed, a chartered management accountant at Deloitte UK. He has three grandsons.
He has won many awards such as the Newham Welfare Trust Community Award , Bangladesh Centre Award Recognition for NHS service Award, Channel S Award, Spectrum Bangla Radio and TV award.

He is actively involved in numerous charitable organisations and has held the following positions: Trustee Beani Bazar Cancer and General Hospital , Trustee of the Beani Bazar Welfare Trust UK , Ex-Treasurer of The Friends of Bangladesh, Corporate member of the Bangladesh Centre , Brihottor Education Trust Sylhet member and trustee , Senior vice chairman, UK committee, Sylhet Heart Foundation , Life member and cabin-donor to Sylhet Kidney Foundation , Member and long-time supporter of Cancer Research Foundation UK and Supporter of Save the Children .



Emon Ahmed

Sector:
Law/ Real Estate

Award Winner 2023

Emon Ahmed is an international lawyer who specialises in corporate, banking and finance law. Emon is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the board to the Ackroyd Legal Group.

In his early years, Emon was a commercial Director at Stirling Ackroyd. Emon started at Stirling Ackroyd at a young age and developed his career within the investment and development sector.
Having advised corporate clients for over 10 years Emon was promoted to the position of Managing Director and expanded the company's operations on an international scale.

In 2015, Emon and his late business partner Mr James Goff, founded Ackroyd Legal, a city law firm specialising in real estate, litigation, corporate and finance law. Today the group, having acquired 15 large solicitor's practices throughout the UK, some of which have been established over 300 years, has over 220 lawyers and is regarded as one of the fastest growing law firms nationally. Ackroyd's international offices include operations in the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Kuwait, and Singapore.
The group has a stellar reputation within the industry, for advising major asset funds and international finance houses.
Emon is also chairman of EA Capital. The company is a Swiss private equity fund based in Geneva with an appetite for undertaking asset management and investing in start-up companies that are early in the development stage – often with pre profit – with high growth potential. The company typically invests into a project with majority stake, undertakes an active role helping to define all elements of the target's strategy, to mature and eventually identify possible routes of exit. Today EA capital has diversified its interests to reduce risk, by investing in a portfolio made up of retail, commercial finance, real estate, and tech companies.

Emon has come from a long lineage of mature business, his family have been in real estate and hospitality since 1951. Emon's grandfather, the late Mr Israf Ali, established his first real estate business in September 1951, which still stands today, as the backbone of the group's success. In 1978 Emon's father, Mr Shab Uddin established the famous Tower Tandoori restaurant of Tower bridge, which is now in its 45th year of trade, having recently gone through extensive refurbishment. It continues to grow and flourish.


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A M Ohid Ahmed

Sector:
Politics

Ohid Ahmed is the Cllr for Lansbury and the Cabinet Minister for Safer Communities. He was the former-Executive Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. Ohid is a part qualified Certified Chartered Accountant (ACCA). He has a Masters Degree in Accountancy and between 2002 and 2005 he completed his MBA from the University of East London.

Cllr Ahmed was the founder and instrumental of setting up Labour Friends of Bangladesh (LFB) and chair until 2010. As Finance & Grants Coordinator for Lea side Regeneration he manages various projects involving employment and finance. He also provides advice and support to project managers in relation to financial management and administrative issues. Cllr Ahmed was the first Bangladeshi Muslim to sit on the London Games Gateway Development Corporation (Ministerial appointment). Cllr Ohid Ahmed is very strongly involved in the social and economic regeneration of East London. He has worked with many communities and voluntary organisations in East London and has helped them obtain grants. Another issue close to Ohid's heart is the removal of barriers in the labour market for those groups who are at a disadvantage in entering the labour market.
He places particular emphasis on combating race, sex and disability discrimination, and he has helped implementing measures, which will eradicate these barriers. He was also Cabinet member of Regeneration, Localisation and Community Partnership from 2006 to 2009 and Education and youth Services for 2005. Councillor Ohid Ahmed was the Cabinet Member for resources and performance in 2009 and was short listed for prestigious LGIU award for his outstanding contribution to financial performance in Tower Hamlets. Cllr Ohid Ahmed also serves in several community organisations.
He is the Trustee of the Golapgonj Education Trust, as well as a Trustee for the Mahmud Hussain Education & Welfare Trust. He currently holds the position of Board Member at both the Limehouse Youth Club and the Poplar (Aberfeldy) Islamic Cultural Centre. He was formerly the Cabinet Member of Education and Youth Services for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, and the youth and cultural secretary at the Bangladesh Centre.

Cllr Ohid Ahmed's favourite pastimes include following national and international politics, cricket, chess, gardening as well as computing. He is a well-rounded Councillor striving for the success of East London and the people within.



Imam Uddin Ahmad

Sector:
Business

Imam Uddin Ahmad was born in Balagonj, Bangladesh, in 1967 and moved to the UK in 1975 at the age of eight. From a young age, he displayed great ambition, and in 1990, at just 22 years old, he launched his first restaurant in Wolverhampton alongside his two brothers, Md Jamal Uddin and Md Shahab Uddin. This initial success marked the beginning of a prosperous career, with Imam opening five additional catering outlets over the next six years, from 1990 to 1996.

In 1999, Imam expanded his business interests by adding a frozen fish and prawn supply company to his growing portfolio. A year earlier, in 1998, he had also ventured into the property market, investing in both residential and commercial buy-to-let properties. While juggling his commitments to both the catering and property industries, he eventually shifted his focus entirely to property development, recognizing its lucrative potential. In 2008, after obtaining qualifications from Manchester University, he established his own Letting and Management company.
Imam Uddin Ahmad now runs Urban Link Estates Ltd, which manages his Letting and Management operationsand Urban Link Property Developments Ltd, which oversees his buy-to-let and property development ventures. His most recent business, Urban Property Acquisitions, specialises in sourcing investment properties for both UK and international investors. This company offers a comprehensive package, providing below-market property deals along with mortgage services, conveyancing, refurbishment, lettingand management.

In addition to his business achievements, Imam is deeply committed to community work, both in the UK and in Bangladesh. He serves as the President of a charity supporting impoverished communities in Purbo Poilanpur Union, Balagonj, Bangladesh. Furthermore, as the President of a local mosque in Walsall, he plays a pivotal role in overseeing a £1.4 million project to rebuild a purpose-built mosque.

Imam Uddin Ahmad is also the President of the Midland Region of the UKBBCI (UK Bangladesh Business Chamber of Commerce), reflecting his dedication to fostering business connections and supporting Bangladeshi enterprises in the UK.
He is married with 4 children Amin Uddin Ahmed 34 who is Solicitor and runs his own law firm in Birmingham. His second is a daughter who is an optician, 3rd is son who is a self-employed Dentist and 4th is daughter who is studying medicine at Birmingham University.

Iqbal Ahmed was born in Sylhet, Bangladesh in 1956 and came to the UK in 1971. He completed his secondary education at the City College in Westminster, London and joined the family business in Oldham in 1976. Subsequently, his brothers, Kamal and Bilal joined him and the expansion of the business began.
Iqbal is married with three children, two of whom have left university to make their way in the world, one with Seamark, the other a doctor, and the third has completed her degree course at Manchester University.
He pioneered the import of frozen fish and seafood products in refrigerated containers and was the first to import the black tiger shrimp into the UK and EU. Iqbal Brothers & Company soon became the leading supplier of warm water frozen fish and shrimps in the EU with a national distribution network it retains to this day. Seamark plc followed in 1991, specializing in the processing and stocking of warm water shrimps, especially the black tiger and the fresh water king prawn. After processing and packing, these were exported to most countries in Europe, as a result of which, Seamark received the coveted Queen's Award for Export Achievement in 1998. This was followed in 1999, by the first prize in the prestigious Business in Europe Awards.

As a British investor in the third world, with the support and encouragement of DTI, a new, ultra modern factory, costing USD10 million, was constructed in Chittagong, Bangladesh. HRH The Princess Royal was invited to perform the official opening in November 2000, which she did in the presence of many distinguished guests. The Chittagong factory is operating at full capacity and has been expanded, within the existing site areas, producing value added and ready to eat products such as seafood and vegetable somosa's, paratha and vegetables. In addition, two further seafood processing companies have been taken over in Bangladesh and the group now boasts its own fleet of deep sea shrimp trawlers equipped with on board freezing facilities, as well as its own hatchery where high quality shrimp can be farmed for export to the world.
In 2001, he opened their USA sales office in New Jersey and have since acquired a warehouse and a cold store in Brooklyn, New York to distribute products in North America including Canada. In 2005, Seamark constructed a factory in Manchester on a 6.25-acre on a nearby site in East Manchester. A further development to this site involves a large Thai restaurant called Vermilion, which opened in at the end of November 2007. Vermilion features an exceptional décor and the site includes a 200 cover restaurant on its first floor and a bar with a capacity of 300 and a large private function room for over 100 people on its second floor. All three units have bars and kitchens and are capable of handling large and small events, weddings and business conferences. This complex has provided a new and much larger suite of offices and a cold store (one of the biggest of its kind in Europe with a capacity to store 12,500 tonnes of frozen food) for Seamark's associated business Ibco Limited (formerly Iqbal Brothers) who, in addition to their well established frozen and ambient food trading has opened a new venture from this site, a wholesale cash & carry unit named Restaurant Wholesale, with the aim of providing everything the modern restaurant will require.
Over the years, Iqbal has been appointed to a number of Government committees and Advisory bodies, among which are the Southern Asia Advisory Group under DTI, the Competitiveness Council, BOND (the British Council) and the Manchester Forum. He is the Director of New East Manchester Limited, the partnership company between Manchester City Council, English Partnerships and North West Development Agency charged with the task of the regeneration East Manchester. In 2006 he was invited to become a member of the Ethical Trading Champions' Group, set up under the government's Food industry Sustainability Strategy (FISS). Iqbal represents the interests and concerns of the Frozen Food Manufacturers. The British Frozen Food Federation nominated him for the position on the Champions' Group and they submitted their report and recommendations to the goverment at the end of March 2007.
He established and is the Chairman of the UKBCCI.
In November 2007, he was personally invited by George Osborn; Shadow Chancellor to join his newly formed New Enterprise Council.



Iqbal Ahmed OBE

Sector:
Business



Award Winner 2012

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Jamal Ahmed is a globally recognised privacy thought leader, bestselling author, and visionary entrepreneur whose extraordinary journey has redefined what is possible for professionals and businesses navigating the digital age. Celebrated as the "King of Data Protection," Jamal has empowered more than 70,000 professionals across 137 countries to turn complex privacy challenges into opportunities for growth, trust, and innovation.
Born to a family from Biswanath, Sylhet, Jamal grew up in Manchester before moving to London as a teenager. The resilience, discipline, and sense of community instilled by his parents remain the guiding principles of his work today. Their values inspired him to pursue a path of excellence that would carry the pride of the British Bangladeshi community onto the global stage.
Jamal earned a BA (Hons) in Business with Law from Kingston University, where he built the academic foundations for his career at the intersection of business and regulation. He went on to achieve the CIPP/E, CIPT, and CIPM certifications from the International Association of Privacy Professionals, earning the distinguished title of Fellow of Information Privacy (FIP). A certified Prince2 Practitioner and Master NLP Practitioner, Jamal combines technical expertise with strategic leadership and human insight - qualities that distinguish him as one of the foremost privacy professionals of his generation.

He founded Kazient Privacy Experts, a trusted consultancy serving governments, multinationals, and SMEs, and later launched the Privacy Pros Academy, a global training and mentorship platform. Through his pioneering Easy Peasy Methodology, Jamal has turned some of the world's most complicated regulations, including the GDPR and Saudi Arabia's PDPL, into clear, actionable guidance. His mentees - from Uber drivers and paralegals to project managers - have gone on to secure six-figure privacy leadership roles, reshaping their lives and careers.
Jamal's contributions have earned him wide recognition. In 2025, he was honoured as a Freeman of the City of London. He has been profiled by the BBC, celebrated by Forbes, and named among the Top 100 Most Influential People in Data Privacy 2025. His Amazon bestselling book, The Easy Peasy Guide to the GDPR, has become an essential reference for professionals worldwide, praised for making the complex simple and the daunting accessible.
Equally dedicated to philanthropy and community empowerment, Jamal has raised over £317,000 for 27 charities supporting humanitarian causes across the UK and abroad. He has also created spaces for connection and growth through initiatives such as the Pizza Powwow networking events and the KSA Privacy Pros Network. His partnership with Muslim Aid reflects his belief in combining professional expertise with service to the community.
As host of the acclaimed Privacy Pros Podcast and a sought-after international keynote speaker, Jamal continues to shape conversations at the highest levels on privacy, governance, and the responsible use of AI. For him, privacy is not merely compliance; it is about protecting dignity, building trust, and unlocking opportunity.



Jamal Ahmed

Sector:
Technology /Law

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Malik Ahmed

Sector:
restauranteur/ philanthropist

Malik Ahmed is a restauranteur and philanthropist based in Cookham, Berkshire. Originally from Patanpara, Sylhet Town, Malik arrived to the UK in 1975 at the young age of 12. The third child of late Abdul Mumin and the late Nomira Khatun Baksh, Malik is one of four children. His father was a police officer by profession and his mother a homemaker. The family settled in Yorkshire and soon made the UK their new home.

Malik's first job was in 1977 as a waiter a Harrogate-based Indian restaurant, Star of India.In 1978, Malik's father, Abdul, opened a restaurant in Yorkshire called Shahi Raj. Malik and his elder brother absorbed themselves into the family business and worked tirelessly to support their family. However, circumstances changed drastically when Malik's father suddenly passed away when Malik was only 16 years of age. At the tender age of 16 and 19, Malik and his older brother, Faruque, suddenly became the heads of the family. Broken by the death of their beloved father, the brothers made the tough decision to sell the family business.

A knack for business and hospitality is a common and inherent characteristic in Malik's family. Restaurants can be traced back over 150 years in Malik's family; his great grandfather was the founder of the renowned restaurant Moshrafia, located in Bandar Bazar, Sylhet. Famous for their Dhai and Bakarkhani and assortment of sweets, the family restaurant is still up and running to this day.

Malik decided to move to London and soon managed esteemed restaurant, Khan's. He then worked in Star of India, both incredibly famous haunts in the 80's and renowned restaurants for celebrities in central London..

After 4 years of hard work, Malik and his elder brother Faruque bought their new home in South London.

In 1999, an Italian restauranteur and Malik's good friend suddenly offered to sell him his restaurant in Cookham, Berkshire. After accepting an offer he could not refuse, on the 18th of February 1999, Maliks Cookham restaurant was born. The business expanded shortly after; in 2003, Malik opened his second branch in Gerrards Cross and then a third in Marlow, a takeaway in Gerrards Cross and another takeaway in Cookham.

The restaurant has won countless Awards and is enjoyed by celebrity chefs such as Heston Blumenthal and Tom Kerridge. The likes of Russell Brand, Peter Jones, David Seaman amongst other profiles are known as friends and not simply customers.

Despite having five branches, Maliks is very much a family-run restaurant. Malik's brothers, Faruque and Rumel have supported and helped him build an enterprise from the very beginning and even to this day.

Malik is an avid philanthropist, having founded several charitable organisations in his hometown Patanpara. Malik chairs Patanpara Welfare Trusts - a charitable organisation that raises funds for different local causes. From renovating mosques, to raising thousands of pounds for families during COVID to sponsoring the education of the less fortunate, Patanpara Welfare Trusts made an incredible impact on the community.

Malik has five beautiful children with his wife Farhana Ahmed Choudhary. His oldest daughter (University of Birmingham and MA Queen Mary University alumna), Anika, is a Strategy Analyst for a global, London-based real estate firm; his second daughter (University of Birmingham and MSc UCL alumna), Maisha, is training to become a solicitor with a London-based Tech company; his third and fourth daughters, Ramisa and Aisha are studying Criminology and Neuroscience, respectively, at university and his son, Aman Malik, is the baby of the family and is in Year 10.



Dr Koyes Ahmed
MBBS BSc (Hons) DCH DRCOG MRCGP

Sector:
Medicine

Dr Koyes Ahmed is an NHS GP and Urgent Care Doctor, a Board Advisor for MediConferences UK, a Launch Space Incubator Programme Member, andthe Medical Director of DutyDoctor (www.dutydoctor.com) – a private, online GP service, which he was Founder & CEO of, before selling the company to a much larger healthcare provider, exiting just seven months after launching in 2025.

Following the acquisition of his company, Dr Ahmed retained a senior leadership position within the organisation, initially as Chief Medical Officer, and more recently as Medical Director of a newly-formed, larger primary care division, within the rapidly expanding parent company, who are also the owners of Care ADHD.

Dr Ahmed qualified in 2007 from St Bartholomew's and The Royal London Hospital School of Medicine & Dentistry, with two degrees - an MBBS Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, and a BSc (Hons) in Experimental Pathology; subsequently, he obtained two postgraduate clinical diplomas - in Child Health (DCH) and Obstetrics and Gynaecology (DRCOG), and a postgraduate specialty certificate in General Practice, the MRCGP (Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners).

During his time at Medical School, Dr Ahmed was the President of the Queen Mary Bengali Society - thought to be the largest university Bengali society in the country at the time - and Vice President of SAMDA (Student Assisted Medical & Dental Applicants) - helping underprivileged students gain access to Medicine and Dentistry. During his GP training, he was Vice-Chair, then Chair of the Severn GP Trainees Committee - and was involved in the training of over 300 junior doctors in the region.

With an extensive background in Medicine, Dr Ahmed has twenty-five years of education, training and experience in healthcare, and has been a doctor for nineteen years, a GP for fourteen years and has worked in the NHS, the UK private sector (as a Regional Lead GP), and internationally (as a Lead GP and a Medical Director) in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. During his time abroad, Dr Ahmed was reportedly the youngest Medical Director of any Western-style facility in the whole of the UAE.

As well as being the Medical Director of DutyDoctor, Dr Ahmed currently works in the local NHS Out-Of-Hours GP service in Bristol and is one of the Clinical Co-Ordinators; when in this role, he oversees the clinical operations in an area covering over a million people.

Dr Ahmed's previous roles outside of healthcare have included being a Vice-Chair and Executive Committee member of BMSLG - Bristol Muslim Strategic Leadership Group - and a School Governor at Mangotsfield Church of England Primary School.

For his work during the COVID pandemic, Dr Ahmed was highlighted by the Mayor of Bristol as a "Hidden Hero" and was recognised by the British Asian Trust as a "British Asian Hero". During this time, he also started to develop a social media presence, and remains active on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn, in particular.

In addition to the above, Dr Ahmed has been featured by the BBC, ITV and Sky News, as well as various other media outlets, and he has participated in a number of NHS videos and campaigns.

Outside of work, Dr Ahmed likes to spend time with his family, eating out, theatre and travelling, and enjoys a number of different sports, as well as being an avid fan of Liverpool FC.

Dr. Syed Mashuk Ahmed is a distinguished physician, community leader, and social activist whose life's work reflects a profound dedication to healthcare, education, business, and social welfare.
With an illustrious career spanning medicine and community service, he has built a reputation as a bridge-builder between professional, cultural, and charitable spheres, both in Bangladesh and the United Kingdom.

As a medical professional, Dr. Ahmed is a proud Member of the Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council (BMDC) and the Bangladesh Medical Association in the UK Limited (BMA UK). Beyond his medical career, Dr. Ahmed has played a pivotal role in business and commerce. He is a Life Member of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BBCCI) and currently serves as an Executive Committee Member of the BBCCI London Region. His involvement in this influential organization underlines his belief in fostering entrepreneurship, strengthening businesses, and empowering the British-Bangladeshi community in the UK.

Deeply passionate about education and social progress, Dr. Ahmed has been instrumental in founding and supporting several inflations. He is a Founder Member of the Bangladesh Female Academy in Derai (BFA), dedicated to empowering women through education, and a Founder Member of the Eye Care Centre in Derai, which provides vital medical services to underserved populations. As a Trustee of the Brihotthoror Sylhet Education Trust and the Valarie Taylor Trust, he has continuously supported initiatives that expand educational opportunities and improve healthcare access.
Dr. Ahmed's philanthropic commitments extend to healthcare institutions as well. He is a Life Member of the Beani Bazar Cancer Hospital, supporting critical cancer care facilities, and a Member of the Friends of National Heart Foundation Sylhet (FNHFS), promoting cardiac health services in Bangladesh.

Within the Bangladeshi Diasporas, he is a respected leader and advocate. Dr. Ahmed is the Treasurer of the Bangladesh Probashi Kallyan Parishod (BPKP), Life Member of the London Bangla Press Club (LBPC), and Executive Member of the Derai Shallah Cultural and Welfare Association UK. In addition, he serves as an Advisor to the Sunamgonj Zella Shomithy UK and Vice President of the Global Jalalabad Association (GJA), reflecting his influence and credibility within the wider community.

Throughout his career, Dr. Ahmed has also held several prominent leadership roles, including Ex Vice President of the Rotary Club of Derai Sunamgonj, Ex Senior Vice President of the Derai Thana Development Organisation UK, and Ex- President of the Friends of Jogdal Union Trust UK. These positions highlight his long-standing dedication to grassroots development, welfare projects, and cultural preservation.

Guided by the principles of service, integrity, and compassion, Dr. Ahmed continues to inspire through his multifaceted work. Whether in medicine, education, or social service, his contributions stand as a testament to his enduring vision of progress, empowerment, and community.



Dr. Syed Mashuk Ahmed

Sector:
Medicine/ Philantraphy

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Maswood Ahmed MBA, MSc, MA , CQSW, DipSW, PTA, AASW, RSW is the Chief Executive Officer of INSPIREAMILLION (IAM), Mass Film Productions (MFP), and the Bismillah Investment Group (BIG) and Director of INT Social Work. Maswood is an international business development expert, trainer and consultant, helping clients strategise, expand and improve their businesses internationally. He is also a renowned independent International Social work expert in family courts and the High Court throughout England and Wales. He is a cultural and parenting expert with over 35 years' experience in the social work sector, a Public Speaker ,Community Activist and an Imam. He is a campaigner on social justice and crime reduction especially on DV, Knife crime and child abuse.

Maswood's work has been featured in HM Government's Green Paper, 'Every Child Matters' and has won the 'Outstanding Directorate Achievement Award' as a leader in local Government, the 'Leadership Award for Services to Black and Minority Ethnic Communities in the UK' for contributions to community work and a guest, at the invite of the late HM Queen, at Buckingham Palace for his voluntary services in the community.

Maswood was a Trustee and Director of the British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF) (2008–2019), Chairperson of BAAF's Black and Minority Ethnic Perspectives Policy Advisory Committee (BMEPAC) and currently serves as a Director of CoramBAAF.
He has been involved with the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) since its inauguration in 1997. He has provided media coverage of important events and, more formally, as an elected member of the National Council (2013–). Since 2018, as an Office Bearer, he has been part of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Education Affairs Committee (2018–2021), and Assistant Secretary-General of the MCB (2018–2021; 2023–).
Maswood Ahmed has been a volunteer with IQRA International since its early days and serves as the charity's Chairman (2022–), specialising in providing aid, relief and empowering lives worldwide with innovative projects and responding to international disasters.
Maswood Ahmed has been a member of the National Working Group on Child Abuse Linked to Faith or Belief (CALFB) at the Department for Education (DfE) and has given evidence to the National Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.
Substantial expertise in the broadcast media and film production industries, having travelled worldwide to produce interviews with heads of state, business leaders, politicians, senior military officers, academics, clerics and activists.

Maswood is the founder and coordinator of www.Stopknifecrime.uk . He has appeared on national broadcast media, including the BBC, ITV, and Sky News and is a regular public speaker at events, conferences, and universities.



Maswood Ahmed

Sector:
Business / Philanthropy

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Mesba Ahmed MBE

Sector:
Sports/Community Relations

Award Winner 2014

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mr. Mesba Ahmed MBE is a highly respected British Bangladeshi community leader, entrepreneur, and social activist, best known as the Founder and Chief Executive of London Tigers—a pioneering community sports organisation empowering thousands of young people across the UK and internationally. Born in the Sylhet District of Bangladesh, Mr. Ahmed moved to the UK in the early 1970s, following the legacy of his father, the late Alhaj Hafiz Uddin, and grandfather—both early Bangladeshi settlers who played vital roles in shaping British Bangladeshi community life. After completing his education in the UK, Mr. Ahmed began his career as a Financial and Mortgage Consultant before dedicating himself fully to community development.

In 1986, inspired by his lifelong passion for football and a strong commitment to helping young people in need of support and guidance, he founded London Tigers. Under his visionary leadership, the organisation has grown into a national force, engaging over 5,000 individuals from 60 different nationalities through football, cricket, badminton, youth leadership programmes, and employment training. The organisation fields teams from grassroots to semi-professional level and competes in prestigious competitions in UK and Abroad.

In 2011, Mr. Ahmed extended London Tigers' impact internationally by partnering in the Conservative Social Action Project in Bangladesh alongside Syeda Warsi, Ann Main MP, Syed Kamal MEP, and Nicky Morgan MP. Together, they launched several initiatives including a girls' secondary school, two cricket centres in Sylhet and Mymensingh, and the Under-16 Sylhet Football Academy. The football academy's open trials attracted over 2,000 youth participants from rural villages, with 35 players selected to represent Sylhet in the Dhaka Pioneer Football League for the first time in history. Many of these players went on to join professional clubs, and the academy's coach was appointed full-time by the Bangladesh Football Federation. The Secondary Girls school educates over 200 students a year.

Mr. Ahmed's leadership has brought him into collaboration with prominent national figures including Boris Johnson (former Mayor of London and London Tigers' Honorary Patron), as well as Prime Ministers Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, and David Cameron. He played a key role in the Big Society initiative, working alongside senior leaders from the public and private sectors.

Mr. Ahmed's contributions have been widely recognised over the years through numerous awards and honours. In 2004, he received the inaugural Westminster Local Leadership Award, followed by the GG2 Leadership Diversity Award in 2005. His impact in sports and community development led to a nomination for Outstanding Achievement at the Sony Asia Television Sports Personality Awards in 2007. Under his leadership, London Tigers has also received national accolades, including Best Community Organisation UK at the Channel S Awards in 2010. The club was honoured as the Best Asian Football Club in the UK by the FA in 2012 at a ceremony held at Wembley Stadium, and in 2014, it was named the Best Asian Cricket Club in the UK at an ECB event at Lord's Cricket Ground.

Mr. Ahmed's philanthropic leadership through London Tigers has earned national acclaim. In 2014, he was named among the Top 1000 Most Influential Londoners by the London Evening Standard, a prestigious honour that placed him alongside figures such as George Osborne, Mayor Boris Johnson, Prince Harry, David Beckham, Arsène Wenger, Ed Miliband, George Clooney, Lakshmi Mittal, Bill Gates, and Her Majesty The Queen. This recognition reflects the profound impact of his work in sport, youth empowerment, and community development, both in the UK and internationally.

In 2023, Mr. Ahmed was included in the first Honours List of King Charles III, receiving national recognition for his outstanding community service to London as the Founder and Chief Executive of London Tigers.

A dedicated sports advocate, Mr. Ahmed has also been a broadcaster since 2010, hosting Sporium, a popular sports talk show on Channel S TV on Sky , which highlights grassroots talent, community issues and events, and national sporting success.

One of his most significant achievements is the development of the London Tigers Sports Complex—a 19-acre, £4 million facility in Southall, secured through a 25-year lease in 2014. The site serves as a central hub for community sport and inclusion.

Throughout his journey, Mr. Ahmed has remained grounded in his mission to uplift and empower others. He credits his success to the unwavering support of his colleagues, family, and community, and continues to serve as a role model for social entrepreneurship, both in the UK and internationally.



Mohammed Belal Ahmed

Sector:
Media

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mohammed Belal Ahmed is the chief editor of the most circulated newspaper in the UK and Ex-President of the London Bangla Press Club, a prestigious role for a reputable organisation within the Bangla media journalists.

Mohammed Belal Ahmed is from Barlekha Moulvibazar, Bangladesh where he lived with his father Late Abul Khair Mustafa and mother Jahanara Khanam. During the liberation war for the independence of Bangladesh, at the age of 6, Mohammed Belal Ahmed was exiled, separated from his family for 10 months which to date he describes as was one of the toughest moments in his early life.

Upon returning from exile, Mohammed Belal Ahmed completed his pre-university education at Sylhet and graduated from the University of Chittagong.

In 1990, he moved to the United Kingdom and a year later entered Journalism joining Weekly Surma as a news-editor. He has been involved with that newspaper for the last 20 years. In 1995, Mohammed Belal Ahmed became the Chief Editor of Weekly Surma and in early 2002 he was involved in publishing another newspaper Bangla Express, also serving as the Chief Editor which generated a good readership.

Mohammed Belal Ahmed has long been involved in various social, cultural and educational organisations in addition to being a member of professional bodies. Mohammed Belal Ahmed is an active member of the Anti-Tobacco Movement and is one of the steering group members for the Bangladeshi Stop Tobacco Project in Tower Hamlets.

Mohammed Belal Ahmed and his wife Sadia Ahmed reside in Dartford, Kent, with their two sons Nafis and Sami.



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Mehfuz Ahmed

Sector:
Politics /Charity

Mehfuz Ahmed works as CEO for a Charitable Organisation. He takes a keen interest in Older Peoples issues particularly loneliness and isolation. He has launched a number of innovative projects to prevent loneliness and isolation. He is also a Director of a Consultancy firm.

Previously he has worked in the Banking and Finance Sector and in the Civil Service in Whitehall.
Mehfuz is the Chairman of Conservatives Friends of Bangladesh (an organisation set up in 2006 to promote the culture, successes and values of British Bangladeshis, and to build positive links between British Bangladeshis and the Conservative Party) and a long-standing member of the Conservative Party. In his capacity as Chairman, he advises Conservative Parliamentarians and HQ officials on issues related to the British Bangladeshi Community. He has held numerous positions in the Conservative Party both nationally and locally and is a passionate campaigner.
Mehfuz made political history by becoming the first ever British Bangladeshi Conservative Councillor in 108 years by winning an outstanding victory against the opposition in Westminster City Council in July 2008. In May 2009, Mehfuz was quickly promoted to Deputy Cabinet Member for Children and Young People Services.
Mehfuz successfully led Project Shapla since 2011. Project Shapla is an International Social Action Project of Conservative Friends of Bangladesh. Mehfuz has been leading a team of 30 delegates consisting of Conservative Party volunteers and Conservative MPs/MEPs to Bangladesh, were the project partnered with local and international charities and worked in a range of areas including health, education, governance and sport in Sylhet and Dhaka.
The social action project in Bangladesh gave the delegates an opportunity to learn about international development, build a relationship and to leave a lasting legacy in Bangladesh. Through the work Project Shapla it has strengthened relationships further between the Conservative Party, British Bangladeshi Community and Bangladeshi.
Last year, Mehfuz secured a visit of Conservative MPs and Conservative Party volunteers to the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazaar as part of their social action - Project Shapla. The Conservative MPs and delegates were the first to visit the refugees and accompanied by UNHCR and Bangladesh Government officials & MPs. The visit was the strongest piece of work that put the Conservative MPs in a position to call a debate in the House of Commons on the crisis and ensured the international aid and support to both charities on the ground and Bangladesh Government was increased. The MPs and delegates continue to raise this issue in Parliament and with the Government.

Outside the world of politics, Mehfuz passion continues for the communities he serves, Mehfuz has been involved with voluntary and public sector for over 25 years as Trustee of Marylebone Bangladesh Society and London Tigers. He has served as a school & local authority governor for a number of primary, secondary and adult educational bodies and continues to take a keen interest in Education and International Development.



Mustofa Ahmed Lucky

Sector:
Entrepreneur

Mustofa Ahmed Lucky is a highly accomplished entrepreneur hailing from East London. With a diverse portfolio of business interests spanning property, sports technology, freight, and remittance services, he has made a significant impact on both the business world and the community.
Lucky embarked on his entrepreneurial journey in the year 2000 and has since established multiple successful enterprises, contributing to job creation in the local East London community. One of his early ventures was in the digital printing and photography industry, where his pioneering efforts with emerging technology garnered substantial attention and recognition.
In the remittance industry, he has served tens of thousands of remitters across the UK and facilitated remittances exceeding £500 million to destinations like Bangladesh and other countries through his money transfer services.

As the sports technology sector evolved into a burgeoning industry in 2000, Lucky identified an untapped market in East London. He established a popular gadget buy-sell-exchange store, catering to the needs of young sports gadget enthusiasts. This venture not only provided affordable gaming gadgets to the local youth but also offered competitive prices for selling or exchanging their devices.
Lucky has consistently expanded his property portfolio, encompassing both residential and commercial properties. His remarkable success in this sector is a testament to his business acumen, strategic vision, tireless work ethic, and effective teamwork.

Despite his remarkable success and reputation in the business sector, Lucky remains deeply committed to giving back to the community. He serves as a director of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industries (BBCCI) and actively participates in numerous national and international charitable initiatives. His philanthropic efforts focus on poverty alleviation, education, women's empowerment, and support for individuals with disabilities.

Mustofa Ahmed Lucky is not only a successful entrepreneur but also a dedicated philanthropist and community leader. His passion for innovation, commitment to community welfare, and business acumen continue to inspire and uplift those around him.

Mr Monir Ahmed is a renowned young business entrepreneur and a community worker. Born in 1970 in Mohammadpur, Biswanath, Sylhet, He is the son of late Jomshed Ali and Mahmuda Khatun. He passed his SSC from Ramshundor High School Biswanath, HSC from Sylhet Govt College and BA from Modan Mohan College Sylhet. He holds a certificate in Export-Import System Processing and Cargo from British International Freight Association (BIFA).

Mr Ahmed has been associated in the cargo business for a long time. He started his business Cargo Management in 1987 and worked for sixteen years. Mr Ahmed came to Britain in 2000 and initiated a cargo business in the UK named JMG Air Cargo at 8 Fordham Street, London . This organization currently contributes the majority of Biman's cargo in Bangladesh. In the past few years, Biman has earned a huge amount of money from JMG and Govt of Bangladesh. With more than 60 agents all over the UK, the company gives top sales awards and training to the agents and employees every year.

Mr Monir Ahmed's pioneering business model emerged from an understanding that cargo services must remove the problem of inaccessibility to the consumers. Mr Ahmed introduced the air cargo business to the Bangladeshi community. He has not only made cargo services cheaper, but also quicker to consumers and achieved a major share in the market. As well as ensuring that he remained true to his values about the community. This achievement made JMG a leading cargo business that runs worldwide, providing door to door services to EU member states as well as parts of Africa, Asia and Canada. He has now plans in place for cargo services to Bangladesh from both Italy and France.
Mr Ahmed is also known for his charitable work and hardworking nature. Being Treasurer of Sylhet CNF Agent Association for many years. He is also known for his role as a Business Executive Member of Bangladesh Overseas Centre and the Organizing Secretary of Biswanath Youth Association. He is also one of the Directors of the British Bangladeshi Chamber of Commers.

Continuously participating in various social and cultural events he is well known for his donations and voluntary work. His organisation supported in carrying relief goods to Bangladesh during different natural calamities in Bangladesh. He is the trustee of Biswanath Education Trust, Chairman of Dar-Ul-Kuran Nazirbazar Charity Organization and Chairman of BBIF-86 in the UK.He is also the Finance Director of AL-Jamee Group of Investment UK.
Mr Ahmed is adamant to continue his community work and extend more support towards the community in the future, especially for the development of rural Bangladesh and the UK.



Monir Ahmed

Sector:
Business & community relations



Award Winner 2011

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mosleh Uddin Ahmed was born in Golapgonj in Sylhet, Bangladesh in 1970. He is the son of Mr Haji Ismail Ali and the late Mohiba Bibi.

Mr Ahmed moved to the UK after he had completed an MA at Jagannath College in Dhaka. While living in Bangladesh, Mr Ahmed became involved in the world of journalism. He completed his apprenticeship at Jugovary in Sylhet, before moving to Sylhet Sanglap and then the Daily Ajker Sylhet.

Upon his arrival in the UK, Mr Ahmed continued working as a journalist, and is now the news editor of the most renowned British Bangladeshi newspaper – Janamot. Mr Ahmed was the joint secretary of the Bangladesh Journalist Association, and was also the Literature Secretary of MC College Student Union in Sylhet.

At present, Mosleh Uddin Ahmed is an integral member of the London Bangla Press Club. He was also treasurer of the London Bangla Press Club.
Mr Mosleh Uddin Ahmed is a life member of Bonigram- Bhorgram High School.
Mr Ahmed is married to Hamida Begum and they have two children Iffat Ahmed and Mohathir Ahmed.



Mosleh Uddin Ahmed

Sector:
Media

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Muquim Ahmed

Sector:

Entrepreneur | Property Investor | Author

Award Winner 2009

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Muquim Ahmed is a British-Bangladeshi entrepreneur, property investor, author and community leader whose career spans more than five decades. His business interests have encompassed financial services, international trade, distribution, entertainment, hospitality, food manufacturing, publishing and property, while his public life has included significant contributions to the development of the British-Bangladeshi community.

Born in Bangladesh, Ahmed came to Britain in 1974, aged 19, to study Production Engineering at South East London College, Lewisham. During his studies, he became increasingly involved in his family's international trading activities, importing electrical appliances and household goods into Bangladesh and exporting vehicles and other commodities from Britain.

In 1977, Ahmed obtained Bank of England approval through NatWest to operate a Collection Account under the Wage Earners' Scheme. At one stage, he was the only Bangladeshi licensed operator of such an account, providing an official remittance channel for British-Bangladeshi workers sending earnings to their families in Bangladesh. His financial-services interests subsequently expanded through Milfa Sterling Exchange, Milfa Travel, Milfa Air Cargo and Milfa Shipping.

In 1978, he acquired the lease and subsequently the freehold of Naz Cinema on Brick Lane, formerly an Odeon. The 1,700-seat venue became an important cultural and social centre for London's growing South Asian community, hosting leading Bangladeshi performers .In the same year, Ahmed established Sylto Distribution Company, which became Sylto Plc in 1993. Beginning as a Brick Lane retail business, Sylto developed into a nationwide wholesale, import and export operation. Under its HARPER brand, the company marketed consumer and electrical products sourced from Hong Kong and the Far East, while also distributing international brands including Panasonic, Sony, JVC, Hitachi, TDK, Seiko and Citizen. A major warehouse fire in 1994 destroyed much of the business, after which Ahmed embarked on a new phase of entrepreneurship. In 1996, he founded Café Naz in Brick Lane, introducing a modern, design-led approach to Indian dining. By 2000, the group had expanded to ten restaurants across Britain. Café Naz was subsequently recognised by The Independent among London's leading restaurants.

Ahmed later diversified into industrial food production, acquiring Marshalls and Rayners Bakery in South Wimbledon. Through Rayners, Asian Foods and the Shahnaz brand, he developed large-scale production of confectionery, savouries, pastries and ready meals for commercial and institutional customers, including Benjys, IKEA, Ford Motor Company and Compass. He also developed Café Naz Express, an early coffee-shop concept selling Indian ready meals prepared off-site.

From the 1990s onwards, Ahmed increasingly concentrated on property investment and development. Quantum Securities Limited, established in 1996, became the vehicle for a substantial residential and commercial property portfolio.

He was involved in fundraising for the acquisition of the historic former synagogue at the corner of Fournier Street and Brick Lane, which became the Great London Mosque. Following the racist murder of Altab Ali in 1978, he participated in community mobilisation and joined a march to Downing Street calling for action against racism.

His contribution to British-Bangladeshi journalism included establishing the English-language Asian Post and serving as Managing Director of the Bengali-language weekly Notun Din. He later became a lifetime member of the London Bangla Press Club.

Ahmed served three terms as leader of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce. During his final period, he oversaw Expo Bangladesh 2005 at London's Barbican Centre, the first international single-country trade exhibition staged by Bangladesh. The three-day event brought more than 60 exhibitors from Bangladesh, attracted over 10,000 visitors and generated repeated orders exceeding £14 million.

In 2006, Ahmed participated in a debate at the Cambridge Union on immigration. He has also been active in Conservative politics for more than four decades as a campaigner, fundraiser and community activist. He was a co-founder and founding Vice-President of Conservative Friends of Bangladesh, launched at the Conservative Party Conference in 2006, and serves as its President.

Ahmed has held senior positions within the Bangladesh Caterers Association and serves as a Permanent Director of the Bangladesh Centre. In recognition of his contribution to business and East London communities, Queen Mary University of London elected him an Honorary Fellow in 2009.

His memoir, Miracle on Brick Lane: A Story Entwined with the Evolution of the Bangladeshi Community in East London.



Barrister Nazir Ahmed FRSA

Sector:

Politics/ Law

Award Winner 2019

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Barrister Nazir Ahmed - a renowned lawyer, politician, writer and analyst - is one of the well known and well respected personalities in the UK's and Europe's Bangladeshi Diaspora community. He was born in the Village of: Bahara Dubag, Post Office and Union: Doulot Pur, Biswanath,Sylhet, Bangladesh.

Nazir obtained his LLB (Hons) degree from Queen Mary, University of London. Later on, 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 also later admitted as a Solicitor in the Supreme Court of England and Wales and enrolled as an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. He is currently a Member of the Dhaka Bar and the Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association. Nazir has skills and experience in international arbitration. He is a Fellow (FCIArb - the highest grade) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb). He has advance management skills, qualification and experience. He was awarded Fellowship (FCMI - the higher grade) by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI). Nazir also has expertise on environmental health and safety law. He achieved the highest grade (FRSPH) of the Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH). Barrister Nazir Ahmed is currently the Principal/Head of his reputed legal practice named 'Lincoln's Chambers Solicitors.'

Nazir is active in British politics. He was the Branch Secretary and GC Delegate of the Labour Party for five years and the Vice Chair of a Constituency Labour Party (CLP) for three years. He was elected as a Councillor from Little Ilford Ward of Newham Council for the first time with one of the highest number of votes (he got one of the highest votes among all British-Bangladeshi Councillors elected in the UK last year). He was then elected twice for the two consecutive terms as the Deputy Chair (Deputy Speaker) of the Newham Council.

Alongside his studies, politics and professional responsibilities, Nazir has been involved with many local, national and international standard organizations. He has been working for the community for the last three decades. He was awarded the Nationwide's "Community Award for Voluntary Endeavour." Apart from this, he has acted in the past as an Election Commissioner/Chief Election Commissioner in elections of more than three dozen reputable community, voluntary and social organisations including British-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BBCCI) and British-Bangladeshi Caterers Association (BBCA).

Nazir often takes part in national and international seminars and symposiums. He has so far presented more than couple of dozen keynote papers in those seminars and symposiums at national and international levels on issues concerning national and international matters. He often wrote research based analytical articles on current, legal, social and constitutional issues in the Sub-Editorial Section of various national English dailies. He has already authored and published five books. For his creative activities and contribution, he was awarded Fellowship (FRSA) by the Royal Society of Arts (RSA). He is an Associate Fellow of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies (SALS), UK.

Nazir was an Independent Custody Visitor of London Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and the Queen Mary University's Alumni Ambassador for Bangladesh.

Nazir has already visited around 50 countries of the world for various purposes. His utmost desire is to serve the community, local people and the country.

Cllr. Parvez Ahmed is a former Mayor of the London Borough of Brent. He was the first person of Bangladeshi origin to be elected as Mayor of Brent. He is also a Councillor in Dollis Hill in the London Borough of Brent, having been elected in 2014.
In addition to his Ward Councillor responsibilities, Cllr Ahmed has served on the London Borough of Brent's Executive Committee, Licensing Committee as well as on a number of other committees.
A successful Businessman and community activist, in 2016, Cllr Ahmed was recognised for his outstanding contribution to politics and the local community by being presented the British Bangladeshi Who's Who Outstanding Achievement award. In 2017, during his Mayoral year, the Canary Wharf Group PLC, commemorated Cllr Ahmed's excellent contribution to civic duties. Prior to this, in 2006, Cllr Ahmed received a community achievement award from Sky Channel S in recognition for many years of hard work in the community. He completed his education in Bangladesh before moving to the UK.
Cllr Ahmed received the award for Labour Councillor of the Year 2017 at the SME4 Labour awards in December 2017.
In 2021, Cllr Ahmed was awarded the Freedom of the City of London in recognition of his services to the community. Cllr Ahmed is also the inaugural President of the British Bangladeshi First Citizens Alliance.
Since the age of twenty one, Cllr Ahmed established a number of businesses throughout Bangladesh, most notably having invested in the textiles and garment industry. He continued his focus in the textiles and garment industry after arriving in the UK where he also opened a restaurant. He has been closely involved with the Bangladeshi Caterers Association where he has served as a Management National Executive Committee Member, Deputy Secretary General and Secretary General since the 1980's. Cllr Ahmed is also the Chairman of New Generation 2000, and was formerly a Director at the North West London Chamber of Commerce. In 2006, Cllr Ahmed also helped organise the inaugural education awards ceremony for the Bangladesh High Commission celebrating the achievement of young British Bangladeshis, which is now a celebrated annual event.
Over a number of years, He has been involved with many local and national organisations holding a range of posts including Board Member, Management Committee Member, Trustee and Chairman. These groups include the Tricycle Theatre and Cinema, Brent Safer Neighbourhood Team, Brent Minority and Ethnic Forum, Greater Sylhet Council UK, North West London Muslim Forum, Kilburn Partnership, Single Regeneration Board, Friends of Bangladesh UK, West Hampstead Bengali Association, Bangladesh Centre, Brent Bengali Community Centre, Bangabandhu Centenary Foundation Brent, Sylhet Sador Education Trust and Iqra International. He is a Life Member of Cambridge Mosque Trust as well as the London Bangla Press Club.
Cllr Ahmed has supported numerous mainstream national charities through donations and regular fundraising. During his Mayoral year in 2016/17, his charity appeal was in aid of his chosen charities, Community Action on Dementia Brent, Brent Centre for Young People and Sufra North West London. He raised thousands of pounds and raised significant awareness for some very worthy causes and he still continues to do so. In Bangladesh, he has a charity named after himself (Parvez Ahmed Female Educational Trust) to encourage women to continue studying, in addition to supporting the APEX International and the Red Crescent project. Furthermore, he is a Life Member of National Heart Foundation Hospital (Sylhet), Beanibazar Cancer Hospital, Red Crescent Bangladesh, IQra Academy Sylhet, Jalalabad Disabled Rehabilitation Centre and Hospital, Balangonj College and Jalalabad Association.
During the 2020 COVID pandemic, Cllr Ahmed as a volunteer and strategic advisor helped set up a COVID Testing and Vaccination Centre at the Central Mosque of Brent which has served thousands of residents since its inception.

Cllr Ahmed has played a leading role in a number of projects both in the UK and abroad. During 2020/21, he led on a project around the creation of the Bangabandhu Centenary Peace Grove in Gladstone Park, Brent, which included the planting of 100 trees of different varieties as a commemoration to the 100th Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Married to former London Borough of Brent Councillor Lena Ahmed, the couple have been blessed with two sons. His elder son, married with two daughters, has a Masters in Biomedical research and works in the Civil Service, whilst his younger son, also married with two daughters has a Law Degree, and works in Local Government.



Cllr Parvez Ahmed

Sector:
Politics



Award Winner 2016

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

A successful businessman and entrepreneur, Shahed Ahmed has always been ambitious and clear about his vision from a young age. Born in the well-known village of Sridhora in Beanibazar, Sylhet, Bangladesh, he began his journey in real estate at an early age. In the early 1990s, he formed his first real estate business, Relax Property, before moving his property ventures to Bangladesh. He founded Shahjalal Developer Limited and currently serves as its Chairman. He also owns the landmark Shahjalal Tower in Sylhet, Bangladesh. In addition, he is one of the directors of Windsor Hotel and Resort in Sylhet.

Building on his entrepreneurial spirit, Mr. Ahmed expanded into the hospitality sector. After serving as a director of popular restaurants such as Little Venice of Windsor and Tazza Restaurant, he went on to establish Grand Rasoi Group, which includes Grand Rasoi Catering, Grand Rasoi Restaurant, and Grand Rasoi Frozen Food. Currently, he is one of the directors of The Meatery Restaurant in Edgware Road.

Today, Grand Rasoi Catering is one of the leading catering companies in London, celebrated for delivering exceptional culinary experiences and event management services. Under Mr. Ahmed's leadership, Grand Rasoi Group has become a trusted name in the community.

Very recently, Mr. Ahmed was honoured with Tommy Miah's International Indian Chef & Hospitality Award 2025 as Best Caterer in London for Grand Rasoi a recognition of his outstanding contribution to the catering and hospitality industry.

Alongside his business success, Mr. Ahmed is deeply involved in social and charitable initiatives. He is currently serving as a vice chairman of the historical Bangladesh Centre London and vice president of Beanibazar Welfare Trust UK and an active member of several other charitable and community organisations. He is also a life member of UK Jalalabad Association, Beanibazar Jonokollan Shomitte UK and many more charitable and social organisations. Previously he has served as the founding president of the Beanibazar Pouro Unnoyon Shongstha UK and general secretary of Sridhora Welfare Trust UK.

Mr. Ahmed is also engaged in political and sporting activities, serving as a central committee member of Jatiyo Party and an honorary member of Beanibazar Sporting Club UK and standing committee member of Beanibazar Mohammedan Sporting Club.

He currently resides in Redbridge with his wife, who is currently working in the government sector, and son and daugher.



Shahed Ahmed

Sector:
Hospitality & Real Estate



Award Winner 2025

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Shayella Ahmed

Sector:
Health Care / Community

Shayella Ahmed was born in Bangladesh and moved to Abu Dhabi at the age of six months. She spent her childhood and her early teen years growing up in the U.A.E. where her father worked as an engineer for a power station that provided water and electricity. She spent a few years in Bangladesh in her late teens and studied in Bangladesh.

After finishing her H.S.C. in Bangladesh, she married and moved to London. Shayella focused on being a mother to her 3 young daughters and a homemaker. Whilst raising her children, she had an aspiration to further her studies and return to education. With her husband's support, Shayella was able to achieve her goal in attaining higher education and completed an undergraduate degree in Business Management at Queen Mary University London - all whilst simultaneously raising 3 young children.

After graduating, Shayella briefly worked at LCH Clearnet, initially determined to build a career in finance. Shayella also played a major role in supporting her husband in his business ventures and contributing fundamental decisions. However, Shayella realised she wanted a career that was more fulfilling and wanted a job role where she could directly help and work with people. That sense of fulfilment was met in her current job role in the NHS as a District Nurse Coordinator. Following COVID lockdowns, Shayella realised the importance of feeling connected to her community. Shayella's involvement in the Beautiful Ladies Group as co-founder has led her to form genuine friendships with like-minded women within the Bengali community.
It has also allowed her to advocate for causes she deeply cares about, such as women empowerment and erasing the feeling of isolation many stay-at-home and working mothers in the bengali community deal with. Shayella wishes to continue expanding her reach to women in the community and create spaces for women to meet and connect.



Shaleh Ahmed

Sector:
Media/ Community

Shaleh is a dedicated professional with a diverse background, originally hailing from the picturesque region of Moulvi Bazar Zilla, Juri Upo Zilla, Bangladesh. His journey led him to the United Kingdom in 2001, where he embarked on a path of personal and professional growth.
One of his notable achievements is his academic success, culminating in the completion of an MSc in Business Management from Gloucestershire University. This academic foundation has equipped me with the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in various aspects of his life.
His career in journalism began in 2001 when he started working at Daily Bangladesh, to provide valuable insights and content. Simultaneously, he expanded his reach by joining Weekly Janomat and Weekly Bangla Post from 2002 and 2003, respectively. Through these platforms, he has been privileged to share his perspectives and engage with diverse readership.
However, his commitment to making a positive impact extends beyond journalism. In his capacity as the Founder of the Jury Welfare Association UK, he has worked tirelessly to support the welfare and well-being of the community.
Furthermore, Shalehs dedication to community service led me to the London Bangla Press Club, where he has served as an executive member since 2010. he is now serving as a Treasurer for London Bangla Press Club.
In this role, he has taken on various responsibilities, he also served as Event and Facility Secretary and Treasurer, demonstrating my leadership and organizational skills.

Shaleh is passionate about contributing to the betterment of society and fostering connections within the community. His journey from Bangladesh to the UK has shaped my perspective and drive, and he looks forward to continuing my endeavours in both journalism and community service, leaving a lasting positive impact wherever he goes.

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Cllr Suluk Ahmed

Sector:
Politics & Community Activism

Suluk Ahmed is a long-standing community activist and politician with deep roots in Tower Hamlets, where he has dedicated decades of service to local people.Born in Sylhet, Bangladesh, Suluk moved to England in 1976 as a child with his mother, Joygun Bibi, and sister, Moksuda Khatun, to join his father, Md Shamuz Ali. His father, a tailor by profession, had settled in the UK in the late 1950s and built a successful business in the leather garments industry from the early 1960s, establishing the family's future in London.Suluk was educated at Daneford Secondary School before studying Business at Newham College. From an early age, he developed a strong passion for sports, particularly football.

In 1977, he co-founded the Progressive Youth Organisation (PYO) football club, where he served as manager, player, captain, and treasurer. During the 1970s and 1980s, Suluk became active in anti-racism campaigns, standing against far-right threats and helping to strengthen resilience and solidarity among Tower Hamlets' diverse communities.In 1980, he joined his father in the family's leather garments business, where he worked for a decade before moving into the construction sector and later becoming a property developer. Alongside his business career, he remained committed to grassroots activism and public service. His dedication to civic life was formally recognised in 2013 when Tower Hamlets Council appointed him Mayor's Community Champion Coordinatorfor Spitalfields and Bangla Town. The following year, in 2014, he was elected Councillor for Spitalfields and Bangla Town, becoming a strong voice for residents.Over the years, his leadership has been further acknowledged: in 2022 – Re-elected as Councillor and appointed Cabinet Member for Equality & Social Inclusion (served two years),2024 – Elected Deputy Speaker of Tower Hamlets Council and in 2025 – Appointed Speaker of Tower Hamlets Council.

Suluk has always lived in Tower Hamlets, where he continues to reside with his wife, Rana Ahmed, and their six children: Muslima Ahmed, Rizwana Ahmed, Fahim Ahmed, Jawad Ahmed, Ijaz Ahmed, and Eiliyah Ahmed.



Cllr Syeda Saima Ahmed

Sector:
Politics

Cllr Syeda Saima Ahmed is a British-Bangladeshi politician, policy analyst, broadcast journalist and theatre director based in London with a strong youth leadership background.

Saima is the Councillor and the appointed Women's Champion for the London Borough of Redbridge. Some of her other roles as a politician include- Chair of the People's Scrutiny Committee, the Deputy Whip of the Redbridge Labour Group, Chair of her local ward branch and previously been the women's officer for the Ilford South Constituency Labour Party (CLP).

Saima has been working in the local government for more than 14 years across London and continues to work closely with the local community championing inclusion and celebrating diversity.

Following her BA and MA degrees in English Literature from the University of Dhaka, Saima obtained her second master's degree in Public Policy from King's College London with a focus on foreign policy decision making, post-colonialism and risk governance. Her paper on the impact of All Women Peace Keeping Policy: Breaking Stereotypes was chosen for presentation at the 24th World Congress of Political Science. Her recent work as one of the authors of the Labour Foreign Policy Group soft power policy paper to the British Council APPG was significantly cited in its final inquiry report titled Opportunities for Global Britain.

Saima has more than 27 years of experience in Youth Leadership and Volunteerism. She has received international recognition for her work serving as the United Nations Youth Spokesperson on Millennium Development Goals appointed by the United Nations Sports for Development and Peace and the then secretary general Kofi Anan.

Sherin Akhtar is the former Mayor of Chester, a Politician whose life is a great example of compassion, strength, of sacrifice and challenge.
Sherin was born in Oldham, to Shah Hushiar Ullah and late Parvin Akhtar. Sherin completed her A Levels at Oldham Sixth Form College and continued in education at University, reading BA (Hons) in Social Science, majoring in Politics. After starting her family, Sherin completed her Masters (MA) in Social Work.

Sherin's family roots are from Bishwanath, Sylhet and as a young girl, Sherin's family emigrated to Bangladesh for almost two years. Attending primary school and Madrasa, Sherin excelled in her studies.

This experience shaped Sherin's worldview and inspired her to take her chosen career path and consequently her involvement in politics. She is determined to help others and create positive outcomes in the lives of people she meets.
Working in local government from a young age gave her valuable insights into the changing nature of local issues and how working together can lead to positive outcomes.
Sherin's grandfather arrived in the UK in the 60's and he taught her the values of empathy and community service from a young age. Her father, a prominent figure and a social and political activist has dedicated his whole life for the betterment of his community in Oldham and in Bangladesh.
Sherin's political career began in 2023, when she became the first British Bangladeshi to become a Borough Councillor. She also made history by winning a seat from another Councillor who had been in position for over 23 years. Sherin is the BAME officer for Chester constituency Labour party, notably also the only person of BAME background to become an executive member.
Sherin became the 808 th Lord Mayor of Chester this year 2025 - 2026. Again, making history, as she is the first British Asian to become the Lord Mayor of the city.

Sherin is also a working member of Cheshire Fire Authority and she is a Parish Cllr.
Sherin lives in the great city of Chester. She has two children a boy (Safwan) and a girl (Dhuha). Her son is her mayoral consort (youngest on record) and he starts his A levels this year. As a family they love the great outdoors, walking coastal areas and woodland. They enjoy traveling and have visited many countries however their favourite place to visit remains to be Saudi Arabia.



Cllr Sherin Akhtar

Sector:
Politics

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Thufayel Ahmed is the eldest son of Late Dr Md Bashir Ahmed and Mrs Ayesha Ahmed. His parents founded the Surma Bengali Newsweekly in May 1978. Thufayel has three younger brothers, Sarzamin Ahmed, Sarwar Ahmed and Tanvir Ahmed along with one sister Farhana Ahmed.
Born in West Yorkshire, Thufayel moved to London with the family and settled in East London, where he still resides.

Educated in local primary school Cyril Jackson in Limehouse and Langdon Park Secondary School in Poplar, both in London's E14 area.
After Thufayel's father passed away in 1985, he took over the running of Surma Newsweekly. In 1988, along with his brothers Sarzamin and Sarwar, started publishing Eastern Eye Newspaper, an English language newsweekly. He was also Eastern Eye's columnist. After the sale of Eastern Eye, in 1999, Thufayel and his brothers published Asian Bride Magazine and Asian Women Magazine, both very popular publications in the Asian market.
In 2003 they published Asiana and Asiana Wedding Magazine, which is one of Britain's highest selling publications and has become an international brand.
In 2005, Asiana International was launched from their offices in New Delhi, India.
Thufayel and his brother Sarwar, stage wedding exhibitions in various venues across London and the Midlands. Today the Asiana Bridal Shows are a firm date in the wedding industry's calendar.
Thufayel is the CEO of The Ariana Group. In 2013, Thufayel opened Ariana Banqueting Hall in North London, In 2015, he opened his second venue, Ariana Gardens in Essex. In 2018 Thufayel launched Sultan Caterers in East London, an event management and catering company. And in 2022 launched The Madani Venue in Whitechapel, East London.

Despite all Thufayel's various business interests, he still maintains his true love is his family. Married since 1987, aged 19, he has one son and three daughters. Ariana is his youngest child.
His hobbies and interests are in sports, particularly football, which he still plays aged 56. A life-long Liverpool FC fan, he follows the Premier League matches every week. His second sport is badminton, which he plays regularly and attributes his health and fitness to his badminton sessions.



Thufayel Ahmed

Sector:
Entrepreneur.

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Dr Mohammed Nurul Alam

Sector:
Accountancy

Dr Mohammed Nurul Alam is a qualified Accountant and Tax consultant in public practise with 36 years' experience, who is also founder of Alam and Company, an accounting firm providing a quality of accountancy services both on-site and off-site and business consultancies since 05/04/1981.
He was born in Habiganj district of greater Sylhet on 08th Feb 1948 and his father late Mohammed Abdullah M.A (Eng) LLB who was a politician and a practising lawyer in Supreme Court of Bangladesh & also was a member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) of undivided India & continued in politics until his death. His mother Syeda Siddiqa Khatoon was a primary school teacher.

He came into the United Kingdom on 19th September 1974 for higher education. After completing his Accountancy education and article ship in a very renowned Chartered Accountants firm in London. In1981 he commenced self-employment and practising as Alam & Co as a sole practitioner and started his own independent Public Practice from Manchester and then shifted to Lancashire and continued for 10 years then in December 1989 he shifted to Shepherd's Bush in London and still operating the practice successfully from this address.

He has degrees in B.A (Hons) Econ and M.A in Economics and later earned PhD in Accounting and Finance. Besides the academic qualifications he has added a lot of professional qualifications like. F.C.E.A, F.A.I.A, F.C.M.I, F.A.F.C, F.A.C.B (UK), C.M.A, A.I.C.P.A, C.P.F.A (USA), A.C.E.A (CANADA). He is a Member of the European Accounting Association (M.E.A.A) and also a qualified member of the Banking Institute and the Central Superior service of the then Pakistan.
He is serving as chairman of the Central Council of the Institute of Cost and Executive Accountants since 1995. Served as Chairman of the Disciplinary and Practicing Committee, served as Vice Chairman of the British Institute of Management (Now Chartered Management Institute), East Lancashire, served as the Honorary Treasurer of the ICEA for more than 5 years, senior member of the planning committee, and examination committee for the ICEA prior to his present position.
His firm is comprised of highly talented, experienced and well-educated professionals which includes qualified ACCA, MBA, ICEA and qualified members from other professional accountancy bodies. Majority of the present staffs are serving for 10 /12 years. He is a mentor and an approved accredited employer of ACCA & AIA. His firm's main target market is Catering and Hospitality Industry but his firm also providing voluntary services to Charities (free of cost). Serving individual professional including Barristers, Solicitors, Doctors, IT consultants, builders and many more. He is also specialist in TAX and VAT investigation and Tribunal cases.
What sets his firm apart from other firms? The collective added value of his overall delivery of professional services and personal services.
In his leisure time, enjoys travelling throughout Europe, North and South America., North Africa, Middle East and Asia and he has built up his practice by his personal service and driving from door to door all over the United Kingdom with pleasure. While he doesn't strive to be the biggest Accountancy Practice, he does strive to be the best. Being a music lover, he is associated with many Cultural and Social organisations home and abroad, accordingly he formed for the first time in the United Kingdom Nazrul Parishad Ltd with the active cooperation of a prominent Bengali Singer Sadia Afroz Chowdhoury who became an executive director of the organisation. The aim of this organisation is to promote our national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's creations such as poetry, music, writing as to continue research on it. Dr Alam became a sole director and the first chairman of this organisation.

Dr Alam has recently formed another organisation as a director and first chairman of Abdullah Siddiqa Memory Ltd with the intention to continue with his planned charity, donations and disaster related assistance for the needy people all over the world.



Md Shahidul Alam (Ratan)

Sector:
Sports



Award Winner 2016

Md Shahidul Alam arrived in the UK in 2008 and is now the Director of Cricket, Capital Kids Cricket, a cricket development organisation working across London.
A British Bangladeshi who has achieved one of the highest cricket coaching qualifications among all Bangladeshis. He qualified as level 3 coach from England & Wales Cricket Board (ECB) in 2001 and became a Coach Education tutor from 2009 under the ECB.
In Bangladesh Md Alam played at the highest level of domestic cricket from 1985 until 2000 and represented Bangladesh in 1990. He acted as National Cricket Coach / Senior Coach of High Performance programme under Bangladesh Cricket Board from 2001 until November 2006. During that period he worked with the National team, Bangladesh A team, Under 19 & Under 17 and managed junior development programmes, coach education courses, developed talent scouts procedure etc.
He also joined the Malaysia Cricket Association as National Coach to take up a special project to run the high performance programme with Under 19 side for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2008.
He is an Asian qualified ECB Coach Education Tutor / assessor and initiated T20 Asia Blaze in 2015 where local communities / leagues came together to play under the country names India, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
The ECB are now looking to take this competition nationally. Middlesex community cricket league is another successful league that was set up in Victoria Park which has seen many young adults get playing opportunities on a regular basis. He has managed some national programmes including Chance to Shine and Street Chance with huge success. Projects run by Md Alam have been recognised nationally with his players, coaches and clubs receiving due credit. Also some projects featured in various media including Sky Sports and BBC. Md Alam has been shortlisted for and won many awards.
His great mentoring skills have enabled 40 coaches to gain the UKCC L1 qualification and over 25 coaches to gain the UKCC L2 qualification. Under his guidance, he has developed three coaches who are currently working full time for Middlesex, Essex & Surrey Cricket Boards and several others are working as sessional coaches across London.
Over the past 8 years, he has built up and supported four new clubs; London Tigers Southall CC, Tower Hamlets CC, West Ham Junior CC and Stratford CC. The first of the three clubs are now competing in structured leagues within the county cricket system. He is also involved with developing a junior cricket club in Waltham Forest.

He also received the National Award to Develop Grassroots Cricket in the Asian Cricket Awards 2016.
His efforts have not only been at grassroots level though, he has coached the East London Tigers team in the Lord's Taverners City Cup (formally Wisden City Cup) for the past 7 years. This team won the competition in 2009 & 2010, with Dipayan Paul (2011) & Zain Shahzad (2012) gaining professional contracts with the MCC Young Cricketers through the competition.
One of his greatest assets is using his contacts within the business industry to raise funds for community cricket in the UK and in Bangladesh. He was the inspiration behind the International London Sixes cricket competition that has raised over £30k for community cricket in East and West London in the past 6 years.

Tufazzal Alam is a dynamic entrepreneur and respected community leader with a proven track record of building successful businesses and fostering cross-cultural collaboration.
As Director of the acclaimed Sonargaon Restaurant and General Secretary of the British Bangladeshi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BBCCI – London Region), he brings strategic thinking, hands-on leadership, and deep community roots to every initiative.
Beyond the business world, his philanthropic work spans education, healthcare, and social welfare, bridging efforts between the UK and Bangladesh. His career reflects a dedication to sustainable growth, social impact, and empowerment through enterprise.
He is the General Secretary, BBCCI (London Region) Driving support for British Bangladeshi entrepreneurs, hosting high-profile business forums, and building UK–Bangladesh trade partnerships.
Director of Sonargaon Restaurant,Ranees Group, The Chase Ballroom (premium banqueting venue),Global Letting Limited ,Panch Bhai Restaurant ,CEO, Jononi Travels and Money Transfer. He is the Chairman, of Banglapage24.com ,the Trustee, of Bishwanath Probashi Education Trust (BPET) ,Doshghar Union Progoti Trust ,Sherpur Welfare Trust ,Many other charitable foundations. He is a Patron of London Cricket League, Sunrise Spectrum Bangla Radio/TV Life Member,Sporting Bengal United FC.
He is a Founder Member of Haji Nojir Miah Foundation ,NRB Hospital and the One Pound Hospital.

Tufazzals Key Achievements and Milestones are the following: Modernised and expanded Sonargaon Restaurant, boosting brand visibility and customer loyalty.Led BBCCI London Region's flagship events, connecting entrepreneurs, investors, and policymakers and he played a vital role during the COVID-19 crisis—delivering over 15,000 food packs and supporting NHS staff and local.
Tufazzal Alam resides in Barking and Degenham with his wife Jarin yeasmin Mumu and son Hadid Alam.



Tufazzal Alam

Sector:
Entrepreneur | Philanthropist

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Shibley Alam's story is one of courage, service, and dedication to her community. Born in the vibrant city of Sylhet, Bangladesh, Shibley grew up in a close-knit family filled with love and tradition. Her father, the late Mohammed Arfan Ullah, moved to the United Kingdom as a young boy with his parents and worked his way up to become a respected businessman.
Shibley has one sister and 4 brother.

At just eight years old, Shibley moved to the UK with her mother, Shamraz Bibi, her sister, and one of her brothers to join her father. Settling in Hyde, Greater Manchester, she began a new life in a new country. In Romiley and attended Romiley Primary School, then Marple Hall Grammar School and later Hopwood College, adapting quickly to her new surroundings. She always got support from her father and family. Among her early achievements, she proudly became the first Bangladeshi girl in Hyde to pass her driving test—a moment that symbolised independence and confidence in her adopted home.
Family has always been at the centre of Shibley's life. She married Mohammed Khairul Alam, an ambitious entrepreneur who moved from Bangladesh to the UK in 1996. Khairul built a successful catering business and later opened a travel agency, earning respect throughout the community. Together, they have four children who reflect their parents' dedication to education and achievement. Their eldest graduated with honours from the University of Manchester, their second daughter is studying at the University of Leeds, and their youngest attends the University of Liverpool.
The couple has faced challenges with courage and unity. When Khairul suffered a serious stroke, they temporarily moved back to Bangladesh to honour his wish for recovery there. This experience, though difficult, strengthened their bond and highlighted their shared resilience.
Professionally, Shibley has devoted more than two decades to education, nurturing young minds and fostering inclusive learning environments. Her teaching journey spans both the UK and Bangladesh, with impactful roles at John Scurr Primary School in London, Heybrook Primary School in Rochdale, the British Bangladesh School in Sylhet, and Dowson Primary School in Tameside.
Beyond the classroom, Shibley has been a driving force in community engagement. Her commitment began with the Hyde Bangladesh Welfare Association, where she served for over four years. Since 2018 she has worked with Diversity Matters North West, focusing on promoting inclusion, supporting vulnerable groups, and strengthening social cohesion.
In 2019, Shibley made history as the first female Bangladeshi councillor in Tameside, representing the Hyde Werneth ward. Her leadership and dedication earned her the role of Deputy Mayor, and in 2025 she was elected as the Civic Mayor of Tameside



Cllr Shibley Alam

Sector:
Polictics

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Cllr Junab Ali

Sector:
Business & Politics

Former Mayor, Councillor Junab Ali came to the U.K in 1978. He started his first business when he was 18 years old while he was still studying for his 'A' levels. By the age of 21 he owned several restaurants.

He has been a Swindon Borough Councillor for over 10 years since May 2008 and now the First British Bangladeshi, first Asian and Muslim Mayor in Swindon and Wiltshire. Re-elected 2012, 2014 and 2018.

He is the Executive Committee Member of South Swindon CLP Since 2008. He was the Chief Whip of Labour Group (Swindon Borough Council) May 2009- May 2011, Parliamentary Candidate for Devizes CLP 2010 , Member of Wiltshire Police Authority 2012 , Shadow Cabinet member (Swindon Borough Council) May 2011-2014,European Parliamentary Candidate for South West England 2014.

He was also the only British Bangladeshi in the U.K, Deputy Leader Swindon Labour Group (Swindon Borough Council) June 2014- May 2017, Vice-Chair Police Crime Panel Swindon and Wiltshire since June 2016 , Treasure South Swindon CPL since October 2016, Parish Councillor for newly created Parish of Central Swindon South since May 2017, Deputy Mayor May 2017.
Councillor Junab Ali is married with 3 children.



Arif Ali

Sector:
Law

Arif practices as a corporate lawyer at DLA Piper, one of the largest and most recognised law firms in the world. His journey to this prestigious firm is a testament to his relentless hard work and determination.
Born and raised in the UK, Arif grew up on a council estate and attended a school where fewer than 22% of students left with 5 GCSEs. Despite the disruptive environment at home and school, he never gave up. Through sheer determination and hard work, Arif achieved an impressive 11 A/A* grades at GCSE and AAB at A level, securing a place at a prestigious Russell Group university.
Arif's background is a blend of British and Bangladeshi cultures, with his parents originating from the Sylhet region in Bangladesh. The rich traditions and values from his heritage deeply influenced his upbringing and perspective. Coming from a working-class environment where opportunities to excel were limited, Arif was inspired to co-found a local youth organisation. This initiative aimed to support teenagers at risk of dropping out of education and falling into crime, providing them with the guidance and resources needed to succeed.
Before commencing his legal career, Arif worked as a policy officer for the UK Government (DEFRA). At DEFRA, he worked on food security during COVID-19 and was an active member of the department's Diversity & Inclusion team, creating and delivering bespoke training sessions. During the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, Arif demonstrated remarkable tenacity by pursuing his master's degree full-time while simultaneously working for the government. Balancing these demanding responsibilities showcased his exceptional ability and relentless drive to succeed in all areas of his life.
Arif's dedication and innovative thinking have led him to build a vast network of individuals, which has been instrumental in his success as both a lawyer and social entrepreneur. This network has allowed him to make a significant impact in his career and the communities he serves. His journey is an inspiring example of how faith and a strong network can pave the way for success.
Currently, Arif is one of the few British Bangladeshis working at a top 10 global law firm. As a lawyer, he has mentored numerous students from disadvantaged backgrounds, helping them enter professional careers in the legal sector. He advises on a range of work focusing on mergers & acquisitions, group reorganisations, and private equity investments, with clients across many sectors including real estate, renewable energy, and technology.
Arif's story is a powerful example of overcoming adversity and achieving success against all odds. He is a role model for young British Bangladeshis today, showing that with hard work, determination, and a strong support network, anything is possible.

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Kamru Ali

Sector:
Property & Finance

Kamru is currently the Managing Director of the District One Estates Group, which focuses on property investments. He is an accountant by profession and after graduation from University of London with a BA (Hons) in Accountancy & Law, he initially trained as an auditor in the Central London Audit Commission for some three years. Kamru knew from a young age that he wanted to run his own business and decided not to pursue a career as an accountant and instead become an entrepreneur.

Kamru started investing in property in his early 20s. By the time he was 29, Kamru achieved his goal of becoming a self-made millionaire. Kamru is one of the most dynamic and well respected property entrepreneurs in the UK. As well as building his own £20 million property portfolio, he has helped over 5,000 fellow Bangladeshi people source and finance property deals through his property and finance companies.
Additionally Kamru organises and delivers property investment seminars, which has resulted in his clients and investors making substantial profits to date on their investment. All of Kamru's achievements came as the result of endless hard work and unwavering tenacity. Kamru is dedicated to showing others how they have the opportunity doing the same and is continually inspired by watching his clients, friends and family members achieve the kind of success they thought they could only dream of. Since the inception of Channel S, Kamru has appeared regularly on television as the property and finance expert for the channel. Although Kamru has amassed his wealth with property and land business investments in the UK and Bangladesh, having a financial and law education background has enabled him to own and co-own a variety of businesses. Premier Properties and Apex are well acknowledged brands within the British Bangladeshi households. He is also featured in the other mainstream Who's Who publication, including being highlighted as Young Business Leader in the 'Who's Who of Britain's Business Elite'.
Kamru has been appointed as the director of the newly formed Tower Hamlets Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise (THCCE). He is an active member of the Conservative Party and a philanthropist. He has for many years sponsored a number of charities both in the UK and overseas. He is voluntarily involved in work with the youth, elderly, people experiencing poverty and homelessness. He has also worked as a volunteer at the Citizen Advice Centre.

He was the founder member of the Newham Youth link and his companies regularly sponsor football tournaments and local football teams. Kamru set up developing village roots in 2005, predominantly to help underprivileged children get access to education in Bangladesh. In 2014 jointly with his brother Askir, they have set up Hazi Johur Ali Trust, which donates to the vulnerable and needy in Bangladesh. Kamru works in a voluntary capacity to an enormous degree and has received numerous awards for his voluntary and charity work. Kamru is a family oriented individual and is married to Rina Begum. They are blessed with 4 children. They all attend some of the best private schools in England. His hobbies include travelling, socialising, football, swimming and reading.



Maya Ali

Sector:
Law

Maya Ali was married at the age of 16, mother of three children is now a qualified Solicitor and an established businesswoman who owns her own legal practice in Coventry named after her Maya & Co Solicitors.

Daughter of Aftab Ali and Monta Bibi, Maya emigrated to the UK at the age of 10 months with her mother to join her father. Like any regular devoted housewife she was committed to her three children and her husband a catering business owner Mr Syed Akbar Ali. However, at the age of 26 with the support of her husband , Maya decided to study further, she embarked on an access course at Tile Hill College, Coventry and then went on to study Law LLB (Hons) at the renowned University Of Warwick.

To gain some Legal training, Maya first started off by working in a law firm in London for four months, which meant being separated away from her family. Maya trained at J R Jones Solicitors, and qualified in 2005. She soon progressed herself as the head of conveyancing department. In 2007 Maya opened a legal practice in partnership then parted the Partnership in March 2009 and challenged herself by setting up her own practice as a sole practitioner. Maya manages her busy high street practice with her qualified daughter Syeda Reshmi Ali.

Maya continuously encourages and inspires women around her to follow their ambition. Maya is involved with various organisations as a trustee and a director level which help empower women to pursue their ambitions. She often finds herself lending hand with charities to raise funds for natural disasters around the world. She is also widely renowned in her community as being patriotic and her aspirations in respect of the Bangladeshi culture.

Maya has a keen interest in singing Bengali folk songs, reciting and creating her own poetry. Her interest in Bangladeshi politics has led to the appointment of becoming a Vice President of Coventry Awami League. Being active in the British Politics lead her to be elected as a local Councillor for Westwood Ward, Coventry in 2012, still active and hopeful to regain a Council seat.
Has held post for a number of years such as a Treasurer for the Labour Coventry South Constituent CLP, Vice President of Coventry Labour BAME. Her views are that British Government and Politics today is a complex and fast-changing with mix of the traditional and forward thinking. She believes that the British Government requires more Asian Women representing its community in order for their voice to be acknowledged.

Munsur Ali is the first person of Bangladeshi heritage to be serving in the historic and financial capital, the City of London Corporation. He is also a film Producer / Director, who graduated with a BA (Hons) in Film and TV Production in 2004 where he set up his first film production company.

He has worked with international stars including Anupam Kher, Asia Argento, Bollywood superstars, Karishma Kapoor, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Rani Mukherjee to 50 Cent and JAGGED Edge.

He produced the landmark feature film 'Shongram' which released nationwide in 2019 (struggle) .It is a romantic drama set during the 1971 Bangladeshi Liberation Struggle, starring Anupam Kher, a Bollywood star, and Asia Argento, a Hollywood star, with the acclaimed script editor Billy Mackinnon.
The movie had its world premiere during the London Indian Film Festival which was the first time a Bengali based film was premiered in London's Leicester Square.

He is currently the Deputy Chairman for Culture, Heritage and Libraries at the City of London where he lit up the iconic Tower Bridge on the 16th of December 2021 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh's independence.

Mr Ali is an Avid speaker on various platforms from the BBC to universities on topics around identity, culture and equality.

Mr Ali is working on his forthcoming films and projects as he embarks on his new venture which is a large film studio and film distribution brand under Moringa Studios and Moringa Entertainment.



Munsur Ali

Sector:
Film



Award Winner 2015

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mazhar Ali is a popular name in the catering business in East London being a partner of the Eastern Pride. Catering has dominated his life ever since he moved to the United Kingdom, his success continued. He was born in 1958 in Chatak, Bangladesh. Mr Ali is one of 6 brothers and sister in his family and from a young age, he wanted to make sure his family and neighbours are living well.

Ali came to the United Kingdom in 1980 and settled in Oldham and it did not take long before he could become successful in business. With very little educational qualification, Ali went straight into a kitchen and worked his way up to become a chef to develop his culinary and management skills. From the experience gained in this job, Ali became a head chef and this was a sign for his future success.

His first business venture was a take away in Somerset named Indiana , opened in 1990. This venture took off successfully and became a stepping stone in his business life. Indiana influenced Ali's next venture - Al-Amin, Dorchester, which led to his next challenge. Ali then established a take away restaurant - The Raj - in Shoeburyness. Ali had created a recipe for success and his businesses continued to thrive.The Raj had risen from the ashes and became popular in the locality and to this day it is still providing in the local people of Shoeburyness with quality Bengali cuisine.

Following the success of The Raj, Ali chose to move closer to London. Ali's London based ventures included, The Spice Tandoori in Plaistow. He has also entered into property business and acquired a few properties in and around London trading under Ali Raja Properties Limited.

Ali is engaged in many charitable works and help his community in many ways. In 1988, Ali helped fund the Jahidpur Madrasa and a whole new bazaar for this village. He is married to Husnara Begum, and they have four children. His eldest son, Farbez Uddin has graduated with a BSc degree in Business Economics, while his eldest daughter, Lothifa Aktar is still studying BA in International Relations. The two youngest children Foysal Uddin and Humaira Aktar are still in their early years of education, in whom Ali vested his high aspirations.



Mazhar Ali

Sector:
Catering/Hospitality

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Cllr Nasim Ali OBE

Sector:
Politics

Cllr Nasim Ali OBE was the Mayor of Camden 2022-23 and had another historic year leading the proclamation of King Charles III after the sad death of the late Queen.
He is the Mayor of Camden, for the second and third time and has had an outstanding political career.
Councillor Ali was appointed Mayor of Camden, first time, at the age of 34 (2003/4) when he was the youngest Mayor in the country. Councillor Ali achieved a number of historic firsts in Camden: the youngest ever Mayor; the first Bangladeshi and first Muslim Mayor of Camden; the first Bangladeshi Executive Member; the first Bangladeshi Leader of the Council and the Labour Group; the first Mayor to have a child in office. Councillor Ali is proud to say that his first son, Rio Ali, has secured a place at Oxford University. Councillor Ali saw his role as reaching out to all sections of the community to ensure that the political process was understood by all and worked well for everyone. During his first Mayoral year Councillor Ali met the Queen and most members of the Royal family.

His most memorable moment was meeting Nelson Mandela. Councillor Ali's achievement was recognised by the Queen with him being made an Officer of the British Empire and awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honour's list for 2011. Councillor Ali's achievements were also recognised in Bangladesh where he had a reception with the Prime Minister and the President to celebrate his achievements. Councillor Ali was born in Islam Pur, Osmani Nogor, Sylhet, Bangladesh and came to the UK aged 7. He is married to Lina Choudhury and has three boys, Rio, Zachariah and Noah Ali, from his first marriage. His early initiatives included the Camden Monitoring Group (1989) to combat racial harassment and the Camden United Poject (1994) to unite young people through their common interest in football diverting them away from racism, crime and conflict. Councillor Ali received one of the first Camden Good Citizen Awards. He has been a ward councillor for the Regents Park ward since May 2002. Councillor Ali is a Board member of the St Andrew's Holborn Charities, St Pancras Thanet St Trust, Governor of Camden and Islington NHS Trust and Vice Chair of Camden Community Centre's Consortium (C4). In the past he has been an advisor to the Metropolitan Police, Prince's Trust, King's Cross SRB Board and a Governor for Westminster Kingsway College. He was also the Chair of the Healthy Families Partnership at King's Cross, Board member of the West Euston Partnership, Chair of the WEP Planning Working Group and on the Executive Board of the Community Empowerment Network. Councillor Ali is also the Chair of the Camden Mela Committee. In 2021 the Camden Mela celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Independence of Bangladesh at the renowned British Library. In the past it has been held in Regents Park and the prestigious British Museum too.
In 2007, Councillor Ali helped to arrange a reception for Professor Yunus to celebrate his award of the Nobel Peace Prize. He has a degree in Informal and Community Education from the University of Kent. Since 2001 he has been the Chief Executive of the King's Cross Brunswick Neighbourhood Association.



Cllr Rahee Akbar Ali

Sector:
Politics

Rahee Akbar Ali serves as the former Mayor of Stapleford, representing the town both locally and beyond. Born and raised in Nottingham to parents Jasmin Aktar Ali and Showkot Ali, who originally came from Sylhet, Bangladesh, Rahee has a deep connection to the community. He completed his primary education at John Clifford School, his secondary education at Chilwell School, and his A Levels at George Spencer Academy Sixth Form. He holds a BSc in Human Biology from Staffordshire University and has built a diverse professional background that includes experience in pharmaceuticals, clinical trials, and now financial services, where he specialises in supporting individuals facing financial challenges.

As Mayor for the 2024-25 term, Rahee has had the privilege of attending a wide range of events, including the Freedom Parade commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day and celebrating Armed Forces Day, as well as numerous gatherings organised by local community groups and charities that highlight the positive impact being made in Stapleford. At the age of 26, Rahee is not only the youngest but also the first British Bangladeshi to serve as Mayor of Stapleford. He is committed to showcasing the town's achievements and continuing to represent the community with pride, both within Stapleford and beyond.

Mohammed Monchab Ali JP was born in 1953 and educated in Bangladesh. He is a community activist , businessman, and a philanthropist living in UK since 1982. He came from a farming family and broke the traditional rank.

He is the eldest son among seven brothers and two sisters. His primary education started in his home by his father and he went to Kamar Gao Government Model Primary School then went to Moinpur High School gaining his Secondary School Certificate (SSC) in 1972 . He continued his under graduate study Intermediate of Commerce (I.Com) at the Modon Mohan College, then he went to Sylhet Polytechnic Institute . He completed his Diploma-in Mechanical Engineering in the year 1979.

Mohammed volunteered at Somota Junior High School and served as a founding Headmaster and Secretary in 1980 and played a important role to establish the School. He then left this school to pursue his professional career and join Karim Pipe Mill at the Bangladesh port city of Chittagong as an apprentice engineer. Within less than two years he raises up to shift in-charge there.
He left Karim Pipe Mill to further his study and came to the UK in 1982. but due to financial support and hardship he abandoned his aspiration for higher education and started working in the catering industry. He got married on same year in 1982 and settled in UK.
He established a scholarship programme at the Somota High School in the year 1994 for those students who passed their SSC in first division. The Somota High School is now a well established High School and College and the student population more than 1600+. He first established his business with partnership in the year 1985 but continued his philanthropic work to support his local schools and support disadvantages students to pursue their higher education. His four youngest brothers also continue their studies with their aspiration for higher education.
He joined Bangladesh Catering Association (BCA) and served as a regional coordinator North West of England. He later became the Senior Vice President of the BCA. His business in partnership called Bengal Dynasty Restaurant won various national business awards.
He serves as a national Chairperson of the Greater Sylhet Development & Welfare Council in the UK, for two terms and regional chairperson and general secretary for the Chester and North Wales region.
In addition to business ventures he is also very active in numerous socio-cultural projects having set up: MAM Education & Welfare Trust to support the needy in Bangladesh, as well as Chairperson Chester & North Wales Bangladeshi Youth Association, Chairperson Flintshire Muslim Cultural Society ,Chairperson Shorisha Para Hobipur Primary School Trust UK ,Chief Charity Coordinator Grater Sylhet Development & Welfare Council in UK ,Chairperson Chester Shah Jalal Jame Mosque & Islamic Centre.

On the business front, he is the proprietor of Shaninco Catering Supplies, MAM properties UK ,Former Member of the Bangladesh Catering Association ,Founding Member of British Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce ,Former Member of the Chester Ellesmere Port and North Wales Chambers of Commerce ,Former Member of Restaurant Association of Great Britain and Former Member of the Federation of Small Business in UK.
He is appointed as the first British Bangladeshi honorary Magistrate at the Chester Ellesmere Port Bench in 2002.
He has been recognised by the Channel S television in 2011 for his community work.



Mohammed Monchab Ali JP

Sector:
Catering & Community Relations

Nadia Ali is an acclaimed and award-winning international broadcaster, renowned for her extensive experience in television, radio, and journalism. For over a decade, she captivated audiences with her show on BBC Asian Network as a celebrated advocate for global Bengali artists and music.

Driven by her passion, Nadia hosted a cultural short film about Bangladesh and helped orchestrate and host the groundbreaking BBC Asian Network live music sessions in Dhaka for the very first time. These sessions featured A-list artists from Bangladesh and the UK, all broadcasted on BBC iPlayer. Nadia's journalistic prowess has also shone brightly, with her reports being featured on BBC News, World News, and BBC Two.

Her journey began in 2005, dedicating six years to hosting a dynamic children's live TV show every Saturday. Nadia's pioneering spirit led her to co-host the groundbreaking international reality TV show in Bangladesh, "Forgotten Roots," leaving an indelible mark on the industry. Her influence extended to hosting the Boishakhi Mela, a UK festival drawing over 30,000 attendees, for seven years.

Beyond television, Nadia has graced prestigious award ceremonies and talent shows worldwide, including the Yash Raj Films Aaja Nachle Search, the prestigious IFFA Awards 2014, Asian Wedding Exhibition, India Fashion Week, Channel S Awards, British Bangladeshi Who's Who Awards, British Bangladesh Lifestyle Awards, and more.

Apart from her broadcasting achievements, Nadia holds qualifications as a Barrister and Lecturer. She also serves as the Director of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Women Entrepreneurs. Nadia is frequently invited as a motivational guest speaker at events like the prestigious WAW festival in Dhaka, Women's Hour on radio, and in various schools and colleges. She has actively participated in campaigns for the NHS and Government Home Office projects addressing domestic violence. These experiences inspired her to establish an enterprise committed to empowering young individuals and women from diverse backgrounds through personalised mentoring, coaching, and comprehensive training programmes.

Nadia Ali's journey epitomises unwavering commitment to excellence and advocacy, establishing her as a true luminary in her field and a beacon of inspiration for empowerment.



Nadia Ali

Sector:
Media



Rushanara Ali MP

Sector:
Politics

Award Winner 2010

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Rushanara Ali is the Labour Member of Parliament for Bethnal Green and Bow. She was first elected in May 2010 with a majority of 11,574, having defeated George Galloway's Respect Party. Bethnal Green and Bow was one of four Labour gains in 2010. Rushanara was re-elected in 2015 doubling her majority to 24,317 and earning 61% of the share of the vote and again re-elected in 2017, increasing her majority again to 35,393. Rushanara Ali been re-elected again in 2024. She was a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Building Safety and Homelessness).

Rushanara grew up in her constituency attending Mulberry school and Tower Hamlets College. She was the first in her family to go to University and studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University. Until her resignation from Labour's front bench in September 2014 over her decision to abstain on the vote on airstrikes in Iraq, Rushanara served as Shadow Minister for Education and Young People, and between October 2010 and October 2013, as Shadow Minister for International Development. Rushanara has previously served as a member of the Treasury Select Committee and the Energy and Climate Change Select Committee and the Communities and Local Government Select Committee. Rushanara has recently been elected once again to the Treasury Committee. She was appointed the UK's Trade Envoy to Bangladesh in 2016.

Prior to her election in May 2010, she was Associate Director of the Young Foundation, where she co-founded UpRising, a national leadership development and employability charity which has helped thousands of young people develop their campaigning and leadership skills. Rushanara has also recently created One Million Mentors, a national online platform to recruit, train and deploy mentors to organisations working with young people.

She also co-founded the Social Innovation Exchange which works to connect innovators and social entrepreneurs around the world to collaborate to tackle major social problems. Rushanara also worked at the Communities Directorate of the Home Office, leading a programme of work to support local areas following the 2001 riots in Bradford, Burnley and Oldham; at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office where she helped establish what became the Forced Marriage Unit; as a Research Fellow at the Institute for Public Policy Research (1999-2002) working on anti-discrimination issues, and as Parliamentary Assistant for Oona King, former MP for Bethnal Green & Bow (1997-1999).

She has also worked as Research Assistant to Lord Young of Dartington (author of the 1945 Labour Party manifesto), helping him to set up Language Line, a national telephone interpreting company and Futureversity, a youth charity which has helped over a 100,000 young people - raising aspirations, cutting youth crime and getting them into work. She has previously served as a Commissioner on the London Child Poverty Commission; a board member of Tower Hamlets College; a Trustee of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation; a member of the Tate Britain Council and a member of the Home Office Working Group on Preventing Extremism established after the 7/7 London bombings.



Shakur Ali

Sector:
Catering and Community

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Entrepreneur and celebrity chef Shakur Ali is one of the leading Bangladeshi businessmen in the UK where he owns the award-winning Jaflong restaurant in Market Square of Bicester Town in Oxfordshire. He has other business interests in Sylhet, Bangladesh. Mr Shakur Ali is a prominent and well respected member of the Bangladeshi community and serves on the management committee of various voluntary and not-for profit organisations inclusing the Bicester and District Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh Caterers Association and Oxfordshire Bangladeshi Association. He is the founder member of the OBA and is very committed to promoting the rich cultural heritage of Bangladesh.

Mr Shakur Ali is a founding chairman of Bicester Muslim society. Mr Shakur Ali is a vice president of BCA and a Director of Bangladesh-British Chamber of Commerce. He has full heartedly devoted himself for the service of BCA, BBCC and his local organisations. In the last few years, he has proactively participated in the trade delegation visits to Bangladesh and most recently he took part in a successful trade mission to Bangladesh with the senior members of BBCC. He also played a vital role in co-hosting a seminar in Oxford with the Oxfordshire Bangladeshi Association for the first Bangladesh ICT delegation in 2002. He and his local organisation fully supported the first ever trade exhibition "Bangladesh Expo 2005" in London , which was organised by the BBCC. Mr Shakur Ali is the founder of Shakur Education Trust which provides financial support to improve education in the Dulabazar area where he grew up. He is regularly reported in the local press for his charity work, in Bangladesh and UK.

Mr Shakur Ali is extremely fortunate and grateful for the continuing support from his family. They have three sons and two daughters. Their first, Dilwar Ali, graduated from the university of Cardiff. He is now involved with the family business. Their second son, Shahin Ali is an optician engineer and their third son is studying Performing Arts at college in Oxford.



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Dr Siraj Ali

Sector:
Catering



Award Winner 2011

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Dr. Muhammad Siraj Ali (Hon) is a pioneering force behind the introduction of Indian Cuisine in the Essex region. In his successful 47-year career, he introduced Indian food to Thurrock, and has used his success and experiences to broaden cultural understanding and raise millions of pounds for charities in Bangladesh and the UK.

His passion to build bridges between cultures and communities has seen him become an ambassador for multi-cultural integration and charity work.

Since 1995, Siraj has raised over £3 million for charity, with his charitable efforts having even seen his dishes flown to 150 UN troops in the Congo. Dr Ali's successful restaurant was chosen by MPs to cater for the first ever Bangladesh Festival of Food and Culture at the House of Commons in 2001.

In 2008, Siraj Ali was named an honoured friend of the University of Buckingham Scholarship for advising Author David Urch on writing his international book, Crescent and the Delta: The Bangladesh Story. In the same year, Dr Ali won the British Bangladeshi Who's Who 'Outstanding Contribution' Award.

In 2009, Siraj was winner of the Channel S Awards 2009 'Contribution to the Community Award for Greater London and the South East of England', for his long standing contribution to the British Bangladeshi Community.

In 2011, Siraj was winner of the British Bangladeshi Who's Who 'Outstanding Contribution' Award, receiving a crest from The Mayor of London Borough of Tower Hamlets for outstanding achievement in community work.

In 2015, Siraj was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by Currylife magazine for contribution to the catering and hospitality industry. In 2016 he was given a UK Honorary Award for outstanding services and contributions from Umor Pur Union Welfare & Development Organisation awarded by the First Secretary Mr Sayem Ahmed, Bangladesh High Commissioner in London.

In 2018, Siraj was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Essex for his distinguished career, joining Rt Hon John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Speaker of Jatyo Sangshad, (Bangladesh Parliament), former UK Prime Minister Harold Wilson and former President of Chile, Her Excellency Michelle Bachelet, whose achievements are recognised by academics.

In Bangladesh, Dr Ali is a Director of the Metro Hotel and Conference Centre, Founder and Proprietor of the Crescent Hospital, Mairabazaar, now City School, Chairman of the Interim period Mediator Committee and Treasurer of the Balagonj Education Trust –later a Trustee, Co-Founder and Sponsor of Balagonj Sixth Form College and the Osmani Nogar Girls College, Co-Founder, Trustee, Secretary, of the Haji Soyed Ali Memorial Trust, Co-Sponsor of the Haji Soyed Ali Memorial Trust Anwarul Uloom Jamia Academy and Haji Soyed Ali Primary School, and Co-Founder of the Haji Soyed Ali Memorial trust Anwarul Uloom Jamia Hostel for Orphans.

Siraj Ali is also the Owner and Chairman of the Al Siraj Plaza, a multipurpose building in Goalabazaar Sylhet which includes the 10000 sq foot Siraj – Ul –Uloom ' for Quran and Hadith Research Centre and Library, the 3rd centre of its kind in Bangladesh.

In Essex, Siraj is the Founder Chairman of both the Thurrock Bangladesh Welfare Association and the Thurrock Islamic Educational Cultural Centre, Former General Secretary and founder member of the Essex Jamme Masjid in Southend on Sea, as well as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Essex Bangladesh Welfare Association (Essex) and former Vice Chairman of Bangladesh Catering Association Essex region.



Al - Hajj Mohammed Siraj Ali BEM

Sector:
Business

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Al Hajj Dr Siraj Ali BEM was born in 1967 in Hasonfatimapur, Post Office Kandbaribazar, Mirpur Union, Jagannathpur Upazila, Sunamganj District, Bangladesh, to Al-Hajj Abdul Goni and Hasina Bibi.

In 1972, Siraj Ali arrived in the United Kingdom with his parents, and the family settled in Northampton. His elder brother later moved to Chester to manage the family restaurant, Shangri-La on Lower Bridge Street—the first Bangladeshi restaurant in Chester, established by his father and cousin in 1967.

Siraj began his education at St James' School and Spencer Middle School in Northampton. Following the family's move to Coventry in 1978, he continued his studies at Nicholas Chamberlaine School, Bedworth, and Sidney Stringer School, Coventry. From an early age, he supported the family business, developing the strong work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit that would shape his future.

He subsequently studied Business Studies at Henley College, Coventry, while undertaking a Youth Training Scheme in the Accounts Department of Courtaulds Engineering Factory, Foleshill. Although he initially aspired to become a Chartered Accountant, his career ultimately led him into successful entrepreneurship, property investment and community service.

Siraj Ali established his first restaurant, Bombay Palace, in Earlsdon, Coventry, which has successfully traded for more than four decades. He has since built an extensive portfolio of commercial property and business interests across the West Midlands through companies including Siraj Investments, SMJ Properties, SMRK Properties, Rosewood Investments Midlands, Reality Group Ltd, 101 Sonali Investment Club, Prosperous Properties, JJS Properties Group, Coventry Sear, G8 Hinckley Ltd, and Ana Khana Pina.

He is also proprietor of Delhi 76, a Nepalese restaurant in Earlsdon, and has expanded his entrepreneurial interests internationally through Oyster Pharmaceutical Ltd Group in Sylhet, Bangladesh.

A committed community leader, Dr Ali is Founder and Vice Chairman of the Bangladeshi Catering and Professional Association, Coventry & Warwickshire; Vice-President of the Bangladesh Caterers Association, Central Region; General Secretary of the Midlands Region of UK Bangladesh Catalysts of Commerce & Industry; Founder and CEO of Siraj Foundation UK; and President of Coventry Sonali Lions Club.

He also founded and serves as President of Coventry Sonali Othith UK, established in 2020 as the UK's first veterans' football organisation, supporting Open Age, 35+ and 50+ players through facilities, tournaments and international tours.

Through his charitable organisations, Dr Ali has supported numerous initiatives, including an Education Centre in Peterborough and a monthly homeless food programme in partnership with Anesis Homeless Ministry, Coventry. During the COVID-19 pandemic, his restaurants provided free meals to NHS staff, care homes and vulnerable families across Coventry.

In recognition of his exceptional contribution to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr Ali was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the 2022 New Year Honours List. In 2026, he received an Honorary Doctorate in International Enterprise and Commercial Strategy.

Dr Ali is married to Salma Akhtar and they have three children: Junaid Siraj, Jahed Siraj and Tania Aktar Siraj. He is also a proud grandfather. Based in Coventry, Dr Ali continues to devote his time to business, philanthropy, football and youth development, with a strong commitment to health, education and community cohesion.

Syed Maruf Ali is an Assistant Head of Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and 11) at a prominent secondary school in Oldham, Greater Manchester and a community activist who has inspired many children and young people from deprived backgrounds in Oldham.

Maruf, hails from a highly respected Syed family in Kalaborpur (Syed Mir Bari) in Nabiganj Upazila of Habiganj district. In 1986, Maruf moved to the UK at the age of 10 with his parents and siblings to settle in Oldham. Upon arrival in the UK, he faced many challenges, least of all the language barrier together with racism which was rife in the 1980s. Despite these challenges, Maruf did not allow these difficulties to hinder his educational aspirations. After completing his secondary school and College, Maruf graduated from Huddersfield University reading Business & Finance BA(Hons). Subsequently he completed numerous Post-graduate Diplomas and Management Training Programmes to complement his degree.

Maruf was intrinsically involved in coaching and managing a Junior Football Team consisting of mainly Bangladeshi boys in Oldham. The primary objective of setting up the team was to engage with a growing number of young boys who were disillusioned and risked jeopardising their future by mixing with the wrong crowd. The success of this project led Maruf to set up a voluntary organisation called SPARC (Shahjalal Physical Activeness & Recreational Club) in 2018. SPARC now has many volunteers working with young people and facilitating various sports and activities for young people in deprived parts of Oldham. Accordingly, Maruf is a highly inspiring and motivating figure for many of these Children who have benefited from the work and dedication provided by him.

Over the last 25 years, Maruf Ali has undertaken numerous voluntary roles including working for National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NACRO). This organisation aims to reduce crime by supporting people in finding alternatives to crime, for example, by resettling es-offenders and providing education and advice in communities. Linked to these experiences, Maruf is a member of the Independent Advisory Group (IAG) whose role is to act as a 'critical friend' to the Police. The IAG recommends how policing services may be, or are being, perceived by communities and how they can be improved.

Prior to taking his current role at a Secondary School, Maruf worked as a Personal Advisor for a Careers Advisory Service, helping young people aged 13-19 to participate effectively in appropriate learning - whether in school, Further Education College, training providers or other community settings. Maruf was instrumental in raising the aspirations of these young people so that they reached their full potential.

Maruf is a Trustee of a local Community Centre and a local Mosque where he plays a key role in shaping the development of these establishments by formulating and implementing key Strategies and Policies. He was also a Governor of a local Primary School, where he played a decisive role in improving the performance of a School which was sub-standard and during his tenure, the School's Ofsted inspection grade was raised to 'Good'.

Maruf is a very family orientated person and lives with his wife and two children.



Syed Maruf Ali

Sector:
Education/ Community

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

At 34 years old, Javed Alom is an entrepreneur who has made a remarkable impact in the U.K.'s property management sector. Originally from Bangladesh, Javed came to the U.K. as an international student from the American International University-Bangladesh with nothing but his goals and an unshakable determination to succeed.

Starting from scratch, he worked day and night in physically demanding jobs to save the money he needed to launch his property ventures. With those savings, Javed secured his first property, which he sublet to kick-start his short-term rentals business. He used the income from that first property to expand, acquiring additional properties one at a time.

Through relentless hard work, strategic risk-taking, and a refusal to let failure define him—even in the face of challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic—he has built a thriving property portfolio.

From his early days in the U.K., Javed has demonstrated a strong work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit, quickly identifying opportunities within the property market and boldly pursuing them.

His leadership and business acumen have allowed him to establish a successful portfolio that reflects his deep understanding of market trends, as well as his ability to navigate challenges with resilience and creativity.

This ethical approach to business has helped him build a strong network of professionals and clients who trust and respect him, further contributing to the growth of his ventures. Despite the many personal sacrifices he and his wife made to grow the business, their efforts paid off. Within few years of starting his business, Javed and his wife were able to buy their own home in London. Together, they are raising their daughter, Naia, who remains a constant source of motivation and inspiration. In addition to his professional success, Javed is deeply committed to philanthropy and believes in the importance of giving back, not only to his home country but also to his community in the U.K. He regularly supports charitable initiatives in Bangladesh. Recently, he raised money for flood victims in Bangladesh and ensured the funds reached the people they were intended for by personally delivering it to those who need it most.

Javed views his success not just as a personal achievement but as a platform to make a broader impact, both in the U.K. and in Bangladesh.

Despite being the only member of his immediate family living in the U.K., with the rest of his family in the USA, Javed has embraced his journey with unwavering determination. His motto, "keep going," embodies the relentless drive that has seen him overcome countless obstacles on his journey.

In addition to his business success, Javed serves as a role model for others, inspiring them to push beyond their comfort zones and embrace opportunities with confidence. He provides mentorship and free advice to aspiring entrepreneurs and other mentees, and he is committed to creating job opportunities within his community and continuing with his philanthropic endeavours.

He continues to set ambitious goals and is committed to expanding his influence within the sector, all while remaining dedicated to his family and his roots as a Bangladeshi-British individual. His journey from humble beginnings to becoming a major player in the property management industry is a testament to what can be achieved through hard work, boldness, and an unwavering belief in one's ability to create their own path to success.



Javed Alom

Sector:
Entrepreneur

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Cllr Abdul Amin

Sector:
Politics

Originally from Sunamgonj, Bangladesh, Abdul Amin emigrated to the UK in the late 70's along with his parents and five siblings. They lived in one of the most deprived areas of Birmingham, Handsworth. After completing his secondary school studies, Abdul moved to Swindon and set up a family business in Lechlade, Gloucestershire. Since then, they have continued to expand and set up further businesses in Swindon and the surrounding towns.

Having grown up in council estate, Abdul experienced and witnessed the life of struggling families and realised that community change is necessary to improve lives. His upbringing motivated him to pursue politics and he was first elected as a councillor for Walcot and Park North, Swindon in 2012 during local elections. This ward is one of the most deprived wards in the Borough and is comprised of many diverse communities. Abdul has thoroughly enjoyed his work as a councillor and helping members of his ward with various individual and community-level issues.

He has also enjoyed serving in a number of committees during his time as a councillor, including:Chairing the Wiltshire's Diverse Communities Independent Advisory Group for Wiltshire Police – this helps to highlight and address issues regarding, for example, recruitment and retention of ethnic minority staff within the force. This, in turn, helps to better understand the local communities that are served. School governor for a local primary school – ensuring the children receive a good quality education by scrutinising aspects of the school, including budgets and recruitment.

Also the Swindon's Rotary Club – Rotary is a worldwide organisation where members work together to better the local community and these can be through charitable events, Planning and Licensing, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel.

Abdul is very grateful to have been appointed as the Mayor of Swindon for 2022/23. One of the aspects of the Mayoral role which he is very excited about is supporting various charities. He has decided to support STEP which is a local mental health charity helping children in Swindon. His second charity is the Zam Zam Trust which helps disadvantaged families in the Sylhet region of Bangladesh.

Abdul has met some fantastic people through his roles, and he is keen to meet more people during his term as the Mayor of Swindon. He is keen to bring together the various diverse communities of Swindon and work together with the Deputy Mayor to raise money for his chosen charities.



Rupi Amin

Sector:
Media

Rupi Amin was born in Khulna, Bangladesh to Md Shamsul Huq and Maksuda Huq and arrived in the UK in 2003.

Rupi has been serving Channel S as a News editor and senior news presenter since 2017. Before joining Channel S she has been working at Bangla TV UK (the first Bangla TV channel outside Bangladesh) as news room editor during 2003 to 2012.
Rupi is the Founder Chairman of Soptosur Music School an independent Bangla music school based in Kent and worked as a music teacher at Uditchi School of Performing arts UK.

She worked at Surma Centre Camden as a music teacher during 2004 to 2007 and performed music in numerous program in the UK and the Europe.Rupi successfully completed Dartford Boishakhi Mela by her leadership.

Rupi is the Founder Chairman of Soptosur Music School, Vice Chairman of Udichi School of Performing Arts UK, Ex Executive member of London Bangle Press club (2 Terms).
Rupi completed her Masters in Islamic History from Eden University College – Dhaka, her Bachelor of Atrs from Eden University College – Dhaka then worked as a staff news Presenter at ATN Bangla Dhaka Bangladesh (2000-2002) ,Listed Vocal Artist of BTV and Bangladesh Beter, Program present of Somokalim Orthoniti of BTV in 2001, Program Presenter "Nabin Baron" a talent hunt program of ATN Bangla.
She had released a solo audio album in 1999
Rupi resides in Bexleyheath, Kent with her husband Dr Aminul Islam and they have 2 Daughters: Nabiha Amin and Namira Amin.

M Sayed Altab, the eldest son of Late Haji Md. Rajab Ali, born in Jalal Pur, Sunam Gonj, Bangladesh. Mr Altab came over to the UK in 1977 where he continued with his education. He completed a diploma in Business Studies, Altab established himself as a successful entrepreneur, taking on various ventures in the form of catering outlets and corner stores in North Wales.

Currently, Altab is primarily focusing on his holiday lettings and property development ventures in the UK and in Bangladesh to diversify his portfolio of investments. Over the years, Altab has contributed greatly towards charitable work and has been involved with numerous community organisations. Through his personal and business contacts, the Bangor based entrepreneur has helped generate large donations for victims of natural disasters and has contributed towards numerous community developments and educational projects in Bangladesh. He was one of the co founders of Bangor Bangladesh Welfare Association.

Altab is the Governor of Hireal School, Founder Member of Life Aid Trust and as well as being a Director of many businesses he also runs holiday homes in Anglesey and Snowdonia.
He is an active member of the Federation of Small business in addition to his long term membership with the Bangor Business forum. He is the ex chairman of Bangor Islamic Centre (BIC) and has invested an extensive amount of his time and efforts to the multicultural community of Bangor.
Altab is the Vice Chairman of GSC (Greater Sylhet Council) of Chester North Wales Region. He has achieved Honory Doctorate from United States Of America International University on Doctorate in Business Management.

Altab is married with seven children .His ambition in life is to help others help themselves, as he firmly believes that if you give a man a fish you feed him for a day and if you teach a man to fish you feed him for a lifetime.



M Sayed Altab

Sector:
Property & Community



Award Winner 2019

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Propa Rezwana Anwar is a British Bangladeshi television presenter, published book co-author and recent King's College London graduate, now working in Westminster.
Daughter of Dr Zaki Rezwana Anwar FRSA, Propa's media career began from a young age, in her case with participation in children's programmes on Bangla TV. Thereafter, she performed on 'It's Our Day' - a popular bilingual children's programme on Channel S (Sky 777). Appearances ranged from singing and reciting poetry, to reading children's news ('Chhotto Khobor') and even creating her own brand of bilingual satirical stand-up comedy. Aged 10, she passed multi-stage auditions to sing solo at Royal Albert Hall. Passion for engaging audiences was nurtured when with utmost love and enthusiasm she began presenting 'It's Our Day' herself as a teenager - the very show she enjoyed performing on as a child.

Propa now additionally hosts 'Sunday Show' on Channel S, this TV show for adults featuring trajectories of inspiring British Bangladeshis. Propa was honoured as BBPI Jamdani Network's youngest member, to meet His Majesty King Charles III and present Queen Consort Camilla with a Jamdani sari on behalf of British Bangladeshis. Despite being London born and raised, Propa sat A Level Bangla exams early, and does all she can to promote Bangla culture. She hosts numerous high profile national interfaith events too, both as Vice Chair of Barnet Multi Faith Forum with Barnet Council's support and as Head of Events for London's Interfaith Youth Council.
An alumna of the country's top performing girls' state school (Henrietta Barnett School) in her gap year Propa initiated the social media strategy for the country's top performing boys' state school (Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet). Next during her degree at King's College London, she was one of the youngest Faculty Education Committee members in the Faculty of Social Science & Public Policy; Propa got the Economic and Social Research Council funded opportunity to co-write a book (ISBN 978-1-8382998-1-1) with researchers about making
education experiences meaningful. Here she credits her mother, late father Dr Udoy Syeed Anwar and school teacher Charlotte Humphreys for instilling within her a love for academia.

Notably, Propa successfully tutored tens of young students 1:1, who passed their 11+ exams and now attend a range of well-performing schools. Propa is Governor at Summerside Primary School and spoke as British youth representative at the Transforming Education Summit 2022, at United Nations' HQ in New York. She is currently partnering with Microsoft to encourage children to learn to code by co-organising school trips and workshops.



Propa Rezwana Anwar

Sector:
Media / Education

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Dr Zaki Rezwana Anwar

Sector:
Medicine / Media



Award Winner 2018

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

One of the most prominent and inspirational British Bangladeshi women, Dr Zaki Rezwana Anwar FRSA is a personality known for multi-faceted attributes such as medical and philanthropic contribution, coupled with her media career. Leading her team in National Debates on Bangladesh Television, she was crowned 'Best Orator' for five consecutive years. The youngest newsreader to pass multi-stage auditions, she completed a course on news casting at the National Institute of Mass Communications, making her the only British Bangladeshi with this level of training and expertise. Her journey began with Dhaka Radio; henceforth would emerge the epitome to watch on Bangladesh Television, BBC World Service, Bangla TV and Channel S. Internationally the longest serving female Bangladeshi newscaster, her unparalleled mark in the newscasting world was recognised with Eastwood Awards' title: 'Best Female Newscaster.' With classical vocal training from Ustad Akhtar Sadmani, she also won the 'Notun Kuri' national singing contest and currently judges TV ONE's youth poetry competition.. Channels including All India Radio, Voice of America and BBC 2 interviewed her. She mentors for the Catering Circle Show, for The Diana Award and for Common Purpose in association with the British Council.

After her MBBS degree from Dhaka, her Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene was with British Council Scholarship. Following her Maternal & Child Health MSc at UCL with Danish Government Fellowship, she was selected Commonwealth Scholar for her PhD. Dr Anwar's Tangail project with iodine deficient pregnant mothers and infants (funded by GlaxoSmithKline) inspired a documentary on BBC 2 in collaboration with ICH (UK) and ICDDRB. Princess Margaret selected this among leading 3 medical research projects that year. Dr Anwar improved maternal mortality rates as founding member of 'Action for Safe Motherhood' working with the Brazilian Government, and campaigned against FGM with Gambian NGOs. She was invited Guest Speaker for INGOs including UNESCO, WHO and Asian Nutrition Congress. She presented with the British Paediatric Association, at Centre for International Child Health, University of Warwick, University of Bristol and King's College London. Royal Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene, British Medical Journal, Lancet and European Journal of Clinical Nutrition published her work. Having donated all her organs herself, she has inspired many others of diverse backgrounds to do the same.
Her enterprises stem further than medicine and media alone. As GSC's Women & Cultural Affairs Secretary she tours the UK, teaching hard-to-reach women first aid. With her 'Widow Project' initiative, 500 destitute widows saw avenues to financial independence. She established a Rotaract Club's Medicine Bank and as Shandhani's President, initiated blood donation campaigns. She is in London Bangla Press Club; she advises Cancer Research UK; she supports Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralysed and anti-rape movements. iQra International recognised her work for disabled children. From embryonic stages, she trailblazed for Dual Citizenship Act amendments, negotiating with the Law Minister to protect rights of British Bangladeshis. She was honoured with the Mayor's Civic Award and the British Bangladeshi Who's Who Award, as well as Canary Wharf Group's Award for Philanthropy - for tireless services to British Bangladeshis.

Cultivating her unique blend of medical and international media expertise, through many televised interactive video presentations and deeply analytical newspaper columns. Backed by religious scholars, she fought fiercely to dispel Covid-19 myths at the nexus of medical science and religion. She instigated a grassroots movement convincing thousands of initially reluctant viewers to get vaccinated, saving a staggering number of lives during the pandemic. For such contributions, she was bestowed with the Bengal's Pride Award at the House of Commons, the London Bangla Press Club Award, and The London Faith & Belief Award - supported by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London's Council on Faith.



Farida Anwar

Sector:
Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Farida Anwar was an elected Councillor of Oxford City Council since May 2014. She is the first British Bangladeshi Councillor in the whole of Oxfordshire County.
Farida started her career as a UK Civil Servant at the Department of Health and Social Security (now DWP) for 18 years. Then she was appointed as a Team Manager of Home Care Section at Social Service Department in London Borough of Camden in 1987. She was finally promoted to the position of Commissioner of Housing and Adult Care Department in 1991.

After working about 40 years in British Civil Service and local government, Farida took early retirement in 2007 to join politics as member of the UK Labour Party.
Apart from civil service and political career,Farida has always been a sincere and effective community activist. She has always been a strong voice for the promotion of Bangladeshi and Asian communities in Oxford and London. Her involvement with Oxfordshire Bangladeshi Association, Muslim and Christian Forum Oxford, 'MIND in Oxford' demonstrates her selfless efforts to forge bondage between the various social, ethnic and religious communities in Oxford and its surrounding areas. She is well known as one of the founders of Oxford Asian Cultural Centre which is regarded as the hub of inter-ethnic relationship in Oxford. Her activism also includes education and health sectors. She is a governor of St. Michael CE Primary School in Oxford where she chaired Community and Preschool Committee. She is an elected member of London Moorfields Eye Hospital Patients' and Governing Body. As an elected committee member of UNISON (Camden branch), Thames Valley Police Consultative Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee of the former Oxfordshire Council for Community Relations, Farida has been playing a key role in the preserving the interests of the ethnic minority groups in London and Oxfordshire.

Farida was born in the Faridpur district in Bangladesh to her mother Late Salema Khatun and father Late Shah Mohammad Israil Huq retired as a Joint Secretary in Bangladesh Civil Service and is directly related to the family of the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. She is married to Mr Sayedul Haque. Her only Daughter Fahmida is an Oxford Graduate who works at the University of Oxford in the Postgraduate Research Centre. Cllr.Farida Anwar has three grandchildren.

Farida has five brothers & one sister. the elder brother is the Vice Chancellor of Barisal University, another brother is a professor of New York City University, USA, rest three brothers are in Bangladesh Civil Services.

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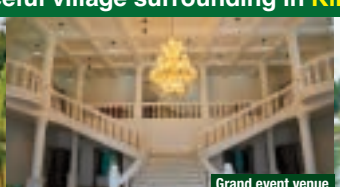









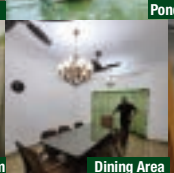

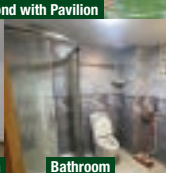

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Abu Rufian Bablu

Sector:
Property & Business

Abu Rufian Bablu was born in Molikshari, Moulvibazar , Bangladesh in 1973.
He is the eldest son of Alhaj Badruz Zaman and Shamsun Nahar Begum. Abu and his family moved to the UK in 1976 to join his father.

After graduation from University Abu began managing the family business which lead to him establishing a successful Property Company in addition to running several prosperous Indian restaurants. He reacted to the demands of his clients through the Property Company and implemented Portfolio managements and finance raising through his ARii Property Group.

He became aware of the difficulties with merchant services while working in restaurants, so he looked into becoming a merchant service provider. This led him to establish Rosenburg financial services, which is a global partner of aquirring.com.
Abu is an all round business man and has also taken shares in a health care provider and an accounting practice.

Abu is married to Momena Akthar and they have two daughters and a Son.



Smrity Azad

Sector:
Culture

Smrity Azad is a dedicated cultural activist, theatre artist, reciter, presenter and media personality who has been deeply involved in promoting Bangladeshi arts and culture for over 29 years in the UK. Her Father, the Late Dhali Abdur Rashid, was a Freedom Fighter in the 1971 war, which shaped her upbringing and patriotism for her country. Smrity immersed herself in cultural performances, theatre, music, and recitations, as well as being active in various political movements, including Charon Sangskritik Kendro in Dhaka. This nurtured her lifelong connection to her country.

After frequently travelling to London, Smrity moved permanently in 1995, immediately recognising the necessity of creating spaces that would allow members of the Bangladeshi diaspora to celebrate their heritage. Smrity continued her involvement in the arts, combining her cultural and political roots with the contemporary creative world she encountered in the UK. As a theatre artist, she performs and assists in directing plays that resonate with the experiences of the Bangladeshi community, giving voice to stories that often went unheard. Her skills as a reciter are particularly renowned, and she has become well-known for her ability to bring Bangladeshi poetry and literature to life. Her recitations have been featured in both community events and larger cultural festivals.
Smrity continued her political activism in the UK and became an advocate for human rights, bringing to light injustices that have been overlooked on an international scale. Thus, Smrity holds titles in many organisations, including Vice President of Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee UK and Deputy General Secretary of Sommilito Sahitya Sangskritik Parishad UK. Smrity has also been actively campaigning for the Labour Party in the UK and has been elected as GC Delegate and Women's Officer for Blackwall and Cubitt town.
Smrity's efforts in London led to the founding of Docklands Theatre & Performing Arts in 2012, with the support of her husband, Engr Mithu Azad, she serves as the Chairperson. The theatre was established with a clear mission: to provide a platform for creative individuals with Bangladeshi culture at the heart, particularly among the youth. With Mithu being a Light and Sound Engineer, the couple combined their experience and used stage drama as the primary means of cultural expression. Their two children, Protthoy Sheikh and Priyoty Sheikh have also followed in their parents' footsteps and are actively working in the Bangladeshi community to promote the arts since an early age and have been recognised for their work. Docklands Theatre has become a thriving space where art meets activism, drawing artists and audiences from various cultural backgrounds.

As part of her ongoing mission, Smrity has travelled globally alongside her organisation, participating in cultural festivals and workshops. She has been active in her work with various charities and collaborative projects, including Rescue Aid Trust's Feed 5000 initiative. Alongside Channel S, she helped in distributing aid to affected communities across Bangladesh during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a media personality, she has used her platform to speak on issues of cultural integration, the importance of arts in social cohesion, and the need for creative spaces in multicultural societies. She participates in television, radio, and online platforms, and was a radio presenter for Betar Bangla and Sunrise Radio.Her media connections have allowed her to bring Bangladeshi arts and politics to a wider audience internationally.
Throughout her career, Smrity Azad has demonstrated a profound commitment to using the arts as a tool for education, empowerment, social change, and to unite people across borders and generations.

Kazi Arif is a Property Consultant & Valuer at the multi-award-winning company Prime Estate Agents. He moved to the UK in 1996 to pursue his studies, completing his DMS, MBA, and DBA at UK universities. He has since obtained numerous esteemed professional property qualifications, including the Real Estate Economics & Finance Certificate Course at the London School of Economics (LSE).He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Housing and is affiliated with several key governing bodies within the housing sector.

Kazi is not only a successful entrepreneur and property expert but also a well-known TV personality and a highly respected figure within the community. His contributions have been recognised with several prestigious awards, including: 2024: NTV (Europe) Award – Recognition for Extraordinary Contribution to Society. 2022:Voice for Newham Award – For outstanding contributions to the community during COVID-19. 2022:Tower Hamlets Civic Award– Benefitting the community through success in business and community involvement. 2019:UK BCCI Award – Contribution to the Property Industry & Community. 2017:British Bangladeshi Who's Who Award – Outstanding achievement in Property, Media, and Community.
Grateful to the Almighty Allah, his family, clients, and well-wishers, Kazi acknowledges their role in all that he has achieved and all that is yet to come.With over 22 years of experience in the property sector, Kazi laid the foundations of his entrepreneurial journey in 2007 by launching Prime Estate Agents in Whitechapel, E1. Growth was gradual but consistent, fuelled by his belief that outstanding service always stands out. His dedication paid off, and the agency expanded, eventually relocating to a larger office in Brick Lane (opposite the Brick Lane Mosque). Today, Prime Estate Agents is recognised as a leading independent agency, winning accolades such as: Best Independent Estate Agent London, Real Estate Firm of the Year, Leading Real Estate Advisor of the Year, Shortlisted for The Negotiator Awards 2017, London Agency of the Year, Property Wire Awards – Best Letting Agents in London.

Kazi's commitment to serving the community extends beyond business. He began offering free property advice locally, which became hugely popular and led to the launch of his own TV programme in 2014: The Property Show with Kazi Arif. Broadcast live every Monday (8–9 pm) on NTV (Sky 780), and available on Facebook and YouTube, the show provides free advice, up-to-date news, and discussions on property-related issues. Viewers can call in with questions, and many even arrange appointments with him directly. The programme, running successfully for nearly 12 years, has established Kazi as a pioneer in property talk shows within his community.

This year marks the 18th anniversary of Prime Estate Agents, now one of the most established independent estate agencies in London, covering properties across the M25. None of this would have been possible without Kazi Arif's unique vision, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to excellence.



Kazi Arif *(MBA, DBA)*

Sector:
Property Business / Media / Community Relations



Award Winner 2017

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Lisa Aziz started her broadcasting career as a trainee radio news journalist and newsreader at radio city in liverpool in the early eighties.
From there she joined BBC regional TV in Bristol as a journalist, reporter and presenter and was then approached by HTV, Bristol to be a main reporter and deputy lead presenter.

Lisa got her big break when headhunted to join tv-am as a senior reporter and was then made main newscaster shortly afterwards.

She went on to join Sky News where she was a main anchor for 13 years before being approached again by ITV news, to head up all news programming in the west country.

Throughout a trail-blazing 25 year career Lisa has also won numerous awards including a Tric and a RTS and worked for many other organisations including BBC World News, CNBC, Financial Times TV and Dubai TV. She has also run a successful career alongside as a worldwide business corporate host and as a charity campaigner.

Lisa recently returned permanently to London, to work for BBC radio, LBC and Classic FM, write for a major sunday newspaper and head up the fundraising department at a global media charity, tve/television for the environment.



Lisa Aziz

Sector:
Media



Award Winner 2012

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari MBE

Sector:
Islamic Affairs and Community Relations



Award Winner 2011

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari MBE is an educationalist, community activist, author and parenting consultant in the British Muslim community.

He has served East London's diverse communities in various capacities for three decades. Since 2002, he has been the Chairman of the board of trustees at the East London Mosque (London's first mosque which now includes the impressive London Muslim Centre) leading the institution to win the national 'Super Model Mosque Competition' in 2009. He is also a founding member of The East London Communities Organisation (TELCO), a coalition of churches, mosques, and other civil society organisations working together to promote understanding and a safer, fairer and better governed city.

He was Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain from June 2006 until June 2010 having completed two terms. Prior to that, he served as the Council's Deputy-Secretary General for four years. As Secretary General, Dr Bari worked tirelessly to have more young people take part in the work of Britain's largest Muslim umbrella group.
In addition, Dr Bari is a patron of Anchor House, a homeless charity in Newham, the National Youth Agency and the Ramphal Centre. He is a board member of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG), served on the Good Childhood Inquiry Panel which was set up by the Children's Society in 2006, and is a trustee of Muslim Aid, a leading international charity.

He is also an advisor to the Centre for Public Policy Seminars. Dr Bari has written for various newspapers, journals and community publications, and is the author of 'Marriage and Family Building in Islam, 'A Guide to Parenting', and 'Race, Religion and Muslim Identity in Britain'.



Cllr Nasima Begum

Sector:
Politics/ Community

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Nasima Begum was born in London and is one of seven siblings. Her father was a businessman primarily working in Suffolk so the family moved there in 2002. Nasima was one of the brightest of her peers, consistently achieving top grades and she went on to study Biomedicine at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, Norfolk.
After she met and married her husband Meheraj Alam, who is a businessman in Lowestoft, Suffolk, Nasima moved there. They have been blessed with two daughters, Amelia and Hannah. Nasima and Meheraj have been running the successful Indian Restaurant business Lowestoft Tandoori for nearly 12 years which has won several awards and recognition over the years, consistently being ranked highly across all review sites.
Nasima's interest in politics comes from her father who was a politician in Bangladesh for 15 years before he passed away. Her father contributed immensely to the area he was overseeing by improving infrastructure for the area, building schools, hospitals and bridges and ensuring that every resident had access to sanitary facilities and electricity. Nasima first joined a political party in 2015 so that she could follow in her father's footsteps and bring about positive change to her community.
Lowestoft Town council was formed in 2017 and this is when Nasima was first elected as a councillor. She would go on to be a councillor for one term and then take a break while raising her two children. She then returned to the council in April 2021 and was elected as Deputy Mayor the following month. Nasima was Deputy Mayor for 3 years and was elected as Mayor at the May 2024 Annual General Meeting of Lowestoft Town Council.
The best part of being a councillor for Nasima is interacting with residents and being able to support them with their needs. The sense of fulfilment in having a positive impact on people's lives cannot be beaten.
Nasima is a proud recipient of MotheRed funding which is a project that encourages and supports mums with the selection process of becoming a parliamentary candidate. Successful applicants were chosen by a group of ambassadors including Cherie Blair and Shami Chakrabarti. Nasima has also graduated for the Jo Cox Women In Leadership programme.

Apsana Begum is the Labour Member of Parliament for Poplar and Limehouse. She was elected in December 2019 with a majority of 28,904, increasing Labour's majority in the constituency. She is now second time Member of Parliament for Poplar and Limehouse.
Apsana is the fourth British Bangladeshi to be elected to the UK Parliament and the first hijab-wearing UK Member of Parliament. She delivered her parliamentary maiden speech during a debate about International Women's Day, paying tribute to the rich history of women's struggles for social justice in East London and pledged to serve the East End constituency in the traditions of socialism solidarity and internationalism. Apsana is a member of the Socialist Campaign Group of Labour MPs Prior to her election, Apsana read Politics at Queen Mary University of London and completed a postgraduate diploma in law and community leadership at the School of Oriental and African Studies.

She was a trustee of Women's Inclusive Team, a Somali women-led charity supporting of residents faced with unemployment, school exclusion and those in need of pre-school support Apsana worked at Tower Hamlets Council, Tower Hamlets Homes, Queen Mary University of of London and the NHS in a number of roles, including as a diversity and inclusion practitioner, contributing to strategies to make the local workforce more reflective of the community. Before her election, she was a prominent anti-austerity campaigner, campaigning for public ownership, retention and democratic control. She campaigned for public nurseries and services for community languages, special educational needs and disabled children in Tower Hamlets. Since her election, Apsana has continued to champion these causes in Parliament vocally advocating for public ownership and progressive taxation.
Apsana has vehemently opposed legislation seeking to curb human rights democratic freedoms and civil liberties including the Nationality and Borders Act, advocating for unjust immigration law to be repealed and for an amnesty, recourse to public funds and work permit rights to be provided to undocumented migrants. She has also been outspoken on the issues of islamophobia, against NHS privatisation and climate injustices impacting Bangladesh and Somalia.
In 2022, Apsana led a historic Parliamentary debate to commemorate UNESCO International Mother Languages Day, paying tribute to the Bengali university students martyred whilst trying to preserve
the Bangla language in 1952. Apsana Spoke in Sylheti, which was the first time it was spoken in the in UK Parliament. Apsana is a member of the Education Committee where she advocates around the issues of child poverty, free higher education and opposing academisation and the Prevent duty. She is the Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group of Domestic Abuse and Violence and played a role in the passage of the Domestic Abuse Act through Parliament. Apsana has spoken out about her own experiences of domestic abuse and violence.

In July 2021 was cleared of criminal allegations made against her, which she described as being vexatious and having malicious intent. In Poplar and in Limehouse, Apsana has stood shoulder to shoulder with local workers going on strike for better pay and working conditions including those employed by Tower Hamlets Council, Barts NHS Trust and Uber. During the Covid-19 pandemic, she raised the pandemic's disproportionate impact upon the Bangladeshi community - including those working on the frontline in the catering, private car hire and care sectors - with the Prime Minister and called on the government to prioritise vaccine rollout
to ethnic minority communities.
Apsana Begum was born and raised in in Poplar and Limehouse. She is the fifth daughter of the late Manir Uddin Ahmed, former civic mayor of Tower Hamlets and former councillor for Shadwell ward in her constituency. She has credited her late father's guidance for her political activism, describing him in Parliament as having been a "forward-thinking community organiser".
Apsana was awarded MP of the Year for Young People 2022 by the Patchwork Foundation at a ceremony held at the House of Commons.



Apsana Begum MP

Sector:
Politics



Award Winner 2023

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Rita Begum was elected as a Councillor for Maida Vale ward Westminster City Council in May 2014, taking a Conservative seat which they held for 20 years and she was the only labour candidate who got elected. Serving as a shadow cabinet member for environment, Sports and Community from 2014 to May 2022, Since May 2022 she elected as a Councillor for Kilburn ward in Brent Council.
In May 2018, Rita made history by taking all three seats in her ward for doing tireless work, Her achievement locally included securing the 20mph speed limit pilot, gaining funding for a local cycle hire station and upgrading the toilets and baby changing facilities in Paddington Recreational ground. Cllr Rita is a local mum who has lived in Westminster for the whole of her adult life, having been a pupil at Wilberforce Primary school & St Augustine's Secondary school. Cllr Rita has worked in community engagement for 20 years at both the Stowe youth Club and the A2 Dominion Housing Group. She has a special interest in child and youth development and, amongst her range of public duties, she is a member of the Council's Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Children & Sport.
She is also a Board Director for the Paddington Youth Enterprises Ltd – a social enterprise company promoting employment & business enterprise opportunities for youth. Cllr has also helped set up Queens Park Football Academy established in 2016 which trains young children age 5 to 16 years old coming from disadvantage background free of charge football and other school youth activities and is also involved with Age UK Westminster (the older people charity) & Queens Park Bangladesh Association. Queens Park Community council first ever parish council in London established in 2014. First time in Westminster City council celebrated 46th Independence Day of Bangladesh with his Excellence high commission of Bangladesh and many well-known community activists on April 2017 as a result of Cllr Begum taking initiative to organise this event. Also helps with promoting ward budget and setting up local events which people can participate in, healthy lifestyle, health & well-being workshop, mental health training and trip to country side.
Rita has an excellent reputation in fundraising, social organisation, charities and event organisation. In August 2018 travelled to Bangladesh to help with Shahjalal Welfare trust with their Qurbani project and donated water well in a remote village of Singkapon in Moulvi Bazar. Cllr Rita already works tirelessly for her Bangladeshi community as well as people coming from diverse background to advocate their voice where ever required. Also serves in several community organisations. Cllrs favourite pastimes include following local and national politics, table tennis, gardening as well as eating out. Very passionate about national & international aid work. She is a well-rounded Councillor striving for the success of Westminster residents and the people within.



Cllr Rita Begum

Sector:
Politics

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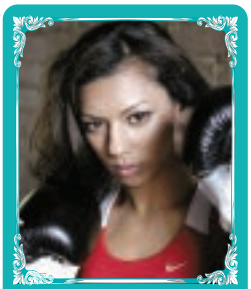

Ruqsana Begum

Sector:
Sports



Award Winner 2016

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Born and raised in East London, the second of five children, the young Muay-Thai kickboxer won her first World Title against Swedish champion Susanna Salijarvi and is the current World Kickboxing Association (WKA) 48kg champion, British Atomweight Champion ,European Gold medallist and World bronze medallist.

Anyone who believes that women can't or shouldn't fight needs to meet Ruqsana Begum. Ruqsana has also won a number of British titles and European championship gold medals.
Ruqsana fights Muay Thai kickboxing, often referred to as the 'Art of Eight Limbs', the national sport of Thailand, where it is far more popular than football. Unlike regular boxing, competitors can use any combination of punches, kicks, knees and elbows to strike an opponent during a bout.

Ruqsana's sporting career is only scratching the surface. She is an inspirational figure way beyond her own community. She is a motivational speaker, teaches kickboxing classes for women, juggles numerous media commitments, and leads a busy family life with many responsibilities as the eldest girl in a large family.
Ruqsana's road to glory in one of the hardest sports was not easy. Raised in a conservative Bengali Muslim environment, the thought that a young woman would choose to compete in the kickboxing ring would not sit well with some in her community.
But Ruqsana has fought hard to explode negative perceptions of women in sport, and indeed young British Muslims and remains a shining example to young British people.

An Olympic Torchbearer in 2012 in her home city, Ruqsana has been nominated for several awards for her outstanding contribution towards sport and the community, including working with the Dame Kelly Holmes Get on Track Programme; such as the Sky Sports Sportswoman of the Year, Muslim News Sportswoman of the Year and the UK Muslim Women's Sportsperson of the Year.

The architecture graduate has also launched a stunning range of sports hijabs; Sports Hijabs by Ruqsana Begum, specifically designed for young Muslim women who might feel too intimidated or ill-equipped to engage in sport.



Thahmina Begum

Sector:
Arts

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Thahmina Begum is an accomplished Artist-Researcher and qualified Art Psychotherapist based in Leeds, Yorkshire. Her professional life is a dynamic blend of clinical practice, creative exploration, and community-focused development, reflecting a career-long commitment to the transformative power of art and creativity.
As an artist, Thahmina's work has been exhibited and commissioned by prestigious institutions internationally, nationally, and locally. Her extensive list of commissions and exhibitions includes collaborations with the British Library, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, British Council, Yorkshire Sculpture International, and The Tetley Gallery. Through various mediums such as printmaking, collage, embroidery, painting, drawing, and poetry, she explores complex social, political, and global issues. A significant focus of her creative practice is on racial and intergenerational trauma, as well as themes of culture, identity, belonging, and the British/Bangladeshi/Muslim diaspora. Thahmina's art often serves as a vehicle for storytelling, giving voice to narratives that have been silenced and making art accessible to all sections of society.
In her clinical role as a qualified and registered Art Psychotherapist, Thahmina brings a wealth of experience from working in NHS Psychiatric Wards, schools, and community art therapy groups across Yorkshire. She has founded and managed several grassroots community projects including Bangla Square Youth Project, Kushy Dil Women's Group and Kushy Nanaas Grandma's Group, demonstrating her expertise in project management, qualitative research, and leading co-creation initiatives.

Thahmina's leadership is further exemplified in her role as Creative Director of 'Creative Roots,' a project exploring the heritage and culture of British Bangladeshi communities through creative arts. A recognised sector leader, she has represented the United Kingdom and spoken at numerous international conferences, including the Global South Art and Health International Conference in Doha, Qatar, and the Culture and Mental Health International Conference in Ghent, Belgium. She is a Fellow for the Global South Arts and Medicine Fellowship and serves as a Global Mentor for Young Leaders in Arts and Health, reflecting her influence and expertise on a global scale.
Thahmina's late father, immigrated to the UK in 1957 from Jagannathpur, Sunamganj in Bangladesh. He settled in Leeds, West Yorkshire where Thahmina was born and raised.

From a young age, Rumana Begum had a natural affinity for STEM subjects and a particular passion for science, problem-solving and the built environment. She graduated from Queen Mary University of London in 2012 with a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours, laying the foundations for a career that would take her from major developments in London to some of the most ambitious projects in Saudi Arabia, before bringing her back to the UK to contribute to the next generation of critical infrastructure.

Rumana began her professional career in construction with Skanska UK while completing her Master's degree in Quantity Surveying at Kingston University London. This marked the beginning of a career defined by ambition, resilience and a determination to continually develop and challenge herself. Since entering the industry, she has worked with a number of the UK's leading Tier 1 construction firms, contributing to complex and high-profile developments including the iconic Battersea Power Station development.

As her career progressed, Rumana took the significant step of moving to Saudi Arabia, where she spent three years developing her international experience across major and gigascale programmes. Her first role in the Kingdom was with WSP, working on a major development programme that exposed her to a new level of scale, complexity and ambition within the construction industry.
She subsequently moved on to work on New Murabba, a landmark Public Investment Fund (PIF) development in Riyadh. Envisaged as the world's largest modern downtown, New Murabba is one of Saudi Arabia's most ambitious developments and forms part of the Kingdom's wider transformation under Saudi Vision 2030.
Her three years in Saudi Arabia represented an important chapter in both her professional and personal development. Working internationally, adapting to a different environment and contributing to projects of extraordinary scale broadened her perspective and reinforced her confidence in taking on increasingly complex challenges.

After three years in Saudi Arabia, Rumana returned to the UK and joined the team delivering a giant Infrastructure data centre development, a major digital infrastructure project that also forms part of the continuing regeneration of London's Royal Docks.

Her success has been built not only on academic achievement and professional progression, but also on determination, adaptability and a willingness to step beyond her comfort zone. From moving countries to taking on increasingly complex projects, each stage of her journey has reinforced her belief that there should be no predetermined limits on where a young woman entering construction can go or what she can achieve.

Rumana is particularly passionate about encouraging more young women, including those from ethnic minority backgrounds, to consider careers in construction, engineering and the wider STEM industries. She wants the next generation to see these sectors not simply as places where they can participate, but as industries in which they can lead, influence major decisions and leave a lasting legacy.

Her ambition is to continue contributing to projects that shape cities, communities and economies, while inspiring more young women to recognise that they too can play a leading role in building the skylines and infrastructure of the future.



Rumana Begum

Sector:
Construction

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Saidur Rahman Bipul

Sector:
Catering

Saidur came to UK with his Family at the age of 19. As a student Saidur studied at Moulvibazar College and he also studied Business Management at Westminster College in UK.

Saidur is a highly successful entrepreneur and renowned businessman who is actively involved in the catering industry for over 25 years.

His ancestral home is in the village of Sabia (Hazi Bari) Moulvibazar, Bangladesh. His father Late Alhaz Mohammed Batir Miah was a successful business man. Saidur established his first business Great India in 1958 at Sloane Square, Chelsea, London. During that time there were very few restaurants owned by Bangladeshi; there were only a few places where new arrival Bangladeshi people used to get help and Great India was one of them.

He started work at his father's Restaurant Great India. Later he established several businesses by himself.

A keen servant to the needy, Saidur and his family have sought to contribute towards the development of his homeland, helping to establish Masjids, Madrasas and schools in Moulovibazar, and support social welfare institutions providing various forms of assistance to the poor and needy in Bangladesh.

Saidur married Bahar Y Rahman (Dipa) in 1995. Together they have 3 sons and 1 daughter.



Yesmin Begum

Sector:
Community Relations and Social Work

Yesmin Begum is a British Bangladeshi community leader, public health advocate and PPIE representative, born in Sylhet, Bangladesh. She attended Mulberry Girls' School before returning to education later in life, completing a BA in Global Business Management.
Her commitment to community service began in childhood, when she translated for relatives and neighbours who faced language barriers. This developed into a lifelong commitment to supporting women and families, including mentoring Bengali women into education and employment and volunteering as a birthing companion.

Yesmin contributes to NHS, NIHR and academic research, with particular expertise in women's health, maternity care, health literacy, health inequalities and inclusive research. She has served as an NIHR PPI Representative, NIHR Race Equality Advisory Group member, NHS Innovation Accelerator reviewer and Public Governor for East London NHS Foundation Trust, representing Tower Hamlets.
Her achievements include the Tower Hamlets Civic Award for Outstanding Service to the Community (2024), Community Coronation Champions Award (2023), and Above and Beyond Award (2023). She has also been nominated twice, across two consecutive years, by Tower Hamlets Council for excellent service.
Fluent in Sylheti, Bengali and Urdu, Yesmin continues to champion equality, representation and community empowerment, believing that leadership is ultimately about service, compassion and creating opportunities for others.

Mr Abdul Hai Khalique (Junel), Mr Abdul Quayum Khalique (Jamal) and Mr Abdul Muhith (Joynal) are the three brothers behind the internationally renowned grocers Taj Stores in Brick Lane. They took over the business from their late father Alhaj Abdul Khalique who came from Baur Bagh, Moulvibazar, Bangladesh.

Junel, Jamal and Joynal all grew up in Brick Lane, East London and progressed their education to Milestone Preparatory Private School in Bond Street, West London.

Junel studied at Architectural College before joining the family business. His passion for architecture and design saw him design and build his dream home in Essex. Jamal on the other hand attended the private American International College where he completed a Diploma in business before himself joining the family business followed swiftly by the youngest sibling Joynal.

Taj Stores is the name of an inspiration to British Bangladeshis in the UK. Taj Stores started its journey in 1936, by their late uncle Abdul Jabbar who then passed the business to the late Alhaj Abdul Khalique. Taj Stores is now on its way to celebrate the 80 years of its pride. Outside Bangladesh, if there is any business that has been operating with such goodwill and benevolence that is the Taj Stores.
They are also Directors of Taj Properties Construction/Investment Ltd, NRB Bank Ltd and the UKBCCI. Besides running Taj Stores, the brothers also have other business interests. The three 'Taj' brothers hold a very healthy portfolio of properties located across the capital as well as several properties abroad, including Dubai.

The brothers are donors to several charities and these include supporting a Cancer Research Charity in honour of their late mother, and also a charity which specialise in treating problems and illnesses related to kidneys, in honour of their late father.

They also established a charity organisation called J Brothers, whereby the project supports vulnerable and helpless families in Bangladesh by providing sheltered homes, installation of water pumps and donating land. Jamal quotes "Charity should begin from home. We are inspired from the love and feeling that my father and uncle showed to the people of Bangladesh. So we do not go for formalities, rather, we have started our charity work from our own village."

Today Bangladeshis are on the way to portray themselves as a successful community in the UK and Taj Stores is one of those names of successes.
The brothers have their own hobbies such as travelling, jet skiing, photography and golf.

Abdul Quayum Khalique (Jamal) currently serving as a senior Vice Pesident of UKBCCI.



Taj Brothers

Sector:
Business and Property



Award Winner 2016

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Laboni Barua was blessed to be born in an environment where music was profoundly esteemed by her family. Her guru Shantimoy Chakrabarty was an added inspiration, and he taught her the basic grammar of music. The journey that she started from the exotic tourist-city Bandarban once exceeded its boundary. She then began growing up with the blessings of a number of music scholars incorporating 4 years course in the Bangladesh Shilpokola Academy; though, she had been undertaking classical music lessons from Ustad Surbondhu Ashok Chowdhury for 10 years until she flew to London in 2008.

During her time in Bangladesh, she was enlisted as an A-grade artist of Bangladesh Betar as well as a regular performer in Bangladesh Television (BTV). In 2005, Laboni took part in the widely-acclaimed TV competition 'Tarokader Taroka' on ATN Bangla, Bangladesh and earned the 30th position as an young star.
Along with the vibrant music career, Ms Barua attained an Honours degree in Physics from Chittagong University, Bangladesh in 2008.

Soon after Laboni came into the UK, she won the 'Boishakhi Star Awards'. Then, in 2011, her debut album ' Meghla Chele' was released by Leser Vision, Dhaka, and it was widely applauded by her audience—she was tagged as the 'Versatile Singer' by the British Bangladeshi weekly newspaper 'Desh' and 'Surma'. Nowadays, Laboni mostly sings modern and folk songs, though she has simultaneously expedient mastery in Nazrul's songs and semi-classics.

The preeminent British-Bangladeshi singer Laboni has been entertaining her Bengali and Hindi speaking audience with a dulcet tone in the prestigious British venues like Rich Mix, Harrow Arts Center, Nehru Center , Bharatiya Biddya Bhaban, Croydon Fairfield Hall, and so on. She also performs songs in front of large crowds that includes different festivals, some of which are—Boishakhi Mela (Festival), Southhall Mela, Camden Boishakhi Mela, Luton Mela, and so forth.

One of the greatest achievements in her music career was to take part in the 'Hundred Years of Tagore Album' by the 'Nrityakala the Rhythm Dance Heritage' as the only Bangladeshi decent singer amongst the other two Indian and Pakistani singers, and it was launched in the House of Commons in 2014.



Laboni Barua

Sector:
Music

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The Hon Mr Justice Akhlaq Choudhury QC

Sector:
Legal (Barrister, Judge)

Award Winner 2015

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Sir Akhlaq Choudhury, the first British Bangladeshi High Court Judge is only the second barrister of Bangladeshi heritage to achieve the rank of Queen's Counsel. Akhlaq graduated in Physics from the University of Glasgow before deciding to study Law at the University of London where he obtained a first class honours degree. He was called to the Bar in 1992 and started practising at 11 King's Bench Walk Chambers (now known as "11 KBW"), which is one of the premier chambers in the country being ranked as a leader in many fields including employment, public, information and procurement law.

Past members of Chambers with whom Akhlaq has worked include the former Lord Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg QC and Lord Justice Elias and Lord Justice Sales of the Court of Appeal. Akhlaq's practice developed rapidly and he is consistently ranked by his peers as a leader in his areas of expertise. He is listed in the Legal 500 (2015-2016) where he is said to be "Undoubtedly one of the best advocates at the Bar". Akhlaq was a long-standing member of the Attorney General's A-panel of approved Counsel in which capacity he acted for and advised the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, the MoD, HMRC and various other Government departments in relation to matters ranging from human rights and discrimination in the armed forces to the right to detain persons with mental incapacity. He was retained as counsel for the Information Commissioner and has appeared in many of the ground-breaking cases in the developing area of Freedom of Information and Data Protection law. In 2009, Akhlaq was appointed a Recorder and he sits as a part-time Judge of the Crown Court presiding over criminal cases. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2015 and made a High Court Judge in 2017.

Akhlaq was born in Hampshire but grew up in Glasgow where his father, the late Mr Azizur Rahman Choudhury, ran a successful restaurant business and was a leading member of the Bangladeshi community in Scotland. Akhlaq now lives in London with his wife, Safina, and their three children.



Dr Farhana Malik Campbell-Barr

Sector:
Dentistry

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Dr Farhana studied Dentistry at Guy's Hospital (Kings College, London) and later pursued a Masters in Orthodontics (University of Warwick). She is a Fellow of The Royal College of Surgeons (Ireland), and the Faculty of Dentistry, Royal College of Surgeons (England).

Dr Farhana's late Father, Haji Abdul Malik was from Jamalpur and Birmingham, and her Mother is from Fenchuganj. She is the niece of Ahmed Us Samad Chowdhury, JP and Chairman of Channel S, also the late Mahmud Us Samad Chowdhury, Member of Parliament for Sylhet, and Zia Us Samad Chowdhury JP, MBE.

Throughout her career, she has been involved in numerous charitable initiatives, including the construction of water wells for entire villages in Bangladesh with Muslim Aid, supporting Islamic Relief projects in Bangladesh, and the National Heart Foundation Hospital Sylhet. She has been involved with the reconstruction of the Mosque in her Father's village, Jamalpur and also supported Great Ormond Street Hospital's leukemia research. Additionally, she equipped an entire Dental Surgery with specialist equipment in war-torn Baghdad for patient use.

Dr Farhana has been a Finalist at the UK Dentistry Awards for Best Practice and Best Patient Care for five consecutive years, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. She was honoured to attend the Queen's Garden Party in 2019 in recognition of her charitable work. Furthermore, she has been invited by Lord Blunkett, House of Lords, to represent Successful UK Small Businesses, joining the Leaders Council of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. She is also on the Practitioner Group Committee for the BOS British Orthodontic Society representing her profession.

Dr Farhana exemplifies the qualities of a dedicated professional who strives for clinical excellence and has a profound commitment to improving the lives of others. Her achievements in Dentistry, backed by academic qualifications and industry recognition, are a testament to her commitment to others. She embodies a passion and expertise in her profession, and dedication for her country of origin, Bangladesh. She is also the first Bangladeshi Dentist to have a Finalist Award winning, UK based Orthodontic Practice, and hopes others will consider Dentistry as a rewarding career.

Atique Islam Choudhury was born on 5 May 1963, the son of Dabirul Islam Choudhury and Khaleda Choudhury. He is an industrialist, property developer and social entrepreneur born in St. Albans, Hertfordshire.

Atique has been a prolific property developer for over three decades, building a vast portfolio of trophy assets - this includes an array of residential properties, converting derelict banks, cinemas, silk mills and grade II listed buildings. Atique definitely has an eye for quality and detail as recognised by the International Property Awards, one of his developments was nominated recently for "the best designed apartment".
After 35 years in the restaurant industry and building a successful string of award winning restaurants, Atique has specialised in Thai, Japanese, Mexican and South Indian vegetarian cuisine. After owning and operating multiple cuisines, Atique retired from the restaurant industry in 2014.

Atique is now the managing director of Mystic Pharmaceuticals Bangladesh after the untimely passing of his late brother Sharif Islam Choudhury in 2015. Under his leadership, the business has streamlined and has taken a growth of 400% and is currently expanding internationally. He is also the chairman of Cultural Business Management in which they invest in renewable energy and the agricultural sector in Bangladesh.
Atique has an eventual vision for Bangladesh to become a double digit economy. He is currently an avid supporter of local, national and international charities through sponsorships and funding/creating employment for the educationally improving youth of Bangladesh. Atique has since set up an educational institution with accommodation for the homeless children of Ulambatu, Mongolia. Alongside this, Atique is a trustee of the Rural Development Foundation of Bangladesh - with an aim to improve women's maternity and healthcare for the underprivileged; and is an honorary chief executive of the Bangladesh Female Academy who provide accommodation, clothing, food and education for over 300 homeless girls in Deerai, Sylhet. These girls are aged from 4-18 and are from a range of different rural areas in Bangladesh. He is also the chairman of weekly Janomot

As a regular traveller to Bangladesh, he has found a balance between business, social responsibility and leisure. Aside from his professional career, Atique has indulged in the world of sport. Mr. Choudhury was the first British Bangladeshi to play in an international semi-pro badminton tournament. He is also a keen golfer and a proud supporter of Arsenal Football Cub.



Atique Islam Choudhury

Sector:
Industrialist



Award Winner 2016

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Amirul Choudhury is a high-profile entrepreneur with businesses in various sectors. Since his last profile was updated a few years back he has gone from strength to strength, focussing on his construction and development business. He is the Chief Executive of Everard Construction Management Ltd – a company with a proven track record, and specialising in complex property development and restoration work. Projects have included the renovation and development of the Bangladesh Centre in London's Notting Hill, a Grade II listed building owned by a charitable trust and an iconic building for the Bangladeshi community

He is now the Managing Editor and co-owner of Janomot, the longest established weekly newspaper of the Bangladeshi community in the UK, and a leading online news portal.

Mr Choudhury began his entrepreneurial journey in 1994 as co-founder of ChyTel Communications. The company quickly established a leading presence in the mobile phone market for the Bangladeshi community as well as other ethnic groups previously ignored in the growth of mobile telephony. His experience of working with large corporations like EE (originally one2one) and Nokia (then the leading handset manufacturer) gave him the foundations to be a sound businessman.

Over the span of 26 years in business we have seen Mr Choudhury in the community as a very credible businessman who has made major charitable contributions both in the UK and in Bangladesh.

His major philanthropic work of recent times is to be part of RDF Global, a charity dedicated to maternity care in rural Bangladesh. He was asked by the late founder, Mr Shamsujjaman Choudhury, to help build their flagship maternity clinic and he willingly contributed to this important project. He remains humble about his success, but we now have a fully operational maternity clinic in the heart of Jagonnathpur, where he was born.

Amirul Choudhury is a household name in our community. During his business career he has stood by the Bangladeshi community in the UK and continues to do so. He has made significant and generous contributions to support the community, financially and with advice and support.



Amirul Choudhury

Sector:
Real Estate /constructions and Development/ Media / philanthropy



Award Winner 2012

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Anwar Choudhury
Sector:
Civil Service / Ambassador



Award Winner 2009

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Anwar Choudhury (BSc, MBA) was Her Majesty's High Commissioner to Bangladesh from 2004 to 2008. Mr Choudhury has had a unique and distinguished career having served in British Industry, The Royal Air Force, The Ministry of Defence and The Cabinet Office. He is the first senior British Ambassador from a British Asian background and also one of the youngest to achieve this level of posting.

He started his career in Industry as a Design Engineer. This was followed by the Royal Air Force and the Ministry of Defence where he managed a large team of civilian scientists and senior military personnel. As Assistant Director, he was responsible for developing Ministry of Defence's strategies and policies aimed to bring about the integration of Defence systems within the MOD, NATO and Allies.

Mr Choudhury then moved from the MOD to the Cabinet Office where he was Director of Policy in the Office of the e-Envoy. He was responsible for leading the vision and policy for UK Government's ambition to become a leading knowledge economy and the best place for e-government. He left the Cabinet Office to join the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and initially worked on strategy and policy issues before taking up his posting as High Commissioner to Bangladesh in May 2004.
Mr Choudhury completed his assignment as High Commissioner to Bangladesh in May 2008 and became Director of International Institutions, Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
Mr Choudhury's main interests are in policy for radical change in government and the potential of the information revolution for the developing world economies. On a personal note, he is married with three children. He is currently the British Ambassador to Peru.

His hobbies include Cricket, Bridge, Bengali Folk music and an addiction for Bangladeshi cuisine.



Dr.Dababata Chowdhury
Sector:
Higher Education

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Dr.Dababata Chowdhury (Deb) is a highly respected academic, digital entrepreneur, and global educator, currently serving as a Reader in Digital Entrepreneurship at Canterbury Christ Church University and as an Associate Professor at Ravensbourne University London. With a career that spans over two decades in higher education, Dr. Chowdhury brings a rare and valuable combination of technical expertise, academic leadership, and entrepreneurial insight.

Dr. Chowdhury's academic journey began with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Engineering from Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey. He went on to earn an MBA and a PhD in Knowledge Management from the University of Plymouth in the United Kingdom. He is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (SFHEA), a recognition of his sustained contributions to teaching and learning in higher education.
Dr. Chowdhury co-founded and served as Chief Operating Officer (2021–2022) of TrueFeedback, a blockchain-powered platform designed to transform user data into economic value.
His experience spans countries such as Kazakhstan, India, Bangladesh, Romania, Turkey, and Pakistan, where he holds several visiting professorships further evidencing the international scope of his professional influence.
Dr. Chowdhury has developed a deep understanding of university operations with designing and delivering digitally-enabled, industry-informed entrepreneurship programs that address the evolving needs of both students and employers. In recognition of his outstanding support for students, he was awarded the Best Staff Award by the Ravensbourne Students' Union in 2023.His work has been recognised with multiple Best Paper Awards, including at the Confab 360 Annual Conference in Dubai (2025), the 7th Global Entrepreneurship and Innovation Conference at Canterbury Christ Church University (2024), and the International Entrepreneurship and Social Science Congress in Turkey (2025). These accolades reinforce his academic leadership and research excellence.
Dr. Chowdhury's research contributions are equally significant. He has authored more than 40 publications, including refereed journal articles, conference proceedings, book chapters, and professional magazine features. He also holds several editorial positions: Associate Editor of the Review of Applied Socio-Economic Research Journal, Editorial Board Member of the International Journal of Technology Intelligence and Planning (IJTIP), and Co-editor of the International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Management Inquiries.

Dr. Chowdhury is deeply involved in civic and educational governance. He currently serves as a member of the Governing Council of Qualifi, an Ofqual-recognised awarding body. He also serves as a Governor at Moulsham Junior School in Chelmsford and sits on the Committee of the CRGSA Parents and Carers Association at Colchester Royal Grammar School, highlighting his commitment to community engagement and educational equity.



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Aziz Choudhury
Sector:
Community Relations

Aziz Choudhury is the Chairman of the Spitalfields Small Business Association (SSBA) which is a unique Community Business and social enterprise with over 30 years' experience of regeneration in the Spitalfields area of London. SSBA provides 80 tenant members with affordable workspace. It also develops training and enterprise programmes through the SSBA Community Trust.
Between 2001 and August 2016, Aziz Choudhury was the Director of Montefiore Centre, London which provided important services to the community with workspace and training for around twenty businesses, charities and community organisations.

From 1999-2001, Aziz Choudhury was Managing Director of Otherwords Ltd which ran the East End Enterprise business newspaper and the Spitalfields Business Club. He is well known for his time as Chief Executive of Bengali Workers Association between 1995 and 1999. At that time, he was responsible for running the Surma Community Centre in Camden and several local projects. In the mid-eighties, Aziz Choudhury was Finance Director for Spitalfields Housing Association, a position he maintained for a decade.
In his early career he was an accountant and worked for various Chartered Accountancy firms. He obtained his BSc in Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics from Dhaka University in 1967. He Studied Accountancy at the London School of Accountancy between 1972—74. Moreover, he is an Associate member of Institute of Financial Accountants and has Fellow Membership of Institute of Financial Accountants as well as achieving Common Purpose Community Leadership Graduation in 1992.

Aziz Choudhury has been involved in several community and voluntary initiatives both in the United Kingdom and in Bangladesh. These include being involved with East London Small Business Centre, East London Business Alliance, West Euston Partnership and he has been a PMG member of the Tower Hamlets Partnership. Most recently, he has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Tower Hamlets Education Partnership (THE Partnership) and the Founder and current President of the Sylhet Sadar Association. In Bangladesh Aziz Choudhury founded the Jalalpur Degree College in Sylhet and he is a trustee and General Secretary of Rosae Trust, which raises funds to support a hospital in Dhaka.

Aziz Choudhury is married to Heima Choudhury. They have two sons, the elder son Ashike is a medical doctor (consultant) working for the NHS and the younger son Siraj is a solicitor working in senior management for local government.



Dr Ferdousi Choudhury
Sector:
Clinical Psychologist

Dr Ferdousi Choudhury is a Clinical Psychologist & Senior Eating Disorder Therapist with the East London Foundation Trust Community Eating Disorder Service. Prior to this she was working in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service of the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, a specialist mental health Trust based in Camden, London. She graduated in Psychology from City University and gained her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from University College London. Ferdousi's doctoral thesis was on 'Screening for Postnatal Depression in Bengali Mothers', which looked at the impact of contextual differences on postnatal women in Bangladesh and Camden. Her research has been published in the Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology.
Ferdousi has extensive experience of working with children and families from diverse backgrounds, with a significant proportion of clinical work being with children and families of Bangladeshi origin, and those of mixed origin. She has always strived to make mainstream mental health services less stigmatised and more accessible to the Bangladeshi community. This has been achieved by providing community-based interventions, delivering therapeutic sessions and psycho-educational workshops in Sylheti, in familiar community settings, addressing issues such as mental health stigma, depression, stress and anxiety, family conflict and parenting challenges.
She has a special interest in cross cultural and bilingual therapeutic work, and pursued an interest in developing and implementing culturally appropriate parenting programmes for Bangladeshi parents. Ferdousi also has extensive experience of working therapeutically with parents and families who are or have previously been in the social care system, working with traumas such as domestic violence, emotional, physical and sexual abuse.
In addition to her work in the NHS, Ferdousi is an Independent Clinical Psychologist, providing Expert Witness Court Reports of culturally appropriate psychological, psychometric and parenting assessments and interventions for families in Care proceedings. In addition to this, she also engages in private clinical work with children, adolescents, families, adults and couples, and provides private consultation and supervision for professionals. Her special interest is in aiming to provide culturally and spiritually appropriate therapeutic services for individuals and families.
Ferdousi was born in Bedfordshire and raised in Glasgow where she lived with her parents, Mrs Sultana Choudhury and the late Mr Azizur Rahman Choudhury, and her two brothers. Her father was a successful restaurateur with a number of businesses in Scotland, and both parents were leading members of the Bangladeshi community in Scotland. Her brothers are Sir Akhlaq Choudhury, High Court Judge, and Zia Choudhury, UN Resident Coordinator and Representative of the UN Secretary General in the Republic of Botswana.
Ferdousi now lives in London with her husband, Kawsar, and their four children.

Foysol Hussain Choudhury MBE MSP is an Independent politician, currently a Member of the Scottish Parliament for the Lothians since May 2021, Shadow Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development. He was the first Bangladeshi elected as a Member of the Scottish Parliament and the first male Bangladeshi-born parliamentarian in the UK. He is from Badardi,Habigonj. He is the eldest son of Late Al Haj Gulam Rabbani Choudhury and Rukeya Rabbani Choudhury. He is married to Tahmina (Moni) and has a son Ikram and a daughter Madiha.

He moved to Edinburgh over 40 years ago and studied before taking over the family business in hospitality. He quickly expanded the business before becoming a successful entrepreneur with interests in catering, hospitality, finance and real estate across Scotland. Even before getting into politics, he worked withpoliticians and various councils to improve community relations in Scotland. Since being elected as a Member of the Scottish Parliament, Foysol has had a very busy 2 years. He has been regularly meeting various organisations, community groups in the Lothian region and from
across Scotland and, engaging with business in the Scottish Parliament. He has been helping his constituents with various issues such as housing, education, and health. In the past year, he has been helping constituents and community groups across the region with the rise in energy costs.
In the Chamber, Foysol has raised parliamentary questions on various topics, including housing, climate justice, Scottish education, racism and refugee crisis. Foysol is also the Convenor of the Cross-Party Group (CPG) on Bangladesh at the Scottish Parliament;with the aim of promoting and enhancing understanding between Scotland and Bangladesh atcultural, social, academic, political and economic levels. Over the summer, during the Festival ofPolitics 2023, the CPG on Bangladesh hosted a panel event on climate change and justice ahead ofCOP28 with a lens on low-lying nations such as Bangladesh.
Foysol believes passionately in the Equality for all the citizens of Scotland and is an active member of civic society, playing a leading role in several charities. He has been involved with the Edinburgh and Lothian's Regional Equality Council (ELREC) since he was a teenager and has been an active campaigner for equality, good race and inter faith relations in Scotland. He has served ELREC in
different capacities, as a Trustee, Company Secretary, Vice Chair and he currently holds the post of Chair.
Foysol is also one of the founders of Edinburgh Mela. Since its formation in 1997, the Edinburgh Mela grew to be one of the biggest events in the Edinburgh Festivals Programme. Edinburgh Mela sought to embrace all diverse communities and cultures, providing a showcase for local and international artists.
Foysol is an active member within the Bangladeshidiaspora in Scotland, he was elected as the Chairman of the Bangladesh Samity Edinburgh in 2010 and passionately promotes the interest of the Bangladeshi restaurants across Scotland. He hasorganised, annually, Bangladesh Independence Day Celebrations and other events to promotestrong community relations.
Foysol is passionate about Bangladeshi cuisine and has channelled his expertise in promoting the interest of the restaurant and catering trade as the Chairman of the Guild of Bangladeshi Restaurateurs of Scotland and as one of the founding members of the very successful Dine Bangladeshi Campaign.
Early this year, Foysol hosted a networking dinner event on behalf of the Asian Catering Federation (ACF) to help build stronger relationship with Scotland's communities, Parliamentarians, businesses and the catering circle. But also, as an opportunity to discuss issues faced by restaurant owners and catering businesses due to the cost-of-living crisis in Scotland and across the UK.
Foysol is heavily involved in fundraising campaigns for causes including Bangladesh Cyclone Appeal in Scotland, St Colombia's Hospice, Leukaemia & Cancer appeal, Sick Kids appeal, British Heart Foundation and many others. In recognition of his services to thecommunity, Foysol was awarded an MBE in Her Majesty's New Year's Honours list 2004.



Foysol Hussain Choudhury MBE MSP

Sector:
Politics / Business



Award Winner 2023

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mamun Chowdhury is a highly successful British businessman with over 25 years experience in the design and manufacturing of high-end outerwear. He is from Moynabad, Chunarughat, Habigonj. Having completed his education in Bangladesh, After a short period in the Middle East, Mamun arrived in Britain in December 1991. Hailing from Bangladesh, Chowdhury's father and grandfather were businessmen, and he was raised on a diet of deals and negotiations. But the 1971 Independence War destroyed the family businesses and the Chowdhurys lost everything and, in 1991, Mamun came to England hoping to build a business here. Being innately an entrepreneur, he immediately started setting up his own business. In 1994 he established London Clothing Limited, importing garments from abroad and selling to clients in the UK and rest of Europe.

This was supported by setting up his own factory to manufacture garments here in the UK. An inspirational man, audaciously attempted at selling shirts from his suitcase to Marks & Spencer in 1992. But that experience cemented Chowdhury's determination to make it. He was inspired by the story of Michael Marks and Thomas Spencer. Mamun Chowdhury saw an opportunity to manufacture outerwear, designed with a high level of customer involvement, and selling wholesale to trade targeting the sub-couture market. Queen's Award winner London Tradition was born. Quality and skilled craftsmanship rooted in London's heritage and culture are the label's defining features," says Mamun Chowdhury, citing state-of-the-art equipment and technology. "Our dedication to detail is relentless and unwavering." Multiple quality checks throughout the manufacturing process ensure consistency. The brand is also proud to offer a fair working environment for its employees. Today, London Tradition is particularly popular in the Japanese market, and the brand has grown largely by word- of-mouth. Winning the Queen's Award made a significant difference bringing a huge amount of publicity and interest from new customers. The company's future looks exciting, including a new high-end fashion label, Churchill of London, and an ecommerce website aimed at the retail market. He has a clear strategy to grow organically in existing markets and enter into new ones." No suitcase required. Mamun envisions his Company to be the leading luxury heritage outerwear brand in the world and very popular in the Japanese and European market including 17 other countries .
In addition he was awarded again for International trade by her Majesty the Queen on 2020.

He has since established 4 Education center in his village completely for free, the Jahanara Chowdhury Academy, the Mofij uddin chowdhury dakhil madrasha, the Jahanara chowdhury women college and the Mamun Chowdhury Ethim khana which are computerized and compolsery English and science .
He has also provided 40 computers and more than 500 students benefit.



Mamun Choudhury

Sector:
Manufacturing/ Fashion



Award Winner 2014

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



K M Abu Taher Choudhury

Sector:
Media & Community Relations



Award Winner 2009

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Kalam Mahmud Abu Taher Choudhury was born in a traditional Moulana family in Ita Sinkapon, Moulvibazar. He is the youngest son of Hafiz Moulana Abdul Qader Choudhury Sinkaponi (R), who was a renowned spiritual leader and Islamic scholar in Bangladesh.

As a promising student leader, he was the General Secretary of the Chattra League, Kashinat Alauddin High School branch, Moulvibazar, in 1969 and played an active role in the Liberation War of Bangladesh in 1971.

Professionally, Mr Chowdhury is an engineer, tutor and a very well-known journalist. He was a correspondent and staff reporter for the weekly Jugaberi and Deshbarta, two of the oldest newspapers published from Sylhet. Likewise, he worked with other newspapers and Sylhet radio for a lengthy period. As an established journalist in the UK, Mr 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. Also 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 . He is an Advisory editor of the online portal londonbdnews24.com.Additionally, he is the President of the UK Bangla press Club and 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 is the Secretary of Voice for Justice UK and holds presidential posts at Renaissance Sahitya Mojlish UK and Connecting Community Trust Uk .Mr Choudhury is also the Chairman of the Cancer Patients Poor Help Fund .He is similarly serving as a Senior Vice Chairman for the Organisation for the Recognition of Bangla as an official language in the UN. Last but no means least, he is an Advisor and Trustee of the Goreeb & Eatheem Trust fund and Advisor of the Aid & Care Trust.

Mr Choudhury has been a Parent Governor for 12 years. He has been working as an employee of the Tower Hamlets Council as Tutor for the past 26 years. He was awarded the Civic Award from the Tower Hamlets Council, the Channel 'S' Award, Community Leadership Award from the Black Ethnic Minority in UK, Best Leader Award from the United States of America, British-Bangladeshi Who's Who award, the WBA Award and the NWT Award for his invaluable contribution to the community. He was also awarded the Language Memorial Gold Award from Dhaka and the Dhaka Post Award. In July 1997, Prince Charles invited him to a reception at St James Palace. He has also been invited to the Queen's Royal Garden Party Buckingham Palace.

Mr Choudhury is a tireless campaigner for noble causes of the community and against the injustice in today's society. He is also a loving father of 8 children.



Mohibul Aziz Chowdhry

Sector:
Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mohibul is a long-serving and respected member of Yate Town Council, known for his dedication to public service, strong community ties, and commitment to Liberal Democrat values.

He arrived in England at the age of 11 and went on to attend Bath Grammar School, where he developed a strong work ethic and an early appreciation for civic life and education. His journey as an immigrant shaped his belief in fairness, opportunity, and inclusion—principles that continue to guide his work today.

He joined the Liberal Democrats in 1983, drawn by the party's focus on social justice, local accountability, and community empowerment. His formal entry into politics came in 2007 when he was elected as a councillor for the first time, bringing fresh energy and a deep understanding of local needs to the role. His service during this time was marked by hands-on engagement and a strong focus on community cohesion.

In 2017, he was invited to stand as Mayor —a reflection of his enduring influence and the high regard in which he is held. Though he chose to decline the role at that time, he continued to play an active part in council work, particularly in areas such as youth services, housing, and local development.

The pleasure of serving his community started off as a role of deputy Mayor in 2023 which very soon evolved into the role of The Mayor of Yate in 2025.

Mohibul is widely appreciated for his approachable manner, thoughtful decision-making, and unwavering commitment to Yate's residents.

In a complex world where decisions often gets bogged down in layers of bureaucracy and good ideas often wither and die, Dr Sanawar Choudhury has always proven to be the exception to the rule. He makes things happen, infusing those around him with infectious energy and passion empowering colleagues to think big, innovate ideas and arrive at transformational solutions. Sanawar stretches goals with such intensity and focus that anything but success is unthinkable.

The Journey started in 1975, when at the age of 9, Sanawar, the first son of a headmaster, came to the UK to join his father (late) Al-Hajj Mohammed Shafiqul Islam Choudhury, accompanied by his mother (Late) Al-Hajj Shamsun Nehar and only sibling brother, Soiful.
Formal education was in the UK, earning a BA (Hons) Degree in Accounting and Finance in 1989, qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Price Waterhouse Coopers (1992) and being awarded a PhD in Accounting from the University of Exeter (EXON, 2005) – amongst the many accolades he has received from both the profession and industry throughout his conspicuous career.

In 2001, Sanawar settled his young family in Dhaka and joined Bangladesh Bank as an World Bank Consultant advising on corporate reporting, foreign exchange management and internal control, working with the then Governors of Bangladesh Bank, Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed and Dr Sallehuddin Ahmed.
In 2006 he returned to the UK with his wife Nasima, daughter Nazma and sons Shaheenur, Shajahan and Shafiul.
During his extensive career Sanawar has undertaken strategic consultancy assignments both in the UK, Europe and the Middle East, working mainly in the Financial Markets and Corporate Reporting. Sanawar currently runs a number of successful businesses that extend from Professional Training to Warranty to Car Supermarket to Hospitals to Property. Professionally, he is senior partner of, probably, the largest Chartered Accountancy firm of Bangladeshi origin in the UK, RCi Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors.
As social activist and notable philanthropist, Sanawar has extensive social projects in both the UK and in Bangladesh, funded through his Choudhury Foundation. Current projects include educational establishments in Sylhet and his village home in Khashila, Jagannathpur.

He is a member of many British Bangladeshi organisation, and he was former Vice President of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Dr Sanawar Choudhury
BA(Hons), FCA, PhD (Exon)

Sector:
Finance & Community Relations



Award Winner 2017

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Cllr Syeda Choudhury Deputy Mayor Redbridge has lived in Tower Hamlets since her childhood; she attended local schools, college and university. Syeda migrated to the UK with her family to join her father in 1981. Her family came from the village of Bakamura in the district of Moulvibazar.
At the age of fifteen Syeda started her community work alongside her studies with youth and community organisations. She was involved in youth exchange programmes, which required travelling to various countries, namely France, Germany, Holland and Denmark to learn and value other cultures.

Since coming to the UK, Syeda has been involved with various youth and cultural activities. She has performed Bengali cultural dances in numerous venues including the Royal Festival Hall, The Commonwealth Institute and at the launch of the Kabi Nazrul Centre in 1982. She was a member of cultural groups named Amra Kojhona, Jholock Shilpi Gushti, Shapla and Shejuti.
Syeda was an active member of Women Unite Against Racism during 1990s. She took up challenging work to combat racial issues during the time when Derek Beacon was elected as a councillor on Isle of Dogs. Syeda was in the management committee in Jagonari Resource Centre, Island Advice Centre, Culloden Bangladeshi Parents Association & Bow Bengali Forum and was a director of Boshaki Mela Trust in East London. She was a parent governor in two different schools in Tower Hamlets.
Syeda has been involved in local politics in Tower Hamlets since 2005 and was an active campaigner for the "Yes for Mayor" referendum and two mayoral elections in Tower Hamlets. She was a councillor candidate in Tower Hamlets council election in 2014 but unfortunately she missed the seat by a few votes.
Syeda has been working extensively with women and youths for more than 20 years, to raise awareness about health issues, training and employment, women empowerment, drugs and alcohol. She worked as a community development officer, social investment officer and health advocate with public organisations and many housing associations.

Syeda was a host for Betar Bangla Radio programme "Open Talk" and also she hosted "Women's Voice" – a programme on Bangla TV, where she brought issues relating to British Bangladeshi community in the UK, especially issues that affects our women. Through Betar Bangla Radio she presented programmes on BBC Asian Network. She is the women secretary of Greater Sylhet Development Council in East London Region. She has launched her own fashion lable SyedaC.

Syeda is married to Sirajul Choudhury, who is a teacher at a Tower Hamlets school. She is the mother of two children – her daughter is studying A-levels and her son is studying at University. She is the Councillor for Bridge Ward .
Syeda's hobbies and interests include singing, designing , making clothes, cooking, travelling and networking.



Cllr Syeda Choudhury

Sector:
Politics/Social Work

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Ahmed Us Samad Chowdhury *JP,*

Sector:
Media, Charity & Business

Award Winner 2009

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

One of Britain's most respected personalities of Bangladeshi origin is Ahmed Us Samad Chowdhury who came to Britain in 1972 to further his education. He was the first Asian Origin Student President in Bristol. In business, community development and media Mr. Chowdhury has been a driving force for which he is much loved.
Founder of "Potrika" (Britain's popular Bengali newspaper) Mr Chowdhury is also the Chairman of the most watched Bengali channel in Europe, Channel S Television.
A Fellow of the Institute of Sales Marketing Management, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management, and Fellow of the Institute of Hospitality Mr Chowdhury is well-known for his decades of experience as a restaurateur. Mr. Chowdhury is also in the property business both in the UK and in Bangladesh. He is also the co-owner and chairman of Kushiara Composite Knit Industries- a 100% export orientated enterprise earning vital foreign currency for Bangladesh.
In 1988 as the Head of the Bangladesh Association (Bristol, Bath & West) and Community Integration in mind, Mr. Chowdhury founded the Bangladesh Women's Group in Bristol and then in 1990 founded the Bangladesh House. This building is used as a drop in centre to get advice and information on housing, welfare etc. In 1993 aimed at women and youths he founded Bangladesh Centre in Bristol. In 1998 Mr. Chowdhury championed the project to establish South West's only purpose built mosque. Mr. Chowdhury serves as the Trustee of Bangladesh House, Bangladesh Centre and Shahjalal Jame Mosque Trust.
Mr. Chowdhury raised funds for the Royal United Hospital and has helped numerous Charities. A Justice of Peace since 1991, he has served as a Governor at City of Bath College, National Steering Committee Member for Hospitality Training Foundation under the Ministry of Education, Advisor to New Deal (Ethnic Minority Group) during Tony Blair's government. Mr Chowdhury is one of the Founders and President of Bangladesh British Chamber of Commerce; he was Founder Chairman of Britain Bangladesh Friendship Society; Senior Vice President of National Heart foundation, Sylhet; Chief Patron of The All European Bangladesh Association; Chief Advisor of Bangladesh Female Academy; Chief Advisor of Jalalabad Association UK; Senior Advisor UK Probashi Kallan Porishod and is also involved with many national and International organizations, with a number of them he acts as an advisor. He is also a life member of The Commonwealth Judges and Magistrates Association.
In year 2000 Mr Chowdhury was the driving force in establishing the Immigration Advisory Service (IAS) office in Sylhet (the only office outside Britain). He contributed to the foundation of many projects such as Children's Hospital, Cyclone Shelter, Orphanage and a Hospital for the Disabled and Paralysed and many educational institutions in Bangladesh.
In year 2013 The International Biographic Society published his Biography amongst selected people from around the Globe.
In 2020, he expanded his work on Shahjalal Jame Mosque (Bristol) and established the 'Khadija Centre' for Women, the first centre for women worshippers outside London.
In October 2021, Mr Chowdhury received the prestigious Freedom of the City of London at a ceremony at Guildhall in London. This rare honour is given to those who have been making extraordinary contributions in various fields.
In 2022, Mr Chowdhury became Chief Advisor to the British-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BBCCI). He was also included as 200 Most Influential Global Business Icons by Business America.
In January 2021, Mr Chowdhury was given the task to raise funds for the construction of the 6th Floor of Heart Foundation Hospital, Sylhet. Target amount was £150,000. He inaugurated the construction work on 1st January 2022 and to date £181,000 had been raised.



Ayesha Chowdhury

Sector:
Business, Politics / Social Work

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Ayesha Chowdhury is a Labour Co-operative Party politician who has strong ties to local communities and businesses.
Ayesha Chowdhury arrived in Britain with her parents at the age of 16. Besides learning English, she found herself taking a course in construction at Newham Community College and completed her BTEC National Diploma in 1993. She was helping her father with his community work and teaching GCSE Bangla Language in Plashet School from 1990 (when she arrived to the UK).
With her father's encouragement, she changed her subjects to study Access to Youth community and social work.
Enrolling at Goldsmiths College, University of London, to study youth, community and social work, eventually obtaining a Master's Degree in Applied Anthropology, Youth & Community Work.
Beside her studies, she has always worked as a youth worker, neighbourhood officer and/or social worker in different local authorities, including Newham, Tower Hamlets, Camden, Victoria and Westminster.

Ayesha began to recognise that whatever she did she was limited by the confines of policy. Therefore she felt that the decision-making process had to be influenced if real changes were to be attempted. As a result of this, she became involved with politics.
She was elected as the first Bangladeshi female councillors in Newham in 2002, and was one of the youngest. She was elected five consecutive times in the same ward, and was privileged to serve the same constituents for 20 years until 2022.
Over the 20 years, she has managed to influence and chair many policy forums, scrutiny commissions, and has served as lead councillor as well as the Mayor's Adviser.
She was the founder-secretary of Beckton Bangladesh Welfare Association as well as Bangladeshi Students Forum in 1993.
She was involved with many community and voluntary organisations, not only Bangladeshi but Chinese, Lithuanian, and Afro Caribbean organisations too.
She's always keen to improve the life of those who are disadvantaged in society.

Ayesha Chowdhury is a successful businesswoman. She is a property developer and also Director of London Green Management Company Ltd. Aside from politics and business, she is also committed to various local, national and transnational organisations. She has been heavily involved in fundraising activities in the UK to support various rural areas across the globe.
Her participation in community initiatives consist of being in the consultative committee of London City Airport, Newham Community Police Forum and School Organisation Committee. Other past and present commitments include being committee member of Beckon Community Forum, Building Schools for Future and Mayoral Advisor. Amongst her most prestigious voluntary association she has been a committee member for Community Cohesion and Child Poverty, two integral issues which society faces in the present climate. During pandemic, she was chairman of Healthy and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission.
Her interests include Human Rights, politics, sports, as well as environmental and social issues. She is fluent in several languages.
Aysha is married with two children.

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Shabbir Ahmed Choudhury

Sector:
Hospitality Business

One of the most successful Bangladeshi Businessman living in the UK. Oxford and Sylhet based entrepreneur and philanthropist, Shabbir Ahmed Choudhury was born in 1963 to a renowned Businessman's family in Sylhet City. Where Mr Choudhury started his education (SSC) from Sylhet Cadet College (Formally Residential Model School & College) and ended up to obtain Masters in Marketing from University of Dhaka. Mr Choudhury was a Sports personality in his early years and played for Sylhet district as well as Club competition.

He established and ran a sports club called Town Club in First division football league. Before Mr Choudhury moved to the UK in 1988 he was involved within his family's business such as Construction, Manufacturing, Retail and Export/Import. In 1990 he opened his first restaurant business in Oxford then few more in different cities. He also run Two Property Development and Managing Companys based in Oxford. At the same time he is involved in many family inherited businesses in Bangladesh. He is also an active member of Bangladesh Caterers Association and at present as Vice President and involved in many more community activities.
Shabbir Choudhury has over 20 years of experience within the education management sector. In 2002 along with others established first A Level College in Sylhet, also built and developed another school & college in Sylhet. As the Chairman of the managing board he has contributed proactively to the success of the school & college to its current position.
Mr Choudhury is the sponsor shareholder of NRB Bank LTD and the vice chairman of NRB Bank Securities LTD.
He is also an active sponsor director of Sylhet Women's Medical College & Hospital established in 2005.
He built and established a Four-star standard Hotel Mira Garden in Mirabazar, Sylhet which is successfully running for the last Four years.
He is the director and former chairman of SR Capital LTD established in 2006 and sponsor director of Delta Pharma LTD.
Mr Choudhury also managing partner of Thames Surma Development Company and M/S Shabbir Brothers.
Mr Shabbir Choudhury is also involved in many charitable organisations especially ZamZam Charitable Trust UK and ZamZam Bangladesh, where he is an Executive Director and the Chairman of ZamZam Paradise Garden (An School & Orphanage). He is also the Chairman of Al-Hajj Shafiqul Hoque Choudhury Foundation, which involves in many philanthropic work and education scholarship programme.
He is married to Tamim Choudhury a Secondary Science Teacher and blessed with a Son and Daughter.



Cllr Abu Talha Chowdhury

Sector:
Govenent /Community

Abu Talha Chowdhury is the eldest of 8 children. His father is a prominent community leader and journalist, K M Abu Taher Choudhury, who comes from a Moulana family in Shingkapon, Moulvibazar. His mother, Shamsun Nahar is a retired teacher who comes from Palpur, Chattak.

Talha is a newly elected Councillor for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. He is serving the Council as the Cabinet Member for Safer Communities. Talha was born in Tower Hamlets in 1990, making him one of the youngest councillors in the local authority. His father kept him involved in community activities from a young age. This inspired him to get involved in the third sector at the age of 14, with his first experience focused on a gang mediation project at a local youth club. Later he led 3 youth clubs in Shadwell and Bethnal Green; running youth provisions, anti-knife crime projects, elderly exercise classes, lunch clubs, mentoring and more.
His work has been recognised nationally and he was awarded the Community Activism Award by the Community Leadership Foundation in cooperation with SOAS University in 2017.

He has been fortunate enough to work internationally in Ethopia, Bosnia, Egypt, Somaliland, the Middle East in either diplomatic postings on behalf of the government or large NGOs, however he has now firmly set his sights and energy on contributing to the welfare and prosperity of Tower Hamlets.

Talha studied International Relations, Law and Community Leadership at Westminster, SOAS and Oxford University, all in pursuit to understand the issues we face and solutions we can create to make a better world.

He is currently the Senior Quality & Supply Chain Manager for Canary Wharf Group, responsible for overseeing the standards in quality, environment and health & safety for the company. He also manages the company's procurement department as well as Co-Chair the company's Diversity and Inclusion network. He is one of a few senior managers from Bangladeshi origin and is climbing the ranks very quickly.

He has demonstrated the right experience of community, charity, business and government to be an influential figure in the community.

Salim Chowdhury resides in Harrow. He is the eldest son of late Al Haj Abdul Motin Chowdhury & Hafsa Chowdhury . Salim Studied Management and is an Entrepreneur with an illustrious record of business ownerships including a group of fine dining restaurants. He is a Sponsor Shareholder of NRB Bank ,Founder of General Auto Services , runs a successful Property business with a large portfolio. He started his first partnership business at the age of seventeen. He also served as a police officer for the metropolitan police. Salim is a founder & Vice Chairman of the Conservative friends of Bangladesh as well as being a member the Conservative Muslim Forum.

Salim is well connected with the Conservative party and various organisations affiliated to the party. He is also a councillor for Harrow Council. Aside from his association with politics. Salim remains closely connected with local and community based initiatives. In May 2023 Salim has been appointed as Deputy Mayor of Harrow. He is a former Mayor of Harrow. Salim is also a former senior vice chair of probashi balagonj & Osmani nagar Education trust, Founder Secretary of Poshchim London Bangladesh welfare Association. He is the former President of the British Bangladeshi Caterers Association (BBCA) and formerly Secretary General.
Salim is also the Joint Secretary & Trustee of Shahjalal Islamic Centre & Life Member of London Bangla Press Club.Permanent member of Bangladesh Centre, life Member of Harrow Bengali Association Furthermore Salim is a former chairman of Harrow Traders Association, Trustee of Harrow Bangladeshi Association and a former school governor.

Salim is also a Founder and Director of BDGL , a new premiere double glazing company in Bangladesh. Salim Chowdhury Foundation was established in 2005 (fully funded by Salim) There are numerous other organisations which Salim takes an active role in. He also donates regularly to numerous charities and community based projects (in Bangladesh) he has funded a school hall and madrasa in his village & an orphanage.

Salim is the Founder Director of Wamburger Group, Jasmine Dale Nurseries and Salim Chowdhury Foundation.
Salim is married to Jasmine (a teacher) and they are blessed with three children Al-Imaan,Jaariyah and Sabriyah



Cllr Salim Chowdhury

Sector:
Politics & Business



Award Winner 2022

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Henna Chowdhury was born in Sylhet Bangladesh in 1975. She settled in Worthing, West Sussex at the age of 10 with her mother, younger sister and older brother.
Henna attended the Girls High School in Worthing where she excelled and achieved excellent exam results despite only learning English on her arrival in Britain a few short years earlier.

Following her education, Henna enjoyed a short but productive career in the Civil Service before marrying and devoting her time to raising a young and boisterous family.
Councillor Chowdhury has always had a keen interest in the community and is especially concerned with equality of opportunity and equal rights for all.
Whilst raising her family she was involved as an advocate for youth and child support and acted as a community interpreter for a number of organisations involved in domestic violence.
Mrs Chowdhury has worked for local charities supporting BME women in their struggle to overcome racial and intra-community prejudice, domestic violence and lack of educational provision. Henna has worked for charities and local businesses along the entire south coastal strip providing educational courses and training in health and hygiene, business funding as well as organising community events and charity fundraising with a special emphasis on Women's Rights and Equality.

In 2010 Henna had a complete change of direction and was a presenter on Bangla TV, where she hosted a music channel show broadcast to the UK and Europe.
With her keen sense of social justice and fairness for all, Henna felt the need to do more, to lead the way for ethnic minorities, especially Bengali, women, showing them that they have a voice and an important part to play in a successful, modern British multicultural, multi-ethnic society and as such she joined the Labour Party in 2017 where she is currently BAME Officer.

In late 2018 Henna was adopted to fight the safe Conservative ward of Gaisford in the 2019 Worthing Borough Council Elections, a ward which had been in Conservative control for over 50 years. Despite the party's poor showing nationally Henna won the ward with a landslide victory, achieving a swing to Labour of 13% made Henna the first female Muslim councillor in the history not only of Worthing but of West Sussex and was reported Worldwide. A fact she is immensely proud of as it is an encouragement for women with no background in politics or business to come forward, to make a difference and to have a voice.
Henna was elected onto both the licensing committee and the overview and scrutiny committees of Worthing Council.
Henna made further history in her local town of Worthing by becoming the First Labour Mayor when the Labour Party made history by taking control of the local Council during the May 2022 Local Elections. Making her achievements somewhat unique: the 1st Female Muslim Borough Councillor;1st Female Muslim County Councillor; and 1st Female Muslim Mayor under the 1st Labour Administration for the Borough of Worthing

Henna is married to Milad and has three daughters, Fariha, Mariya and Tasnim.



Henna Chowdhury

Sector:
Politics



Award Winner 2022

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Amin Babor Chowdhury

Sector:
Education & Charity

Award Winner 2022

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Amin Babor Chowdhury has dedicated nearly two decades to voluntary service, community development, education, charitable fundraising and bringing people together across differences of age, faith, culture and background. Based in Oldham, his contribution extends across Greater Manchester, the United Kingdom and internationally.
Amin's service is distinguished by the breadth and consistency of his commitment. Through media, education, volunteering, fundraising and youth engagement, he has created platforms that recognise achievement, encourage participation and strengthen connections between communities.

In 2009, Amin helped launch The Probash Bangla Newspaper, an English-Bengali publication providing a voice for the British Bangladeshi community while encouraging cultural understanding and communication between generations. In 2012, he founded We Are The Community, followed by the Oldham Education Awards, establishing opportunities to celebrate students, teachers, schools and the wider education community.
His educational work subsequently developed nationally through the British Education Awards. In 2017, the awards brought together students, families, educators and public figures from across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Through these initiatives, Amin has consistently promoted educational achievement and highlighted the contribution of those who support children and young people.

Charitable fundraising forms another significant part of his service. Amin has organised campaigns and events supporting hospices, special educational needs schools, youth organisations, healthcare initiatives and humanitarian appeals. His efforts have responded to needs both locally and internationally, including floods in Bangladesh and Pakistan and the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria.

His voluntary service also includes supporting the Royal Voluntary Service during the COVID-19 vaccination programme, volunteering at the ICC Cricket World Cup and serving as an honorary steward at the Commonwealth Games. Through sport, he has helped create links between grassroots and mainstream organisations, encouraging participation and community engagement.

Amin has maintained a particular commitment to children and young people. As an Ambassador and Board Member of Oldham Academy North and a Governor of Kingfisher Special School, he has contributed to educational opportunities for young people, including those with severe and complex needs. These roles reflect his wider commitment to ensuring that young people are recognised, supported and encouraged to achieve their potential.
His personal dedication to charitable service is especially evident through his Ramadan fundraising challenges. He has completed demanding 100-mile walking and running challenges while fasting, using personal endurance to raise awareness and funds for charitable causes. In 2026, he launched a 100-mile Ramadan challenge supporting the Mayors' charities of Oldham, Tameside, Warrington and Chester, alongside further fundraising through the Manchester 10K. In August 2026, he climbed Ben Nevis to raise funds for a cancer charity.

Amin's contribution has received recognition, including an invitation to a royal engagement in Scotland with His Majesty King Charles III in recognition of his community work, public recognition from the Mayor of Oldham in 2025 and the British Citizen Award in July 2026.

Across nearly twenty years, Amin Babor Chowdhury has demonstrated sustained personal commitment to serving others. His record brings together education, media, volunteering, charitable fundraising and community cohesion, creating opportunities for people to participate, achieve and connect. His contribution represents a long-standing commitment to public service and social inclusion, with work that continues to reach communities locally, nationally and internationally.



Sadia Afroz Chowdhury

Sector:
Singer

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Sadia Afroz Chowdhury is an accomplished and professional singer and Music teacher originally from Bangladesh. Having started her first music lesson from her mother Munawara Begum Sadia found herself deep-rooted relation with music over the years. Sadia is a trained classical singer who is grown up and progressed her musical journey through different renowned mentors. Sadia is a very famous and well-known singer in the Asian community in the UK and Europe for her Versatile singing and Unique Melodious Voice.

Sadia started taking training Indian Classical Music at an early age while she was in Bangladesh gradually from Utad Shunil Dhor, Ustad Gopal Datta, Ustad Sanjib Dey and currently taking Training from Pandit Chiranjibi Chakroborty. She is a band member of South Indian Tamil Musical group RG Academy of Music & Orchestra where she is taking training of Carnatic music.
Sadia took part in many competitions in Bangladesh and awarded nationally for her Patriotic songs and Nazrul Shanggit. She is an enlisted A grade singer in Bangladesh Television and Betar. She has been performing since the age of ten and has performed in numerous theatres, auditoriums as well as many prestigious stages like Rich Mix, Harrow Arts center, Nehru Centre (solo performance),Croydon Fair Field Hall (RG Academy Orchestra), Bangladesh High Commission, Red Bridge Town Hall (Int. Art Festival), South Hall Park (South hall Mela), Wavers' Field, Victoria Park (London Bangladeshi Boishakhi Mela), Cadogan Hall, The Broadway Theatre in Catford, Cardiff Millennium Theatre and many more.

She is also working as an executive director of NAZRUL PARISHAD and this Charity organization is working to introduce the creation of National poet of Bangladesh KAZI NAZRUL ISLAM among the next generation. Also, Sadia is working hard with the young generation to teach them music and introduce our own culture in British Bangladeshi Community.

Unlike Traditional Classical singers, Sadia believes to blend modern songs with Classical fusion. Her tonal quality, presentation, the ability of Pitch and together with her mesmerizing voice creates magic. Sadia has done a music video and recorded many songs for UK TV Channels.
Alongside Sadia's musical career she is a qualified professional accountant and worked as an external auditor.
Sadia an accomplished London based singer is delighted to hear the strong lines of her singing brought alive by a quality of songs.

Monsoor is a qualified Accountant and business entrepreneur. Having successfully completed his training programme within a leading accountancy practice, he was quickly noticed for his outstanding talent and was rewarded with a partnership offer.
He decided to bypass this opportunity and instead take up a more ambitious, lucrative and challenging role, working and reporting directly to Lord Alan Sugar on his various commercial financial interests.
He quickly established himself within a cut-throat environment and very soon became one of Lord Sugar's senior financial representatives. His no nonsense style and approach were ideally suited for the demands of a high profile entrepreneur, working on the finances of a property portfolio in excess of 500m, aviation, media, publishing, electronics, foreign exchange trading and on various other commercial activities.
After eight successful years, Monsoor was head hunted by another high net worth entrepreneur to spearhead the finances of his worldwide real estate interests. After a brief stint, he decided it was the right time to venture into business himself.
He teamed up with his long-time colleague Kamru Ali and decided to take up a partnership position at Apex Accountancy, a small firm based in London. Under his guidance, Apex has fast developed into one of the most forward thinking and innovative small accountancy and taxation firms, providing a wide range of specialist services.
Monsoor also recognises the importance of practical training and uses Apex to serve as a training base for graduates and school leavers to develop their skills, aiding them to seek employment. The majority of his trainees have gone on to secure employment within high profile organisations.
He has over the years and continues to provide consultancy services and sits on the board of a number of organisations, advising on finances within the industries of construction, energy, telecoms, property and healthcare.
Monsoor is currently the CFO of ACAP Global, a start-up international company which has recently won the global rights to supply telecommunications traffic to a number of African based countries. In the process, the organisation has agreed to provide affordable housing solutions to the much needed region and Monsoor is spearheading this project.
Over the years, Monsoor has also invested wisely and built up a small property portfolio.
Having worked in the catering industry since the 90's which helped him fund his college and University education; he has kept his association with the industry and over the past 15 years, he has been involved with a number of successful restaurants and fast food ventures. Currently he overlooks the running of a successful restaurant, which has been awarded regional awards and is now aiming to achieve awards at national level.

During his leisure time, Monsoor participates in challenging charity events. This year he completed the London Marathon, in the process raising considerable funds for charity. On his bucket list of events to do is climbing to first base of Mount Everest and 100 mile walking trek on the Wall of China.



Monsoor Chowdhury

Sector:
Accountant/ Entrepreneur

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Born and brought up in Sylhet , Bangladesh in 1964. Mitu went to the local school and then studying science at the MC College and finally read politics, history and sociology at MC College, Sylhet . After graduating he left for England and settle in Maidstone , joining his brother.
He studied BTEC business and finance at Mid Kent college in Maidstone whilst at the same time having a part time job working at the restaurant so that he could learn the business.

After three years Mitu opened his first restaurant in Harrietsham and then in 1993 opened the Mughal Dynasty in Maidstone. A restaurant which is run very successfully to this day. At the same time that he was running the restaurant he also studied for an Honours degree in Politics at Christ Church University in Canterbury, Kent.

His intention in politics led him to join the Conservative party in Maidstone where he actively campaigned on behalf of their local MP Helen Grant. He has been a member of BCA since opening his first restaurant and is now proud to say that he is currently secretary general of BCA . He has joined the Rotary Club of Maidstone River Side where he hopes to spend more time helping those less fortunate then him. Mitu is married with three children living in Maidstone and enjoys watching and playing Cricket in his spare time.



Mitu Choudhury

Sector:
Catering

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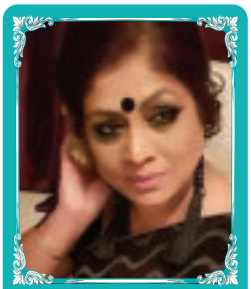

China Chowdhury

Sector:
Arts &Culture

China Chowdhury is an established dance artist and choreographer for more than 20 years. She has an extensive knowledge in Indian classical, modern and Bengali Folk dance. China has not only worked in Bangladesh but has worked in the UK with her dance expertise and has travelled across the world to many countries such as Japan, Italy, Sweden, Thailand, Egypt, Switzerland and Pakistan to name but a few. She gained her dance expertise in Bangladesh and was a government staff artist with the Bangladesh Shilpo Kala Academy.

China Chowdhury is the Founder and Director of 'Taal Torongo', an organisation whose members give widespread and varied performances all over the UK and Europe and have performed at the Boishakhi Mela for last decade. China has also worked in numerous London schools as a dance instructor and also a dance teacher in primary schools.

Since the formation of Boishakhi Mela Committee she has been involved with them and helped and supported the initiative. She continues to work with children of local communities all over the UK. She has been delivering training facilities on choreography to the young people. Over the last 9 years she has been working with the Bangladesh High Commission in different ways. Adding to this she has been involved in Edinburgh Festival in Scotland and choreographer to the Bangladesh Movie 'Golapi Akhon Bilete'.
She is a regular on Bangladeshi TV channels and her group is now performing on the UK Bengali language channels. This has led her to take part in several prestigious national and international events showcasing her dance and performing talents.

She has also worked with Bibi Russell, former International super model , back in 2014 and took part in London Bengali Wedding Fair 2017 at the Radisson Blu Hotel in London as the choreographer for the fashion shows being responsible for 30 models and 8 choreography themes .



Shamim Choudhury

Sector:
Media

Shamim is a print and television journalist whose career has been varied and prolific. She has been working for Al Jazeera English since 2007, where she fulfils a number of roles including that of deputy news editor, news editor, reporter and field producer. She is based in the network's London offices, but has also worked in the main news centre in Doha, Qatar.
In recent times Shamim travelled with a reporting team to Bangladesh on three occasions, including during the January 2014 elections, when she field-produced and reported on a range of subjects. She is considered by the channel to be its resident Bangladesh expert, has close personal contacts with many of the most influential people in Bangladesh and secured an interview with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for Al Jazeera in 2012.
Shamim has also been closely involved in Al Jazeera's coverage of the unrest in Ukraine – one of the biggest news stories to come out of Europe in the past few years. As well as travelling to Kiev twice at a time of heightened tensions major security concerns, she was in Crimea for three weeks in March 2014 when her team covered the referendum and witnessed the region fall into Russian control after being part of Ukraine for decades.
Prior to Al Jazeera, Shamim worked in various capacities for Sky News, the BBC and ITV news. She started her career in print journalism and has written news stories and features for The Daily Express, The Daily Mail, The Daily Telegraph and comment and opinion for The Independent. For a while she also had her own column in the Bangla Mirror.
In addition, Shamim has taken part in current affairs and political debates at The House of Lords and on live television discussion programmes.
Since October 2013 she has been on the panel of judges at the Asian Media Awards for the categories of Journalist Of The Year and Best Investigation.
Shamim was born in London and is of Sylheti heritage. The late general Muhammad Ataul Gani Osmani, the commander-in-chief of the East Pakistani liberation forces of 1971, is her great uncle and grew up in the same household as her paternal grandfather.
She received a BSc in Chemistry from Queen Mary, University of London, an MSc in race and ethnic relations from Birkbeck College and a post-graduate diploma in newspaper journalism from City University, for which she won a prestigious bursary from the Wellcome Trust. After completing her Bachelors degree she spent six months living in New York City working as an intern for an NGO affiliated with the United Nations, during which time she contributed to a book which educated American school and college students about the workings of the United Nations.
Shamim has a passion for travel and has visited almost fifty countries including Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Cuba, China, India and parts of West Africa. Some years ago she worked with a leading charity to help build a community centre in a remote part of Cambodia.
She also enjoys sport and has a black belt in karate.
As well as her day job, Shamim occasionally blogs for the Huffington Post on a range of socio-political issues and is studying English Literature part-time at Oxford University.

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Tareq Chowdhury

Sector:
Legal and Media

Tareq Chowdhury is well known in the Bangladeshi Community as a Journalist. He is also an immigration expert and a Barrister. He is the editor of weekly Bangla Post, the first Bengali newspaper in the UK newsagent.
He is also a Principal of Kingdom Solicitors.
Born in Sylhet and brought up in Habigonj, His ancestral home is in Zakiganj upozilla in Sylhet district. Fifth son of Mr. Muhamed Abdun Nur Chowdhury, the retired Head Master of Shaistaganj High School and former central president of Bangladesh Teachers association. His father was also head examiner of physics of Comilla Education Board for around 20 years.

Tareq Chowdhury took his Secondary and higher secondary education at Shaistaganj. He migrated to United Kingdom to study. He completed LLB honours at Wolverhampton University in 2002 followed by the Bar Vocational Course in 2003 from Northumbria University and was called to the Bar by the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn.
He has been involved with the media since 1991 with Dainik Janata and he worked with Daily Star as University correspondent and contributor. He was the senior reporter of recently defunct Daily Bangladesh in UK and also contributed in various weeklies in UK including Bangla Mirror. He contributed in almost all newspapers in Rajshahi in the 1990s and many dailies and weeklies in Dhaka.
He was also a dedicated scout since he was at school and carried on after he went to university. He attended many scouts camps and Jamboree. In order to receive the president scout award, he took part in the 100 mile rambling from Rajshahi to Sirajgonj.

He has also earned reputation as a TV presenter with Local TV Channels on Legal and political programmes in London. He is currently the president of london bangla press club.

He has leadership abilities as he was the president of Rajshahi University Press club. Secretary of University Rotaract club and he was the elected student representative to the honourable society of Lincoln's Inn from Northumbria University during his Bar Vocational Course.

He is married to Rezia Choudhury who is working as Intelligence Researcher for the British Transport Police in London.



Uday Sankar Das

Sector:
Media/Actor

Uday Sankar Das born into a respected and culturally rich family in Chattogram, Uday Sankar Das grew up surrounded by art, literature, and heritage. He completed his education in his hometown, earning a Master's degree in Accountancy from the University of Chittagong. Yet, it was not numbers alone that shaped his destiny—his heart belonged to the rhythm of words.
From the tender age of seven, under the gentle guidance of his father, Uday stepped onto the stage to recite Tagore's iconic poem Beerpurush. From then on, his love for the art only deepened, and he became a familiar voice at school, college, and university cultural events.
In 1971, during the Liberation War of Bangladesh, Uday and his family took refuge in India. There, he joined Oxfam's refugee relief programme, entrusted with visiting camps, assessing needs, and reporting back to Oxfam headquarters in Oxford. He recalls this humanitarian work as one of the most rewarding experiences of his life.
At 25, Uday arrived in the UK to pursue further studies. He completed his professional accountancy qualifications and worked with a mid-sized firm in the City of London. But alongside his career, he remained deeply immersed in cultural life. In London, he became one of the few Bangla reciters active in the diaspora, performing across Bangladesh, India, the UK, USA and Canada. His voice graced television screens in all three countries, bringing poetry to life for audiences near and far.

Uday's talents, however, extend well beyond recitation. He is a familiar voice to many as a radio broadcaster, having worked for over two decades with the BBC World Service, Bangla Section. Among his most memorable moments were breaking the news of Princess Diana's tragic accident and later covering her funeral.
A keen sportsman in his youth, Uday has attended numerous international sporting events, his enthusiasm undimmed. His other great love is drama. He first acted in a full-length stage play while in Class 6, during the birth centenary of Rabindranath Tagore. From school productions in English and Bangla to college performances, and later, decades of involvement in Bangla theatre in the UK, Uday has remained a devoted thespian and organiser.

As a writer, he has contributed columns in both English and Bangla to newspapers in Bangladesh and Britain, covering topics from global politics to culture and sport. His interview with former WTO Director Pascal Lamy was published in an English daily in Bangladesh, showcasing his journalistic flair.
Service to community has been another hallmark of his life. As a dedicated Rotarian, Uday has supported numerous charitable projects worldwide, earning the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship. He also served two terms as President of the Rotary Club of Tower Hamlets, London.
Despite his many public roles, Uday takes greatest pride in his family. His elder daughter, Ishita, is a Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the NHS, while Namrata, with degrees in Economics and Accountancy, works at ITV managing finance for the programme This Morning. His wife, Shelly, dedicated over three decades of service as a Health Advocate with the NHS in East London before her retirement.

Today, Uday Sankar Das is widely respected as a cultural icon within the British Bangladeshi diaspora — a man whose life has woven together art, service, and family with equal devotion.

Mohammed Abul Kalam Chowdhury is a renowned lawyer in the Bangladeshi community as well as a popular media personality in the contemporary period known for his distinctive legal advice and highly anticipated political talk shows on the Bengali TV Channels.

He is the principal Solicitor of KC Solicitors; a practice committed to providing outstanding, accessible and bespoke legal service for the community. Having the expertise on a wide range of legal disciplines including, Immigration and Human Rights, Civil Litigation, Family Litigation, Criminal Defence and welfare benefits he is dedicated to serve the community people in London and nationally. Prior to that, he worked as a principal advisor at UK Immigration Services.

Born in Sylhet to his father late Ayub Ali Chowdhury and mother Mrs Sufia Chowdhury, he is the fifth of eight children.
He completed his secondary and higher secondary education at Beanibazar, followed by a Bachelor Degree from MC College Sylhet. After migrating to the United Kingdom for higher education, he completed his LLB (Hon's) degree from Wolverhampton University in 2002 followed by the Bar Vocational Course in 2003 from University of Northumbria .

He was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 2003. During 2010 he also qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales.
From his student life in Bangladesh, Abul Kalam Chowdhury got involved with student politics and became a frontline activist who worked for the rights and justice for the general student. Moreover, the leadership ability and keen advocacy has encouraged Mr Chowdhury to get involved with several social and political activities in the UK which enables him to provide his support and assistance to the British-Bangladeshi citizens.

He was the first directly elected general secretary of the Society of British-Bangladeshi Solicitors and later became the Vice President at the Society of British Bangladeshi Solicitors. Besides that, he has used his various experiences to contribute to the British-Bangladeshi community as a Co-Ordinator of Centre for British Bangladeshi Policy Dialogue (CBPD). The organisation is tirelessly working to uphold the British-Bangladeshi Rights in Bangladesh as well as in the UK.

In addition, he holds the position of Information and Research Secretary of the UK Awami League which sees him liaise with the Bangladesh Government and the UK Bangladeshi community to ascertain and fulfil their demands and needs. At the same time he is a columnist and social media activist who make his best effort to raise the awareness of Bangladeshi people in standing up for their welfare and legal rights as well as fulfilling their duties as British citizens.

He is happily married to Salma Chowdhury and blessed with three children.



Abul kalam Chowdhury

Sector:
Legal

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Abdul Md Fakruzzaman was born in Sylhet, Bangladesh and studied in London Guildhall University in 1996-1999 and London Metropolitan University, Artists in Residence in 2006. He has many awards under his belt. These include the ABC Convention Award for Arts & Culture, New York in 2012, Sha Abdul Karim Award, Channel S in 2012, U.K National Award, The Winsor & Newton World Wide Millennium Paintings Competition in 2000 and Best Medium Award from Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1991.

Abdul having studied both in Bangladesh and UK, has had the unique experience of immersing himself in the fine art traditions of the 'East' and the 'West'. His academic career has landed him with awards in both Dhaka (Best Medium prize) and London. Within a very short time, in more ways then one, he has emerged as a true cosmopolitan.
His works are composition based on forms. He often uses flat forms that are given volume and dimension by texturing around them. He often uses the graffito technique, using nails and palette knives to scratch away at the surface. Gray and black are the most dominant colours in his work, according to Taker Hushin, daily Star, Bangladesh

He has also exhibited his work widely. A few of his solo exhibitions are: Solo Art Exhibition, Gallery Chitrak, Dhanmondi, Dhaka Bangladesh in 2010, and 'A Kaleidoscopic Journey' painting and print exhibition, Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2005.
A Celebration An Exhibition of Painting & Prints', Mile End Park Gallery The Ecology Pavilion, London in 2002, Print Exhibition. ILRC London Guildhall University, London in 2000 and last but not least Solo Paintings Exhibition. Oxford House, London in 1995. Some of his group exhibitions have been Art Exhibition in ABC Convention, NY in 2012, Colour of Time' Contemporary Painting Exhibition, The World Habitat Centre in New Delhi, India in 2012, Contemporary Art Exhibition' The Paper Mill Gallery, Toronto, Canada in 2011, 'Whole Festival' Tomkingson Park NY, 'Colour of Time' group paintings exhibition in Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata, India in 2011 and the Anniversary exhibition 'Rooted Creativity 9' Bengal Gallery of Fine Art, Dhaka Bangladesh in 2011.
Some of his published works: 'A Kaleidoscopic Journey', published by the Bengal of Fine Arts, Dhaka, The Artist Handbook by Ray Smith, published by Dorling Kindersley, 'A Celebration An Exhibition of Paintings & Prints', 'Our World In The Year 2000', published by Sheeran Lock. If you want a visual treat, then head to his studio for an outstanding experience.



Abdul Md Fakruzzaman

Sector:
Arts & Culture

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Shahagir Bakth Faruk
MSc.

Sector:
Business / Community Relations

Shahagir Bakth Faruk was born in Sunamganj, Bangladesh. His late father Alhaj Shah Bakth, was a retired Bank Officer, his younger brother Humayun is a Brigadier General in the Bangladesh Army, and his eldest sister, Dr Saleha Khatun was the first women medical doctor in her home town of Sunamganj. Faruk was a lecturer of Physics in Sunamganj College before arriving in London in 1973.He established the Shahnan Employment & Training Bureau, which was the first Bangladeshi employment and training centre in the East End of London.
Faruk is also the first Bangladeshi trainer who provides food hygiene training, health and safety training and HACCP training for all sorts of food handlers in a diverse range of premises. He is also an accredited trainer of the internationally recognised Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH), Royal Society of Public Health (RSPH), Meat and Livestock Commission (MLC) and Welcome Host. He is an author of the book called "Food Hygiene".
Apart from entrepreneurship, Faruk has made a considerable political contribution to the mainstream of British politics. He is involved with the Conservative party, having been the local Conservative Association Chairman for five consecutive years.
During his leadership he arranged visits in his local constituency from many leading Conservative figures. Faruk was the only Bangladeshi who was selected as an official Conservative Parliamentary Candidate in 2001 and achieved an excellent second place against Oona King. He was also a Conservative candidate for the same constituency and fought a hard campaign against Oona King and George Galloway in 2005.

Faruk is the former President of the London region of Bangladesh-British Chamber of Commerce. He is the Deputy Chairman of "Conservative Friends of Bangladesh".

He is the founder member of the London Millennium Bridge Club and his name is engraved on this famous bridge, which was opened by Her Majesty the Queen. Faruk is also a trustee of Bangladesh Female Academy, founder of Sunamganj Association, "SUPROBASH" & a "Freeman of the City of London". He lives in east end of London with wife Sherina and four children Shahnan, Eva, Safwan and Zayn.



Abdus Hamid

Sector:
Technology/Business/ Politics

London based Abdus Hamid started his career as an Accountant and subsequently moved into the field of Technology working for a large firm of Wealth Managers in the City Of London.
He currently works as a Cyber Security Analyst helping to secure the companies network and has forged a successful career operating in the financial services industry over the last 20 years.
Being a passionate advocate of technology and having established himself as a highly skilled Analyst in the field of Cyber Security, he now advises small business and institutions on aspects of Cyber Security. He also runs a Network Solution Company offering consultancy to businesses and institutions across the UK.

Abdus is also the founder Deputy Chairman of Conservative Friends of Bangladesh (CFOB) having been involved in its inception since 2006. CFOB is a member-led organisation that upholds the values of the British Bangladeshi community and champions their similarities with the beliefs of the Conservative Party.

From its humble beginnings in 2006, CFOB now boasts members spanning from across the UK. The organisations was given permission by the Conservative Party to take a delegation of MP's and volunteers to Bangladesh in order to carry out social action work in for the first time in 2011.
Since then CFOB has visited Bangladesh countless times helping various charities. Our last visit in 2017 allowed us to take several MPs and volunteers into the camps of Cox Bazaar where Rohingyan refugees are currently living in squalid conditions. Because of our direct intervention, UKAID has so far donated over £50 million to Bangladesh for the Rohingyan refugees. CFOB continues to lobby the government in UK for the safe return of Rohingyan refugees back to Myanmur. Abdus was also the first British Bangladeshi Chairman of a Conservative Association in the UK and served as the Chairman of Ilford South Conservative Association.

Outside of business and politics Abdus is also involved with various charities nationally and acts as trustees for various charities such as London Tigers.

Nelson Mandela said: ''there is no passion to be found in playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living." This ultimately sums up thriving personality Mahee Ferdhaus Jalil, who's played a huge pivotal role in the British Bangladeshi community for the last 15 years. He is one of the biggest successes to date is establishing Channel S - the first free-to-air British Bangladeshi satellite Television Channel.

Born in Moulovibazar, Bangladesh, Mahee came to the UK in 1988 as a teenager. Like many of our British Bangladeshi champions, his early days in Britain were endured by hard struggles. Mahee however embraced these challenges with utter determination and focus. He was known for 'dreaming big' and wanted to make his visions a reality.

In 1994, after obtaining training and experience, he set up one of the largest accident management companies in the UK called 'Prestige Auto Group'. The company saw steady growth and became a household name amongst British Asians.

Mahee's greatest success to date however was the establishment of Channel S. He started dreaming of a fully functional Television Channel in the UK in 2002. Mahee wanted a television channel which would engage communities directly, highlight issues which matter the most in the lives of British Bangladeshis, empower communities with the power of information, and create awareness amongst the community about their rights, opportunities as well as responsibilities. Mahee went onto creating a professional, passionate and experienced team.
Finally on 16th December 2004, Channel S started its official broadcast. Mahee saw a dream which eventually became a platform for all British Bangladeshis, inspired a generation in achieving their goals, took our community back to their roots, and reminded our younger generation of their history and heritage.

Mahee's vision of launching the Channel was no more a community channel – it became international through a partnership with humanitarian organisation - through generous community donations. He believes we can't take money with us , so invests in the community and good causes.

A passionate entrepreneur, Mahee is also successfully running his various other business interests - from property development to Law and IT. He enjoys mentoring young business enthusiasts so that they are able to settle a life capable of living.



Mahee Ferdhaus Jalil

Sector:
Media/ Business



Award Winner 2019

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Ahmadul Haque served as Deputy Mayor of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council. He was the first Bangladeshi Councillor elected in the Midland region in 1995 and has been reelected ever since. In 2006 Cllr Haque received an award from Channel S for his services to the community. Cllr Haque arrived in the UK in July 1963 and initially became a member of the Pakistan Welfare Association in Birmingham.

Whilst working in various different companies, Cllr Haque was always keen to get into politics and in 1965 became a member of the old Labour party. With friction simmering in East Pakistan and West Pakistan, Cllr Haque set up the first Bangladesh Action Committee outside of Birmingham in 1971. In the same year Cllr Haque helped raise close to £1500 from contributions made by the residents of North Birmingham for the Bangladesh Action Committee movement as well as setting Midlands Awami League.

Cllr Haque is a very active member of the Bangladeshi community always campaigned for equality and as a result in 1976 received an award from the Bangladeshi High Commission. Through effort and having to overcome numerous obstacles, Cllr Haque also helped set up the Tipton Muslim Trust Association which is now referred to as Al-Islah Trust and a community centre for local Muslims in Tipton.
Cllr Haque tries to serve all members of the community. In the mid eighties, Cllr Haque purchased a terraced house via the trust and later set up the Sandwell Confederation of Bangladeshi Muslim Organisation (SCOBMO).

Cllr Haque is also a founder member of the City Challenge Project as well as Bangladesh Youth Movement. Through over twenty years of persistence and hard work campaigning for level crossings in Tipton a 2.2 million pound project finally commenced last year. Cllr Haque also played a pivotal role during Ms Syeda Khatun's election campaign who later became the first Bangladeshi female councillor in the Midlands area in 1999.



Cllr Ahmadul Haque

Sector:
Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Md Abdul Haque

Sector:
Information Technology / Media



Award Winner 2024

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Md Abdul Haque is a distinguished entrepreneur with over 27 years of experience in the IT and software industry, where he has established himself as an expert in the field. Born in Moulvibazar, Bangladesh in 1976, and now residing in London his journey from skilled technician to influential business leader is a testament to his dedication and acumen.

Haque holds a bachelor's degree in Maths and Computing from Brunel University and a master's degree in Advanced Software Engineering from the University of Westminster. His career began in the civil service, where he worked as a specialist software engineer on flight data processes for National Air Traffic Services (NATS). However, driven by a vision to innovate and lead, he transitioned into entrepreneurship, founding Purple I Technologies. As the Managing Director, he has been instrumental in advancing the EPOS system within the Bangladeshi and Indian restaurant sectors. His pioneering spirit also led to the creation of the dineNET Online Order & Reservation System, further solidifying his impact on the industry.

In addition to his achievements in the IT sector, he brings over five years of experience in the fine dining industry as the Managing Director of 'Piya Piya', a renowned Thai restaurant and lounge located in the City of London. This venture highlights his versatility and ability to succeed across different industries, enriching his business portfolio with hands-on experience in hospitality.

Beyond his IT and hospitality ventures, Haque is the creative force behind Catering Circle, a media platform that addresses and solves key issues within the catering industry through collaborative dialogue and the active participation of caterers and stakeholders. His leadership extends to the role of Vice-Chairman at Channel S (Sky 777), a television station dedicated to the Bangladeshi community in Britain and Europe, founded by his brother, Mahee Ferdhaus Jalil.

Despite his demanding professional life, Haque finds time for his passions. An avid traveller, he has explored numerous countries, with Malaysia being a particular favourite, praised for its hospitality, cuisine, and strong Islamic identity. He also speaks fondly of his travels to destinations like Barbados, Antigua, the Maldives, and Canada. In addition to travelling, he enjoys playing badminton, going to the gym, and watching films.

Haque is married to Mary Rahman, a successful PR entrepreneur in London, who specialises in promoting clients from the arts, theatre, film, and fashion industries. Together, they form a dynamic and accomplished couple, each excelling in their respective fields.



MD Intezamul Haque

Sector:
Education/Community

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

MD Intezamul Haque is widely recognised as one of the most dynamic and forward-looking entrepreneurs within the Bangladeshi community in the United Kingdom. With a distinguished career spanning the commercial property and education consultancy sectors, his journey has been defined by vision, resilience, and a deep commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for others. His work has not only brought him individual success but has also provided tangible benefits for businesses, students, and the wider community.

In the vibrant property market of East London, Mr. Haque has established himself as a trusted and innovative developer. Among his notable achievements is the creation of the Your Hive & Neuron Centre, a landmark business hub offering premium serviced offices in Stepney Green. Designed to foster innovation and collaboration, the centre has become a thriving base for start-ups, professionals, and established enterprises seeking modern and flexible workspaces. Beyond this, his ventures extend to Whitechapel and Stratford, where his serviced offices continue to attract and support a diverse business community. These projects not only demonstrate his sharp business acumen but also reflect his commitment to entrepreneurship and local economic growth.

Equally significant are Mr. Haque's contributions to education. In the early 2000s, he founded Neuron Educare, which quickly emerged as one of London's most trusted student consultancy firms. At a time when international student consultancy was still developing, Neuron Educare distinguished itself by setting new standards of professionalism, integrity, and reliability. Over the years, the firm has guided thousands of students in securing placements at universities across the United Kingdom and abroad. For many, Neuron Educare became a trusted bridge between ambition and achievement, offering comprehensive support in admissions, applications, and career advice.

Building on this foundation, Mr. Haque expanded his involvement in the education sector through initiatives such as Selcatia Education. More recently, he launched Study Match, a forward-thinking platform that connects students with the right educational opportunities in an increasingly competitive global environment. By embracing digital innovation while keeping student welfare at the heart of its mission, Study Match reflects Mr. Haque's ability to adapt to evolving needs and lead with creativity and foresight.

Mr. Haque's dual achievements in both property and education mark him as a versatile and resilient leader. From developing state-of-the-art office spaces to shaping the academic futures of international students, his impact spans across communities and sectors. His work embodies the values of hard work, innovation, and service, making him an exemplary role model for aspiring entrepreneurs and professionals.

As a proud representative of the Bangladeshi community in the UK, Mr. Haque stands as more than a successful businessman. He is a symbol of progress, determination, and community pride. His achievements continue to inspire not only members of his own community but also individuals from all backgrounds who aspire to create a lasting legacy. With his ongoing ventures in both property and education, MD Intezamul Haque remains at the forefront of growth and opportunity, carrying forward a vision that bridges commerce, education, and collective advancement.



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Yashmin Harun BEM

Sector:
Sports and Charity



Award Winner 2024

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Yashmin Harun BEM serves as the founding Chair of the Muslimah Sports Association (MSA), established in 2014. With over 20 years of banking experience spanning various roles from back-office to Head office positions, she currently holds the position of Credit Policy & Governance Officer at SMBC Banking International. Recently, Yashmin completed a Masters in Global Public Policy, for which she received a scholarship.
Yashmins dedication to community and advocacy is evident through her recent appointments.
Yashmin's most recent appointment is as a Non-Executive Director at Charity Bank. She was also selected by Baroness Warsi to join the Islamophobia Working Group led by Kick It Out and elected as Vice Chair at the London Football Association. Additionally, Yashmin serves as the Chair of Frenford and MSA Women's Football Club, facilitating the participation of over 100 girls from a South Asian background in football.

Her contributions extend beyond sports, as evidenced by her involvement in the recent House of Lords Sports and Recreation consultation and her role as a guest lecturer at Manchester Met University, where she shares her lived experiences. Yashmins efforts in the voluntary sector have earned her recognition, including the prestigious British Empire Medal in 2020 for her work in increasing representation of BAME females in sports.
Yashmin has broken barriers in various fields, becoming the first Muslim Bangladeshi woman to serve as acting Senior iNED at British Fencing and as a Director at London FA. She also serves on the FA Council, where she advocates for diversity and inclusion in sports policies and strategies.
Her achievements have not gone unnoticed, as evidenced by her recent accolades, including the Asian Woman of Achievement Award for Sports and Sister in Business Award in 2023, and her inclusion in the Top 50 Most Influential Muslims in Europe list.

Yashmins commitment to diversity and inclusion in sports has been recognised through various awards and was recognised as one of the Top 50 most influential Muslim in Europe. Other awards include the Faith; Belief Awards, FA Grassroots Football Award, FA For All Award, and the She Awards 2019. Additionally, she received the London Sports Workforce Award in 2018 and The Muslim News Award in 2017. Yashmins contributions have also led to winning the National Diversity Awards in 2023.



Syed Samadul Haque

Sector:
Media

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Any attempt to write history or present state of Bangla print or electronic media in the UK will not be complete without mentioning one name, Syed Samadul Haque. Born in Kishorehonj and brought up in the tea valley of Sylhet, Samadul Haque was educated in Dhanmondi Govt. Boys High School, Dhaka College and Dhaka University.
Adventure and carrying out new ideas is part of Samadul Haque's character. In 1973 while he was a Secretary of Dhaka College Student Union, travelled to India with a State Student delegation. After a brief break of study to attend Military Academy, Samadul Haque came back to Dhaka University to study Politics. While in the University he was also Director of a family business, Sputnik International Limited. From 1981 to 1983 he traveled to London several times on business. But journey to London in late 1983 was not a very pleasant one. This time he came to London to sue a British Company, Wells Bridge Motors Limited of Cambridge for breach of Contract. This litigation in the High Court of London changed the destiny of Samadul Haque. He decided to live for some time in London and took up a career in media. Soon he was appointed as London Correspondent of Dainik Bangla, then national newspaper of Bangladesh and began writing for different newspapers in Dhaka & London.

In 1984 Samadul Haque joined the Weekly Janomot of London. Soon became the News Editor and Executive Editor, and editor in 1989. In the year 1987 his story on personal life of the then President of Bangladesh H M Ershad was also picked up by Sunday Observer of London as lead story and in response the government of Bangladesh retaliated by banning `Janomot' in Bangladesh.

He spent good ten years of his youthful time to revitalize and give a solid foundation for Janomot. In 1993-94 he served as part-time Media Consultant of Bethnal Green City Challenge, a project of the Department of Environment of British Government. In 1995 while he was editor of BNS, introduced International news agency service in Bangladesh in Bangla. He also represented CNN in Bangladesh from 1995 – 1998.

Samadul Haque is a pioneer of ethnic television broadcasting in the UK. In May 1998 he with two friends formed Bangla Television Limited and became Managing Director of the company. This Company launched first satellite Bangla TV Channel outside Indian sub-continent on 16 September 1999. During his long career in broadcasting industry he also served as Director of News of Reminiscent Television, Managing Director of Channel S Bangladesh and CEO of Takbeer TV in the UK.

His innovative contribution in British Bangla Media includes launching of `Daily Janomot', first Bangla internet daily in 1995 and Bangla tele-news service in the UK in 1994. He is also a pioneer of Call Centre industry in Bangladesh. In the year 2009 he opened Orbit Communications Call Centre, first international Call Centre in Bangladesh.
Outside his professional world Samadul Haque is a Community activist. In 80's and 90's he was in the forefront of anti-racist and ethnic minority rights movement in the UK. He was a founder EC member of Tower Hamlets Law Centre, founder General Secretary of Bangla Shahitya Porishod in the UK and also one of the Founder of London Bangla Press Club.

Md Rajib Hasan is not easily defined by a single title. A software engineer by training, a digital entrepreneur by passion, a journalist by profession, and a writer by heart, his career seamlessly bridges the dynamic worlds of technology and media.

Rajib's journey began with a BSc in Computer Science and Engineering, later enriched by an MBA from Cardiff Metropolitan University in the UK. With this unique combination of technical expertise and business acumen, he has become a trusted advisor for start-ups, guiding them in marketing and digital communication strategies. His digital footprint is equally impressive—over the years, he has developed more than 500 websites and continues to lead in the field of digital marketing.

But Rajib's ambitions extend far beyond technology. In the media landscape, he has carved out a prominent role as the Managing Director of Weekly Bangla News, a well-regarded British-Bangladeshi newspaper based in London. His career in journalism has taken him through some of the UK's most prominent Bangladeshi media outlets, including his tenure as Head of News at NTV Europe. He is also an Executive Member of the Bangladesh Press Club in the UK, where he actively contributes to strengthening Bangladeshi media abroad.

Equally notable is Rajib's creative side. As an author, he has explored both fiction and non-fiction, weaving together narratives that reflect his fascination with technology, society, and culture. His debut novel, Otopor Robot (2016), combined themes of romance and robotics in the UK, while his second, Otopor Mowmita (2017), explored love and the tech-driven culture of Silicon Valley. His most recent book, launched at the 2025 Book Fair in Bangladesh, is a ground breaking non-fiction work titled "Totho Projukti ar Agrodut Begum Khaleda Zia" documenting Bangladesh's ICT advancements during the tenure of Begum Khaleda Zia.

Whether developing cutting-edge digital platforms, leading media institutions, or crafting thought-provoking literature, Md Rajib Hasan continues to inspire. His career is a testament to versatility—showing how technology, communication, and storytelling can come together to create meaningful change. For the younger generation, he stands as both a role model and a reminder that innovation thrives where disciplines meet.



Md Rajib Hasan

Sector:
Media / Technology

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Parveen Hassan is on the Conservative Parliamentary Approved Candidates list for 2022.
Parveen Hassan is the founder of Conservative Women's Hub, an online platform, dedicated to debate and engage Conservative women entering public life. Parveen Hassan is the West Midlands Conservative Women's Organisation (CWO) Deputy Chairman 2017-2020. She is the former Chairman of Birmingham Heartlands Conservative Women's Organisation 2011-2014. In 2016, Parveen was Head of Communications for the Conservative Friends of Bangladesh (CFOB) responsible for communications, marketing, engagement and media. Since 2017, Parveen is Vice Chairman of the Conservative Friends of Bangladesh. Recently visited Bangladesh to see first hand the Rohingya Refugee Crisis with parliamentarians as part of the delegation.

Parveen's experience in the world of politics covers political and leadership campaigning, a seasoned, grass roots campaigner within the Conservative Party, local and regional elections, the West Midlands NO2AV referendum, Team 2015, Conservative City Seats Initiative 2015 and extensively campaigned for the Mayoral campaign 2017. Parveen first came active in the world of politics, following the former Prime Minister, David Cameron's vision to attract diverse women from all backgrounds to enter the party and play a part for the country as public servants. She continues to support more women to enter the political sphere for the voluntary party.
Parveen Hassan's career outside the world of politics remains on delivering criminal justice. A dedicated civil servant for over 25 years with expertise in the legal sector, specialising in prosecution policies and inclusion within HMG.

She has served on various charity boards as a trustee and director, supporting diverse communities addressing violence against women. Currently, she is board member for Tell Mama, West Midlands.
Recognised for her dedication to public service on equalities and women, Parveen Hassan won best female employee of the year at the British Asian Hafta Awards 2009; finalist of the AAA Gold Award for Women of the Year, Asian Achievers Awards 2009. She won the NBCPA Award and LCJB Award for community engagement, and public confidence.
Parveen Hassan was selected on the BBC 100 Women List of aspiring global leaders in 2013 striving to make the world a better place for women with real life experiences.
Parveen Hassan appeared on BBC News channels on an international platform, debates through social media with unheard voices on women's achievements, barriers and development.
Following a series of interviews on Brit Asia TV on successful Asian women and for mainstream media on the role of Muslim women in the UK. She's been a contributor in the Bangladeshi press raising the profile of women in education, employment and political engagement, continuously campaigning to heighten awareness for the prominent role Bangladeshi women can play in society and their vital economic contributions. In 2018,

Parveen Hassan won the Women Economic Forum, Exceptional Women of Excellence Award for political empowerment for women engagement projects.
She is married to a Senior British Civil Servant with two children, and lives in the West Midlands.



Parveen Hassan

Sector:
Politics / Civil Service

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Mahmud Hasan MBE

Sector:
Community Development and Social Care



Award Winner 2015

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mr. Mahmud Hasan was awarded an MBE at the birthday honours of HRH Queen Elizabeth II in 1999 for extensive community relations in the UK.
Mr. Hasan was born in a respectable Muslim family on 6th August in 1952 in the village of Boraikandi in Sylhet, Bangladesh. His father was Moin Uddin Ahmed, who was the commander in chief of Pakistan National Guard Regiment in 1947 and later joined the Pakistan Army as Lieutenant, who passed away in 1986.

Mr. Hasan has graduated from Bangladesh. In 1968, he became a member of the Student League and played an active role during the mass upsurge against the autocrat ruler of Pakistan in 1969.
He also participated in the war of liberation of Bangladesh in 1971.
He was a member of Bangladesh Liberation Front (BLF).
Immediately after liberation he worked with International / Bangladesh Red Cross Society towards the rehabilitation programme in the war torn areas of the newly born country.
Mr. Hasan first came to the UK in 1979, and settled in the London Borough of Camden. Within the first two years of his settlement in the UK, he started working in the field of community development through Camden Committee for Community Relations (CCCR) and Bengali Workers Action Group (BWAG).
In 1984, he was appointed as part-time Community Development Worker to work with elderly people and homeless families in Camden. In the same year, he was elected as Ethnic Minority Representative to the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA). In 1987, he was appointed to a challenging position as a co-ordinator to redevelop the BWAG known as Surma Community Centre. He has since worked in different senior positions in both voluntary and local government.
He successfully led the completion of the construction work of the purpose-built Surma Community Centre in Camden in 1989. After completion of the Centre, he was strongly supported by the community to take the lead on further development and management of the Centre and was elected chair of BWAG in a voluntary capacity.
In early 1990, he was appointed as Senior Community Development Officer of CHIC, a Charitable Organisation based in Westminster. He has successfully completed graduation on Leadership and Networking from Common Purpose in 1991-1992.
Mr. Hasan has played a key role, along with others, to bring a positive change in Camden which had been experiencing lots of social deprivation and disadvantages. As one of the then young activists, he worked hard to change the destiny of the community: from desperation to dignity and achievement.
Mr. Mahmud Hasan has remarkable contribution to help and support the homeless people, develop health and education, intensify anti-racism campaigns, fight against discrimination and strengthen racial equality.
He has contributed significantly to combat racism, particularly in Central London and is always constructive to develop racial harmony within the multicultural society of Britain.
'He was always engaged voluntarily to act on behalf of others in need and in defence of a moral cause', remembers one Camden resident. Mr. Hasan was elected as the first Bangladeshi chair of Camden Racial Equality Council (CREC) in 1993. A year later, Mr. Hasan was elected as the first Bangladeshi Councillor in the London Borough of Camden. Mr. Hasan has been involved in various Voluntary Sector Organisations including as the Director of Camden Community Law Centre, Voluntary Action Camden, Governor of St Michael School and Kingsway College Corporation, Member of Camden Police Consultative Committee, and Director of Paddington Church's Housing Association.

He is also the founder and current chairman of the Consortium of Bengali Associations (CBA).He was a Civic Ambassador to the London 2012 Olympic Games Forum. Mr. Hasan's profile has been recorded in the Asian "Who's Who" International and in many other publications. Mr. Hasan is currently employed as Chief Executive of APASENTH, a leading social care organisation in the UK working for the people with special needs for over last three decades and APASENTH International, a newly formed CIO. Mr. Hasan is currently leading a ground breaking project in Bangladesh with the aim to raise awareness and educate people with special needs on safe working and daily living practices through the provision of a range of support services.



Aman Haider

Sector:
Business

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mr Aman Haider arrived in London in 1992 .He was born to Late Mr Ehtesham Rosool Haider and Mother Mrs Shahjadi Begum Haider and now resides between London and the Cantonment, Dhaka.

Mr Haider comes from the famous royal muslim Nawab family (Nawab Faizunnessa) in Bangladesh, which is historically known for many contributions in forms of educational faculty i.e. Schools/Colleges and Madrashas.
Nawab Faizunnessa concentrated on women's education and encouraged them by providing facilities for educational purposes, including medical facilities such as hospitals for the public of Bangladesh to use as well.
They say that true success is not in employment but in doing business. And yes, many entrepreneurs have proven that doing business is actually more profitable than getting employed into some company.

Mr Aman Haider is the Managing Director of Classic Shoes Ltd, Nida Ltd. & Franco Bellini, who is doing business in exclusive designer shoes, bags and similar leather products . He has proven himself to be a strong competitor in the fashion market within a very short span of time & has taken a special place in customers' minds in many countries, like the UK, Africa, USA, and Canada by establishing a reputation for quality & reliability.

Mr Aman Haider studied in Dhaka City College and has completed his BA in Jogonath University in Dhaka and is now regarded as one of the inspiring figures in the present business world.

He is married to Sofina Haider, which is a supportive wife. She also is a designer and company director. She designs the products sold in the showrooms in London. They have two sons, Awsaf Nibras Haider and Afwan Faraz Haider and one daughter Nida Midhat Haider.
Due to his business Mr Haider travels abroad a lot for his products. Mr Aman enjoys travelling, socialising, playing cricket, Golf and listening to music.

Mr. Mohammed Quamrul Hassan, known as MQ Hassan, is a highly experienced and reputable Barrister and Solicitor, who is the founding Principal Solicitor of MQ Hassan Solicitors which is one of the UK's leading law firms. With over 30 years of legal experience across both the UK and Bangladesh, Mr. Hassan's distinguished career is a testament to his vast expertise and deep commitment to the practice of law. Mr. Hassan was born into an elite family in Jashore, Bangladesh. Where his father, the late Advocate Mohammed Abul Hossain, was a highly respected lawyer at the Jashore District Bar and his legacy continues to inspire his past surroundings and Mr Hassan to this day. His brother-in-law, Ahsanul Karim, is a Senior Advocate at the Supreme Court of Bangladesh which is widely regarded as one of the country's top legal organisation. From a very early age, Mr. Hassan aspired to become a lawyer which deeply resonated with his father's esteemed reputation for integrity, diligence, and dedication to justice.

He went on to earn his LLB (Hons) and LLM from the prestigious University of Dhaka, graduating with distinction. In 2005, Mr. Hassan furthered his legal education in the UK, obtaining another LLB (Hons) from Wolverhampton University. This achievement broadened his understanding of international law and enhanced his expertise across various legal jurisdictions. In April 1993, Mr. Hassan embarked on his professional legal career after being admitted as an Advocate on the Roll of the Bangladesh Bar Council. By 1995, he was practicing before the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. During this period, he became a respected member of the Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association. After relocating to the UK, Mr. Hassan continued to expand his impressive legal credentials.

In 2005, he was accredited as a Level 2 Senior Caseworker by the Law Society, showcasing his expertise in immigration and asylum law. Later he achieved two prestigious milestones: being admitted as a Solicitor of England and Wales and called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. Throughout his career, Mr. Hassan has worked with several prominent UK law firms and chambers, including Silvers Solicitors (City firm), Noden & Co Solicitors (City firm), GMG Law Solicitors, Patrick Solicitors, Jacob Solicitors and Srinivasan's Solicitors. He notably serving as Head of the Immigration Department at both Silvers Solicitors and Patrick Solicitors. Mr. Hassan took the bold step of founding his own practice, MQ Hassan Solicitors, in January 2012. His passion for giving back to the community is evident in his active involvement with various organisations and his regular television appearances, where he offers free legal advice to the general public. Through live TV programs on NTV Europe, TV ONE, and London Bangla Voice, Mr. Hassan provides legal guidance in both English and Bengali, ensuring that his expertise is accessible to a wide audience.

His contributions to the Bangladeshi community have been recognised with several prestigious awards, including the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' from Anirban Sangsad in 2022, an award from NTV Europe in 2023 . Mr Hassan was elected with highest votes and served twice as the "Senior Vice President" of the Society of British Bangladeshi Solicitors. Elected as President of the Bangladesh Law Association UK. Furthermore, he is the Joint Secretary of the Dhaka University Alumni Association in the UK and the Convenor of the Greater Jashore Association in the UK.

The journey of Mr. Hassan is a shining example of the British Bangladeshi dream. As a first-generation immigrant, he has achieved professional success through hard work, dedication and a relentless pursuit of justice. Despite his achievements.



Mohammed Quamrul Hassan

Sector:
Law



Award Winner 2025

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Meherun Hamid is a highly respected British-Bangladeshi Muslim headteacher with over two decades of experience in education. A trailblazer from the start, she began her teaching career in 2000 in the borough of Westminster, at a time when very few Bangladeshi, hijab-wearing Muslim women were represented in the profession. Over the past 12 years, she has served as a headteacher, driving her school in both academic and creative achievements. In addition to her leadership in education, Meherun is also building a successful coaching business, working as a Performance and Life Coach to empower others.

Meherun is also member of a Trust leading an exciting project to expand her school to include secondary education, ensuring students can continue their academic and creative journeys into their teenage years.'

Born to Bangladeshi parents in the UK, Meherun's passion for education stems from her own experiences and a deep belief in its transformative power. She pursued a degree in Accounts & Economics, followed by a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) and began her career in mainstream schools before moving to the independent sector.

Throughout her career, she has championed the importance of a balanced education that nurtures both academic excellence and creative potential. Under her leadership, the school has flourished, improving opportunities offered while also fostering students' creativity.

Meherun's leadership extends beyond the classroom. Alongside her headship, she has been building her coaching business as a Performance and Life Coach, helping individuals unlock their potential and achieve their personal and professional goals. With a focus on personal development, resilience, and performance, her coaching has already had a significant impact on a wide range of clients, from fellow educational leaders to professionals from various sectors. She brings the same passion and dedication to coaching as she does to education, empowering people to reach new levels of success and fulfilment in their lives.

Currently, Meherun is also leading an exciting project to expand her school to include secondary education, ensuring students can continue their academic and creative journeys into their teenage years. This expansion reflects her vision for a comprehensive and supportive educational experience that prepares students for future success.

With her unique blend of educational leadership and coaching expertise, Meherun continues to inspire others. Her work as both a headteacher and a coach demonstrates her unwavering commitment to helping people, whether students or adults, unlock their full potential and achieve their goals.



Meherun Hamid

Sector:
Education

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Rafique Hayder

Sector:
Business

Rafique Hayder is the Director of Bangla Town Cash and Carry in Brick Lane, which is the Bangladeshi community's most popular businesses based in London. Bangla Town was established in 1994 along with other partners. He comes from the village Hayder Pur, Chattak, Sunamganj and comes from a prominent family; his father being Haji Altab Ali. Mr Rafique Hayder graduated in Bangladesh having completed his degree from MC College. His degree was in Social Welfare. He then arrived here in the United Kingdom where he initially entered into the family business 'Greenline'. He worked at Greenline for one year before embarking on his own business venture. Besides being a director of Bangla Town Cash and Carry, Mr Hayder also has numerous other investments and business interests.
He is a Director of Bangla Town Housing, Bangla Property Limited, as well as a Director of another well known large cash and carry. He is also one of the Directors of the NRB Bank LTD. In addition, Mr Hayder has several properties to his name here in the UK as well as land in Bangladesh and is the Chairman of an export/import business based in the UK.

He is closely connected to the Al-Madani girls' school, and is a well-wisher of the Ibrahim College near East London Mosque. Furthermore, he is also connected with various development activities in Tower Hamlets.
He has donated hugely to the victims and sufferers of the Sidr Cyclone. He has also donated in Sylhet and has helped establish Schools, colleges and Madrasas in Sylhet. Rafique Hayder is also Director of the Bangladesh British Chamber of Commerce.

He is now president of BBCCI. He is also a director of NRB Bank Ltd and a member of the Greater Sylhet Welfare and Development Council. He is a member of the Bangladesh Welfare Association as well as a former Secretary of the Tower Hamlets Parent's Association. More importantly he is the Chairman of the Bangladeshi export/import organisation in the UK and also one of the eleven strong committee members for a taskforce for business set ups here in the UK by the Bangladeshi government.

Mr Hayder is married to Asma Hayder and they have three children, among them Adnan is eldest son studying in university. Other two children Abidah and Akifah are studying in school. His interests and pastimes include travelling, and he has been fortunate to travel a bit of the world. Mr Rafique Hayder is a distinguished businessman and philanthropist, who can be credited for some very successful businesses and a very strong and positive link with the community.



Cllr Mohammed Abdul Harid BA (Hons)

Sector:
Business/Politics

Cllr Abdul Harid, Former Civic Mayor of the Carlisle city council He has made history by becoming the first Bengali Mayor during the150yrs. He also triumphantly won the May 2022 Historic Cumberland Council election and proudly has been elected as the Vice-Chairman of the Council. He has made history by becoming the first & only Asian City Councillor in Cumbria also the first and only Asian Councillor to be elected on the new Historic Cumberland Council replacing three existing councils.
He has won 4 successful elections this is his 4th term in office. Councillor Harid diverted his business skills and experiences and set up a family tech software developing business known as RobeX Technologies, specialising in digital platforms. Clients and projects include multibillion dollar global retailers, investment management platform in UK and worldwide. Councillor M A Harid was born in Kamal Bazar Sylhet. Born to Late Alhaj Yakub Ali and Mrs Khyrun Nessa, Cllr Harid came to the UK with his parents in 1972. M A Harid resided in Oldham where his brothers and sisters were born. In 1993 Cllr Harid moved to Carlisle where he established his own business.

He had three restaurants in that area. Moreover, in 2000 he worked very closely with the City Council and arranged the first curry competition in Cumbria. Cllr Harid's restaurants have won numerous awards including the first Curry Chef of the year competition to be held. After joining the Labour party in 1993, Cllr Harid was nominated to stand in the City elections and he became the first Asian Council candidate to stand for election. In 2007 Cllr Harid was elected as a Councillor defeating a BNP candidate in the process and becoming Cumbria's first and only Asian Councillor. In 2008 a thirty minute documentary was made by Border TV highlighting Cllr Harid's first year as Councillor.

Cllr Harid was nominated in 2009 for the Channel S Award and in 2013 he was awarded Channel S Community award for contributions to the community. He has worked relentlessly with numerous community initiatives and charities. He helped build the first and only Mosque in Cumbria and serves on the management committee for the local Community centre and is also a Trustee. He is a governor of Bishop Harvey Goodwin School for a role he has been serving for over 15 years. Cllr Harid is married to Nasima Akther who has a BA degree. The couple have three children.

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Mohammad Habeebullah OBE JP

Sector:
Philanthropy

Award Winner 2018

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mohammad Habeebullah OBE JP born in Noahkhali, Bangladesh is an educationalist, published author, social science researcher and philanthropist. His research work has attracted national recognition from Association of Metropolitan Authorities and Royal Institute of British Architects, and has been featured by the BBC and The Guardian. An alumnus of Manchester Metropolitan University, Mohammad has been appointed as its first Bangladeshi Governor. Manchester Metropolitan is one of the UK's largest universities with over 38,000 students.

Mohammad has dedicated his career to working in the public and NGO sectors as a Lead Practitioner and Consultant in Education, Housing, Community Planning and Urban Regeneration. He was awarded an OBE in 2012 by Her Majesty the Queen for his lifelong work and services to the community of Greater Manchester. Recently Mohammad was involved in setting up a faith based Primary and Secondary school in Manchester with £35m of DfE funding. Currently he is leading an initiative in Rochdale to set up a Faith based Secondary School from Central Government funding.
Mohammad has been a leading figure in the voluntary sector in the North West for over 30 years; setting up a number of accredited training, further education, social welfare, media training and employment creation projects. He is a founding member of Rochdale Bangladeshi Community Project and Kashmir Youth Training Project (KYP). KYP is an independent charity dedicated to the development and economic regeneration of Rochdale and North West area, and is one of the largest self-financed youth/adult training and employment creation projects in the UK.
Mohammad has considerable experience as Director and Trustee of a number of charities and social enterprise projects including Rochdale Citizen Advice Bureau and CDF North West. Currently he is a Trustee, Chair and founding member of the Prestwich Muslim Welfare Trust in Bury and Al-Falah Social Welfare Trust in Manchester. Mohammad also serves as a Governor for Eden Boys and Girls Leadership Academy in Manchester. He also served as a Magistrate for the Rochdale and Bury bench for more than 20 years.
In 2000 Mohammad established Al Habeeb Foundation Bangladesh which provides (1) technology based education, training and employment creation through an IT training centre and Faith based co-education Secondary school and (2) provides primary healthcare and social services to rural communities through a health clinic.
In 2005 Al Habeeb Foundation UK was set up to encourage students from all backgrounds to enter Higher Education, Vocational & Non-Vocational Training, and to promote Equality, Diversity and Representation in the public and private sectors. Successful projects in this field include partnership projects with Rochdale Connexion Trust, British Muslim Heritage Centre and North West University Consortium Schools project for Young Journalist of the Year.

The two pioneering initiatives of Al Habeeb Foundation UK with Manchester Metropolitan University are: (1) Providing Scholarships for MA in Multi Media Journalism encouraging students to champion issues facing BAME communities in the UK. The Al-Habeeb Scholars have been very successful at securing employment with high profile media organisations including the BBC, BMTV and The Independent (2) First Generation Scheme, the first of its kind in the UK, supports students from all communities whose family have never attended university. The other two initiatives of the Foundation are (1) Technical Degree Award Scheme with Bolton University and (2) Degree Award Scheme with British Education Awards.



Md Mosaraf Hossen

Sector:
Business / Human Rights & Community

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Md Mosaraf Hossen builds bridges where others see barriers, turning ambition into access and access into advancement. As Founder of Qamla Ltd, he has opened more than 4,000 career opportunities across the UK, designing a recruitment experience that nurtures confidence as much as it connects candidates to roles. From launching Mentor to teach thousands in Bangladesh to executive leadership training at Oxford and recognition at the King's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, his
path reveals a consistent thread: empower people first, and lasting change follows. He does not wait for gates to open; he builds the bridge and invites others across.
Raised in the vibrant port city of Chittagong, he learned discipline and dedication from his father, Md Aktaruzzaman, a mechanical engineer who served BAPEX for four decades. Engineering might have been the family language, but Mosaraf's heart beat to a different rhythm, one of curiosity, resilience, and an unshakable desire to lift others. While studying Computer Science at the University of Science and Technology Chittagong, he founded Mentor, a tuition initiative through which he taught more than 3,000 students in computing and communications. Those classrooms planted the seeds of his life's mission: equip people with skills, dignity, and forward momentum. Seeking new horizons, he moved to the United Kingdom to complete a Global Master's in Business and Management at the University for the Creative Arts. Like many newcomers, he navigated unfamiliar systems and expectations. Instead of accepting the status quo, he spotted a gap, especially for the South Asian community, in how talent met opportunity. Qamla was his answer. Not a marketplace of listings, but a beacon of empowerment that strengthens skills, readiness, and self belief while matching people with meaningful work.

Under his leadership, Qamla has grown into a trusted name, streamlined, human centered, and practical. It focuses on outcomes over optics, creating pathways where none existed and making sure opportunity is measured by talent, not postcode. Candidates prepare with purpose. Employers hire with confidence. Families feel the lift. The platform's ethos is simple. When tools, training, and trust converge, lives change.
Committed to leading with rigor as well as heart, Mosaraf completed the Oxford Executive Leadership
Programme at Saïd Business School in 2024. The experience sharpened his approach to influence, authenticity, and guiding teams through complexity and change. That same year, he received the British Bangladeshi Who's Who Award for entrepreneurial achievement and community contribution.
In 2025, his dedication to education and skills development was recognized with an invitation to the King's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, a moment he carried on behalf of a community whose dreams he refuses to let go unheard. "Our goal is not just recruitment; it is empowerment," he says. That clarity infuses Qamla's day to day work, placements that uplift families, training that unlocks confidence, and partnerships that widen access. The vision ahead is bold and practical: scale Qamla globally so people can build skills, find
meaningful roles, and advance with confidence.
From teaching in Bangladesh to building in Britain, from early mentorship to executive leadership, Mosaraf's story is a testament to resilience, aspiration, and service. He creates the pathways others walk. And in doing so, he shows how entrepreneurship becomes leadership, and how leadership, lived with integrity, becomes impact.

Councillor Atiqul Hoque is the son of Lumranul Hoque. Born in Siramishi Jagannathpur, Cllr Hoque came to the UK in 1986 and attended Danford School and proceeded to Tower Hamlets College where he completed his education in business studies.

In 1997 Cllr Atiqul Hoque opened his first business at the tender age of 21, which was the chutneys Indian Takeaway in Salisbury, Wiltshire. However, from the opening of his first catering establishment, Cllr Hoque has gone from strength to strength and managed to open several more established eateries such as Chutney Restaurant in Shalisbury, Tandoori Nights in Amesbury and Hox Brasserie. Cllr Hoque has always had a passion for food and has recently opened aThai restaurant in Salisbury. Cllr Hoque is also involved with a number of charitable organisations in Salisbury.

Since then he has tirelessly shown his determination and won the heart of his constituents and fellow colleagues which awarded him a very important role within the cabinet as Portfolio Holder for Art, Heritage and Tourism.

He is the Vice chairman of the south west Bangladeshi Caterers Association, joint cashier of the Muslim Association of Salisbury. Cllr Hoque became the first Conservative Bangladeshi Muslim elected Councillor and also the first Bangladeshi muslim former Mayor of the City of Salisbury.

Cllr Hoque's long term plans are to set up a charity fund in his grandparent's name. Furthermore, he seeks to build a mosque and madrasa and settle near these institutes when he finally retires. Cllr Hoque is married with 5 children.



Cllr Atiqul Hoque
Sector:
Catering/Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Tipu is the eldest son of Al Haj Md. Redwanul Hoque (deceased) and Mrs Rufia Begum from Sreeramshi Degir par, Dist. Sunamgonj.

Tipu is the founder, owner and Managing Director of Unisoft Solutions Ltd developing and supplying EPOS and online ordering software in East London.
Born in Bangladesh, Tipu whilst studying for a BA Education at MC College Sylhet, came to the UK in 1989 to join his father, a well respected and successful restaurateur and founder of Sonar Bangla Restaurant at 46 Hanbury Street which became a crucial forum supporting the Bangladesh Independence Movement in 1971, and international political organiser for the Jatiya Janata Party.

Tipu continued his studies in London in English, Computing and MCSE (Microsoft Certified System Engineering).
In 1998, merging his IT knowledge and restaurant experience running his father's restaurant and own restaurant, Tipu and his nephew developed a prototype EPOS software for restaurant and takeaway businesses. After using the software in-house, further customisation and development, the software was sold to restaurants and takeaways to provide technology based ordering solutions.

Despite early restaurant business culture resistance to change, fear of technology and financial constraints, Tipu remained steadfast in his passion and aspiration in foreseeing EPOS as an essential business tool for all restaurants/takeaways, however small, which it has become today.
Tipu established Unisoft Solutions Ltd in 2003, which is a thriving supplier of specialist EPOS/Online ordering software to more than a thousand restaurant/takeaway businesses with a local, national and international customer base. Tipu's drive, persistence and firm belief to run a successful business with integrity, professionalism and openness to advice and not mere material gain, has contributed to Unisoft's longevity, ability to change and advance and testament to his self-belief, work ethic and strong religious faith.
Tipu and the Unisoft teams willingness to embrace and adapt the latest technology and trends has allowed it to remain flexible and dynamic in supplying customised online food ordering via website, mobile devices and apps with the latest e-payment methods. Crucial in helping independent restaurants overcome the challenge of competing with major chains, and allowing Unisoft and their customers' to stay ahead of the revolution of online ordering curve.
Running the business from the site of the original family restaurant business, Unisoft staff is stationed locally and remotely in Europe, North America and Asia. Tipu has stayed close to his roots and remains well-grounded. He acknowledges and appreciates the support of his family, especially his father and long-term colleagues and friends including his brother Amlak; Asfar, Nisar, Abu and Gary. Tipu also recognises the continued loyal customer support since 1998 achieved by a genuine commitment to putting customers' first. Apart from family and business, Tipu actively supports community voluntary organisations in the UK and Bangladesh. Tipu has one younger brother Amlak and two sisters Salma and Halima.
A dedicated family man, Tipu is married to Mrs Rumena Jamjam Chowdhury living together with their son E. Hoque Mahdi, daughter Mahira Asma Hoque and Tipu's mother.



Emdadul Hoque (Tipu)
Sector:
IT Business

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Ajmalul Hossain QC

Sector:
Legal (Barrister)

Ajmalul Hossain QC practices law since he was enrolled at the Bar of England and Wales back in 1978. He is the very first and only Queen's Counsel in England of Bangladeshi origin and a Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. He regularly practices in both England and Bangladeshi jurisdiction.

Ajmalul specialises in trans-national banking, trading supply and financial contracts at Selborne Chambers in the UK. He is the senior partner of A Hossain & Associates, Law Offices, a leading commercial law firm of Bangladesh based in Dhaka. Ajmalul and A Hossain & Associates have also been registered with the Attorney-General's Chambers in Singapore as International Arbitration Practitioners. Ajmalul has acted for several hundred ex-employees of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International in the multi-million pound liquidation of the bank in England, Luxembourg and the Cayman Islands, which has now been settled in their favour.

He has represented Bangladesh and several clients as Leading Counsel in several ICC, ICSID and ad-hoc arbitrations. He was the Chairman of Employment Tribunals, dealing with complex cases of sex, race and disability discrimination, unfair and wrongful dismissal. He also acts as an arbitrator in commercial matters and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators of England and regularly chairs arbitrations held under the auspices of ICC and other bodies.

He is a Fellow of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies and a member of the Standards Panel of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. Since January 2006, Ajmalul has been a member of the ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris and a member of the International Cricket Council, Code of Conduct Commission.



Dr Md Ziaul Haque
MBBS, DO, FRCS

Sector:
MBBS, DO, FRCS (Ophthalmology) Consultant Ophthalmologist, UK

Came to London in January 2001 Was born at Mathbaria in Barishal just a few years before the National Victory Day. Studied in the best school in Mathbaria Upazila and was the first boy in the class all along with government scholarships. After achieving brilliant results in the board exams in SSC he admitted in Dhaka College, (the best college in Dhaka) without admission test because of his high score in the SSC exams. He studied medicine at Sir Salimullah Medical College in Dhaka. After obtaining MBBS degree he got a scholarship from Science and Technology department of the Ministry of Bangladesh and started his journey in ophthalmology at MAI Institute of Ophthalmology and Islamia Eye Hospital, Dhaka under the direct supervision of Prof M Mustafizur Rahman.
He passed BCS exam to get Govt job in Bangladesh and at the same time got Diploma degree in Ophthalmology in Bangladesh. He worked in the biggest eye hospital in Bangladesh and then joined in the government hospital where he worked for about 3 years before moving to London. While in Bangladesh he regularly took part in many health programs on Bangladesh Radio and cultural programmes on Bangladesh Television. He had approximately 70 publications on different top daily newspapers in Bangladesh on Eye problems.
He was involved in a research survey on Glaucoma in Bangladesh which was published in the British Journal of Ophthalmology where he was the team leader of the survey team in the field.
He is involved and leading many charitable, social and professional organisations in the UK.

He was leading Bangladesh Medical Association in the U.K. as the General Secretary for 4 years.
Currently, he is serving as the President of Friends of Bangladesh, a very well-known Charity run by highly qualified people of different professions of Bangladeshi descent. Under this charity they are running a mobile breast cancer screening unit and eye camps all over in Bangladesh along with other charitable activities. He is the President of Barishal Division Association in the U.K. and organises many social gatherings through this organisation along with charitable activities.
He has been serving as the Chairman of RFC (a charitable organising committee of Channel S consisting of 21 U.K. registered renowned charities) for last 6 years. Through this organisation Channel S raises funds to support all the involved charities to support people in various ways throughout the world.
He led Global Aid Trust, UK as the Chairman more than 6 yeras, a highly reputable U.K. registered charity which supports people in many countries specifically in Bangladesh.

He is leading Orphans Shelter Foundation as the Vice Chairman and running 5 orphanages in Bangladesh, looking after more than 7 hundred children by providing accommodation, food, education, clothing and medical needs.
He is establishing an Eye and general hospital in his home village in Bangladesh which is under construction now.
He is a very popular media person.
He has been running a widely viewed health Program on Channel S for about 15 years. He was running another health program on NTV for a few years before starting in Channel S. He also takes part in different other TV channels as a guest speaker on different shows.

He goes to Bangladesh every year with a team from the U.K. to do cataract operations for the poor rural people to give their sight back free of costs under Global Aid Trust UK.
Apart from his sincere professional job his widespread humanitarian work has been highly appreciated home and abroad for many years. May Allah accept his sincere efforts and reward him abundantly in this world and the life hereafter and grant him a long healthy life. Ameen.

Subrina Hossain is a successful TV executive, a popular media personality and a dedicated business woman. She is the Chief Executive of NTV Europe and also overlooks the daily operations for many other businesses both at national and international level.

Her bold venture has proven a phenomenal success, making the NTV brand the leading Bangladeshi TV channel around the world.
A resilient adaptable and strong willed individual of Bangladeshi origin, she overcame cultural and religious barriers to reach her goals. Her relentless efforts over the years have successfully resulted in raising the Bengali profile to the mainstream British society. She is regarded as a celebrity by the Asian media and business community.
Subrina graduated from the London Metropolitan University with a law degree. It was then, where her leadership attributes began to emerge, as she was elected the star of the law course representing student's needs, concerns and expectations to the university officials.
Aside from her full time profession, she is also known for her dedication for helping the community and an active fundraiser for a number of leading charities.
Recently she made history by becoming the first female to be elected on the board of Directors on the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce. She is also the Vice President for British Bangladeshi Chambers of Women Entrepreneurs an organization looking at profiling successful business women in British Society.
In response to the government's calls to businesses to create opportunities for local people into training and employment, Subrina has set up a social enterprise along with a community interest chest.
She is a qualified training provider and is delivering relevant training programs for local unemployed people, helping hundreds to improve their chances of securing apprenticeships, training and employment.
Subrina also has a keen interest in politics formally joining the Conservative Party in November 2008. She founded and chaired the London Metropolitan University Conservative Group, where she made over 100 members in a short space of time.

She was elected Executive Member for Poplar & Limehouse Conservative Association for the past three years and represents the Association at Party and regional conferences.
In May 2010, Subrina was the Conservative Council Candidate for the Bromley by Bow ward in Tower Hamlets; a Ward, which has historically been a very comfortable seat for the Labour Party.
The Conservative Party votes in this local ward have always been around 200-250. However, Subrina received over 1100 votes, a massive 6% swing.
Currently she holds the Chair position for Conservative Friends of Bangladesh Women Group. She aim's to encourage more women from the Bangladeshi community to join the party. Recently she received freedom of london award.



Subrina Hossain

Sector:
Media

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Ahmed Hussain is a senior BBC executive recognised for leading cultural transformation, inclusive storytelling, and strategic innovation. As Head of BBC Asian Network, he expanded the station's audience to over half a million weekly listeners and 2.5 million digital video consumers, earning Gold at the ARIAS 2024 and a 2025 nomination.
Ahmed led the relocation of the station to Birmingham, a milestone in the BBC's Across the UK strategy, demonstrating his commitment to regional investment, decentralised media, and community engagement.
Previously, as Head of Prison Radio at the UK Ministry of Justice (2016 to 2019), he directed the award-winning National Prison Radio, rolled out digital radio across prisons, and launched media training programmes for ex-offendersshowcasing his ability to lead complex, socially impactful initiatives.

At the BBC, Ahmed has contributed to TV (Dragons' Den), talent development, and the Director General's Office, influencing strategic direction and organisational change. He also served as a Board Trustee of The Radio Academy, supporting the UK's audio industry.
He sits on the senior strategy board of East Bank, the UK's newest cultural district in east London, working with institutions like Sadler's Wells, University College London (UCL), V&A East, and London College of Fashion to shape East London's cultural future.
As a speaker and mentor, Ahmed has shared his leadership insights at: - SXSW London 2025on cultural transformation and public service innovation HPAIR 2024 in Bangkok - The Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations, hosted by Harvard University and Chulalongkorn University, brings together global leaders and changemakers. Ahmed spoke on the future of ethical and inclusive media East Ed at UCL East on bridging education, careers, and digital transformation Ahmed is also an ACI Creative Industry Fellow at the School of Arts and Creative Industries (ACI) at the University of East London, joining its first-ever cohort upon the programme's launch in 2025 Ahmed's journey from pirate radio, community efforts to BBC leadership reflects a rare blend of grassroots credibility, strategic vision, and institutional impact.



Ahmed Hussain

Sector:
Media

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Anwar Hussain

Sector:
Education

Anwar Hussain was born in 1967 in the Sunamgonj District. The current name of his Upazilla is South Sunamgonj (formerly known as Sunamgonj Sadar) He passed his S.S. C examination from Joykolosh Ujanigaon Rashidia High School and the H.S.C from Sylhet M.C. Intermediate College (currently known as Sylhet Government College). He then completed both his B.S.S (Hons) and M.S.S in International Relations at Dhaka University. Just after his completion of the M.S.S qualification he left Bangladesh to take up residence in London. He then completed his DHE in Law at Wolverhampton University and LL.B (Hons) at London Metropolitan University. On completion of the BVC from the City University (formerly ICSL) he was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn and is now a Barrister-at-Law (Non-practising).

During his student life at the Dhaka University he was an active political student leader. He was the president of Dhaka University S.M. Hall branch of a student organisation during the 1990s, while there was a student movement against the then President Ershad. Subsequently, he became the Finance Affairs Secretary of the Central Committee of that student organisation. He was the founder member and leading organiser of the Convening Committee of the Sunamgonj Student Welfare Somitee in Dhaka.
On arrival in the UK, Mr Hussain did not abandon his career aspiration of politics and education. He joined the Liberal Democrats party and became the Vice-Chairperson of the London Borough of Newham. He also stood as the Mayoral candidate for the London Borough of Newham in 2006 as the Liberal Democrats' nominee. He was the founder president of both Bangladesh Nationalist Lawyers Forum, UK Branch and the Bangladesh Nationalist Legal Aid Committee, UK Branch.

He is the first person within the Bangladeshi community to have launched an Independent college of Further and Higher Education in the UK called Whitechapel College.
He is now a member of both the Green Peace and Amnesty International. He once was a Member on the Board of Trustees of the Citizens Advice Bureau of two London Borough Councils, Newham and Tower Hamlets.

Mr Hussain is married with four daughters and lives in Gants Hill, Essex (Greater London).



Mohammed Ali Hussain

Sector:
Legal / Community

Mohammed Ali Hussain is a distinguished British Bangladeshi legal professional, community activist, and advocate for education and charitable causes. He is the fourth son of the late Alhaj Jamshed Ali and Fozar Bibi and traces his family roots to the village of Poschim Gow Singerkach Bazar in Biswanath, Bangladesh. He is the brother of Mohammed Bashir Ali, Ruptera Bibi, Jusna Bibi, Sultana Begum, Juhena Begum, Mohammed Akbar Hussain, Ezar Ali, Giash Uddin and Hawarun . His upbringing, founded on faith, integrity, and service to others, continues to shape both his professional career and his commitment to the wider community.

Professionally, Mohammed is a Conveyancing Practitioner at Wrigley Claydon Solicitors, one of the United Kingdom's longest-established law firms. He specialises in residential and commercial property law, advising clients on property sales, purchases, remortgages, transfers of equity, and leasehold transactions. Known for his clear communication, meticulous attention to detail, and calm, client-focused approach, he guides individuals, families, and businesses through complex property matters with professionalism and confidence.
Within the legal profession, Mohammed serves as President of the Oldham Law Association, becoming the first British Bangladeshi to hold the office in the Association's more than 100-year history. During his presidency, he has strengthened engagement across the legal community, championed diversity and inclusion, and promoted Continuing Professional Development (CPD), supporting both established practitioners and the next generation of legal professionals.

At a national level, Mohammed has served as a Non-Executive Director of the CILEX Professional Board, contributing to regulatory oversight and the development of professional standards across England and Wales. His work has focused on promoting integrity, accountability, public confidence, and greater opportunities for career progression within the legal profession.
Alongside his legal career, Mohammed is deeply committed to education and community service. He serves as a school governor at Brian Clarke Church of England Academy, where he supports strong governance, educational excellence, equality of opportunity, and the personal development of young people.
His dedication to public service extends to charitable and voluntary work across both the United Kingdom and Bangladesh. He actively supports initiatives focused on youth empowerment, education, community development, and poverty alleviation, reflecting his longstanding commitment to creating positive social impact.

Mohammed is also actively involved with Pink Chai CIC, a community organisation dedicated to raising awareness of breast cancer and women's health through education, open conversation, and culturally sensitive outreach. His involvement helps promote early awareness, challenge stigma, and encourage healthier conversations within diverse communities.
Demonstrating his commitment to charitable fundraising, Mohammed participated in the Manchester AJ Bell 10K Run in support of Cancer Research UK, helping to raise funds and awareness for life-saving cancer research.

Away from his professional and community commitments, Mohammed is a devoted husband to Ruksahana Begum and a proud father to their four children, Maryam, Mahira, Aasim, and Musa. His family remains at the heart of everything he does and continues to inspire his dedication to public service, professional excellence, and community leadership.

Through his leadership within the legal profession, his commitment to education, and his passion for charitable and community initiatives, Mohammed Ali Hussain exemplifies a generation of British Bangladeshi professionals who combine heritage, integrity, and service to make a lasting and meaningful contribution to society.


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Dr. Hasanat M. Husain MBE

Sector:
Academia

Award Winner 2009

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Dr. Hasanat Husain was born in Sunumgonj, Sylhet in 1949; his father was a Veterinary Civil Surgeon in the Assam Civil Service of British India. Dr. Husain has a prolific academic background; he 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. 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 a Grade A.

Dr. Hasanat due to his elongated academic credentials and experience has held many esteemed positions at home and abroad. He 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.
Dr. Hasanat Husain then moved back to the UK, where during the early 1990s he was a lecturer at Tower Hamlets College for some five years. From 1995 to 2002 he was the Head of Bilingualism and Bilingual Support Services for the Tower Hamlets Local Education Authority. Currently Dr. Husain holds numerous coveted positions; he is 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. Dr. Husain's family has reflected the highly qualified and academic brackground of himself. His wife Mrs. Shahida Husain, a Fellow of Royal Society of Arts, has a BA in Economics and an MA in Social Welfare also from the University of Dhaka. She currently works as a Key Stage 1 Leader and a Coordinator of Science at a Primary School in London. Dr. Hasanat's eldest daughter is a Dentist, whilst his son has graduated in Neuroscience from the University of Sussex and is presently completing a MD at the Medicine Faculty of Charles University in the Czech Republic.

His youngest daughter is also a student of Medicine at the University of Sussex.
Dr. Hasanat Husain has made a 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. He was also awarded an Asian Film Academy Award in 1995 for 'Community Services in the UK'.
His work outside of his vocation has included involvement with the 'Working Group: Inclusive Policy and Practices in the UK'.



Cllr Moazzam Hussain

Sector:
Community/ Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Cllr Moazzam Hussain has been a passionate champion of the Warrington community for over 45 years, dedicating more than three decades to voluntary service. Inspired by his late father, a respected NHS doctor of over 30 years, Moazzam's public service is rooted in compassion, integrity, and commitment to others.

Since 2012, Moazzam has served as Secretary of the Warrington Ethnic Communities Association, fostering understanding and partnership between the town's diverse communities, faith groups, and public institutions. He is also the driving force behind the Warrington Mela, a vibrant annual celebration attracting thousands with music, dance, food, and family activities, showcasing Warrington's unity and diversity.
A trustee of the Warrington Islamic Association since 2010, Moazzam has spearheaded major community developments. He successfully negotiated with Warrington Borough Council to acquire an old school leisure centre, transforming it into the Warrington Islamic Centre — a mosque, madrasa, and community hub serving hundreds. His tireless efforts also secured the community's own Muslim graveyard, meeting a long-standing need with dignity and care.

Moazzam's humanitarian spirit is evident in his extensive charitable work. During COVID-19, he organised deliveries of food and essentials to hundreds of families. He has supported refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine, and other conflict zones, providing practical and emotional help.

For over 15 years, Moazzam has offered a free-of-charge A–Z bereavement service, assisting families of all backgrounds with paperwork, washing and shrouding the deceased, and overseeing burials with compassion and respect. This behind-the-scenes work has brought comfort to countless grieving families during their most difficult times.

Elected as borough councillor for Great Sankey South in 2021 and re-elected for a second term, Moazzam also serves as a parish councillor for Great Sankey Parish. His mayoral theme focuses on improving the lives of young people, supporting the homeless, and tackling loneliness among the elderly and vulnerable.

A proud family man, Moazzam is the father of four children, all pursuing careers in service and achievement.

Dilwar Hussain from Baur Bagh, Beanibazar, Sylhet is a successful businessman and community activist. After finishing his education at University of Roehampton, he started his journey to be a successful businessman in the catering industry from a very young age, his 1st business was in 1990 when he opened Rikshaw Restaurant in Covent Garden then by mid 90's he took over the well known Joy Bangla in Romford and successfully continued in his ventures. Currently he is the owner of Raj of India in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

Outside of his business prowess, Dilwar plays an important role in community activities both in the UK and in his homeland of Bangladesh. He is currently the General Secretary of Beanibazar Welfare Trust UK helping people in his homeland of Bangladesh. Dilwar's involvement with community initiatives expands further. He is a vice president of Beanibazar Thana Jonokollan Shomitee UK, Assiatant Treasurer of Jalabad Assiciation UK. He is also the vice president of Ilford Bangladesh welfare Association and Assistant Organising Secretary of Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA). He is one of the founder and former general secretary of Baurbagh Developement Committee. He is also a permanent member of Bangladesh Centre London and serving as Joint Treasurer of Greater Sylhet development and Welfare Council in UK.

Mr. Hussain is passionate, in particular, about education and is dedicated to numerous fundraising endeavours. Being in the school governing body what was once better known as ILEA gave him thorough knowledge and opportunity in the educational development and success that followed in LBTH. He alogside his brothers founded a primary school in his village in Bangladesh. He is a trustee and General Secretary of Brihottor Sylhet Education Trust UK and honorary member of Beanibazar Sporting Club UK.

His wealth of experience and dedication to the community can also be evidenced through some of his past roles in various community and charitable organisations. His campaign for Tenants and Leaseholders rights gave him a natural platform on housing matters which subsequently paved the way for the biggest regeneration project on the Ocean Estate in Stepney, which was awarded £56.6 million under labour's flagship New Deal for Communities initiative and officially launched by the then prime minister Tony Blair.
Mr. Dilwar Hussain currently lives in Ilford, Redbridge with his family.



Dilwar Hussain

Sector:
Catering / Community

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Sayed Saiful Hussain (also known as Iqbal Bahar) has been a community activist for the last 28 years working to represent the Bangladeshi culture through media and entertainment. From his early childhood, Sayed has always enjoyed making others laugh. He has always had a special talent for entertaining so he participated in media class at school. Sayed furthered his passion for entertainment after he came to England from Bangladesh in 1992 by appearing on multiple Bangladeshi media channels including NTV, ATN, Channel S and Channel I. He quickly gained popularity in the Bangladeshi community becoming a well known actor, model, presenter and singer. His work in the TV industry has helped to showcase Bengali culture to others as well as instil pride in Bengalis for their country. Not only does he support the Bengali culture, he also aims to inspire others of the South Asian community.

One hobby that Sayed loves is singing. He has released music on YouTube and hopes to release more in the future. Moreover, he was employed by Kings College London to work as a music teacher for the Third Age Project allowing him to share his love of music to students.

Sayed has performed in many impressive settings like the Royal Albert Hall where he was invited to sing. He has also acted in the famous 'New Home' and 'Polashi Teke Dhanmondi' plays written by the late Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury working alongside many famous film actors such as: Abul Hayath, Bipasha Hayath, Syed Hassan Iman, Laila Hassan and Pijush Bandapoddai. He performed these plays in several locations including the Logan Hall in London, the Elizabeth Hall in Oldham and a hall in Birmingham. His talent led to him receiving many awards including an award for the 'Best TV Advert Personality' given by Ekty Shahed Ali Upohar and the 'Best Actor Award' given by Rahmat Ali from Darpon Magazine. In addition to this, the Bengali Sunrise Radio host, Misbha Jamal, presented Sayed with the title of 'Best Presenter'. An achievement that Sayed is very proud of is the award given by Camden's former mayor, Abdul Khadir, for his work as a community activist. But above all, the greatest prize the actor, singer, model and presenter has ever received is the love that has been bestowed from the multicultural society.
Overall, Sayed Saiful Hussain has had an immense positive impact on the Bangladeshi community through his work in the media and entertainment industry. He is extremely grateful to his parents, friends and family for their support. He continues to work hard for Bangladeshis and hopes to help and inspire others with his work.



Sayed Saiful Hussain

Sector:
Community/ Media

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Cllr Shah Hussain

Sector:
Politics/ Community

Shah Hussain, originally from Sylhet, Bangladesh, moved to the UK in 1978 and pursued his education in Burnley, attending Gawthorpe High School and Burnley College. He later earned a BA(Hons) from the University of Hull and a Post Graduate Diploma in Careers Guidance from Huddersfield University. Since graduating, Shah has worked in various roles within local government and is currently part of a Community Mental Health Team. His career is marked by a deep commitment to community activism, beginning with his involvement in youth and community development.

One of Shah's significant contributions to his community was his advocacy for the establishment of Burnley Borough's first purpose-built Mosque and Islamic Centre. Despite facing considerable opposition, Shah campaigned and spoke passionately at the meetings and various events, his efforts were instrumental in the project's approval. Over the years, Shah has held various roles as both an officer and volunteer in community groups, ensuring that the needs of local residents are addressed.

Shah has also been deeply involved in UK mainstream politics. He served as the Secretary for the Burnley Constituency Labour Party (CLP) for many years. However, he resigned from this position in November 2023 due to disagreements with the Labour leadership over their stance on Palestine. Shah's political career includes his election as a councillor for the Daneshouse and Stoneyholme Ward in 2007, a position he has held with increasing majorities in subsequent elections. Notably, he was the first person from a Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) background to serve on the council's Executive and is currently serving as the first Mayor of Burnley from Bangladeshi origin for the 2024-2025 municipal year.
Shah expresses deep gratitude to the residents of his ward for their continued support, finding immense satisfaction in directly helping people and influencing positive changes in their lives. He takes pride in living in Burnley with his family and feels privileged to represent the borough as its first citizen. As Mayor, Shah enjoys visiting various community organizations, championing their work, and raising funds for local charities. He remains actively engaged with his constituents, regularly conducting ward walks to address their concerns and report issues.

In his personal life, Shah enjoys cycling through the picturesque Lancashire countryside and moors, traveling, watching football and cricket, and spending quality time with family and friends. His lifelong dedication to community service and his ongoing commitment to the people of Burnley reflect his passion for making a meaningful impact on the lives of those around him.



Hussain Rahim
FFA FIPA EMBA

Sector:
Accountancy, Government, Community

Hussain Rahim is a senior finance and business transformation professional with more than 20 years of experience across the UK Government, global professional services, private, corporate, and charity sector. He was born in Bath, UK, and attended school in Somerset. His cultural and educational journey took him to Sylhet, Bangladesh, where he embraced Islamic studies and Bangladeshi culture at Sylhet Khajanchibari International School and British Bangladesh International School. He completed his GCE O' Levels at the British Council in Dhaka before returning to the UK for his A' Levels at Beechen Cliff School, Bath. Hussain graduated BA (Hons) in Accounting & Finance at the University of Greenwich, followed by a Global Executive MBA. He is a Fellow member with the Association of International Accountants (AIA), and the Institute of Financial Accounts (IFA). He is an Affiliate member with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.
He is the eldest son of the late Abdul Mohammed Rahim, a respected entrepreneur whose successful restaurant portfolio included Asha Newcastle, Asha Bridgewater Somerset, Bilaash Tandoori Frome Somerset, Balti House Bath, Jaflong Bath, and Raj Bari Maastricht in the Netherlands. His family's roots trace back to Shibgonj, Sylhet, with a 200-year history linked to the Late Emam Uddin Zamindar.

He worked in the UK Civil Service for 10 years at the Ministry of Defence, Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment, Royal Army, Office of Fair Trading, HM Prison Service, and Ministry of Justice in senior finance leader roles delivering value for money services. He spent more than 10 years as Senior Management Director at Ernst & Young (EY), one of the Big 4 accounting firms, where he led finance and business transformations to UK Government organisations and major international and private sector clients, including the NHS and multi-national pharmaceuticals organisations. He is the Portfolio Chief Financial Officer Advisory at National Association of Funeral Directors, Solihull, where he made significant finance transformation bringing digital innovation and robust process and controls in place to ensure that the funeral sector is transparent and accountability.
He has a strong commitment to giving back to the community. His past roles include serving as a treasurer for a charity that provides cultural opportunities for individuals with learning disabilities. He was a Business Advisor for the EY UK Foundation, helping young people from low-income backgrounds gain work experience and develop employability skills. He was the Finance Director for a Deaf & Hearing Charity in Warwickshire, supporting leadership training for the deaf community. He is a member of the Advisory Board Committee at the Global North London Business School and a School Governor at Kineton Green Primary School in Solihull.
His leadership, expertise, and contribution to the profession have earned significant recognition. Among his honours, he received the Best CEO of the Year Award at the Mandarin Oriental Ritz in Madrid, Spain. He has also been recognised with awards for Best Business Finance Leader and Global Financial Business Consultancy, reflecting his impact on the finance profession and business transformation landscape. His journey exemplifies a lifelong commitment to professional excellence, ethical leadership, community engagement, and creating opportunities for others. Through his achievements in both the public and private sectors, Hussain continues to inspire the next generation of professionals while making a lasting contribution to the wider community, particularly within the British Bangladeshi community.

Shelim Hussain MBE was born in 1973. He is best described as an entrepreneur having started his first business in 1991 at the age of 18 while working part-time as a waiter and studying at college for his A Levels.

Mr Hussain saw an opportunity in the market for prawn supply and started off by selling a few boxes of frozen prawns with his friend, delivering them at night while continuing with his education during the day. His business had an initial capital of only £20. Currently, the annual turnover of his business is around £40 million.
He formed Eurofoods UK in 1993 and the company has grown rapidly since. He employs over 200 staff and has food processing units in Newport, South Wales and in Barking. He also has a new plant and four factories in Bangladesh, and has started a subsidiary in New York.

Aside from Eurofoods he has also invested in the property development business in Wales. He is founder, chairman and managing director of several well reputed companies, these include Euro Foods (UK) Ltd, S & B Developments Ltd, SRS Poultry Ltd which commeneced in 2003, Eurasia Food Processing (BD) Ltd situated in Bangladesh, Euro Linen Service (UK) Ltd, Horizon Seafood Ltd, Saidowla Enterprise and Euro Foods (BD) Ltd.
He has won the Eastern Eye Young Achiever Award that was presented by Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales, and was nominated for Young Achiever at the Asian Jewel Awards 2003.



Shelim Hussain MBE

Sector:
Entrepreneur



Award Winner 2009

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Football has always been a central part of Yasmin's life. As a young girl, she loved the game but, at just 13, she stopped playing due to a lack of safe and supportive opportunities for girls. At the time, sessions with female coaches simply didn't exist in her community. Being the only girl in a male dominated space, Yasmin had to give up the sport she loved.
Two decades later, Yasmin wanted to reconnect with something that once brought her joy. At the age of 33, she decided to look for a place to play football when looking for a place she came across a post on the Muslimah Sports Association (MSA) Facebook page offering one final place on an FA Level 1 Coaching Course. Without hesitation, she signed up and started her coaching journey.
From that moment, Yasmin committed herself to transforming opportunities for women and girls in football particularly those from minority communities. She began by volunteering, growing sessions from just five participants to a regular group of 25. One of her most significant early achievements was entering the first South Asian female team, with Muslim players, into the Super 5 Women's League, an inspiring milestone in representation and inclusivity.
Today, Yasmin is the Female Development Officer and Head Coach at Frenford & MSA WFC. She coaches over 120 girls every week, providing safe, welcoming spaces for players to develop their skills and confidence.
Yasmin is also an FA Community Champion, a role in which she has successfully recruited and mentored more than 60 female coaches. Many of these women are now delivering sessions in their own communities, further multiplying Yasmin's impact and helping to grow the grassroots game.
Her influence reaches beyond the pitch. As a London FA Council Member and part of the Women and Girls Advisory Group, Yasmin plays an active role in shaping policy and programmes to make football more inclusive. Her story and achievements have been recognised nationally, and she has received numerous awards including the Asian Sports List Award, Essex FA County Coach of the Year, and the BT Sport Action Woman Community Award. She was also honoured as a Batonbearer for the Commonwealth Games.

Yasmin's journey has been shared widely in the media, from The Guardian and the Ilford Recorder to Sky News, ITV, BBC, and more. She has also collaborated with global brands like Nike and Adidas, amplifying her message of inclusion and empowerment.
Above all, Yasmin is passionate about being a visible role model, breaking down cultural barriers and stereotypes, and ensuring no girl has to give up football because of a lack of opportunity.



Yasmin Hussain

Sector:
Sport

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Dr Rupa Huq MP

Sector:
Politics



Award Winner 2015

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Rupa Huq's parents came to the UK from the town of Pabna in pre-independence Bangladesh in the early 1960s. She was born in West London and educated at Cambridge, University of East London and Strasbourg University in France. Her main career has been as an academic: she taught at Kingston University and University of Manchester from 1998 onwards until she was elected Labour MP for Ealing Central and Acton in May 2015.

She is author of three books: (i) Making sense of suburbia through popular culture. (2013) Bloomsbury, (ii) On the edge: the contested cultures of suburbia. (2013) Lawrence & Wishart and (iii) Beyond subculture: pop, youth and identity in a postcolonial world. Academically her main interests have been the sociology of the suburbs and popular culture. In Parliament she is vice chair of the All Party Parliamentary Music Group and the APPG on Crossrail. She is also chairing an All Party Parliamentary Group on London, with specific reference to planning and the built environment.

Since being elected the main issues she has spoken on are affordable housing in the capital, transport and the NHS. She served on a UK government Foreign and Commonwealth "Understanding Islam" delegation to Bangladesh in 2008.



Anjenarra Rahman Huque

Sector:
Finance/Politics

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Anjenarra Rahman-Huque has built a career that bridges the worlds of finance, politics, and community service, combining over a decade of professional expertise with a deep commitment to public engagement and leadership.
She began her career in commercial banking, where she spent more than 12 years progressing into senior leadership positions. These roles provided her with strong foundations in finance, operations, risk management, and decision-making. Her time in the sector highlighted her ability to lead diverse teams, manage complex challenges, and deliver results under pressure. Colleagues and peers recognised her for her professionalism, resilience, and ability to foster collaboration across departments and stakeholders. This combination of skills gave her the confidence to broaden her career into the political and community sphere.

Anjenarra is currently Chair of the Conservative Friends of Bangladesh (CfoB) .As Chair, she works to ensure the organisation continues to serve as a bridge between the UK's political institutions and the Bangladeshi diaspora, giving voice to the community and highlighting issues of shared concern.
Her political involvement also includes extensive work with the Conservative Party, where she has directed and managed both local and national election campaigns. These roles required strong communication and organisational skills, as well as the ability to motivate teams and deliver results under tight deadlines. She has developed expertise in public relations, demographic research, campaign strategy, and event organisation, ensuring that political communications are targeted, effective, and engaging.
Through CFoB, Anjenarra has co-ordinated a range of impactful initiatives, most notably the Social Action Projects in Bangladesh. These projects take delegations of UK MPs to Bangladesh to work with local charities on pressing issues such as poverty alleviation, access to education, and improvements in healthcare. During a recent visit to Cox's Bazar, she saw first-hand the challenges faced by Rohingya refugees. This experience led to strengthened advocacy, which helped secure over £50 million in support from UKAID to assist vulnerable communities. Such initiatives reflect her commitment to practical, long-term solutions that make a meaningful difference in people's lives.
Beyond her professional and political commitments, Anjenarra remains dedicated to supporting her local community. She has served as a school governor for multiple institutions, focusing on raising educational standards and creating opportunities for young people.

Her career reflects adaptability, continuous learning, and the importance of applying diverse skills across different sectors. By combining her financial expertise with her political leadership, she has created a professional profile defined by both achievement and impact.

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Abdul Hye

Sector:
Businessman and Philanthropist

Abdul Hye BCAv is an accomplished businessman, community activist and international philanthropist based in Cambridge. Born in 1967 in Dusthopur, Jagannathpur, Sunamganj, Bangladesh, he left school at 16 without qualifications and opened his first restaurant aged 23. Over the following three decades, Abdul established several successful businesses while supporting vulnerable communities in the UK and Bangladesh.

In January 2026, Abdul received the British Citizen Award Medal of Honour for Services to Volunteering & Charitable Giving (BCAv) at the Palace of Westminster, recognising more than 30 years of charitable, volunteering and community service.

Abdul founded the AH Foundation in 2022 to advance charitable and community initiatives. He works with organisations including Cambridge United Community Trust, Cambridge Sustainable Food, Abbey People and local food hubs. His restaurant, Pipasha, launched the "Donate a Meal" scheme, and in 2023 he co-founded Cycle for Charity, which has become an annual fundraising event.

As President of BCA Cambridgeshire, Abdul supports education, training and networking for local business owners. Under his leadership, the organisation raised more than £12,000 for victims of the Turkey-Syria earthquake and established the annual Community Iftar in support of local charities.

Abdul has played an active role in the Bangladesh Welfare and Cultural Association Cambridge since 2010, promoting cultural activities and language education. As a trustee of the Dusthopur Development Project since 2013, he has helped raise more than £60,000 for education and welfare initiatives in his birthplace.

He is also a life member and volunteer at Cambridge Central Mosque, contributing to fundraising efforts that raised more than £25 million for Europe's first eco-friendly mosque. Abdul's enduring commitment to philanthropy and community service continues to create a meaningful impact locally, nationally and internationally.



Kazi Md Aminul Islam

Sector:
Education

Kazi Md Aminul Islam is a distinguished education leader and Director of Operations at FBA UK LTD, a leading higher-education consultancy supporting students from British Bangladeshi and diverse communities across the UK and overseas. He also serves as Director of Finance and Business Academy Ltd and FBA Estates, is the Trustee Chairman of FBA Global Care Foundation, and a Trustee Member of Barking & Dagenham Muslim Association. His journey is a story of vision and purpose: a determination to bridge the gap between people and quality higher education.
With more than two decades of experience in education, leadership, and student recruitment, Kazi has guided FBA UK LTD to become a nationally recognised brand with thriving branches in London, Birmingham, Manchester, and Cardiff, helping over 50,000 students secure places at UK universities as home and international students.

Far beyond the limits of a traditional consultancy, his work is defined by a deep commitment to widening participation. Kazi champions those who most need opportunities — school leavers, GCSE/A-level dropouts, career changers, adults returning to study, and people starting anew in different fields. Through transparent, ethical, and legally sound practices, he has earned the recognition and partnership of leading UK public universities while building services that truly value students and the teams who support them. Kazi's expertise draws on extensive experience in business development, strategic planning, and operations, developed through senior roles at Global University Systems and through earlier teaching and administrative positions in the UK and Bangladesh. He holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Wales, an MSc in Mathematics, and a diploma in International Administrative Management — qualifications that mirror his blend of academic excellence and practical leadership.
Beyond the boardroom, Kazi is a dedicated family man whose love of travel, reading, and sports enriches his appreciation of global cultures and informs his understanding of the home and international student journey.

Kazi Md Aminul Islam's story is not merely one of business growth; it is a narrative of empowering generations of learners to transform their lives through education, grounded in principle, respect, and a lasting commitment to serve. He continues to lead FBA UK LTD with a clear mission: to empower students and strengthen communities through access to quality education.

Mohammad Amirul Islam, often referred to by his middle name "Amirul," was born in Senbagh, Noakhali, Bangladesh, and relocated to London in 2005. He completed his Secondary School Certificate (SSC) at Bangladesh Bank Adarsha High School in Faridabad, Dhaka, and pursued his Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) at Government Shaheed Suhrawardy College, Dhaka. He subsequently attended the University of Pune, India, where he earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Computer Science.

Since moving to the United Kingdom, Mohammad Islam has resided in the London Borough of Enfield. He obtained a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) degree from American Liberty University and an MBA from the University of Roehampton, London. He also pursued doctoral studies at Queen's University Belfast. Throughout his professional career, Mohammad Islam has held various roles, including positions as a cybersecurity consultant, software test engineer, and lead team consultant. His career has seen collaborations with prominent companies such as Capgemini, CAP HPI, and Land Rover. Additionally, he has been actively involved in community service in the UK, serving as a union representative for USDAW and engaging with the student union at the University of Roehampton. He was the founding chairman of the Roehampton Entrepreneur Society, successfully leading the society during his tenure.

Mohammad Islam has also been actively involved in numerous charitable organizations both in the UK and Bangladesh. He is the founding chairman of Nexzen Society in Enfield, a charitable organization focused on youth development. From 2019 to 2023, he served as the director and treasurer for the Haringey Law Centre. He is an executive member of the Bangladesh Welfare Association of Enfield and serves on the advisory committee of Jalalia Jamme Masjeed in Enfield. In addition, he is the chairman of the SAEF Foundation, a respected NGO based in Dhaka.

Politically, Mohammad Islam has been aligned with the Labour Party since casting his first vote in the UK. He formally joined the party in 2016, providing strong representation for the BAME community in Enfield. During his tenure, he has held various positions within the Edmonton Constituency Labour Party, including BAME Officer and Vice President. He stood in the local council election for Highfield Ward in 2018 and was elected as a councillor for Ponders End Ward in May 2022, where he has lived for most of his life. He has served on the Planning Committee and as Chair of the Regeneration and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee. In May 2023, he was elected Deputy Mayor of Enfield, and in May 2024, he became the first Bangladesh-born former Mayor of the London
Borough of Enfield.

His wife Rokshana Afroze, and his daughter, Daneen Amirul, are his consorts for the mayoral year.
As an entrepreneur, Mohammad Islam is the director of YUME International Ltd, a reputable dental equipment importer in Bangladesh. He also has partnerships with several restaurants and student recruitment services in Bangladesh. Passionate about travel, Mohammad Islam has visited 41 countries to date.



Cllr Mohammad Amirul Islam

Sector:
IT/Politics

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Ifty Islam is the founder and Managing Partner of AT Capital. The commitment to develop the Asian Tiger platform reflects his optimism on Bangladesh's potential as an investment destination having been a regular participant in capital markets events there for a number of years.

His objective is to leverage his long-term relationships with many of the world's largest investors developed over an 18 year Wall Street career to attract substantial overseas funds to the country.
Prior to moving to Dhaka, Ifty was a Managing Director at Citigroup, London from 2004-2007 where he was Head of Macro Strategy and Hedge Fund Research. From 1997-2004 Ifty spent 8 years at Deutsche Bank Securities in London and New York, latterly as Managing Director and Chief US Strategist. Ifty has also worked as a European Strategist at Merrill Lynch and began his career in 1989 in the corporate finance group at BZW Securities focusing on privatisations in Eastern Europe.

He graduated from the Queen's College, Oxford with a BA/MA (First Class) in Politics, Philosophy and Economics.



Ifty Islam

Sector:
Finance

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Cllr. Jyotsna Islam

Sector:
Politics

Cllr Jyotsna Islam a strong advocate for women in the Bengali community, former Mayor for London Borough of Redbridge. Currently she is the Vice-Chairman of Ilford North CLP, working mother of two; she is a dedicated professional in every aspect of her life. Daughter of Mrs Mohibun Nahar Chowdhury and late Mr. Abdur Rahman (Monnaf Miah), a highly successful restauranteur and business entrepreneur in UK and Bangladesh. Cllr Jyotsna Islam born in Neasden, London Borough of Brent in the late 1960s, following her father's footsteps as a community activist, especially during the Bangladesh independence movement; lobbying, campaigning, and raising funds to aid Bangladeshis. Offerred shelter, food and labour to Bangladeshi immigrants who wanted to work and study in the United Kingdom.

Cllr Islam went to Bangladesh with her family at the age of 9yrs, completed her degree in Science and returned to UK for further education in 1986, where she completed her MBA in public services. Benefitting from being immersed in two very distinct cultures, Cllr Islam adopted both languages and lifestyles during her upbringing. Coming from the small town of Moulvibazar, she was an athlete and represented her town at district and regional levels. In 1981, she attended Bongoboban at the invitation of late President Ziaur Rahman, to receive a certificate of recognition of becoming district-level champion.
In 1986, Cllr Islam joined the Bengali Workers Action Group, one of the largest Bengali voluntary organisations in Camden, where she started her career in devoting herself in community work. In 1989, she joined local government as an unqualified social worker and continued to thrive. She is by trade a registered social worker specialised in adults, led numerous frontline social care teams and held strategic and managerial responsibilities throughout her career for various local authorities.

Apart from her professional career both Cllr Jyotsna Islam and her husband, Cllr Sham Islam, dedicate themselves to community work, recognition of Bengali community and created a platform for members of the community to share their talents and perform at Redbridge Boishakhi Mela and other community events. Also hosted self funded Bengali TV programme to raise awareness to access social care and other services known as 'Social Benefit & Updates'.
In 2018 alongside Cllr Sham Islam, they both became elected councillors for the London Borough of Redbridge and are currently serving their second term. Cllr Jyotsna Islam is Chair for Planning Committee and member of Health Scrutiny Committee. She is also board of Trustee for Apasen and ICON College, amongst other community groups. Also Chairperson for Cinebuzz Films media production house and Cinebuzz Times Magazine company, which aims to promote Bangladesh and its heritage globally.



Mr Mujibul Islam

Sector:
Entrepreneur | Media Strategist | Hotelier | Community Leader

Mr Mujibul Islam is a distinguished entrepreneur and communications strategist with over 25 years of experience spanning the media, hospitality, and property sectors. Holding a BA (Hons) in Design and Media, he has successfully fused creativity with strategic insight to build a dynamic portfolio of ventures rooted in innovation, impact, and excellence.
He is the founder and Managing Director of Medialink World Ltd, one of the UK's leading multicultural communications agencies. Under his visionary leadership, Medialink has delivered powerful, award-winning campaigns for high-profile clients including HSBC, Tilda, TRS, BRAC, the BBC, and numerous local authorities. His work has played a pivotal role in bridging brands with diverse communities through culturally resonant storytelling and strategy.
Mr Islam's media journey began in editorial leadership, serving as Managing Editor of two national award-winning newspapers—Eastern Eye and Asian Times. With deep expertise in ethnic media and audience engagement, he is widely regarded as a thought leader in multicultural communications and brand positioning on both a national and international scale.
He also played a key role as one of the directors who successfully relaunched NTV on the Sky platform in the UK—one of the country's most prominent Bangladeshi television channels, which continues to thrive today.
Extending his entrepreneurial vision into hospitality, Mr Islam is the owner of the Lansbury Heritage Hotel Ltd, a 4-star luxury boutique hotel located near Canary Wharf. Housed in a meticulously restored Grade II-listed former Town Hall, the hotel was personally designed by Mr Islam. It now stands as one of London's most iconic heritage hospitality destinations—blending timeless architecture with modern luxury.
Beyond media and hospitality, Mr Islam is a strategic property investor, with a substantial portfolio of residential and commercial assets. He also serves as a director across several established businesses, contributing his leadership and insight to a broad spectrum of industries.
Passionate about social responsibility, Mr Islam is a respected and active figure within the British Bangladeshi community. He is known for his philanthropy, his support for grassroots initiatives, and his dedication to creating lasting positive change.
With a rare combination of creative talent, business acumen, and a deep commitment to community, Mujibul Islam continues to inspire through every facet of his work—proving that true leadership is about building both enterprises and legacies.

Nurul was born in Shahbagh, Zakiganj, Sylhet district moved to England with his parents in October 1974 and lived in Portsmouth for a few months before settling in Winchester where he grew up and attended the Westgate school.
After finishing school he started working in an Indian restaurant to take care of his family.
He opened his first restaurant in partnership in the small town of Winslow, Buckinghamshire.
This was his first taste of business which was exciting as well as challenging. Throughout the many years in business here he met and got to know many celebrities and famous people including former Leader of the Houses of Commons John Bercow and former leader of the conservative party Iain Duncan Smith who were regular customers.

In 2007 he ventured into the textile industry in Bangladesh, by investing in a company manufacturing garments in Narayanganj and exporting the products to sell in Moscow, Russia, this experience and travel opportunity would go on to change his vision and course of his life
In late 2008 he opened up an outsourcing centre in Korim Ullah Market, Sylhet, with a contract to manage the data entry for JustEat UK creating all of their online menus. To start with the operation was small with a handful of employees, however the business quickly thrived and soon was handling the data entry of many of the other countries within the JustEat group including Canada, Ireland, Norway, Spain, Denmark and Italy and creating menus in many different languages with the workforce growing to 70 employees.
In November 2017 seeing the popularity of Turkish food in the UK and having visited Turkey on numerous occasions he opened Olive Tree Turkish restaurant in Milton Keynes with some Turkish partners, this was his first big restaurant and a huge risk which paid off, the business thrived and soon new branches were opening in Towcester followed by another restaurant in Milton Keynes Theatre district and Bedford.

In 2022 Nurul decided to go it alone and opened Izmir Turkish restaurant in the popular Kingston centre in Milton Keynes, having sold the Olive tree restaurants in Milton Keynes and Bedford.
He enjoys travelling to different countries and likes exploring different cultures and cuisines, he also enjoys going to the gym and watching sports, a lifelong Liverpool supporter he is passionate about football.x



Nurul Islam

Sector:
Catering

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Dr Momotaj Gafur Islam is a Chartered Clinical Psychologist. She was one of a very few from a Bangladeshi background in the UK, and is pleased to see the numbers are gradually increasing more recently. She is an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society, a member of the Association of Clinical Psychologists, and an accredited member of the British Association of Behavioural & Cognitive Psychotherapists.

The bulk of her career was spent working within the NHS since 1994, mainly in community mental health teams within numerous psychiatric hospitals in London. Alongside this, she has been teaching and training postgraduate psychology students, at a number of universities. She currently runs her own private practice (www.drmpsychology.co.uk), providing a range of psychological services including: assessment and therapy for individuals and couples, specialising in cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT); assessment and diagnosis for autism; supervision for trained psychologists; expert witness work for legal proceedings; delivering seminars and talks at careers conventions and other public events.

As Chief Psychologist at Cerina, a company which develops digital healthcare in the mental health field, Dr Islam has written the content for and helped develop a mobile application for the treatment of anxiety disorders. This has achieved medical grade approval from Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

With a personal and professional interest in the understanding of an Islamic perspective on psychology and psychotherapy, Dr Islam has undertaken specialist training, and works with clients from their cultural and faith-based perspectives, using Islamically-informed approaches where relevant. She is currently working within a team in Wandsworth setting up a hub for providing family therapy specifically for the Muslim community.

Dr Islam is a Trustee of Brent Wandsworth and Westminster Mind, which develops and delivers mental health services within these boroughs. For many years, she has been promoting mental health awareness, aimed at reducing the stigma of mental illness persistent in most communities, including the Bangladeshi one. She has appeared on a number of TV and radio programmes, such as a series of episodes of 'Women Today' on TV One. She is also committed to, and has actively been involved in, a number of other charitable causes, including a London foodbank and events raising awareness and funds for women's causes and poverty relief in Bangladesh.
Her work was recognised by the Asian Women of Achievement Awards in 2017 when she was nominated and shortlisted in the Professionals category. Dr Islam comes from a family of teachers in Sylhet. She grew up in London where she completed her education and training and developed her career whilst married and raising a family.



Dr Momotaj Gafur Islam

Sector:
Healthcare (Psychology)

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Polly Islam

Sector:
Community Relations

Monojaha Polly Islam is a founder Director and Secretary General of British Bangladesh Chamber of Women Entrepreneurs (BBCWE).

Polly is a role model and champion of female entrepreneurship in the British-Bangladeshi Community. Through her ability to engage with women, Polly has managed to empower many people both in the UK and Bangladesh.
Polly's professional career has included working as a Women's Development Officer for Marlybone Bangladesh Society serving Bangladeshi women in need of support with welfare benefits, housing, employment and training. For the past 10 years she has been an Immigration Adviser at Immigration Aid a law firm with offices in the UK and Bangladesh.

As a businesswoman and entrepreneur she saw a gap in the market for Islamic wear clothing for modern Muslim women and as a result founded Zarah's in 2011, an on-line and retail business based in Luton. Polly holds investments in a range of businesses based both in the UK and Bangladesh including World Glazing. World Glazing is the first UK based company to set up and introduce sound reducing and energy efficient uPVC and aluminium double glazed doors and windows in Bangladesh.
Away from her dedication to her business interests and family, Polly is a passionate advocate of giving something back to wider society. As a result, she dedicates a substantial amount of her time on volunteering . Polly Islam is the Head of Women's Group and Mental Health Project, CAP Foundations a UK-based international relief and charity organisation, which aims to alleviate the suffering of the least fortunate within the Asia. As well as responding to emergencies, CAP Foundation promotes sustainable economic and social development by working with local communities from all background regardless of religion, race or gender. She is also the vice-chair of London Tigers, a UK registered charity which uses sports to engage with communities from disadvantaged background. London Tigers currently have projects across the UK and internationally in Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka, treasurer of Central London Youth Development, founding Trustee and current Chair of Bangladesh Female Academy.



Barrister Moinul Islam

Sector:
Law/ Business

Moinul was born in Amkuna, Golapgonj, as the third child to Jamshed Ali and Khaleda Khanam. He came to the UK in 1977 with his parents and siblings, Nazmul Islam Nuru, Shamsul Islam Shelim, Shahanara Momtaz, Aminul Islam (Abu) and Shahida Khanam. In 1994, he married Monojaha Islam Polly and together they have 3 children, Farzana Islam, Nihal Islam and Zarah Islam.
After graduating from University of Reading with a degree in Politics and International Relations (Hons.) in 1993, he later went on to study law and obtained a second degree in LLB (Hons.) from City University. Having completed his Bar-at-Law qualification from Inns of Court School of Law, he was called to the Bar in 2001.
In 2001 he joined the charity, IAS (Immigration Advisory Services), and served both in Bangladesh and in UK. He worked at the IAS Head Office until 2006 as a Legal Services Commissioner Supervisor (LSC). In 2006 he left the charity and founded Immigration Aid with offices in UK and in Bangladesh. His main work involves Advocacy and Representations before the Immigration Tribunal. Alongside his profession, Moinul has also business interests in both UK and abroad.
In Bangladesh, he established many businesses such as Windsor Hotel and Resorts PLC, along with many investors and for which he is the founding Managing Director since inception. He also jointly established Treetop Adventure Farm along with his wife Monojaha Polly Islam.
In around 2008 he setup a double glazing factory in Bangladesh. Currently this factory is run from BEZA (Economic Zone) in Sherpur, Moulvibazar with an area of 3 acres of Industrial land under the banner 'Double Glazing Industries Limited'.


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Mohammed Abdul Munim Jahedi

Sector:
Media

Mohammad Abdul Munim Jahedi (Karol) was born in the village of Hilal Pur, in the Sylhet district of Bangladesh.

He is the son of the late Mr Moulana Abdur Rahim Jahedi, who moved to England in 1959. The late Mr Jahedi owned many businesses in England, and was an active member of Islamic organisations such as UK Islamic Mission, Dawatul Islam UK & Ireland and Islamic Forum Europe. Before he passed away, he was Chair of Stepney Green Boys School and chairman of the East London Mosque. Mohammed Abdul Munim Jahedi's mother is the late Mrs Razia Khanom.
Mr Jahedi is one of four children. His eldest sister is Rehana Begum, second sister is Ruhana Begum;. Mr Jahedi's brother, Abdul Mukabbir Jehadi, is a Constable and a driving instructor.

Mr Jahedi completed his secondary school certificate in Athriya at Lateral High School in 1983. He moved to the UK with his family in 1984, and then studied a BTEC National Diploma in Business and Finance at Tower Hamlets College in East London. He also completed at (HND) Higher National Diploma in Business and Finance.
He is the chairman of London Iqra Institute, Trustee of London Education Trust and a life member of Sylhet Muslim Sahitto Shongshod, Sylhet Mobile Patagar and Hillful Fujul Somaj Kallang Songsta. He is the chairman of Real Estate and Housing Group of Sylhet UK, as well as the chief editor of the Eurobangla newspaper and director of Daily Jalabad. He is the founder member of Songhoti Sahitto Porisohd and executive member of Bangla Sahitto Porisohd and Renesha Sahitto Majlish. He was the president of the London branches of the Young Muslim Organisation and Islamic Forum Europe, and is currently a trustee of London Muslim Centre & East London Mosque and South Sylhet Development Project. He was the founder chairman of Gulapgonj Islamic Society. He is also the president of the Greater Sylhet Islamic Society.

Mr Jahedi has done a lot of work for charities in the UK and Bangladesh, and has established an Islamic school in his homeland for girls who cannot afford a basic education.
Mr Jahedi is married to Abeda Sultana Lucky, and they have three children – two daughters and a son.



Misbahul Jamal

Sector: Media

Misbahul Jamal was born in Subhanighat in Sylhet in 1962. He was born to Mr Nasir Uddin Ahmed and Mrs Husney Ara Begum.
His career began with him being a Drama Artist both on the stage and on radio. He then progressed onto becoming a programme announcer and conductor for Radio Bangladesh from 1980 until 1986, whilst completing a B.Com (Hons) in Management from the prestigious University of Dhaka in 1984.
Misbahul is the director of his own production companies called Misbah Jamal Productions and Misbah Nahida Productions, running Kismat Radio Bangla from the Sunrise Radio station in Southall, Middlessex.

Mr Misbah Jamal is married to Nahida Misbah and they have five daughters and a son. His daughters are Farhana, Rezwana, Nabihah, Shaeka and Labiba, and his son is Nahmad. Mr Jamal has contributed enormously to the British Bangladeshi community; he is involved with several community organisations working for the development and progression of community members. He was a Director of Weekly Notun Din, a Bengali newspaper. He also holds the position of Press and Publicity secretary for the London Bangla Press Club, and Cultural Secretary for the Bangladesh Centre in London.
Mr Misbah Jamal is also a journalist and freelance radio and television presenter. Moreover he is a Bengali cultural programme promoter, having organised many cultural programmes bringing over the best musicians and artists from Bangladesh.
He is closely connected with the Bangladeshi entertainment industry here in Britain, and as a result he is very a popular British Bangladeshi amongst radio listeners.

As well as being an Executive Member of the National Heart Foundation Hospital he is now the UK Comitee Secretary .

Jalal Rajonuddin came to the UK with his parents at the age of 12, after the liberation war of Bangladesh in 1972.
He later graduated in social, political and economic studies and se- cured a post graduate degree in Management Studies.
In his teens Jalal participated and led the resistance of Bangladeshis in Tower Hamlets and London following the mur- der of Altab Ali in1978. This achievement has been made into a Channel 4 docu- mentary and broadcasted recently. This event was the spur, which radicalised and propelled him into organis- ing Bangladeshi youths and then the entire community in the vol- untary and community sector for the next 50 years.
Jalal was a pioneer in setting up community organisations amongst youth, in the field of racial equality,education, local eco- nomic de- velopment, culture etc. Amongst others, he was founder Secretary of The Bangladeshi Youth Movement(1976) and Federation of Bangladesh YouthOrganisations- FBYO(1982),Co-founder of the Hackney and Tower Hamlets Defence Committee [1978], Com- munity representative on the Race and Housing Action Forum of the former Greater London Council-GLC [1986], Founder Chair- person of Tower Hamlets Association for Racial Equality- THARE(1984), Secretary of BangladeshEducational Needs-BENTH(1985) and Co-ordina- tor of Tower Hamlets Initia- tive on arts, culture andeduca- tion(1985).

Jalal was also the key campaigner for persuading local, regional and national governments to create and establish a community assets base and was instrumental in creating a political coalition to estab- lish the following: the Bangladesh Centre, Kobi Nazrul Centre, Weavers Youth Centre, Whitechapel Centre,Children's Education Centre, Davenant and "Jagonari" Women's Centre, Rich Mix Cen- tre, Berner Youth Club, Wapping Youth Centre etc.
Jalal not only established organisations in different spheres but also began to represent the local ethnic minorities on different repre- sentative bodies. He sat on the National Steering Com- mittee of Anti-Nazi League, was a member on Joint Docklands Action Com- mittee—JDAG, Board member of various Regen- eration bodies like
City Challenge, City Fringe, Single Regeneration Budget Board (SRB) and New Deal for Communities.
This trajectory of campaigning, representing, establishing commu- nity cohesion, resistance and resilience made Jalal grav- itate in a po- litical direction and he became involved in local and regional mainstream politics. He joined the Labour Party and participated in Trade Union activities in the 1970's and began the uphill task of rep- resentation of Bangladeshis and other ethnic minorities in party or- ganisational bodies and then onto to local elections.
Jalal became a Councillor in Tower Hamlets in 1990 and rose to be- come Deputy Leader and Chairpersonof Regeneration Committee from 1990 to 1998.In this capacity he represented the London Bor- ough of Tower Hamlets on the former Lon- don Dockland Develop- ment Corporation—LDDC [Canary Wharf, DLR and Social Accord Developments]. He also went on to be on the approved list of Labour' sprospective parlia- mentary candidates[PPC], EU candi- dates and GLA member candidates. During this period he imple- mented housing , re- generation and economic initiatives with partner organisations , by attracting special funding allocations from the national gov- ernment and European Commission.More- over, Jalal was in- strumental in re-naming the Altab Ali Park, set- ting up the "Banglatown" [including the annual "Baishaki Mela"] , and es- tablished the local "Soheed Minar".
After leaving active community work and politics Jalal worked in a number of charity organisations, the Royal London NHS Trust, the Tower Hamlets College, and Havering Council.
After early retirement Jalal is involved as a feature writer, polit- ical and media commentator in various publications, radio and TV channels.
Presently Jalal is involved in writing his memoirs.
He is married to Gulshanara Ahmed and has two daughters and a son.



Jalal Rajonuddin

Sector:
Politics and Community Relations



Award Winner 2024

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Mohammed Jubair joined the leading British Bangladeshi TV station Channel S on in 2006, and is currently the Chief Reporter at the station.
He is the co-producer of the CHS flagship live pro- gramme 'Reality With Mahee'.

Jubair is the former General Secretary of London Bangla Press Club having worked in several voluntary roles over a 12 year period. Jubair was initially elected as Treasurer and Assistant Secretary twice and former General Secre- tary twice. Now he is President of London Bangla Press Club.
He was the one of the main drivers for establishing the club's own office as a Secretary in 2018.
He played an active role on all the major initiatives taken by the club including 170k fundraising.
Prior to coming to the UK, Jubair started as a journalist in Daily Jalalabad, Sylhet. He undertook his journalism training in 1996 at the Press Institute of Dhaka and started his Professional career thereafter. He participated on the training programme led by AFP and journalists from Reuters. Later trained with the BBC Academy and The Guardian Master Class in London. He also participated in various training led by Channel 4 and BBC.

Before joining Channel S he was the executive Editor for Weekly Euro Bangla. While in Bangladesh he was the staff Reporter in the most popular newspaper in Sylhet 'Daily Sylheter Dak', Executive Editor at Village Digest and Syl- het correspondent of Notun Din, UK. Also, he was feature writer/ Freelance Reporter on different periods for Daily Banglabazar Paper, Daily Prothom Alo, Manabzamin and Shoili.
Along with journalism, Jubair is the Director of a Media and PR company Media Dot Ltd. He also worked as the media advisor to the Tower Hamlets Executive Mayor. He wrote a popular book based on rural life and reality named 'Gau Gerame Ghure Ghure'. He is the editor and joint editor on several publications.
As a Reporter Mohammed Jubair exclusively covered Gordon Brown as Prime Minister. Covered events with Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron, Theresa May, Prince Charles and Camilla, and the Duchess of Corn- wall.
Jubair has interviewed prominent people including the Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina, Boris Johnson as the Mayor of London, UK and many more.
He received an award from Canary Wharf Group Plc in recognition of his leadership of the Press Club and con- tribution to society. He also received Sunrise today Media Awards and Eastwood awards for 'Best TV news reporter category'.

October 2022 Mohammed Jubair been appointed as a Tower Hamlets Mayor's Strategic Advisor (BAME).



Mohammed Jubair

Sector:
Media/ Journalist

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Thamina Kabir

Sector:
Legal

Thamina Kabir is the principal of Thamina Solicitors. She was born in Bangladesh in the village of Ichakhali in Mirasarai,Chittagong in 1985 to her father Humayun Kabir Helaly and mother Nazma Kabir. Ms Kabir was always a high achiever at school, with outstanding academic results. Ms Kabir completed her secondary school at Bangladesh Mohila Samity Girls' High School and then completed her Higher Secondary Certificate from Chittagong College. She stood 9th in the combined merit list in SSC and 6th in the combined merit list in HSC. Due to these outstanding academic achievements she was awarded the Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh award on the both occasions. When interviewed after publication of her results by the BD journalists about her future plan, she expressed her desire to become a Barrister, which was also her childhood dream.

With a view to studying law, Ms Kabir moved to the UK in 2003 at the age of 18. She graduated with a LLB (Hons) from University of Northumbria in 2008, followed by the Bar Vocational Course from the prestigious City University in 2009. Subsequently, she was called to the Bar in 2009. She is a member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. In 2011, she has become a Solicitor.

Ms Kabir has a post graduate diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from Queen Mary University, London. She is a member of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) and Young International Arbitration Group -LCIA.
She is the press secretary of the Society of British Bangladeshi Solicitors ("the SBBS"). She has also served the community as a co-opted governor of Barclay Primary School from 2013 to 2016. Ms Kabir was also the first Bangladeshi woman to participate in the international beauty contest "Mrs Universe" in 2013 and has won the friendship award. She is connected with British politics and an active member of Labour party. She is also a member of Associate of Women Solicitors and Junior Lawyers Division.

Currently, Ms Kabir is married to Md Ashraful Islam. She is a mother of three children. She has a keen interest in Charity and Sports. She is the founder member of Chakosha Foundation in Bangladesh. Her law firm is also the sponsor of Thamina Solicitors Cricket Club. Her hobbies are current affairs, travelling and networking.



Shoeb Kabir

Sector:
Media

Recognised as one of the youngest creative journalists, Shoeb Kabir is known for his extensive participation in all news media including print media (newspapers , newsmagazines), broadcast news (radio and television), and online newspapers.
Mr Kabir got himself involved with media while he was in Chittagong. Mr Kabir worked for the famous and old Newspaper 'Daily Azadi' with the feature team. Under his directorship, he also published the Monthly Ruposhi Chattagram. During this time, he also served as an Executive Editor of the Weekly Bandar Nagari and News Editor of the Weekly Chatgar Bani.
Mr Kabir began his career as a feature editor with one of Britain's oldest Bengali newspaper 'Notun Din'. Side by side, he founded Britain's first online 24- hour Bengali News portal "UKBDNEWS.COM". The news portal caused quite a stir at that time. It has been always the first news portal to publish community based news. Subsequently, a weekly Bengali newspaper 'Weekly Bangla News' was published focusing innovative efforts under the editorship and supervision of Mr Kabir.
He also served as the special reporter of 'Bangla TV', the first community based TV Channel in the UK. Later, he worked as the Community News Editor of 'Channel I Europe'. He is currently the London Correspondent of 'SOMOY Television'. Prior to this, he also worked for the popular radio 'Betar Bangla' in London.
He is training other young people on electronic and print media. Through his never –dying sprit and determination, he has been contributing to the local media as a founder member of UK Bangla Press Club. He is also an active member of the mainstream journalists association 'National Journalist Union'.
Around the same time, Mr Kabir also wants to get involved himself with the Bangladeshi Media. Having this in mind, he published the first 24- hour online News Postal 'CTG News' in Chittagong. He has already initiated the process of publishing daily and weekly newspaper Simultaneously from Dhaka nationally. While working for media, he has also established IT organisation 'Creative Workshop' in Chittagong.
For his outstanding contribution as the youngest editor he was awarded 'the Civic Award' by the Tower Hamlets Council at the age of 25.
Born and raised in Chittagong, he completed his schooling in Chittagong. He is the second child of his parents. Mr Kabir moved to the UK at the age of 19. He studied Business Management in the UK and completed his Masters Degree from Cardiff Metropolitan University.

Abdul Musabbir Karim — widely known as Sabbir — is a multi-award-winning chef-patron, entrepreneur, humanitarian, and aviation leader whose career spans over three decades across hospitality, charity, and international travel.

The only Bangladeshi serving in a management role as Inflight Leader Cabin Crew with British Airways for over 29 years, Sabbir has combined his global travel experience with a deep passion for food, bringing world-class culinary inspiration back to London. His achievements in the skies are matched by his success on the ground as founder of three acclaimed modern Indian restaurants — Salaam Namaste, Namaaste Kitchen, and Namaaste Highgate — all recognised for their innovation, quality, and vibrant dining experiences, attracting high-profile guests including politicians, celebrities, and the UK Prime Minister.

Described by The Guardian as "a maestro in modern Indian and traditional cooking" and awarded a rare 9/10 review, Sabbir is known for continually evolving his craft and his celebrated Peshawari Lamb Chops recipe was published in The Sunday Telegraph alongside Prince William's Wedding Menu. His accolades include Best Asian & Oriental Chef of the Year (2012), Best Asian & Oriental Innovative Chef of the Year (2013), In 2024, he was honoured by the Asian Curry Awards for his outstanding contribution to both catering industry and charity.

Sabbir is also deeply engaged in public life A respected media voice, Sabbir has appeared on BBC, Zee TV, and international radio, He has served as a judge for the Asian Curry Awards' Chef Cook of the Year competition and mentors the next generation of chefs on the live TV show Catering Circle.

Involved in British politics and a Chairperson of the British Bangladeshi Friends of Labour, an organisation supported by UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, using his platform to strengthen community engagement and political representation. In Ramadan 2024, the Prime Minister visited his restaurant with his family during Ramadan to open the fast alongside Sabbir and his wife Aneela — a reflection of his standing in both community and national circles.

A committed humanitarian, Sabbir is a trustee with the British NGO The Sreepur Village in Bangladesh for over 30 years. He is founder of the Sabbir Karim Foundation, supporting underprivileged communities through youth sports and one-time life-changing interventions, and of the SN Free Primary Health Care Trust (named after his mother, Salimun Nessa), which provides free medicine and consultations to impoverished families in Maulvibazar, Bangladesh, inspired by the UK's NHS model. His charitable work has also includes UNICEF, Action Against Hunger, and Find Your Feet's Curry for Change campaign.

Sabbir Karim has demonstrated unwavering dedication to helping and supporting people, not only in Camden but across the UK and internationally. His selfless contributions to society, spanning decades, exemplify the qualities of an unsung hero in our community. Sabbir's character, compassion, and the tangible impact he has made on countless lives

Whether serving passengers at 35,000 feet, diners in central London, or communities in rural Bangladesh, Sabbir Karim blends entrepreneurial drive, cultural pride, and a deep belief in using success to lift others — a mission to inspire, innovate, and make a lasting difference.



Musabbir Karim (Sabbir)

Sector:
Aviation, Entrepreneur, Philanthropy

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A British born Muslim of Sylheti heritage, Dr Karim is an internationally recognised academic having made a significant contribution to his academic field through publications, patents and conferences. He is a Fellow of Higher Education Academy (HEA) and has a PhD in Organic Chemistry. He has a passion for teaching and committed to exemplary pastoral support of students and promoting the interests of students and to provide the highest quality learning experience in higher education. Dr Karim have worked with industry, academia and numerous stakeholders building partnerships and mutually beneficial collaborations supporting high quality multidisciplinary research and research-led teaching. For nearly 20 years Dr Karim has provided students support that has inspired their learning with an education that embeds transferrable skills and prepares them for progression to fulfilling careers.

Dr Karim leads research activity in the computational design of smart polymers based on a technique called Molecular Imprinting. He has over 50+ publications and patents in high ranking journals, over 30+ conference proceedings, plenary/invited speaker on numerous international conferences and managed projects. His current innovative work at Leicester Biotechnology Group involves the use of nanoparticles and polymers in drug discovery, food security, environment and in clinical applications. His teaching has been formally recognised by The HEA in recognition of his research-led teaching and learning support of students in higher education. He teaches both at undergraduate and postgraduate level and project supervises BSc, MChem and PhD students with projects that reflect and enhance career prospects in relevant employment.

Dr Karim is responsible for implementation of employability across the entire chemistry programme ensuring skills and career planning are embedded within the curriculum so that his students are the stand out choice for employers. As Plagiarism and Ethics officer, he ensure students comply with university senate regulations on academic integrity and responsible for reviewing and giving guidance on the student application process for ethical approval.

With academic colleagues several of his patents have recently been exploited to form a spin-out company MIP Diagnostics (2015) where he is one of the founder members focussing on nanoparticles for diagnostics and therapeutic applications. At Cranfield University (1998- 2013) he was a Business Fellow foster relationships with industry acting as a key contact for industrialists keen to work with Cranfield Health. He was responsible for international collaborations with India and China specifically for student recruitment and research collaboration. He is a Director of Perfect Publishers Ltd (since 2005).

Awards/Nominations/Other roles include: Winner of Services to Science & Engineering at the British Muslim Awards (2017), shortlisted for Science and Engineering, for the Fazlur Rahman Khan Award For Excellence in Engineering, Science or Technology, The Muslim News (2018), University of Leicester: Students Union Superstar Awards (2017-18), Nominated for the Discovering Excellence President's Award (2018), Visiting Professor, Hengyang Normal and Jiangsu University, China. Independent Member, Ethics Standards Committee, Cambridgeshire Police Authority (2007), Winner of Business-University Collaboration Awards for the East of England (2005). Dr Karim has appeared on Channel S and IQRA Bangla TV discussing education.



Dr Kal Karim

Sector:
Academia

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Cllr Humayun Kabir

Sector:
Politics

Former Mayor Humayun Kabir comes from Islam Pur, Jagannath Pur, Sunamganj but lived in Shapla Bagh in Sylhet and moved in UK after the independence of Bangladesh in 1972 with his parents former Headmaster Late Abdul Gafur BA-BT, and mother late Rukeya Begum Gafur.

He moved to Croydon and opened his first catering business in 1977. Now serving as Mayor of Croydon for 2019-20 he looks forward to working for the benefit of our wonderful community.
After studying his Bachelor of Education degree, he began a new career with Tower Hamlets Council - as a parent advocate & family support services manager. This incredibly fulfilling role has made supporting children with disabilities, and their families, a cause very close to his heart.

He has been actively involved in local politics for 17 years and served as a councillor since 2010 (representing Bensham Manor Ward). He previously served as a deputy cabinet member for economy & jobs, and for finance & treasury, plus he was vice chair of the planning committee for several years.

He first became involved in community work through what is now called the Croydon Bangladesh Welfare Association - which he was president for two terms. He was a founding member of the Asian Resource Centre and was part of the steering committee that helped to develop Shahjalal Mosque.
Whilst Mr Kabir was busy with his profession, community activities and family life in UK he maintained to strong link and relationship with Bangladesh. He was elected in 1994 as president of Sylhet Gonodabi Parishad UK which lobbied Bangladesh government with many issues that Probashi Bangladeshi were facing at that time. There were 3 different demands were prioritised to BD government and they were: to upgrade Sylhet airport to an international airport, to upgrade Sylhet district to a division, to have voting right of Bangladeshis as dual citizen. Mayor Kabir was a leading community leader to achieve these rights.

Furthermore, in order to raise social, economical and educational standard of Bangladeshis that he left behind mayor Kabir has taken up chairmanship of Aralia Bazar Education Trust, trusteeship in Jagannathpur British Bangla Education Trust UK (JBBET), Secretary ship of Patli Union Welfare Trust (PUWT), Donor Membership with Jagannathpur Unnoyon Shongstha UK (JUSS), and an honorary advisor to British Bangladeshi Society Croydon (BBSC). Mayor Kabir remained active in Bangladesh whilst serving his hometown the London Borough of Croydon. Away from politics, he enjoys travelling and playing badminton.

He is married to Mayoress Rahena Chowdhury Kabir with three children, daughters Kuhinoor and Sumaiya, one son Mistaun and a daughter-in-law Mazeda.



Akram Khan

Sector:
Artistic Director/ Choreographer/Dancer

Akram Khan is one of the most celebrated and respected dance artists today. In just over 16 years he has created a body of work that has contributed significantly to the arts in the UK and abroad. His reputation has been built on the success of imaginative, highly accessible and relevant productions such as Until the Lions, Kaash, iTMOi (in the mind of igor), DESH, Vertical Road, Gnosis and zero degrees.

An instinctive and natural collaborator, Khan has been a magnet to world-class artists from other cultures and disciplines. His previous collaborators include the National Ballet of China, actress Juliette Binoche, ballerina Sylvie Guillem, choreographers/dancers Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui and Israel Galván, singer Kylie Minogue, visual artists Anish Kapoor, Antony Gormley and Tim Yip, writer Hanif Kureishi and composers Steve Reich, Nitin Sawhney, Jocelyn Pook and Ben Frost.

Khan's work is recognised as being profoundly moving, in which his intelligently crafted storytelling is effortlessly intimate and epic. Described by the Financial Times as an artist "who speaks tremendously of tremendous things", a recent highlight of his career was the creation of a section of the London 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony that was received with unanimous acclaim.

Khan has been the recipient of numerous awards throughout his career including the Laurence Olivier Award, the Bessie Award (New York Dance and Performance Award), the prestigious ISPA (International Society for the Performing Arts) Distinguished Artist Award, the Fred and Adele Astaire Award, the Herald Archangel Award at the Edinburgh International Festival, the South Bank Sky Arts Award and six Critics' Circle National Dance Awards. Khan was awarded an MBE for services to dance in 2005. He is also an Honorary Graduate of University of London as well as Roehampton and De Montfort Universities, and an Honorary Fellow of Trinity Laban.

Khan is an Associate Artist of Sadler's Wells, London and Curve, Leicester.

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Md. Mahabubul Alam Khan

Sector:
Business / Finance

Md. Mahabubul Alam Khan is an accomplished business leader, entrepreneur, and regulatory compliance expert with over sixteen years of professional experience in the financial services industry. He serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Acumen Accountants & Tax Advisers, one of the UK's leading consulting firms specializing in regulatory compliance, financial advisory, accountancy, and taxation.
Renowned for his ability to design innovative, bespoke compliance solutions, Mr. Khan's expertise spans FCA Authorization and Post-Authorization Reporting, HMRC Money Laundering Investigations, MLR Training, Compliance Audits, Accountancy, and Tax Advisory. He has also developed specialist service lines in Consumer Credit Solutions, helping businesses build compliant consumer lending and financing programs, and Crowdfunding & Alternative Investment Solutions, guiding clients through the complexities of capital raising, private placements, and regulatory requirements. His deep knowledge has positioned him as a trusted partner for businesses navigating complex regulatory frameworks in the UK and internationally.

In addition to leading Acumen Accountants & Tax Advisers, Mr. Khan is the Director of Acumen Global Compliance Ltd, Acumen Global Academy Ltd, Acumen Hire Ltd, and Acumen Business Finances Ltd, delivering a comprehensive ecosystem of services that combines compliance consulting, professional training, recruitment, and business financing solutions. He is also the Director of Hello Superstars, a next-generation social media platform preparing for AIM listing,
and serves as the Accountant for the La Toya Jackson fashion brand. His advisory reach extends to Fintech consulting, where he supports innovative financial technology ventures in regulatory strategy and compliance.
Mr. Khan has expanded into the global education and recruitment sector through Unity Global Education, a sister concern of Acumen Hire Ltd.
Under his strategic leadership, Acumen has achieved major milestones, including membership with the Association of Professional Compliance Consultants (APCC) recognized by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and CPAA, along with regulation under HMRC's Anti-Money Laundering
Supervision (AMLS). The firm is also a QuickBooks Online Certified ProAdvisor, enabling clients to comply seamlessly with Making Tax Digital (MTD) requirements while adopting cutting-edge technology.

Mr. Khan serves as a consultant to AIM-listed companies, advises on company formation in the Isle of Man and Guernsey, and currently holds the position of Treasurer of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BBCCI) London Region, contributing to business growth and community development.
Passionate about ethical business practices and professional development, Mr. Khan has built and mentored a dynamic team of ACCA-qualified and part-qualified professionals who embody Acumen's six core values: Passion, Teamwork, Integrity, Quality, Clarity, and Timeliness. His vision is to continue empowering businesses and individuals to thrive in an increasingly regulated global economy through trusted expertise, innovation, and exceptional service.



Muzahid Khan DL

Sector:
Government/ Community

Muzahid Khan DL's life is a shining example of compassion, innovation, and a strong commitment to making a difference. From his humble beginnings in war-torn Bangladesh to his role as Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Muzahid has dedicated himself to helping others and creating positive change wherever he goes.
His parents, especially his mother and late father, taught him the values of empathy and service early on, shaping his worldview and inspiring him to give back. These values are at the heart of his book, The Gift of Giving, which was released in May 2021. The book shares his belief that generosity has the power to transform lives and encourages readers to embrace giving as a way to enrich their own lives and the lives of others.
As a social business and innovation professional, he uses his creativity and strategic thinking to develop solutions that bring positive change to society. He's also a certified NLP coach, helping others achieve success in their personal and professional lives by unlocking their potential and overcoming challenges.
His work in local government gave him valuable insights into urban renewal, showing that even in tough situations, there are always opportunities for growth. But his impact goes beyond his professional roles—he volunteers his time on the boards of several charitable organisations, including Maggie's Cancer Centre and the Amana Foundation, as well leading on the medical facility built in his home village of Singerkas, Biswanath providing free healthcare for the poor, opening its door in 2016.
Muzahid's dedication hasn't gone unnoticed. In 1998, he was honoured by (late) Queen Elizabeth II as a young achiever, and in 2000, former Prime Minister Tony Blair recognised his exceptional community service. These awards highlight his tireless work to make the world a better place and his influence both locally and globally.

One of his greatest achievements is his appointment as Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, recognising his leadership and charitable work. Muzahid is a passionate advocate for Oldham, the town where he now lives, and supports local businesses and communities through his work with organisations like Asian Business Leaders and Upturn Social Enterprise.
In addition to his work and charity, Muzahid finds joy and purpose in cycling. He organises charity bike rides, both in the UK and Bangladesh, to raise funds and awareness for important causes.

Muzahid Khan DL's story is one of service, leadership, and a lifelong dedication to making the world a better place. His journey from a young boy with big dreams to a respected leader shows the power of kindness, hard work, and the belief that everyone has something to give. Through his actions, writing, and leadership, Muzahid continues to inspire others to embrace the power of giving and make a lasting impact on the world.

Muhammad Mojlum Khan F.R.A.S., is an award-winning British writer, literary critic and research scholar. He was born into a notable Muslim family in 1973, Habiganj district, Greater Sylhet, Bangladesh. A descendant of Pathan Inayatullah Khan of Inayatganj, a Mughal ruler of Sylhet (1796) during the reign of Emperor Awrangzeb Alamgir (r. 1658-1707), he was brought up and educated in England, United Kingdom. He completed his further and higher education in Islamic studies, social sciences and education, obtaining a first degree (BA Hons) before completing a Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) in 2011, and qualified as a teacher. He also pursued PhD-level training in research methodology and techniques for two years. He was elected a Fellow of The Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland, Member of The Royal Historical Society and Founding Director of Bengal Muslim Research Institute UK.

In addition to publishing more than 200 essays, articles and reviews worldwide, he is author of several internationally acclaimed books and his writings have been translated into many languages including Bengali, Indonesian and German. His books include The Muslim 100: The Lives, Thoughts and Achievements of the Most Influential Muslims in History (2008, reprinted 2010 and 2021), The Muslim Heritage of Bengal: The Lives, Thoughts and Achievements of Great Muslim Scholars, Writers and Reformers of Bangladesh and West Bengal (2013) and Great Muslims of the West: Makers of Western Islam (2017). He is also author of The Muslim 100 YA Edition (3 volumes, 2025) and Muslims in British India: Life and Times of Nawab Abdul Latif C.I.E. of Bengal (forthcoming). Based on many years of archival research, this 1000-page tome is an original and outstanding contribution to modern subcontinental scholarship and historiography.

During the last 30 years, his writings have been published in many journals, magazines and newspapers including The Muslims News (Harrow, Middlesex), The Muslim Post (London), Milli Gazette (India), The Tri-State Muslim (New York, USA), PIPFA Quarterly Journal (Karachi, Pakistan), The Muslim World Book Review (Leicester, UK), Islamic Research Journal (Rajshahi, Bangladesh), Qatar Peninsula (Doha, Qatar) and Journal of the Muslim World League (Makkah, Saudi Arabia), among others. He was a regular contributor on local BBC Radio for more than 10 years and reviewed books for The Muslim News (London) for nearly 25 years. He was interviewed by The Islam Channel (London) for an in-depth documentary on 'The Muslim Heritage of Bangladesh' in 2016.

As an acclaimed author, scholar, historian and public speaker, he has delivered many public lectures at some of the UK's leading educational institutions including The East London Mosque, Kings College London and University of Oxford. Some of his teachers or mentors included late Allama Muhammad Abdul Wahhab Siddiqi (Jamia Islamia, UK), late Professor Dr Muhammad Abdullah (University of Dhaka), late Professor Dr Muhammad Mujibur Rahman (New York, USA), late Professor Dr Muhammad Abdul Jabbar Beg (National University of Malaysia & University of Cambridge), Professor Emeritus Dr A. K. M. Yaqub Ali (University of Rajshahi) and late Professor Dr Syed Mahmudul Hasan (University of Dhaka).



Muhammad Mojlum Khan

Sector:
Writer

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Monsur Ahmed Khan is a highly experienced educator with a career spanning 35 years, dedicated to fostering young minds and promoting educational growth. Born on December 16, 1959, in Pattan Tilla, Fenchugonj, Sylhet, Bangladesh, he grew up in a family deeply committed to education. His father, the late Intazir Khan, was a highly respected educationalist and a Headteacher/Rector who played a key role in promoting education and was a founding member in establishing several prominent educational institutions in the region.

Monsur Khan's educational journey began at Kasim Ali Model High School, where he completed his SSC in 1975. He then pursued his HSC at (MC) Government College, followed by a B.Com and M.Com from Madan Mohan College under the University of Chittagong and Jagannath University College. His dedication to education was further demonstrated through his involvement with the Rotary movement, including serving as a Rotarector under the Ramna South Rotary Club. The club also hosted the "Last Call '84" conference for District 328 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

In 1984, Mr. Khan travelled to England for a Rotary International convention in Birmingham, which led to an opportunity to study for a business diploma at the London School of Foreign Trade. He continued his studies with CSS (PECU) at Salford College of Technology. His qualifications and background in education eventually led him to a role as a bilingual instructor in a primary school in the UK. This position allowed him to pursue and complete a PGCE at the University of Manchester in 1993, marking the start of his long and fulfilling career in education.

Mr. Khan has been actively involved in various social volunteering activities, including local community organizations, mosques, and the British Bangladeshi Civil Society. He served for 14 years on the Board of Governors at Ashton Sixth Form College, Tameside, working on different committees to enhance the learning environment. He also served for 12 years as an executive board member/director at the Tameside Race Equality & Diversity Centre, working on equal opportunities and collaborating with various fringe service groups, such as the Kick Racism Out campaign, and organizing cultural fusion events.

He is currently involved with The Christie, Manchester, the world's leading cancer hospital, and has contributed to the development of charitable organizations in Bangladesh, including helping to establish mosques, madrasahs, a cancer hospital, and other charitable facilities. He is also serving as the General Secretary of the Friends of the National Heart Foundation Hospital Sylhet, UK, supporting a fully functioning institution for heart-related concerns and treatments for the destitute in Bangladesh.

For 22 years, Mr. Khan taught in various primary schools in Tameside. In 2012, after a brief health-related hiatus, he returned to education by establishing the "Milkyway Pre-School Playgroup" alongside his wonderful wife, Meherun Nessa Khan. He has also facilitated training for many childcare practitioners and contributed to the sector with quality staff.

Throughout his career, Monsur Ahmed Khan has been dedicated to inclusivity and community service. His work aims to ensure equitable educational opportunities for all children and their parents. He has a beautiful family of four highly educated children, all of whom are successful in their own professions.

Since 1984, Mr. Khan has had the opportunity and capacity to serve the wider communities in many ways in England, positively impacting thousands of students now working in various professions with pride. Monsur Ahmed Khan continues to follow in his father's footsteps, highlighting his commitment to education, community involvement, and cultural preservation, impacting many lives in both the UK and Bangladesh.



Monsur Ahmed Khan

Sector:
Education

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Oli Khan FRSA

Sector:
Catering

Award Winner 2017

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Internationally recognised award-winning celebrity chef and entrepreneur Oli Khan has been cooking up a storm in the UK over thelast three decades. Oli's versatility is legendary and has won him countless awards for his cooking and community relationship, his highly creative recipes and for his impeccable hygiene standards for which he has also won many major awards. He cares deeply about what he calls his social obligations to the underprivileged in Bangladesh and the United Kingdom. He has always been very devoted and committed to charitable works and has assisted with many philanthropic works around the world, he has established a charity organisation Oli's foundation and he is one of the leading personalities of the Asian community.
He was crowned 'Curry King' by the media since 2003. The British hospitality sectors popular magazine Luxury hospitality has recognised Oli as "King of British Curry" alongside running his own successful businesses; Oli is an active member of his local and National community organisation. Oli has the Guinness World Record title for the World Largest Onion Bhaji weighed 175.48 kg (386 lb 13.8 oz) one-piece bhaji, that was made in February 2020. His emergency response for NHS staff, Care homes and vulnerable peoples in the community during the unprecedented Pandemic COVID-19. He distributed over 15,000 (fifteen thousand) free hot meals to NHS staff, key workers, the homeless, bin workers, care homes, fire, police, ambulance services, Post Office, GP, and to isolated elderly and disabled peoples. To date he served complementary food to over 22 NHS hospitals in England namely NHS Lister Hospital, QE2 Hospital, Great Ormond Street, Royal Free, Whittington Health NHS Trust, Royal Brompton, Harefield, and many mores.
Along with other achievements Oli has been recognised by Her majesty the queen with an MBE 'Member of the Order of the British Empire' given for an outstanding achievement or service to the Hospitality industry and charity in the UK and Abroad during COVID-19. HM Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire given Oli the title for Hero of Hertfordshire 2020. He also received "Pride of Stevenage" Awards in 2020. NHS Recognised Oli at his "Best Volunteer" service to the Vaccine centre in Luton as "Being a Vital part of team Inspired" and "Goes extra miles" Rotary International has presented Oli Khan with "Paul Harris Fellowship" PHF in march 2022. Oli was the former secretary general and former Senior Vice President and at current serving President cs of the Bangladeshi Caterers Association UK, Oli has expressed his concern about the British curry industry staff shortage and the reduction in Non-EU migration can have implications upon the lack of skilled chefs available in the British curry industry. On this note, his various work and achievements have appeared in British and worldwide mainstream print and electronic media such as BBC, SKY News, ITV, CBC, TRT World, Canadian TV, CTV News, CNN, TV Tokyo, LBC Radio, Radio five live, The Financial Time, The Guardian, Daily Mail, Evening Standard, Wall Street Journal, The Economist, Washington Post, The Independent, Daily Mirror, Daily Star, The Telegraph, The Sun, The Global Post, USA Today, EL-Pais, Luxury Hospitality and many mores.

Oli was a keynote speaker at the Barking & Dagenham College national apprenticeship week 2014, and keynote speech at the London Excel for the Takeaway/Restaurant Innovation expo 2013/ 2014/2015/2016/2017, also presenting as a guest lecturer on business strategies at the university of Lincoln 2022.
Oli has been newly elected as a president for bangladeh Caterers Association (BCA).
Oli lives with his wife and son.



Jamal Ahmed Khan

Sector:
Community & Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Jamal Ahmed Khan was born in Shiraj Pur, Upozila, Osmani Nagar, Sylhet in Bangladesh. He is the youngest son of Shohid Nurul Haque Khan a renowned freedom fighter who fought in March-April 1971 in Sher Pur and Shadi pur, Sylhet and was subsequently killed by the Hanader Bahini. His mother is Late Mrs Rizia Khanom.

Jamal Ahmed Khan, a business man who is a Joint Secretary of the UK Jubo League. He is the Founder Chair of the NEKH Welfare Foundation an international charity working for the welfare of the community in the UK and abroad. Jamal has served as their trustee since it was founded in 2005.
He was the Founder Secretary of the Bijoy Youth Group a locally based charity working for the local disadvantaged community. He was an Elected Assistant Secretary of the Balagonj , Osmani Nogar Education Trust.

Jamal worked to develop relationships in the Borough of Tower Hamlets to assist the public getting help with housing, domestic violence advice and helping with gaining citizenship. This was a free to use service.
Jamal's community work is still helping people now such as the ASHA , the Asian Social and Humanitarian Association based in the Borough of Newham of which he was a Founding Member.

He was awarded NWT community leadership award for his invaluable contribution to the community. He has also been invited to the Queens' Royal Garden party at Buckingham palace.

Jamal is very keen in sports and funds kits for local sports organisations. He is the Founder Organiser and the Treasurer of the Bangladeshi Cricket Association in the UK.
Jamal is married to Jasmin Khan and they have two children, their son Samia and daughter Tamanna.

Jamals hobbies include travelling, reading, cricket and dining with friends.

Barrister Muhammad Abul Kalam was born in Bangladesh. His village is in Sadipur, Osmani Nagar Upazilla, District-Sylhet. His father was a businessman Alhaj Mr Mohammed Mokbul Hussain. His mother is Alhajja Mrs Syeda Khanom.

Barrister Kalam started his education life in Azad Bakth High School in Moulvi Bazar, Bangladesh. He studied there for five years before receiving his Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) at Madan Mohan College in Sylhet, where he studied for two years. His first major accomplishment came in 1988 when he completed his Bachelor of Laws (LL.B. Hons) course at the University of Dhaka. This led to the completion of the Master of Laws (LL.M.) course the following year in 1989.

He then continued to pursue his legal career by obtaining the Bar Vocational Qualification from the Bangladesh Bar Council. Having completed the academic and vocational stages of his training, in the year 2000, Mr Kalam was awarded with a certificate of eligibility to become a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales. He furthered his carrier and qualified as a Barrister and called to the Bar of England & Wales. He is member of the Honourable Society of Lincolns Inn.
Barrister Kalam is the Senior Partner of Kalam Solicitors at 128 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1JE. The largest law firm in the Bangladeshi Community. He qualified as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court England and Wales in 2001 and since he has been practicing as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales. Mr Kalam has been part of the very successful solicitor. There he embraces many responsibilities and holds the position of Principal/Senior Partner.

He was the founder Secretary General of the Society of Bangladeshi Solicitors. He is the founder of the Liberty Law (British Bangladeshi Joint Venture Law Chambers in Bangladesh) in 2/3 Segun Bagicha, Dhaka, Bangladesh. He also involve with the ethnic solicitors such as Black Minority Ethnic Group an Ethnic Community group for all ethnic community lawyers with the Solicitors Regulation Authority and the Law Society of England & Wales He is a leading Immigration Practitioner. He has regularly appeared on many community TV channels on all area of legal update issues such as Channel S, Channel I, Bangla TV. He also involve with various community and social organisation in UK and Bangladesh.

Having been in the Law industry for so long, Mr Kalam loves what he does, yet is involved in many other organisations. He is a member of the Bangladesh Law Association, Probashi Balagonj Education Trust in UK. He is also members of the Balagonj Samitte UK and Greater Sylhet Council in UK, where he plays an influential role. Barrister Kalam married to Mrs Shahanara who is a social worker. Mrs Kalam achieved BA (Hons) in Sociology, which she achieved at the University of East London. Mr Kalam lives in Redbridge, Ilford with his parents, wife Mrs Shahanara Kalam and three children; Sabiha, Yeasin and Tayyiba, who are students.



Muhammad Abul Kalam

Sector:
Law

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Azom Khan is an internationally recognised chef who has devoted much of his life to help develop the Bangladeshi Curry Industry to what it is today. Born in 1962 in Jaganathpur, Sunamgonj in Bangladesh, Mr Khan arrived in the UK in 1980.
The East London based chef is looked upon as a pioneer in the Bangladeshi culinary industry and throughout his life Mr Khan's work has been widely appreciated by several food critics. Over the last twenty years Mr Khan has been awarded with major honours in the Industry such as the International Curry Chef of the Year, National Curry Chef of the Year, Tesco Spinach Master Chef, Southwark Curry Chef of the Year as well as the Tower Hamlets Curry Chef of the Year in 1999.
At present, Mr Azom Khan was one of the founder of two of London's most famous restaurants called the Bengal Clippers and Bengal Traders whose reputation has enhanced dramatically over the last decade for their combination of style and modernity. In addition to his work, Mr Khan is very closely associated with charities and organisations in Bangladesh having helped set up the British Bangla Education Trust where he is currently serving as Vice Chairman as well as a member of the Sylhet Academy. Mr Khan has also set up his own Educational Trust fund, known as "Azom Khan Education Trust" and is also a member of the Shahjalal College InstituteIn recent years, Mr Khan has taken his passion for food and agriculture in a remarkable new direction.Britain is well known for its gardens and allotments, while rice is traditionally associated with warmer climates and countries such as Bangladesh. Against this background, Mr Khan's successful cultivation of rice in his own garden represents an unusual and innovative achievement.
Beginning in 2024, he developed his own rice-growing project, demonstrating that with dedication, experimentation and careful cultivation, it is possible to explore the growing of traditional crops in a new environment.
The completion of the latest harvest was celebrated with community leaders and journalists, creating a festive occasion and marking an important milestone in the project.
One of six siblings, Mr Khan is married to Sultana Aktar Chowdhury and has been blessed with one son and two daughters.



Azom Khan

Sector:
Catering

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Mashuk Ahmed Khan

Sector:
Law

Mashuk Ahmed Khan ("Ahmed-Khan") – a Solicitor-Advocate – is the eldest son of Muhammad Matiur Rahman Khan and Begum Jamila Khan of an academically enriched respectable Muslim family of landed gentry, and successful entrepreneurship, of village Gangajal, Zakigonj, Sylhet.

Ahmed-Khan is an unassuming, spatiotemporally adaptable, vivacious individual, avid to his continued self-development. Following his MA and a PG Diploma in Human Resource Management ("HRM") he completed an M.Phil research on International HRM titled: Export Orientated Industrialisation and the Exploitation of Labour in the Developing Economies. Thereafter he re-assigned his academic interest in Law with sustained enthusiasm and achieved a Master of Laws degree ("L.L.M") with merit from the World-class Birkbeck College of the University of London. He then earned a PG Dip in legal practice (LPC) and a second L.L.M (by thesis) in Professional Legal Practice from the reputable BPP University, followed by a Higher Courts Advocacy Qualification granting him full rights of audience up to the UK Supreme Court.

Ahmed-Khan is a proponent of Human Rights, consonant with the UN Universal Declaration and the European Convention on Human Rights. He is committed to legal research on International Human Rights, apropos the virtues, protections, abuse, and myths, surrounding its universal ideologies espoused by the nation states. He formerly scrutinised the US government policies on incarceration, capital punishment and death-row phenomenon in light of the European Court of Human Rights' decision in Soering v UK [1989]. He is now critically evaluating the UK's post-Brexit murky position on its international human rights commitments, characterised by severe restrictions on peaceful demonstrations under the Crime and Policing Act 2026; the former Rwanda Asylum Scheme contrary to its fundamental obligations to observe the principle of non-refoulement and the standards of legality and appropriateness under the Refugee Convention 1951; and the systematic unfair treatment of migrants and asylum seekers notwithstanding the repeal of the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Act 2024 – engendering a hostile environment, and raising the risk of modern slavery in the UK..

Ahmed-Khan is predominantly a civil lawyer and a member of both the Law Society of England and Wales, and the University of Oxford Philosophical Society. He is a keen reader on Marx, Rousseau, Bentham, Mills, Hobbes and Locke, and also a political critique, columnist, a Rotarian, and an author endowed with literary skills. He has written numerous articles on rogue governance of his native Bangladesh, including "Our Independence Hitherto Confined in Political Wilderness", depicting a momentous account of Bangladesh's morbid political antecedents and its fetid political environment. His patriotic poems "In the love of my nation" and "My heart cries for the fallen" composed in retrospect to Bangladesh liberation war and its post- independence political crises – published in Bangla Mirror, London; Sylhet Madan Mohan University College Literary Council publication Katha Lata; and in the Sylhet Mobile Pataghar's narrative publication Chayalap.

His recent publications include: Israel's Wars on Gaza and the Rise of Dahiya Doctrine; Zelensky's War: who is at fault; The Russia-West Stand-off Mimicking 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis; Modi's Hinduvta Riddling the Indian Constitution; and Bangladesh and the COVID-19.

Ahmed-Khan is married to Shamim Ara Begum (Rose) and blessed with a son and two daughters namely: Mustafa, Nabila and Farzana Khan. All three children had the privilege of attending private schools from day one of their schooling through to A-Levels. The son is a litigation executive for the NHS – married to Nafisa Islam – a school teacher. The eldest daughter is graduated in Accounting and Finance – married to Mihaz Bokth BSc(Hons), ACCA – a Chartered Certified Accountant. The youngest daughter has a first class BSc(Hons) in Accounting and Finance followed by an ACCA, and FCCA (Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) - the highest post-accountancy qualification. Ahmed-Khan is overjoyed with five lovely grandchildren namely: Raniya and Ilyas Khan; and Aizah, Hana, and Deen Muhammad Bokth.

He has five younger brothers domiciled in the UK and the USA. The immediate younger one was educated from Sylhet Polytechnic College. The other four have multiple Masters Degrees in various disciplines from reputable Universities at home (Dhaka & Chittagong) and abroad (Sydney, London & Cornell (NY) respectively.

Ahmed Khan asserts himself as a devout British Muslim – proudly upholding his religious values and traditions – while profoundly deferential to the aligned interests of all other social groups in British society. His pastimes include general reading, watching documentaries, listening to Tagore and Nazrul Sangit, Urdu Ghazal, Mozart, and Pavarotti.



Islam Khan

Sector:
Legal (Barrister)

Mr Islam Uddin Khan comes from the renowned At-ghar village of Jagganathpur District, Sylhet. He is the only son of Md. Alhaj Asab Uddin Khan and they come from the Sheikh Kiyam branch direct descendants of Alhaj Syed Sheikh Shams Uddin, one of the saints linked with Shahjalal.

He has a keen interest in Public Law and Criminal Defence. Islam was called to the Bar in 2008 by the Honorable Society of Inner Temple and completed his LL.B (Hons) as a mature student subsequently specialising in an LL.M in Public Law and Human Rights at Kings College, University of London. He was the last batch at the Inns Of Court School of Law Bar Vocational Course in 2007. He deferred his Ph.d in Islamic Law at SOAS, during completing his pupillage with Marion Smullen, at chambers of Marion Smullen and Kerim Fuad Q.C. specialising in criminal defence and public law and has been actively involved in the Bibi case, challenging the UK's immigration age bar to overseas marriages.

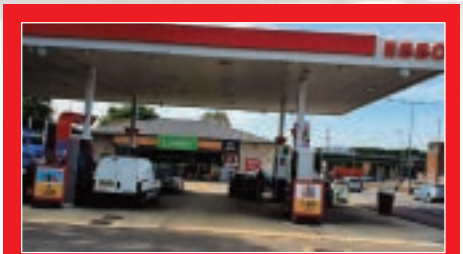
Prior to a career at the Bar, Islam was a junior civil servant in various departments at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. This included the Human Rights Policy Department, the Foreign Office branch of UK-visas (now substantially UKBA), Consular and headed the Benefits, pay and policy section of HR. He also served overseas as a diplomatic officer.

He sits on a number of panels in Tower Hamlets and advises many charitable organisations across the country. Notably, he was involved in engaging various stakeholders to diffuse the Shajalal mosque fiasco to ensure that public money was kept safe and avoid a dangerous precedent being set. Most recently he has been engaged in drafting grounds in challenging the policy on "maintenance undertakings". There has been significant interest in the case from leading organisations in Tower Hamlets and the BBC.

His published articles to date are: 1. International Law and The legality of the Flotilla raid by Israel; 2. Indirect discrimination by raising the marriage age rule to 21; 3. Religious implications for Hindu pyres in the UK (Ghai and Others); 4. FGM: "an Islamic practice or modern fashion; and 5.Mediation in practice. He has submitted a plan to publish a legal dictionary for the lay person in crime and hopes this will materialise shortly.

He is the proud father of Sadia, Yusuf and his lovely twins: Aaliyah and Amirah. In his past times he enjoys reading, sea fishing and travelling.





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Helal Uddin Khan

Sector:
Travel & Hospitality

Mr Helal Uddin Khan came to the UK in 1986 after completing his H.S.C in Bangladesh. In 1990 Mr Khan started his first business which was an Estate Agency called 'Class Property Services' in Katherine Road, London. Just after two years he developed a very good relationship and reputation among the Bangladeshi community.

He started his Travel Agency business in the same location in 1992. Due to his sincerity, honesty, intelligence, strong determination and dedication he is now one of the most established and recognised business men in the travel industry in the UK and Bangladesh.

Mr Khan's office based in Green Street, London and at present he employs twelve employees. to help the local community he has opened a call centre in Sylhet with 15 staff , which he hopes to expand to offer further employment .

Mr Khan is always up to date with latest information in the Travel Industry as he participates in different training (Reservation and Ticketing) and courses. He has also visited many countries around the world under the education tour programme sponsored by different Airlines.
Mr Khan is an associate member of Greater Sylhet Association since 1995 as well as an active member of Bangladesh Welfare Association since 1990. He has been an Executive Member of Nurul Haq Education Trust Fenchugong since 1993, the Ex General Secretary Fenchugong Kollan Shamite (oldest Association in UK) since 1986 , Deputy Director General of British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry I and Chairman of United Kingdom Biman Approved Travel Agent Association.
Mr Khan is married with two daughters and two sons.
He is a very popular person among the Asian community due to his amiable personality and support he gives to hundreds of organisations and events every year.

Mr. Helal Uddin Khan is very much interested about Bangladeshi Culture and in his spare time likes to sing and go to concerts .He has continued being involved with various fundraising initiatives in the UK and abroad.



Jahangir Khan

Sector:
Property

Jahangir Khan is business man and property owner. He has a varying portfolio of business involvements.

Jahangir was born in 1966 in Beanibazar, Sylhet. His late father Nurul Islam Khan was involved in the 1971 Bangladesh independence movement in the UK. His late uncle Akadas Sirajul Islam was a well known writer who was actively involved in Bangladesh politics as well as being a prominent figure in the 1971 independence movement . His late uncle was editor of the weekly news paper "Muktobangla" in , karimgonj, Asam, aswell as being a significant organiser of the Liberation war. Jahangir Khan shares his father and uncle's passion for politics.

Their political involvements resulted in their family home being burnt and seized by the Pakistani army who later auctioned it off. The family home successfully repurchased off the army later in the future.
At the age of 18 in 1985 Jahangir came to the UK. He joined the City of London College where he studied Information Technology.
Currently, he resides in Redbridge with his wife who is an early years nursery nurse. He has three children. His eldest daughter is a Seocndary School English Teacher, his second daughter is a Doctor and his son has completed a degree in Mathematics.

Jahangir has a passion for the arts with a special joy for poetry. He is well travelled and has visited several different countries across the globe.
His life and travels have inspired him to write his own poetry. His collection of poems that he has worked on have now been published under the title "Probashir Atwakotha". This collection of poetry can also be heard on the Youtube chanel - Prabashirkotha. The poems have been recited by Kolkatha's well known reciter Debasis Basu. They have also been studio recorded into songs by Kolkatha's renound composer and singer, Soumyen Adhikari.

Jahangir Khan is an active member of his community. He takes a keen interest in communty events and developments. Mr Khan is the Chairman of Bangladesh probashi Kallyan parishad, and he is involve with many other organisations such as: Bangladesh centre, Greater sylhet council uk, British Bangladeshi catering association, Beanibazar welfare trust UK, life member London Bangla press club, Bangladesh human rights UK, Bangoabandhu parishad UK, Voice for Newham, NRB cultural forum, also involved with British and Bangladesh politics.

Jahangir Khan's charitable work also deserves mention. He has been involved with charitable organisations and trusts. He is involved in the gathering funds and organising the building of homes for homless people in bangladesh. He has organised the fundraising of some 110 tube wells, which were donated to the poor in his home village of Beanibazar and a further significant number of tube wells were donated to Nobiganj in Bangladesh. Furthermore he has provided less fortunate village schools and colleges in Bangladesh with amenities.

Shams Uddin Khan is the CEO/Director, Khan Associates UK Ltd (StudyUni).
He is a prominent figure in the education consultancy industry, with a strong presence across the UK, Bangladesh, and beyond. As the CEO and Director of Khan Associates UK Ltd, operating under the esteemed brand name StudyUni, Mr Khan, the MBA Graduate from the University of Wales,has dedicated his career to helping thousands of international students realise their dreams of becoming accountants, barristers, solicitors, and other professionals.

Since founding Khan Associates in 2008, Mr Khan's firm has earned widespread recognition, receiving numerous prestigious awards. These include being named Highest Performing Agent for BPP University since 2014, Top Recruiter for Roehampton University London in 2023 and Outstanding Counselling Award from the University of Hertfordshire in 2024. Additionally, Mr Khan was honoured as Top International Agent Recruiter 2023 by the Roehampton University of London and attended Brunel University London's International Familiarisation Event in 2023 and 2024. His firm also received the Business Excellence Award Limelight in 2022.
Under Mr Khan's leadership, Khan Associates has expanded internationally, establishing multiple offices focusing on business development, admissions, and visa compliance. His influence extends beyond education consultancy—he serves as Director at SKRJ Private Ltd, overseeing the acquisition and management of real estate assets.
Earlier in his career, Mr Khan served as Managing Director of SmartTEL Pvt Ltd, where he led a diverse team and played a key role in enhancing business procedures. Known for his strategic thinking, collaborative leadership, and commitment to excellence, he has consistently developed policies and frameworks that drive organisational success.

Through his work, Mr Khan has made a significant impact by promoting Bangladeshi heritage and facilitating the education of thousands of students, many of whom have gone on to build successful careers after completing their studies in the UK.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr Khan is a devoted family man interested in travel, sports, and world politics. His expertise and contributions have been highlighted by various community TV channels and newspapers, further solidifying his reputation as a leader in his field.



Shams Uddin Khan

Sector:
Education



Award Winner 2024

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

M A Mannan Khan was born in 1953 in Khan Bari, Kismoth Maizbhag in Golapgonj, Sylhet. Whilst being a student at Modhon Mohan College in Sylhet, Mr Khan became a freedom fighter, and also a cabinet member of the Chatroleague in Bangladesh.

At Jogonnath College under University of Dhaka in 1977 Mannan Khan completed his BA degree. After graduating he worked as an assistant teacher and later went on to complete his B Ed teacher-training course in 1978. Mr Khan became the chairman of 'Provatee Shahitto Porishod', commanding officer of 'Shurjo Shena Shishu Shongo' and later a journalist for 'Sylhet Shomachar' a local newspaper in Sylhet.

In 1982 Mr Khan moved to UAE where he set up a business. He then migrated to England in 1986 where he worked at Burleigh College in Loughborough as a modern languages teacher. Mr Khan also was appointed as a modern languages teacher in Moat College in Leicester. Subsequently he was a GCSE Bengali language teacher at Bengali Community Education and an examiner under the University of London (EdExcel).

Mr Khan has been working for the community since 1986, and was the committee member of the Bengali Community Education Project and secretary of language Teacher Association in Leicester. For three years Mr Khan was a radio presenter for Sunrise Radio.

Mr Khan has established the Awami League in Leicester and served as the founder Secretary. Mr Khan has received an invitation to HRM Queens Garden Party for achieving the title of one of the high achieving modern languages teacher in the City of Leicester which was recognised by the University of London in 2000. Mr Khan received a Channel S Community award in 2006.

Mr Khan is the founder president of Surma Welfare Porishod UK, Vice Chairman of First Solution Money Transfer Ltd (UK), Senior Vice president of Leicester Awami League, Founder Chairman of Bangladesh Poor Fund, Foreign Advisor of Motijeel Theatre in Dhaka, Committee Member of the local Mosque Masjid-e-Bitul Mukarram Trust, and he is currently working for Channel S as their news reporter for Leicestershire.

In his spare time Mr Khan likes to write poems for magazines and newspapers.



M.A Mannan Khan

Sector:
Education and Community Reltions

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Dr Shafi Khan

Sector:
Academia and Politics

Dr Shafi Khan, a Croydon Councillor for 15 years was selected to stand for parliament at the General Election by the Carshalton and Wallington Constituency Labour Party at its Annual General Meeting on 26th February 2008. The meeting included delegates from all wards in the constituency who voted unanimously for Dr Khan. Dr Khan was the GLA candidate (London Assembly election - 1st of May 2008) for the seat of Croydon and Sutton constituency, got about 35,000 votes and became second, overtaking the Liberal Democrats.

Dr Shafi Khan has lived in Croydon since 1989. He was elected to Croydon Council by Norbury ward in 1994, where he has been influential in education and community relations. He has been lead member on Education, Shadow Cabinet member for Community Cohesion. He became the first Asian Mayor of Croydon in 1999-2000. During his Mayoral year he carried out more than 1000 public engagements including the ceremonial opening of Tram Link, leading the borough to the New Millennium and visiting various business, faith, voluntary and community groups in Croydon.
He used his Mayoral year to strengthen community spirit, to reach out to all communities and to bring faiths, cultures and business together with a common purpose to empower people. In 1998, he started the "Norbury Mela" in Norbury Park, which because of its success later moved to Lloyds Park and evolved as "Croydon Mela", which is an envy of South London. He has also secured "Muslim Burial Ground" in Green Lawn Memorial Park for Croydon's Muslim residents.
He is actively involved in Croydon's wider community life, well known and respected. For his support and contribution to the business community, he was elected Hon. Vice President of the Croydon Chamber of Commerce in 2001 and was also awarded the "World Peace Ambassador" by the faith community.
Shafi was born in Comilla, passed his SSC from Comilla Zila School and HSC from Comilla Victoria College both with some distinctions. He studied economics at Dhaka University. In 1969 he got involved in students politics and was involved in the freedom movement of Bangladesh as a student leader.

He acquired a Masters degree and a PhD in mathematical physics at Moscow Civil Engineering University. He gained a teaching certificate at the Institute of Education, University of London and now works as a mathematics lecturer at Tower Hamlets College in East London. He lives in Norbury with his wife Irina and their daughter Masha.



Yawar Khan

Sector:
Catering

Yawar Khan is a Successful Pioneering Restaurateur, the Founder & Chair of Asian Catering Federation and Asian Curry Awards and the Vice President of the European Small Business Alliance (ESBA) .
Mr Yawar Khan has been a successful restaurateur since the establishment of his first restaurant - the Akash Tandoori in Wallington, Sutton over 43 years ago in 1978. He is one of the early pioneers of the now thriving Curry industry in Britain.

When the UK Government introduced limitations on visa awards to overseas workers in 2008 Yawar Khan rose to the challenge and founded the Federation of Bangladeshi Caterers - an organisation committed to providing support and advice and to the promotion of the cuisine, interests and activities of more than 12,000 British Bangladeshi restaurants in the UK at that time. With 8 out of 10 Indian restaurants in the UK owned by Bangladeshis, these restaurants formed the backbone of the British Curry Industry.

Some three years later in 2011, as a response to the growing demands of a burgeoning wider Asian population in the UK (there are more than 4.5 million Asians living in Britain), Yawar Khan took a lead in founding the Asian Catering Federation in an attempt to forge collaboration and cooperation between the different umbrella groups - the Bangladeshi Caterers Federation; the Chinese Takeaway Association and the Malaysian Restaurant Association and to provide a united front in terms of support and advice to the needs of restaurateurs serving cuisine from across the Asia spectrum. These included Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Burma, China, the Philippines , Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, The Middle East, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.
The Federation led a robust campaign to galvanise parliamentary members to support the designation of Bangladeshi workers as a 'shortage occupation' in order to make it easier to obtain special work permits. This eventually led to the establishment of an All Party Parliamentary Group in 2014.
Yawar Khan then capped these remarkable achievements by establishing the much celebrated annual Asian Curry Awards (now in its 12th year) .

Yawar Khan is currently Vice President of the European Small Business Alliance (ESBA) representing and advocating on behalf of over one million small businesses across 36 European countries in the European parliament in Brussels.
Yawar Khan continues to find time to commit to charitable work during the Covid Pandemic which shut down of the hospitality industry over a two year period - as government restrictions were introduced, Yawar Khan and his fellow director's encouraged critical support of food provision to hospital and emergency workers from among his federation members.
Yawar Khan also participates every year in fund-raising projects in association with the Mayor and Municipality of Sutton - raising thousands of pounds for the South Western Thames Kidney Fund, Cancer Research UK and other charities such as the Asian Trust .For over forty years he has maintained continual support to humanitarian organisations in his country of origin - Bangladesh, working closely with charities such as the Beanibazar Cancer and General Hospital.

Dr Zakir Khan was born in Bangladesh and came to England aged 5 with his parents. He grew up in Tower Hamlets, East London, where he became a youth worker and community representative. Since 2000 he has worked for Canary Wharf Group, first as Sports and Community officer and now as Head of Public Affairs. He is also Director & Head of Public Affairs a prestigious TV channel NTV UK, Europe.
In 2010 Zakir was the Conservative PPC for Bethnal Green and Bow, securing an increase in the Conservative vote in this highly marginal and politically charged seat. Zakir has a deep and wide understanding of Bangladesh, and in particular has experience of helping set up new charitable initiatives on the ground. He has a good relationship with all the political parties in Bangladesh and good links in such fields as sport, media, business, education, manufacturing, and universities.

In the UK Zakir has worked for the public, private and voluntary sectors, and has built up a positive programme of bringing these different sectors together to deliver projects. Zakir has been involved in community work since he was a teenager. In 1990, aged 19, he was the co-founder and Chair of Community Action Group, a campaign group for local young people to help represent their interests to statutory and police authorities and to help reduce tension between communities.
He was also elected Vice Chair for Youth Connections another youth campaign group that was collectively formed by all major youth groups in Tower Hamlets. Zakir was elected by the community to represent them as a Board Member of the Connecting Communities SRB 5, and Cityside Regeneration in Spitalfields, He is the current Vice Chair of the Osmani Centre User's Forum, He was a Director of The Adab Trust. This is a new initiative established to increase employment prospects for inner city young black and minority ethnic people and specifically those from Asian and Muslim backgrounds. He was also an ambassador for Touch The Game project. This is a unique project that collects unused sports equipment from residents in the UK and delivers them to the most deprived countries in the world such as Africa and the Indian sub continent.
In the 2010 General Election he was selected as Conservative Party Parliamentary Candidate for Bethnal Green and Bow in Tower Hamlets, securing a 2% increase in the Conservative vote despite only being selected in late March 2010. Since formally joining the Party in 2006, Zakir has been actively working to promote the Conservative party within the Bangladeshi UK community. In Jan 2010 he organised a delegation to Bangladesh led by Mark Field MP.

Zakir was successful in arranging meetings for the delegates with the Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina, Ex Prime Minister now Opposition Leader Begum Zia, The British High Commissioner and many other Members of The Bangladeshi Parliament. He is the current Chairman, Conservative Friends of Bangladesh (CFOB) London Region. In 1996 he co-founded Sporting Bengal Football Team and was the manager of the team for four years in his spare time.
In 1997 Zakir spear headed the formation of The Bangladesh Football Association UK as the Chair of the organisation he established a summer football league with just eight teams which now has 46 teams. Asian Football League Manager of the Year 1996, 1997, 1998. He has received a Tower Hamlets Sports Council Certificate for outstanding achievements in Sports in 1997. He received a Community Achievement Award from the Mayor of Tower Hamlets in 2004.
He has been awarded a Voluntary Achievement Award from the Bangladesh Football Association UK in 2008. In year 2000, 2001 and 2002 Zakir invited football teams from Bangladesh to visit London. He organised games with West Ham and Chelsea. Mohamadan Sporting Club, Abahani Football Club and Chittagong have benefited from these visits.



Dr Zakir Khan

Sector:
Community Relations & Corporate



Award Winner 2012

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Tasmin Lucia-Khan is an Entrepreneur, TV Personality and Film Producer with over 16 years of on-air experience. She has presented and produced over 5,000 programs for the BBC, ITV and NBC, broadcasting to global audiences of millions.
Her current role is CEO of the publicly traded Hollywood film company WR Entertainment (widerelease.com), a global entertainment business focused on Book-to-Film crossover with head-quarters in Los Angeles. She took the company public in January 2016, listing it on the Oslo Stock Exchange Merkur Market. She is also a producer on the first action adventure film, alongside Mark Huffam, producer for Ridley Scott's Oscar nominated 'The Martian' and 'Alien: Covenant'.

Tasmin has reported on some of the biggest news stories in the world including the South East Asian Boxing Day Tsunami, the death of Michael Jackson, Barack Obama's inauguration and the capture of Osama Bin Laden. She has interviewed global figures such as Bill Clinton, Angelina Jolie, Shah Rukh Khan and hosted the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay at Buckingham Palace with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in attendance.
An entrepreneur from an early age, Tasmin has grown several successful tech start-up businesses in the Silicon Valley and London. In 2007, Tasmin was a founding team member and Vice President of Ad-Maxim Inc, one of Europe's leading mobile advertising agencies based in San Francisco and London. For this work she was awarded Entrepreneur of the Year 2014/2015 by the Lloyds Banking Group in the UK for her leadership. Another company co-founded by Tasmin is app development and creative agency Sivvr, which was named a Top Digital Influencer at the United Nations 70th Anniversary ceremony in San Francisco two years ago.

Tasmin has an Oxford University degree and Masters in Politics, Philosophy and Economics, and is married to cardiologist Dr Junaid Zaman. She is passionate about giving back and is involved in children's charities in Bangladesh. She is also proud to be an Ambassador for Prince Charles' British Asian Trust.



Tasmin Lucia-Khan

Sector:
Media

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Dr Nazia Khanum, OBE
Sector:
Research & Academia



Award Winner 2011

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Dr Nazia Khanum has a BA (Hons) and MA in Political Science from Dhaka University and a PhD in History from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. She runs Equality in Diversity, an international management and research consultancy. Her jobs include: lecturer at University of Dhaka; Commonwealth Speaker and Teaching Fellow at Commonwealth Institute, London; Education Officer at Luton Community Relations Council; Head of Equalities in Greater London Council (Housing), Tower Hamlets Borough Council (Housing), Inner London Education Authority (Employment), Ealing Borough Council (Education) and Bedfordshire County Council (Education, Resources, Research and Community Development); Senior Health Promotion Officer in Bedfordshire Health Promotion Agency.
Working closely with national and local government and community groups, she has given evidence to Parliamentary Select Committee Inquiries into Bangladeshi community's needs, Terrorism/Violent Extremism and Domestic Violence, Forced Marriage & Honour-based Violence. Her publications include poems, short stories, articles, research papers and good practice guides on: equality in employment, bullying and harassment, forced marriage, discrimination on grounds of race, gender, disability, faith, class etc, engagement with black and minority ethnic communities, needs and aspirations of Bangladeshi young women, smoking, fostering, climate change and so on. She has spoken extensively on wide-ranging socio-economic issues at national and international conferences, seminars and workshops and participated on TV and radio programmes. Her passion and achievements in promoting peace, equality, justice and human rights, especially for traditionally disadvantaged groups like ethnic minorities and women, have been recognised by numerous awards including: OBE from the Queen, honorary PhD from the University of Bedfordshire, Kabi Mozammel Haque Foundation, Rotary Club - Dhaka West, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh, the Mayor of Luton, Luton Committee for Racial Harmony (predominantly African Caribbean), Luton Forum (Local Strategic Partnership), Pakistan Kashmir Youth Forum, House of Lords Honours Dinner, Gujarati Mitra Mandal, Bangladesh Youth League, Purbachal – the eastern sky, Luton Bangladeshi Community, Grassroots (Christian), Luton Council of Faiths, Community Development Foundation, Luton in Harmony, Luton Training and Mentoring (Indian-led).
Her activities include: Government Equalities Office's National Ambassador for Equality and Diversity in Public Appointments; Governor, Luton Sixth Form College; Non-Executive Director, Luton Primary Care Trust; Trustee, Luton All Women's Centre; Equalities Adviser to Bedfordshire Probation Service; Member of National Muslim Women's Network UK; founder Chair of United Nations Association – Luton, Luton Bangladesh Helping Hand (LBHH), Luton Multicultural Women's Coalition, Purbachal – the eastern sky and Luton Multiagency Steering Group on Forced Marriage & Violence Against Women; Member of Luton Equality, Inclusion and Cohesion Group (until 2011), Preventing Violent Extremism Community Reference Group, Luton (until 2010), Luton Commission on Community Cohesion (2010-2011), the government's National Muslim Women's Advisory Group (until 2010). Thinking Partner of the Department of Health's national programme – Race for Health (until 2007), board member of Bedfordshire Learning & Skills Council (until 2007), governor of two schools (until 2003).

As founder chair, she is an integral part of LBHH's charitable work for the victims of natural disasters across the world including Bangladesh (10 educational and health projects in Sylhet and rebuilding of 115 houses and a high school/cyclone shelter in Sri Ghat, Bagerhat), Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Haiti & Sudan. She is married to Dr David Cheesman (PhD in History from SOAS). Their son -Tareen has an M Sc in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science - LSE, University of London. Dr Khanum is proud to have a family which is not only fully supportive of her work but also shares the same ideals of democratic and humanitarian principles.



Cllr Samata Khatoon
Sector:
Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Samata Khatoon is a Labour Councillor for St Pancras & Somers Town Ward. Prior to becoming a Councillor in 2010 Samata worked in Camden as a Senior Youth Worker and a Family Support Worker for Islington. She is a mother of three children, who have all attended Camden Schools. She has held various roles as a Councillor since 2010 as Chair of the Housing Scrutiny Committee, Deputy Whip, Cabinet Adviser for Tenants Voice, and Chair for the cross-party Exclusion Panel. She was also involved in the development of policies aimed at encouraging young girls to engage in sports activities in Camden.

Samata has held several voluntary roles in the Borough including a Trustee of New Horizon Youth Centre. Trustee of St Pancras Welfare Trust, Parent Governor at Edith Neville Primary School, Treasurer at Bangla Shur and Women's Officer at The Chunarughat Association. She is currently a Governor at the Working Men's College.
While raising three children and serving as a councillor, Samata returned to adult education where she has just completed a BA Hons in Leadership and Management and plans to take on a teaching role in Adult Education. In her spare time, she is also a director for an online business.
Samata has chosen to support two local charities during her mayoral year: Scene & Heard and New Horizon Youth Centre.
During her mayoral year, her foremost goal is to ensure that every young person has the opportunity to grow and achieve their ambitions, regardless of their background. She is particularly focused on supporting young people who are at risk of homelessness

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Kamrun Nessa Khanom (Shuva Matin)

Sector:
Community Work



Award Winner 2019

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Born in Charar Paar Sylhet, to her parents late Minu Khan and late Shamsun Nessa Khanom. Shuva came to East London in 1974 with her husband Md Abdul Matin, originally from Chowki Dekhi, Sylhet.

Her first encounter with the community was at St Hilda's Community Centre in East London in 1975, where she took her son their for a check up and realised so many Bangladeshi's could not communicate in English properly. Shuva always had a passion to help people, She then started working voluntarily for the community as a translator.
As years went by Shuva realised her vision for life was to help the community and that is exactly what she did. She helped families struggling with housing, marriage problems and financial issues with her own money and used her home as a shelter regardless of their race or religion.

In 1996 Shuva started her own charity in Bangladesh called Shonali Shopno which she funds by holding dinner parties and supplying food to other organisations. She uses the money to provide sewing machines and rickshaws for families in Bangladesh who need a kick start in life. In 1999 her charity started paying for cataract operations in Bangladesh and has helped many people regain their sight.
In 2011 she registered her UK charity Golden Dreams and continued to use her cooking skills to raise funds to provide medical/maternity help in Bangladesh. She also pays for up to 200 circumcisions per year.
Shuva has won numerous awards in the UK and Bangladesh including the Hason Raja Shommanona and Gunijon Shommanona.

In her youth Shuva was an activist for the Awami League (mukti judha) helping freedom fighters during the liberation war. She was encouraged by her uncle's Fokrul Islam and Anwar Uddin Gama.
Last year she was awarded a Leadership and Community award by SOAS. Shuva's hobbies are cooking, socialising and teaching others how to cook.
She has 4 Children all married. Eldest son Md Tanbir works as a Metropolitan Police officer, Sania is a business woman, Sadia is a IT systems developer and youngest daughter Radia is a college Enrolment Student Support Officer.



Cllr Ayesha Khanom

Sector:
Politics/ Charity

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

With over two decades of dedicated experience in youth and community services, she has cultivated a robust career focused on supporting children and young people aged 0 to 25. For the past ten years, Cllr Ayesha has served in various capacities within Milton Keynes Council's Youth and Community Services, and has been part of the Local Authority for 21 years. Her qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Social Science, a degree in Social Welfare Practice, and a Joint National Committee (JNC) qualification in Youth and Community Development. Currently, she is employed as a Mental Health Specialist with CNWL CAMHS.
Throughout her career, she has taken on leadership roles, managing and supervising teams in the absence of senior staff. She has also contributed to academia as a lecturer at the University of Bedfordshire, focusing on contemporary social issues. Additionally, Cllr Ayesha served as a practice educator, guiding students in their learning and development. Her involvement in the recruitment process for the National Youth Agency has allowed her to influence course design and delivery at the university level.
Her work emphasizes collaboration with diverse communities to promote inclusion, tackle deprivation, and enhance access to essential services. She has experience in research, report writing, and community profiling, and has partnered with clinical commissioning groups to raise awareness of COVID-19 safety within the BAME community. Her role in a steering group comprising female leaders from the BAME community has enabled her to organize initiatives addressing perinatal mental health, social inclusion, and other pressing issues.
She has participated in numerous local and national projects aimed at fostering positive change, such as contributing to the construction of a school and a place of worship for a remote village in Bangladesh.
Her commitment to community service extends to my involvement with various charities, including the MK NHS Maternity Liaison Committee, MKBA Women's Network, and the Islamic Arts, Heritage and Culture. As a board member of the Equality Council UK and an advisory board member for Thames Valley Police, she actively promotes community cohesion and organize events that address social challenges.
She is passionate about the development of her town and community, consistently seeking innovative ideas to enhance better living environment. Her belief in collaborative, multi-agency efforts has been reinforced by her service as a local Parish Councillor for Bletchley and Fenny Stratford, and She has recently been elected as a city councillor for Bletchley Park.
Having lived in Bletchley for over 40 years, she possesses a deep understanding of the wider community. This background has motivated Ayesha to effect change across various levels, extending beyond her own Bangladeshi community, which has provided her with valuable insights.
She is driven by a strong desire to assist communities, often finding it difficult to decline opportunities to help. As a 'people person,' she thrives on engaging with individuals from all walks of life. She believes that she can achieve beyond the goals set for herself and remain open to diverse career opportunities.
She considers herself a resilient individual capable of influencing positive choices for her community. While she faced challenges, these experiences have only deepened her and broadened her understanding more.

Cllr Ayesha enjoys travelling, spending quality time with her family, learning new languages, reading, and appreciating nature.

Sapnara Khatun is a Circuit Judge. In 1988 she graduated with an LL.B (Hons) from the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science (University of London) and was called to the Bar in 1990.
She used to practice from Coram Barristers Chambers in London and specialises in family law. In 2006 she was appointed as a Recorder of the Crown which makes her the only Bangladeshi in a senior judicial position . In 2014 she was made a full time Circuit judge.

In 2004 Sapnara Khatun was appointed by the Lord Chancellor to the Family Justice Council which is a body of experts to advise Government on all aspects of the family justice system and assisted in formulating and drafting the Forced Marriage Act 2007.
She was also the first ethnic person to be elected to the Family Law Bar Association Committee in 2003.

Sapnara Khatun was born in Sylhet and came to the UK as a child. She is the daughter of late Mimbor Ali, a highly respected member of the Bangladeshi community, honoured by the Bangladeshi Government for his significant contribution to the liberation of Bangladesh.
In 2018 she was awarded the degree of doctor of laws, Honoris causa, by Royal Holloway (University of London. She was appointed by the lord chief justice as a Diversity community Relations Judge and a judicial Role Model.
Sapnara Khatun has served as Director /Chair of a number of charities and voluntary sector organisations and lectures widely on issues relating to family law. She is married with two children.



Sapnara Khatun

Sector:
Legal



Award Winner 2010

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mr Kuduse is an entrepreneur, businessman and philanthropist whose career reflects determination, enterprise and a sustained commitment to building successful businesses and supporting communities. From his early life in Bangladesh to establishing a diverse portfolio of enterprises in the South West of England and Wales, his journey is characterised by ambition, resilience and a strong belief in the value of hard work and service.
Born in Dokinshurma, Alam Pur, Bangladesh, his father name Abdus Shohid (Khola Miah) and mother Hawarun Nessa, Mr Kuduse came to the United Kingdom with his family at a young age. His early educational background was modest, but he demonstrated an enduring interest in business and personal development. He subsequently completed a GNVQ in Business at Bristol College and studied English at Bhasvic College in Brighton before settling in Bristol in 2003.
His professional career began through part-time positions with JD Sports and Thali Express, where he acquired practical experience in customer service, sales and commercial operations. In 2004, he joined Phones4U as a salesperson. His aptitude for sales, leadership and business development soon became evident, and within two years he was promoted to manager. In 2007, he joined JAG Communications, where he continued to develop his expertise in the mobile communications sector.
Having gained substantial industry experience, Mr Kuduse embarked upon his entrepreneurial career in June 2009 with the establishment of Mad Mobiles. Beginning with a team of only three employees, the company achieved a turnover of £400,000 during its first year. Over the subsequent six years, he expanded the business by opening a further 14 stores. By 2015, Mad Mobiles had achieved a turnover of £3.5 million, while Mr Kuduse had also begun developing a portfolio of commercial property investments.
Following the sale of his shares in Mad Mobiles in 2015, he founded Go Phone Ltd. The business has continued to develop under his direction, with particular emphasis placed upon customer relationships, quality of service and after-sales care. His approach is succinctly expressed in his philosophy: "After-sales service is the key point for my business to be successful."
In May 2016, Mr Kuduse diversified into the leisure sector with the establishment of Ocean Spas Ltd, trading as Hot Tub Stores UK. Its first substantial showroom opened at Brislington Retail Park in Bristol, followed by a second showroom in Cardiff in 2019 and a third in Newbury in 2023. The business has established a significant regional presence serving customers throughout the South West and Wales.
His commercial interests have also extended to the jewellery sector through Gems Design & Repair Ltd, a long-established business in Thornbury, Bristol. Alongside his operating companies, he maintains a portfolio of property investments, principally centred upon Bristol.
Beyond commerce, Mr Kuduse places considerable importance upon philanthropy and community service. Married to Hanin Begum Sadia, he supports charitable initiatives in both Britain and Bangladesh through the Hazi Abdus Shohid Foundation. In 2020, he established Smile Learning Centre, a school in Bangladesh, alongside other charitable and community projects.
Mr Kuduse's career stands as an example of entrepreneurial progression from modest beginnings to sustained commercial achievement. His continuing work across business, property and philanthropy reflects a commitment not only to enterprise and economic development, but also to creating opportunities and contributing positively to the communities with which he is connected.



Muhammed Abdul Kuduse

Sector:
Entrepreneur / Property Investor

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Mohammad Abul Lais

Sector:
Business & Community

Mohammed Abul Lais is a successful businessman, outstanding community organiser and well-known philanthropist in Berkshire. Born in 1960 Mohammed Abul Lais came to the UK when he was only 15 from the village Amria of Durgapasha Union of Shanti Gonj Tana under Sunamgonj district. His father late Alhaj Abul Bashor Md. Mashuk Miah was a restaurant trader in the UK. He was a philanthropist who came over to the UK in 1963. He sadly passed away in a tragic road accident in the UK in 1994. His mother is Mrs Badrun Nessa was school teacher back in Bangladesh. On arrival in the UK he started serving in restaurants and at the same time continued his studies. He did O' Level and A' level in Accountancy and also completed B-tech National diploma. Mohammed Abul Lais has been in the restaurant industry for many years. Owning his first restaurant at the age of 18 called the Curry Garden. He then established 2 more branches after, The Curry Garden, Tadley and The Curry Garden Reading. He was also involved in a partnership of 'Rajdoot Restaurant' in Cirencester, with a very close friend of his. In 1991 he set up his wholesale distribution company, Eurasia Food Service. Mohammed Abul Lais also established the first Thai and Bangladeshi restaurant named Blue Cobra which was located in Theale, the west side of Reading. Mohammed Abul Lais is also a philanthropist. He is one of the founders of Basingstoke Islamic Society. Initially he was one of the founders and later served as president of the society for 3 years. He is also the founding member of Reading Central Jamme Masjid established and run by the Bangladeshis. He is also a member of Basingstoke Chambers & Commerce, Thames valley Chambers of Commerce, Founder of British Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce UK. He has made special contributions towards the establishment and development of Amria Mosque and Amria Madrassa, in 2016 Mohammed Lais built an academy bhobon in Amria Madrasa Building named after his late Father and his mother, which was opened by M A Mannan MP, the former planning minister of Bangladesh. Mohammed Abul Lais have established a family trust in his father's name. From this trust named "Alhaj AB Mashuk Miah Foundation" quarterly education stipend is regularly being provided to the poor and meritorious students of the Amria Madrassa since 1994. Mohammad Abul Lais is the trustee of this Foundation while all his brothers and sisters are the members. Mohammed Lais is a founder trustee of Bangladesh female academy in Derai, Mohammed Is the President of Sunamgonj Jela Welfare Association UK, also President Shantigonj Upozela Association UK. Mohammed Lais is also involved in many other community Organisations, such as Brihottor Sylhet Education Trust UK, Bangladesh Probashi Kollyan Porishod, Juktorajjo Jalalabad Associations UK, and many others,

Mohammad is married to Nazma Khatun Qureshi, with two daughters and one son. Eldest daughter Shumana Lais obtained Honours degree in Investment Banking and Finance and worked at KPMG as an auditor and completed ACA. Second daughter Sameera Lais studied Biomedical Science and PGDip and is working in a GP surgery. Son Shumel Lais graduated in Business, and he worked for Sachi and Sachi before starting a technology startup .Mohammed Lais is blessed with 3 grandsons.



Cllr Syeda Amina Khatun MBE

Sector:
Politics

Cllr Syeda Amina Khatun MBE is the Deputy Leader of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, and currently serving as a Mayor (2024-25) of Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council and Chief Executive Officer of Bangladeshi Women's Association Limited and also the Chairperson of Bangladeshi Regeneration Council in England & Wales.

Councillor Khatun was the first Bangladeshi woman to be elected Councillor in the Midlands region in 1999 and was made a Member of the British Empire for her services to Community Development in 2004. Whilst retaining many political and professional portfolios, Councillor Khatun has always been a strong community champion and remained open to serving the entirety of the community as well as showing tremendous devotion towards the betterment of the Bangladeshi people. Over the past thirty years of her career in the community sector, Cllr Khatun has successfully planned and managed hundreds of community development projects that has improved lives of thousands of disadvantaged people and communities. Councillor Khatun has also committed herself to 'empowering communities together' by sharing of services and opportunities across all boundaries and culture.

Shamsul Alam Liton is an accomplished academic, media professional, and human rights advocate. He is the Editor and Director of the London-based weekly newspaper Weekly Surma and the Founder Trustee (2004) and current Chairman of Atish Dipankar University of Science & Technology (ADUST) in Bangladesh. A multidimensional personality, he has dedicated himself to building a skilled generation and promoting the rule of law in his motherland.

He graduated in Social Sciences from the University of Dhaka and earned an LL.B from Leeds Beckett University, followed by a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (LPC) from University of West London, qualifying him as a Solicitor in the courts of England and Wales. He is committed to contributing his utmost to transform Bangladesh into a republic where the people's right to life and property is fully ensured.

Mr. Liton served as Press Secretary to the President of Bangladesh (2003–2005) and held senior roles in print and broadcast media, including Chief Reporter of ATN Bangla in Dhaka and Director and Head of News and Current Affairs at Bangla TV in London. During his years in London, he played a leading role in advancing democracy and human rights in Bangladesh.

With a strong focus on youth empowerment, he envisions transforming ADUST into a leading Skill University of Bangladesh. His flagship initiative, "তারুণ্যে বিনিয়োগ" (Invest in Youth), addresses the NEET (not in education, employment and training) challenge by equipping millions of young Bangladeshis with practical skills, professional training, and entrepreneurial capacity. Through this vision, he aims to position ADUST as a pioneer of skills-based higher education and to establish the program as a national flagship across public and private institutions, shaping a skilled generation for Bangladesh's future.



Shamsul Alam Liton

Sector:
Journalist · Educationist · Civil Rights Activist/Lawyer

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Ahmed Mahbub's ascension to the mayoralty of Haringey represents more than a personal triumph—it embodies the evolving narrative of British Bangladeshi political participation and the democratisation of civic leadership in contemporary Britain. As Haringey's first Mayor of Bangladeshi heritage, Ahmed has not merely occupied a ceremonial position but has fundamentally reimagined what representative governance means for one of London's most diverse boroughs.

Since his council election in 2022, Ahmed's trajectory through local government has been marked by strategic positioning and institutional acumen.

What distinguishes Ahmed's tenure, however, is his sophisticated approach to community advocacy. Rather than employing tokenistic gestures, he has systematically worked to elevate Bangladeshi visibility within Haringey's broader socio-political landscape.

The timing of his emergence proves particularly significant. As the UK grapples with questions of identity, representation, and belonging in the post-Brexit era, figures like Ahmed offer a compelling model of citizenship—individuals who maintain strong cultural connections while fully engaging with British democratic institutions.

Ultimately, Ahmed's mayoralty represents not an endpoint but a catalyst, suggesting broader possibilities for Bangladeshi political engagement across Britain. In an era when local government faces unprecedented challenges, leaders who combine technical competence with authentic community connection become increasingly vital to democratic resilience and renewal.



Cllr Ahmed Mahbub

Sector:
*Politics***xx**

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BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Taysir Mahmud

Sector:
Media

Taysir Mahmud is very well known in the British Bangladeshi community as a committed journalist and writer. He is currently the Editor of Weekly Desh, Britain's first nationwide free Bengali newspaper, which has been serving the community for 9 years.

Mr Mahmud is the General Secretary of London Bangla Press Club. In January 2022 he was elected to this position with a huge margin of votes.
now General Secretary of London Bangla Press Club for secound time.
He presents 'The Newsroom', a weekly popular current affairs Talkshow on UK satellite television channel TVone.
Mr. Mahmud was born in 1973 in Vobani Pur village of the Moulvi Bazar district, Barlekha Upozella, under Shahbaz Pur Union. His father late Alhaz Muhammad Abdul Motlib was a respected person in the area. His mother, the late Mrs Harisun Nessa, was a very kind and generous lady.

Mr. Mahmud passed SSC in 1993 and HSC in 1995 both in first and 2nd divisions. He passed the Kamil (Highest degree of Madrasha education) in 1999. At the same time he took a BA degree from Sylhet MC University College.
As a student he became involved in journalistic activities and worked as a staff reporter on the Daily Sylhet Bani newspaper in Sylhet on 1996. He went on to become the Sub-Editor for the newspaper.
In 1999 he established Medialine a prominent news agency in Sylhet.

In 2002 Mr. Mahmud joined the Daily Jalalabad as a senior staff reporter and worked there until he came to London. At the same time he was programme compiler in Radio Bangladesh, Sylhet Centre. He was also a general member of the Sylhet Press Club.

He arrived in the UK in 2003. He started his career as News Editor at Weekly Notun Din. In 2007 he was appointed as the Executive Editor of the paper and served in this position until 2014, he joined Weekly Desh, as an Editor.

Mr. Mahmud married Farhana Mahmud in 2006, the daughter of respected community leader Alhajj Atik Miah of Hazipur, Golapgonj. Borira Mahmud is a secondary Science teacher. They are the parents of four children, Jibreel, Sarah, Mikaeel and Salsabeel. The family resides in London.



Cllr Bablin Molik

Sector:
Politics/Health

Cllr Bablin Molik was born in Bangladesh and came to Cardiff, UK in 1986 as a 6 years old. She is the Daughter of Parvin Islam Feroze and Mohammed Feroze from Moulvibazar, Bangladesh.

Graduated in BSc Biochemistry and went on to completing her PhD in Eye Biology on Glaucoma at Cardiff University. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer for Sight Cymru (established in 1865 as GWENT Association of Blind), an independent charity supporting people with sight loss in Wales. Alongside pursuing her interest in research and publications, since taking on the chief executive role within the organisation Bablin has grown the profile, reach, value and impact of the organisation.

Her political alignment has been with Liberal Democrats since her first vote .She joined the party as a member in 2007. She has stood in local, MP Bye-election and National Elections for the party. She was elected as local councillor first in 2017 to represent Cyncoed and Lakeside ward, Cardiff and re-elected in 2022. She has been involved with Children and adult services scrutiny committees and has recently chaired Community Adult Services Scrutiny Committee. She was appointed The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Cardiff on 25th May 2023. She is the first Women of Colour, Muslim and migrant to be appointed as the First citizen of Cardiff.

She is supporting others and has been involved with numerous voluntary roles such as health council, school governorships, friends groups and worked with voluntary organisations around empowering women, addressing health inequalities and racism along with her work within the disability sector. As Lord Mayor she is supporting UCAN Productions, a charity that supports visually impaired children and young people through performing and creative arts.

Bablin enjoys spending time with her family and travelling to experience different cultures and learning about historical inheritance of different nations and communities. Bablin is also involved with a number of Bangladeshi cultural organisations in Cardiff and enjoys South Asian (Bangladeshi, Indian and Pakistani) TV, cinema and cuisine.

She is the youngest of four siblings. Bablin is married to Molik Musaddek Ahmed and they have 2 daughters (19 and 15 years of age). Eldest Daughter Mahek is studying Pharmacy and Midhaa is currently studying for her GCSEs.

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Rowshon Ara Chowdhury Malik

Sector:
Education/ Community

Rowshon Malik came from a reputable family from Fenchuganj , Sylhet. They were 12 brothers and sisters. Her father was late Delwar Hussain Chowdhury. He was a social activist and he dedicated his whole life for the betterment of his local community. All of her brothers were involved in voluntary social work. Amongst her brothers the eldest brother is Zia Us Samad Chowdhury MBE, late Mahmud Us Samad MPand Ahmed Us Samad JP.

She came to UK in 1966 with her late Husband Mr. Abdul Malik and immediately after her Arrival she started studying and helping women in the deprived area of Birmingham.
Interpreting for women for social services, education, housing, health. She learnt helping people From her father.
She raised 4 children while working for Adult Education and doing voluntary work.
She joined Birmingham Adult Education services and managed to start ESOL classes all over Birmingham. She worked for the local government in Education for 35 years. She believes in "Lifelong learning "and education starts from the" cradle to the grave" and she is a motivator for the community people to educate themselves and have a better life.
Rowshon Malik studied in 3 Universities and had the highest qualification in teaching adults in ESOL.
Her next mission was to set up a centre to train and educate women. Herself and 3 other Friends, with the fiancé from economic development unit, they set up a training centre in 1997 in Small Heath, Birmingham called, Bangladesh women employment resource centre. She was the Executive management committee member and a treasurer. The centre is still up and Running and she attends meetings virtually.

She received a medal from Birmingham City Council and an appreciation award for her Community work from Channel S TV. She has endless certificates for long and short courses including C &G advice, guidance and support. She is often invited to talk shows in various TV Channels.

She is very passionate about Bangladesh and wants to see the less privileged people to have roof over their heads and have 3 times meal every day.



Piara Mayenin (Piya)

Sector:
Law/Community

Piara Mayenin, aka Piya Mayenin is a Bangladeshi lawyer with a feminist edge, who practices law, specialising in Immigration; Human Rights, Wills and Probate, Family and Employment Law; discrimination. Her dedication and commitment to the community precipitated her to become a Radio and TV presenter; she hosts and produces legal programs on Bengali speaking television and radio since 2010. She appears as guest on popular TV shows to discuss and confer opinion on issues affecting the community.

Piya Mayenin was born to Mohammed Abdul Noor and Champa Noor in Ziapur, which is a village in Chhatak upozilla in the distict Sunamganj. She is sixth of seven siblings. On entering the UK with her parents at tender age of three months her entire upbringing has been in the UK. She attended Harry Gosling Primary School in Tower Hamlets followed by Mulberry School and North Westminster Community School in Westminster. Having graduated with BA Honours in Economics from The University of Greenwich, she then attained Postgraduate Diploma in Law followed by LPC from The University of Law formerly known as The College of Law. In 1996 she married Munayem Mayenin, a writer and poet and they have a son, Ohie and two daughters,
Saahia and Raaneem.
Piya Mayenin is an active human rights campaigner, whose work includes generating awareness amongst the community and challenging discrimination, bigotry and hypocrisy that affects the community at large, creating barriers and causing alienation and segregation. Community empowerment has been her lifelong commitment. She promotes equality and awareness by participating in various activist and cultural organisations, in addition to organising cultural events, seminars and writing blogs and articles.

In addition to Piya Mayenin's legal profession, she is an amateur singer who received classical vocal and harmonium training from Pundit Haridas Ganguly, Ustaad Fida Hussain Khan and Mahmudur Rahman Benu. As a hobby she performs occasionally and believes in upholding culture and heritage, spreading happiness for everyone through these performances.

Dr. Rifat H Mazumder is a name that reverberates with diligence, enthusiasm, and unique expertise in the medical community. As a young and talented Consultant Rheumatologist and Acute Physician, he has made remarkable strides in the fields of Rheumatology and Medicine, distinguishing himself as a key player in patient care, medical education, and clinical research. Born in Habigonj, Bangladesh, Dr Mazumder studied at Motijheel Ideal School and Dhaka College. His academic journey began with MBBS from Faridpur Medical College. He worked for the National Arm Forces Hospital in KSA and Ministry of Health Brunei.
He completed MRCP (Member of the Royal College of Physicians) London in 2014. Emigrating to the United Kingdom in 2016, Dr Mazumder worked at Mid Essex Hospital as a Clinical Fellow. His outstanding accomplishments and intense passion for autoimmune musculoskeletal disorders led him to achieve a rare opportunity to secure a place in highly competitive National Training Programme in Rheumatology and Internal Medicine in the esteemed East of England Deanery. He was one the best trainees of his time and achieved all the required competencies well ahead of the designated time frame and honoured with a certificate of completion of training six months early.

Dr Mazumder accomplished an MSc in Rheumatology from the University of South Wales. He has a Fellowship in Medical Leadership and Management from the King's College London. In his current role as a consultant rheumatologist and Acute Physician at Nottingham University Hospital, Dr. Mazumder has spearheaded numerous initiatives to enhance patient care. Integration of colour Doppler vascular ultrasound in a GCA Fast Track Clinic not only aidsin making a quick diagnosis and management of this life-threatening condition but also saves a considerable amount of NHS Funds. In his dual role as an Acute Physician, Dr. Mazumder is known for his adeptness in handling high-pressure situations with calm precision and his ability to explain complex medical conditions in a way that is accessible and reassuring to his patients During covid-19 pandemic his dedication, and ability to swiftly diagnose and treat acutely unwell patients-saved countless lives. To determine the prevalence of rheumatic diseases within the British Bangladeshi population, he has initiated free health screening events held at community hubs.

It provides comprehensive screenings for autoimmune arthritis to make it possible for many community members to receive early diagnoses and prompt treatment, significantly improving their long-term health outcomes. Understanding the financial barriers faced by many Bangladeshi students, Dr. Mazumder established a fund specifically aimed at providing financial assistance to those in need.
This fund covers tuition fees, textbooks, and other essential educational resources. Dr. Mazumder's contributions to medical research are equally noteworthy. He has published many papers in prestigious medical journals.

He is actively involved in training the next generation of physicians, serving as a GMC-approved Educational Supervisor for the Medicine and Rheumatology Trainees. He is an examiner of MRCP exam. He wrote a chapter for the upcoming 5th edition of the Oxford Textbook of Rheumatology. His outstanding contributions to Rheumatology and Acute Medicine, merged with his benevolent aptitude for patient care, made him a deserving recipient of the Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP) London.



Dr Rifat H Mazumder

Sector:
Medicine



Award Winner 2025

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Ajmal Masroor was the independent Parliamentary Candidate for Bethnal Green and Bow constituency in London Borough of Tower Hamlets, during the last general election.

He is a broadcast journalist specialising on Islam and Muslim issues. He presents regular programmes on the Islam Channel and Channel S. He has been a production consultant TV programmes such as Shari'ah TV, Make Me a Muslim and the Quran for Channel 4 and Celebrity Lives Shariah style for the BBC. He has written for the Guardian's comment is free and BBC websites, the New Statesman and the Evening Standard and has regular page in the EMEL magazine. He in regularly invited to contribute and comment on news stories by BBC, CNN and other mainstream media.

Ajmol is a trainer providing training on peace and reconciliation, citizenship, governance, democracy and contextualised Islam to young people across Europe and has taken part in peace building initiatives in various countries including Lebanon and Jordan. He is regularly invited to speak on issues on integration, Islam in the modern world, Muslim community, and topics that relate to social and political changes within various communities.
He is currently the director of Communities in Action Enterprises that provides advice and support to statutory and non-governmental organisations including the British Council, Department of Health, NHS, Police and local authorities. He has published a number of guides including "Ramadan Health Guide", "Mark of Faith" and "Islamphobia and Anti-Semitism training manual" and "Organisational Capacity building handbook".

Ajmol has worked in the voluntary and statutory sector for over twenty years in various positions and capacities such as a youth worker, community organiser, community development advisor and cultural relations consultant. He was the vice-chair for the London Civic Forum and he lead the campaign "standing together against intolerance" post the 9/11 attacks in the USA.

He has studied Politics, Arabic language, counselling and completed an MA in Islamic Studies. He leads Friday prayers in several Mosques across London.



Ajmal Masroor

Sector:
Politics and Religion

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Mohammed Afruz Miah BEM

Sector:
Charity & Community



Award Winner 2025

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mohammed Afruz Miah BEM, affectionately known as "Oldham's Running Man", is a shining example of how personal transformation can ignite community change. Once a maths tutor facing serious health challenges, Afruz embraced running to turn his life around and in doing so, he discovered a powerful way to serve others.

What began as daily jogs soon grew into headline endurance feats. From running 313 kilometres from Oldham to London while fasting in Ramadan(twice), to climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, skydiving, 24hr fitness challenges and recently completing the Miles4Humanity challenge 10 km every day for a year, actually 386 which is a record!
Afruz has pushed himself to extraordinary limits. Each step was dedicated to raising funds and awareness for those most in need, especially through his close work with Global Relief Trust and local and national charities in the UK!

Beyond his running, Afruz has personally travelled to deliver humanitarian aid in war-torn areas and regions struck by natural disasters standing side by side with communities in crisis. His relentless efforts have raised over £750,000 for Palestine to date and an astonishing over £3 million for causes worldwide.

His tireless dedication has not gone unnoticed. In 2022, Afruz was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) in recognition of his outstanding charitable work. He was further honoured with invitations to represent his community on the national stage taking part in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee torchlit procession and being among the select few invited inside Westminster Abbey for the historic Coronation of King Charles III. Sitting just metres from the royal procession, Afruz's journey from Oldham's streets to Britain's grandest ceremony became a symbol of hope and inspiration for countless others.

And his journey is far from over. Afruz has a calendar of forthcoming challenges, including international marathons, bold new cycling adventures, and a series of creative "out-of-the-box" endurance feats each one designed to inspire, to unite and to raise even more for those most in need.

Through every challenge, Afruz carries a simple but powerful message: faith, fitness and fundraising can change lives. He continues to inspire young people, families, and communities across the UK and beyond proving that one person's determination really can move mountains, cross finish lines, and light the way for others.



Mohammad M Adnan Miah

Sector:
Real Estate

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Adnan, from the village of Haydor Pur Boro Bari in Bathgow Union, Chhatak, Sunamgonj, has become a successful businessman. His educational journey led him to complete an Master in Finance and Property Development at the prestigious City University of London. This academic foundation paved the way for his thriving entrepreneurial career.

Adnan ventured into the frozen products distribution industry by establishing his first company, *Le China Ltd*. Building on the success of this venture, he then expanded his family business, *3A Boss Ltd*, which operates in diverse sectors. Most recently, he has entered the real estate development industry, founding a construction company called *Property First*, following a significant landacquisition.
Adnan's passion for football traces back to his school days at Chingford Foundation and Bancroft School, where he often led his school teams in matches. His athleticism, teamwork, and leadership on the field have translated into his professional life.

In addition to his business endeavors, Adnan is involved in community activities. He holds the position of Education Secretary for the Chhatak community and is actively engaged in charitable work, supporting various causes.
His father, Mohammad Rafique M. Hayder, is also a prominent figure, serving as Chairman of Banglatown Group and President of the BBCCI (British Bangladeshi Chamber of Commerce & Industry), further highlighting Adnan's strong family legacy of leadership and community service.

Adnan's journey to becoming a business leader in the UK is an inspiring testament to hard work, dedication, and a commitment to giving back to his community.

Karim Miah (Shamim) is a visionary entrepreneur, community leader, and philanthropist, whose remarkable journey has left an indelible mark on both the business landscape and the social fabric of the United Kingdom. As the President of the British Bangladeshi Association in Somerset, Karim has become a pivotal figure in championing the interests of the Bangladeshi community while also fostering broader cultural and economic ties.

Entrepreneurial Success and Business Leadership Karim's entrepreneurial career is a testament to his foresight, resilience, and innovative spirit. He began his journey with a profound desire to uplift the lives of those in his local community, particularly in Southwest England and London.

Over the years, he has meticulously built a diverse and successful business, serving as the driving force behind several prominent companies.

Karim's business acumen is perhaps most evident in his presence in the hospitality and food sectors, where he has launched and managed several well- known establishments. At the heart of this success is his award winning Indian Restaurant. He is also the founder of Desserts for you, a rapidly growing chain of dessert outlets that has earned a loyal customer base through its wide assortment of treats. Complementing this success, Karim expanded into the fast-food industry with Kebabs for you, a chain specializing in authentic German Donner Kebabs.

His work in property renovation is characterized by a commitment to quality and customer satisfaction, offering premium rental options that meet the highest standards. His ventures in the real estate sector further underscore his versatility as a businessman and his keen understanding of market dynamics.

Philanthropy and Community Leadership Karim Miah's influence is not confined to the business world; he is equally dedicated to social development and humanitarian causes. His deep- seated empathy and commitment to improving the lives of others have driven him to take on numerous leadership roles within charitable organizations. As the Co-Founder and Chairman of the Autistic Foundation as well as Trustee of the Valerie Taylor Trust, Karim has played a crucial role in advocating for the rights and well-being of individuals with disabilities.

His commitment to the community is further exemplified through his leadership of the Labour Friends of Bangladesh Somerset, directorship of UK Bangladesh Catalysts of Commerce and Industry (UKBCCI) and the Bridgwater Islamic Cultural Centre.

In his role as a Trustee of the Beani Bazar Cancer & General Hospital, Karim has been instrumental in ensuring that individuals in need have access to quality healthcare services. His involvement in the hospital's operations reflects his broader commitment to addressing the critical healthcare needs of underprivileged populations, both in the UK and abroad.

He is also the Vice President of BCA London region, friends of national herts foundation sylhet, director Somerset investment club, life member of British Bangladeshi chambers & commars, Member of Jalalabad Association UK.

In various advocacy and leadership roles. He has been appointed as the Vice President of the Rajngaar Welfare Society UK and the Greater Sylhet Development and Welfare Council in the UK Southwest region. These positions have allowed him to advocate effectively for the rights and well-being of the Bangladeshi community, striving to create a more inclusive and equitable society.

Karim's influence is further recognized through his permanent membership in the Bangladesh Centre London and his life membership in the LondonBangla Press Club. These affiliations underscore his ongoing commitment to promoting culturaland professional ties, not only within the Bangladeshi community but also across broaderBritish society.

His legacy is one of compassion, leadership, and asteadfast belief in the power of collective action to bring about meaningful change. As a beacon of hope and progress, Karim continues to inspire those around him to work towards a moreprosperous, inclusive, and harmonious future forall.



Karim Miah (Shamim)

Sector:
Entrepreneur/ Philanthropist



Award Winner 2024

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Cllr Ayas Miah is an elected Councillor and the former Speaker of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for the civic year 2018-19. The Speaker is the name of the role that was formerly the Civic Mayor, in Tower Hamlets. As the Speaker Cllr Miah is responsible for the ceremonial duties of the Council and it is the Speaker's function to chair council meetings and to act as an ambassador for the borough, raising the profile of the Council and forging links with the private, public and voluntary sector.

Cllr Miah was elected for the first time in 2014 to St. Dunstan's Ward and then re-elected in 2018. He was the Deputy Speaker last year and before that served as the Cabinet Member for Environment, with responsibility for a portfolio that included (amongst other things) transport, highways, trading standards, parking, licencing, street cleaning and recycling .

During his time as a councillor, Cllr Miah has also been a member of various committees, such as Audit, Pensions, General Purposes, Development, Grant Scrutiny, Overview and Scrutiny, Standards Advisory, Human Resources. Cllr Miah currently sits on the Licensing Committee in addition to carrying out his Speaker duties.

Cllr Miah by profession is a Chartered Certified Accountant, with offices in Tower Hamlets where he provides assistance to members of the community on a variety of issues.

Cllr Miah has been actively involved in the Bangladeshi community for over many years, participating in the work and projects of a wide range of organisations; including community organisations, charities and business groups.

The work of the community organisations and charities has included language classes, advice services, education and employment support, and campaigning on issues such as the closing of the local fire station.

Cllr Miah worked with small businesses in the community as the chairperson of the Ocean Business Association, Cllr Miah campaigned for compensation and a right to return with reduced rent for those local businesses that lost revenue whilst the area was undergoing regeneration.

Cllr Miah has received various awards for his community work including one from Channel S and the Community Leadership Foundation.



Cllr Mohammed Ayas Miah

Sector:
Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Barrister Anawar Miah
Sector:
Legal / Politics

Mr Anawar Miah is the son of Late Alhaj Barik Miah who settled in the United Kingdom in 1957 and was the founder of a British investment company.

Anawar was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 1998. Anawar is an expert on complex financial arrangements and international public law and he practices law from Great James Street Chambers situated on Old Bailey, Central London. His chambers are a leading established set and have been involved in notable cases including acting in cases associated with the September 11th attacks in New York and cases involving the Enron Corporation of America scandal. His chambers have also been involved in publications such as the leading authority on Extradition and Mutual Assistance published by Sweet and Maxwell and 'Blackstone's Guide to the Terrorism Act 2006' published by Oxford University Press.

Aside from legal issues, Anawar has written numerous articles on current affairs which have been published, speaks at debates and conferences and presents shows and debates on television.

Anawar was also the Labour Party Parliamentary MP Candidate for the General Elections in 2015 and 2017 for the constituency of Welwyn Hatfield in Hertfordshire where he achieved one of the biggest swings for Labour.

Anawar is married to Sony Sadaf Haroon, who is also a Barrister of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn and heads her own law firm in St Albans Hertfordshire United Kingdom. They have 4 children together; Saarah, Saasha, Mikhaail and Daniyaal.

Anawar's pastimes include travelling, playing tennis, reading classical English literature and studying traditional English architecture.



Faruk Miah MBE
Sector:
Education

Faruk Miah MBE is an award winning educator and preeminent thought leader on the Bangladeshi diaspora in the UK. A qualified ICT lecturer, Faruk has over 25 years of experience & expertise in Further Education and Community Learning sectors.

Faruk is currently a senior manager at the Adult & Community Learning section of London Borough of Tower Hamlets Council responsible for over 10,000 learners and 1,000+ part-time courses. He has played a key role in the improvement of standards, quality and results over the past 7 years.

Prior to his move to London, Faruk had a very successful career at Leeds City College, one of the largest further education institutions in the UK. Along with managing various different campuses across the city, he played an instrumental role in the development of the college's International Strategy. Working closely with the British Council, he was a frequent visitor to South Asia & Middle East to promote the College and recruit new students.
Faruk has received numerous national and international awards in recognition of his contribution to the Further Education sector. His proudest moment came in 2010 when he was awarded an MBE by Her Majesty the Queen for services to Further Education and the Community in Leeds.
Inspired by Common Purpose and supported by the British Council, Faruk is developing the Bangladeshi Diaspora Knowledge Network (BDKN), a forum to connect the Bangladeshi diaspora around the world. He is also currently working on a number of diaspora leadership development and recognition programmes.

Faruk is the secretary of Conservative Muslim Forum. The role has allowed him to engage with ordinary people who are interested in developing their knowledge & understanding of the political system in the UK. He has organised a number of very successful events in the Houses of Parliament as well as taking groups to the European Parliament in Brussels.

Faruk is the former host of the popular current affairs TV programme Community Matters which was aired on NTV (sky channel 838) until work commitments meant he had to give up the role. He is still a regular guest on various current affairs programmes on TV.
In recent years Faruk has devoted a substantial amount of his time on charitable causes. He is the founder of "JustSmiles" whose key aim is to make a small difference to the lives of the most vulnerable and needy in society both in UK and overseas.

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MD Harun Miah

Sector:
Finance

Award Winner 2025

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Harun Miah comes from the village of Lamachandpur, Post office Chandrapur Bazar in Golapganj Upazilla of the Sylhet District. His father is Alhaj Muboshir Ali and his mother is Surojan Bibi. He is the eldest among three siblings. Mr Miah came to the UK in 1972 after he completed his O'Level. He lived in the Tower Hamlets Borough since 1972 and established his residence and business empire in E1 area. Mr Harun Miah is married to Minara Begum and they have four children, two sons and two daughters. Both daughters and sons is now married. Mr Miah is an eminent business personality and established social worker. Harun Miah plays a vital role in the field of social services. He is associated closely with many socio-cultural and social welfare organisations both inside and outside the country. Harun Miah is one of the Trustees of London based Bangladesh Centre, member of the Bangladesh Welfare Association UK, Member of the Golapgonj Education Trust, Founder member of Al Emdad High School and College, Chairman of Al-Emdad Degree College Trust UK. Director of UK Bangladesh Catalysts of Commerce & Industry (UKBCCI). He is also a Permanent Member of Sylhet Club Limited.

He was also the treasurer of the Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee of Al Emdad High School and College. He personally contributed and helped raise over £100,000 and continuing to raise till now for Al-Emdad, as well as being a member of the British Cheque Cashers Association and UKMTA.
Mr Miah owns a number of business under the Kushaira name which includes "Kushaira Financial Services Limited worldwide money transfer and bureau de change and Kushaira Travels Ltd, IATA,ATOL & Biman Approve also Kushiara Cash and Carry" in Commercial Road East London. In addition he is also the owner of Bangla Frozen Food Ltd. Md Harun Miah has not only worked hard in the UK to distinguish himself but also has worked relentlessly in his home country of Bangladesh.

He is a Director of Shahjalala Islami Bank in Bangladesh and has been appointed as Vice Chairman of the bank from 2010 to 2013 and 2016 to 2017 respectively. He is also a director of Shahjalal Islami Bank Security Limited. He holds directorship in Pritom Hotel Dhaka and current Chair of the organisation. He is director of the Windsor Hotel & Resort Ltd.He is director of the Syldon Hospital. He is also the owner of Kushiara International Travels in Bangladesh. Mr Miah has been a long serving pillar of the community not only as a distinguished social worker. He is also working with to fundrising Stenhagen Mosque in Uppsala Sweden. He also personally contributed and still helping to raise fund but as a successful business man setting up beneficial organisations in the UK and in Bangladesh and has been dividing his time between both countries effectively.



Jusna Begum Miah

Sector:
Legal

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Jusna comes from Village Patkura, Mondoli Bhug, Jagannathpur. Daughter of Late Mr Anis Miah and Mrs Fulsea Khatun.

Jusna Begum Miah is a barrister and Partner at M R Solicitors LLP. She was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Honourable Society of Lincolns Inn in November 1998.
Ms Miah completed her primary education in Bangladesh, before coming to the UK. She attended Mulberry School for Girls where she obtained seven GCSE's. She attended Tower Hamlets College to do her A' Levels and obtained three A Levels. She then rstudied law at the University of Westminster.
After completing her LLB (Hons) she embarked on the Bar Finals at BPP Law School. After being called she had been providing legal services as a Barrister. She successfully opened up her own Practice in August 1998 called Mian Law Associates and later joined M R Solicitors LLP.

Prior to her legal career, Jusna Begum Miah worked for the NHS as Bilingual Health Care Assistant at the Royal London Hospital for some eight years from 1990. She was then elected as a Councillor in May 1998, for St Peters Ward, Bethnal Green. This made her the first elected Sylheti female Councillor in Tower Hamlets. Whilst a Councillor, Jusna served on numerous panels, including the education and housing scrutiny panels. She was also a member of the Board of Directors for Spitalfields community Trust and a Member of Toynbee Housing Association, to name a few. Ms Miah has been the a patron for Tower Hamlets Parent Centre.

Jusna is also deeply connected with both British as well as Bangladeshi Politics. Here she is a member of the Labour Party and has been so since 1990. served as a delegate on EC, GMC and LGC and alsoa student and Youth officer for the Bethnal Green and Bow Constituency. She was also the Chiari for Whitechapel Ward from 2002 to 2004. In relation to Bangladeshi politics, Jusna held the position of the President of the UK BNP Mohila Dal and has represented the BNP at different platforms.
Jusna is a founding trustee for Bangladesh Female Academy UK and has been the Chair for two consecutive years a post she held from April 2007 – 2009. Jusna is a Trustee for the Brihottor Sylhet Education Trust and the Vice Chair of the Trust. She is also a Member of the International Bar Association.
Jusna Begum Miah makes regular appearances on the various British Bangladeshi television channels such as Channel S and ATN Banglad, including the talk shows and legal advice programmes.
She has also received numerous accolades, including the Channel S award in 2006. Furthermore, Jusna feels very passionate about women empowerment and has worked for charitable organisation.

Manik Miah was born in Biswanath , Sylhet , Bangladesh, the son of the late Alhaz Modoris Ali (Mahjom), a renowned businessman and a well known charitable donor.

During Mr Miah's student life he served as General Secretary for Chattra Union from 1967 and became President of the Bangladesh Liberation Movement (Songram Proshiodod Porisod) in Biswanath Thana from 1967 -1971. In 1972 Mr Miah became Vice Chair for the National Awami Party (NAP), and the following year he was also elected as Cultural Secretary for the Students Union in Madan Mohan College.

Mr Miah has over 45 years' experience in catering within the UK. He has had a few restaurants over the years, and has achieved prestigious awards.
Mr Miah is from a family background which had Indian restaurants in the UK prior to the Second World War. The family still own their restaurant in Earls Court London which was started by his uncle, Idris Ali.This background explains how Mr Miah was encouraged to become a restaurateur.

Mr Miah actively enjoys being part of the Ipswich business community, and is very well respected both in business and as a central figure in the wider Bangladeshi community. Mr Miah also actively supports local, national and international charities such as the Norwich Road Association , Founder and President , Senior Vice Chair Bangladesh Catering Association (BCA) , Member of the Rotary Club, Ipswich , Member of Ipswich Hospital Users Group , Founder and Chair of the Suffolk Bangladeshi Society , Founder and Trustee of the Bangladeshi Support Centre in Ipswich , regular charitable contributor of Mayors Charities , Fellow and Ambassador of Suffolk New College, former Chair and current Trustee of Bond Street Mosque , Founder member of GSC , Vice Chair and Trustee of the Heart Foundation Hospital, Sylhet , Vice Chair and Trustee of the Bangladesh Centre, Founder and Fundraiser of MMN Foundation, Bangladesh , Chairperson Biswinath Union, Poshid and Founder of Manik Miah Cricket Club in Biswinath for the last 35 years
Mr Miah is also a member of the Labour Party, and heavily involved in the local Labour party matters, and a member and regular contributor to the Ipswich Hospital Diabetic Users Group.
Manik Miah is passionate about his family and the community in which he lives. He intends to vigorously continue his charitable works to support his local and the wider community.

Manik Miah is married with 4 children, Dr Redwan (MBBS), General Practitioner GP in his own practice. Tahmina Miah Economics Honours , Managerial Position in Suffolk County Council, Minhaz Miah Bsc (Hons)Perioperative Practice.Senior Operating Department Practitioner and team leader and younger son Niaz Miah BSc (Hons) in Optometry, Optometrist as well as a Quran Hafiz.



Manik Miah

Sector:
Catering & Community Relations

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Rohema Miah has worked in the parliamentary sphere for over 20 years. Her experience spans working for MPs, Ministers and Lords. Notably, she has worked for the Rt. Hon. Harriet Harman MP and Baroness Oona King of Bow, currently YouTube's Global Head of Diversity. She is currently the Political Advisor to Lord Robin Eames OM. Rohema continues to champion issues relating to social mobility, discrimination, inclusion and equality and holds a number of positions in the charity and voluntary sector.

Rohema was elected as the first female to the UK Bangladesh Catalysts of Commerce and Industry (UKBCCI) in February 2014 as a non-Executive board Member. This organisation exists to promote business between the UK and Bangladesh.
Having worked as a Consultant to local, national and international organisations and departments, Rohema has a record of establishing, strengthening and developing both new and existing relationships. Her experience working with grassroots community organisations, along with various media, faith and disability groups, corporate, local and international NGOs gives her a great insight to the range of opportunities for positive impact. Rohema has demonstrated a commitment to end social exclusion and child poverty in addition to her campaign for sustainable development. She has visited Bangladesh on numerous occasions with senior politicians and celebrities.
Ms Rohema Miah was a Director for the Commission on British Muslims and Islamophobia and Jermaine Jackson's NGO, Earthcare International as well as serving as the Policy and Development Officer for the Centre of Muslim Affairs (2006-2007). Within the last few years, she has also co-ordinated interfaith projects to create a better understanding such as Alif Aleph, an organisation promoting dialogue between Muslims and Jews. As an Ambassador for peace for a UN affiliated organization, Ms Miah visited Palestine and the Gaza and has lobbied continuously on the plight of the Palestinians and for the removal of the Apartheid Wall.

As part of the Women's National Commission she was one of the core advisors for the Commission's 'She who Disputes' nationwide consultation that helped raise the issues around Muslim women in the UK and public policy. Rohema also works as a Trustee for the Henna Foundation UK – a charity committed to strengthening Muslim families in the UK.

Having successfully organized the Bangladesh e-Commerce fair in London in 2015, she has taken on further projects to promote and strengthen the role of women in ICT and is currently organizing global conferences in women inclusion in ICT.



Rohema Miah

Sector:
Civil Service

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Tofozzul Miah

Sector:
Catering/Business



Award Winner 2023

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Tofozzul Miah an entrepreneur and the founder of the award-winning Bayleaf Group and Hiltop Motors, is located in North London. He is well-known for his innovative and forward-thinking mindset in business and plays a key role in his community. Tofozzul migrated from Bangladesh to the UK in the 1970s at the age of 9. From a young age, he aspired to have control over his own destiny and realised that self-employment would provide that opportunity.

From a young age, Tofozzul worked labour-intensive jobs after school and on weekends, including working in the rug trade and at Sunday markets. Although he faced setbacks when he opened his first Asian restaurant, he made the decision to become a chef to acquire the comprehensive skillset required to run a successful establishment. He worked in a Punjabi-owned restaurant for the next three years until an opportunity arose to become a partner in a restaurant in North London. With his newfound kitchen experience, he took another leap and opened his own business, which proved to be considerably profitable. During this time, he worked seven days a week, dedicating 14 to 16 hours each day.

Recognizing the emerging market of food delivery in the 1990s, Tofozzul decided to venture into this new avenue, opening Bayleaf Takeaway in North London. Within the first few years, the establishment garnered numerous awards and accolades and continues to thrive after 27 years. Additionally, he identified a gap in the market for a fine dining Indian restaurant, leading to the opening of Bayleaf Restaurant in 2013, which has also achieved great success. Currently, it ranks among the top 5 out of 17,500 restaurants on TripAdvisor in the city of London.

Alongside his journey in the catering industry, Tofozzul started buying and selling cars as a hobby in 2006. The impressive returns prompted him to expand operations and purchase a forecourt that could accommodate 20 vehicles. With continued success, he further expanded by acquiring a car showroom in 2009, establishing Hiltop Motors as a quality German car dealership with up to 100 cars in stock. It has been highly successful, generating a turnover of nearly £6 million per year. Recently, Tofozzul embarked on a new and exciting business venture with his three sons, launching the used-car supermarket Car Planet, which stocks over 500 vehicles at their Watford site.

Tofozzul is also a founder-trustee of the Bangladeshi Welfare Society of Barnet, which recently acquired a freehold Masjid worth almost £1 million to serve the growing Muslim community. Additionally, he holds the position of Director and former Secretary General of the British Bangladeshi Caterers Association (BBCA). This organisation is highly recognised in the sector and has provided him with opportunities to make appearances in mainstream media, including the BBC, ITV and Al-Jazeera, as well as participate in discussions with government ministers at No.10 Downing Street regarding policies affecting the catering industry.



Tamanna A Miah

Sector:
Media, Charity, Research

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Tamanna Miah was born in Sylhet, Bangladesh, then moved to Kent to settle with her parents and four siblings.
Tamanna started her journey in youth, community, volunteering and politics aged 11, and was inspired by her late father, Kamal Jahangir Miah (John) who passed away to COVID-19. He was a renowned community leader involved in multiple organisations including the Bangladesh Welfare Association Royal Tunbridge Wells (BWATW), Bangladesh Catering Association (BCA), the British Bangladesh Catering Association (BBCA), Bangladesh House, Sylhet Sadar Trust and many more.

Her first involvement in charity was volunteering for her father's first charity, BWATW bringing together the younger and older generations to create community cohesion. She then volunteered for local organisations including St Mary's Youth, West Kent Extra, alongside youth politics and was elected as the first Bangladeshi Muslim female as Youth Councillor and Chair of Sevenoaks Youth Council and Kent Youth County Council. She fundraised and campaigned successfully for years to raise £150,000 to establish Sevenoaks Youth Cafe- House in the Basement which helped thousands access help, support, activities, training, employment opportunities and benefit the wider community. She also campaigned successfully for the Kent Freedom Bus pass extension for 16-19yr olds unlimited Kent bus travel and helped secure thousands of petition signatures. Tamanna was the first Bangladeshi Muslim female recognised by the Kenward Trust Youth services for Outstanding Voluntary Community Contribution Award in 2010 educating youths on substance misuse. In 2011 West Kent Extra awarded her for Outstanding Contribution and
Service to Kent Young people. In 2011 she was the first Bangladeshi Muslim female recognised at the Kent TryAngle awards for Overall Winner for Sevenoaks, Dartford and Gravesend, Special Achievement Award for Citizenship, Volunteering and Service to the community. In 2011 and 2012 she received two Diana Awards for Champion Volunteer 2011 & 2012.

Alongside her involvement locally and regionally Tamanna volunteered for the British Youth Council (BYC) and was elected as Deputy Member of Youth Parliament representing Kent and the South East and had the once in a lifetime opportunity to sit in the House of Commons benches for debates. She was awarded the Youth Voice Award 2013 from BYC. Tamanna was recruited to be UK Young Ambassador for Europe representing British youths at conferences, conducting UK-wide research, consultations, events, producing a report with findings alongside recommendations to present to EU conferences and high-profile figures and returned with outcomes to action.
Tamanna was the first Bangladeshi Muslim female awarded scholarships to attend Jigsaw Performing Arts school to train in Drama, Dance, Singing and performed in shows and received an award to recognise her 4-year commitment to the Arts.
From 2012- 2017 she studied BA Media and Communications & Politics and Governance at Canterbury Christ Church university and graduated in 2018. She was the first Bangladeshi Muslim female awarded the most volunteer hours of 1000+.
Tamanna was a Finalist for the British Red Cross Humanitarian Citizen Awards 2015 for commitment to volunteering and campaigning. She was the first Bangladeshi Muslim female awarded the 1st Young Upstander Award at the National Hate Crime Awards 2016 recognising her racist bullying campaign film work on ITV News.
She also won the Janey Antoniou Award 2016 from Rethink Mental Illness as the first Bangladeshi Muslim female recognising her work in mental health, suicide, BAME and youth communities. Tamanna raised thousands, for years, for Britain's' and Bangladesh's' homeless and provided food and necessities. She was awarded for raising money as a Friend of RFC for Channel S for Covid-19 Crisis in 2020.

Tamanna is a TEDx Public Speaker, Media Spokesperson, Presenter, Researcher, Campaigner and has worked with over 85+ organisations in the last 19 years.

Mohammed Samim Miah, son of the late Aftab Miah and the late Kudeja Khatun, was born in Thair Pur village, Post Raiya Pur, Nabiganj, Habiganj, Bangladesh .

In 1980, he arrived in the United Kingdom with his parents and younger sister. First they stayed in Leicester for 3 years, then settled in Stoke-on-Trent, where we faced the many challenges of adapting to a new country. With determination and family support, they built a life. In 1983, he took a bold step into entrepreneurship by starting my first business venture.

Over the years, he developed several enterprises, but his proudest achievement in business was founding Roshni Restaurant in 1998. For two decades, Roshni became known for its quality food, hospitality, and community spirit. It was not just a restaurant but a place of connection and pride for many.

His vision has always gone beyond business. He believes deeply in giving back to his homeland and to society. He contributed to the establishment of the first Habiganj Diabetics Hospital, helping provide essential healthcare to countless patients.

In 2014, in memory of his beloved parents,he founded the AK Education Trust. Every year, the trust provides hundreds of scholarships and school supplies to underprivileged children in Nabiganj thana.

Education is close to his heart, and he is also a proud supporter of the Homeland IDL School and College, whose students consistently excel in their studies and progress to higher education.

In Stoke-on-Trent, he has been involved in community service for decades. Since 1984, he has supported the Islamic Cultural Centre and have been active in the Bangladesh Association. In 2023, he was honoured to be elected President of the Nabiganj Education Trust UK, a role I carry out with dedication and pride.

Beyond business and community, his greatest pride is his family. Two wonderful children: Dr. Mohammed Raihan, who has dedicated himself to medicine and Zarrin Tasnim, a Chartered Accountant who has excelled in her profession.



Mohammed Samim Miah

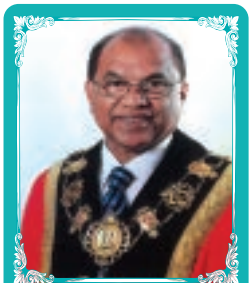
Sector:
Business

Former Cllr Mukit MBE has lived and worked in Tower Hamlets for 43 years and was amongst the first few Bangladeshis in the East End to receive the Queen's Award in the Millennium Year, for youth and community development. He has a passion for politics and advancing community interests.

Former Cllr Mukit MBE has established a continuous record of working for the community. His achievements include setting up numerous youth initiatives; the Sylhet Friends Society, Bangladesh Sports Association, UWA, Progressive Youth Organisation, Boundary Community School, Weavers Community Trust and a host of other parent and community forums. In addition Cllr Mukit MBE also received the House of Lords British Muslim Honorary Award in 2001. His dedication and commitment has extended to a variety of causes including combating racism and building positive race relations in the 1970's and 1980's, as well as ßinvolvement in setting up projects in the East End in more recent years in support of youth and community development, housing, educational achievement, health and employment .

As Chair of the Human Resources Committee and Health Scrutiny Committee for Tower Hamlets Council he played a crucial role in promoting good governance. He is the trustee for Spitalfields Market Trust and for many years chaired the Spitalfields Housing Association, and he continues to play a leading role in its development. He was responsible for setting up the first community regeneration project, the Spitalfields Small Business Association. His most recent appointments were as a school governor at St Matthias Primary School, Cabinet member for Sports and Culture (LBTH), Chair of the Development Committee (LBTH), Vice Chair of the Strategic Development Committee (LBTH) and most notably Speaker (Civic Mayor) where he was appointed consecutively for two full terms (a first for LBTH).

Former Cllr Mukit MBE has a long association with local residents and community groups, he believes in sustained community development and the promotion of racial harmony and justice. Tower Hamlets represents a rich culture and diverse community and Cllr Mukit MBE is committed to working with everyone.



Ex-Cllr M.A Mukit MBE

Sector:
Politics



Mahi Muqit PhD

Sector:
Medicine

Award Winner 2017

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mr Mahi Muqit PhD FRCOphth is a Consultant Vitreoretinal Surgeon at Moorfields Eye Hospital, and an Honorary Clinical Lecturer at the Institute of Ophthalmology at UCL, London. The Moorfields practices are based in central London and South London plus emergency services across London and the surrounding areas. He has subspecialist expertise in Vitreoretinal Surgery, Cataract Surgery, Diabetes, Medical Retina, and Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) screening/treatments in premature babies. His PhD research pioneered new laser treatments for diabetic patients. He is a co-author of the UK "Diabetic Retinopathy Guidelines" for the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, and the international "ICO Guidelines for Diabetic Eye Care" with the International Council of Ophthalmology.

He is the UK Chief Investigator for a clinical trial at Moorfields Eye Hospital that is investigating the use of a new electronic retinal implant "bionic eye" system for blind patients. He was the first UK surgeon to implant the device in 2016.

In the last 3 years, he has developed a renowned and highly successful independent private practice at Moorfields Private and Harley Street. This private enterprise provides high quality eye care and eye surgery for UK and London patients, overseas Bangladeshi and international patients (www.retinasurgeon.uk.com).

He has worked for over 7 years in the international voluntary sector, focused on training and setting up screening programmes in the area of diabetic eye disease. He works as a voluntary consultant for Helen Keller International (HKI), and is currently involved with several innovative diabetic retinopathy screening projects based in Bangladesh (Dhaka, Chittagong) and Indonesia. He is part of a research team that have been awarded the prestigious "Innovation Grant" from Seeing Is Believing charity and Standard Chartered Bank, and they have been successful on three occasions (2013-2016) for international charitable projects aimed at programmes to reduce the burden of global blindness. He regularly visits Bangladesh to conduct training workshops for local doctors, nurses and health community workers.
As recognition for his international and UK reputation in the sector of retinal surgery, diabetes, and international work, he was invited to be an advisor to the World Health Organisation (WHO) for the Global Diabetic Retinopathy Consultation in 2016.

He is a member of Diabetic Retinopathy Working Group (DRWG) International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB); a member of the Diabetic Eye Care Committee for the ICO; and, Specialist Adviser to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) for the Interventional Procedures Programme in the UK.



Mahbub Murshed

Sector:
Accountancy & Media

Award Winner 2015

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mahbub Murshed is a name for his role in making accountancy an art, bringing accountancy into the drawing room and creating a new dimension to his profession. His success story is now a sensation in the British Bangladeshi community and media. His live TV programme, "Accountancy with Mahbub Murshed" is probably the first ever and the longest running accounting and tax advisory programme in the known world. This only happened because of his vision, hard work, dedication and passion.
Mahbub Murshed, a Certified Practising Accountant, was born in 1962 in Tangail, Bangladesh. Having acquired a government scholarship from Bangladesh in 1982, he went to Bulgaria to study Computer Engineering at Technical University of Varna.

It was from here that he would graft his way to create one of the largest accountancy firms in East London. Upon arrival in Britain in 1987, it became evident that a qualification from a former communist country was not going to be easy for him to acquire a job in his field. With this in mind, he made the brave decision of starting from scratch and changing his path to accountancy. It was late Mr MS Zoha, a prominent Bengali accountant, who inspired Mr Mahbub. Mr Mahbub used to work for one of Mr Zoha's clients and the turning point of his life was when he went to Mr Zoha's office to collect his P45 and being offered a job in his office in 1991. Instead of using the conventional method of manual book keeping and accounting, Mr Mahbub became the pioneer among British Bangladeshis by using his computer programming skills to write his own software.
After being in the shadow of Mr Zoha for nearly 10 years and gaining invaluable work experience and academic qualifications, Mr Mahbub decided to set up his own accountancy firm, Mahbub and Co, in 2001 with his younger brother Shah Arif. Starting off with just one employee and a handful of small clients, it was a huge risk for anyone to start with a fragile business in a competitive market. But through dedication, multilingual skills and sincerity, Mr Mahbub was able to expand his business from strength to strength. His friendly professional approach towards his clients has given him a name, "The Accountant with a Smile".
Additionally Mr Mahbub has supported many of the youth with work experience and career development. Currently Mahbub and Co is holding the ACCA Gold status as an employer, awarded only to the firms which provide high quality work experience in accountancy. After serving the community for more than a decade, Mr Mahbub launched his new and unique initiative to fulfil the community's need for accountancy related issues. He is the key person together with NTV Europe to start producing the programme "Accountancy with Mahbub Murshed". He believes in empowering the community. So, rather than bringing the people to the accountant's office he went live on TV to answer the questions in his own capacity.

Being inspired by the success of this TV programme, he decided to set up a training institute in conjunction with his firm where school leavers, accounting students, newly qualified accountants and unemployed people could gain hands-on training and practical knowledge. The initial purpose of this training programme was to break the vicious circle of "not getting a job without experience and no experience could be gained without a job". Mr Mahbub devotes time from his relentless schedule to teach the students. He also sponsors charities, sports, cultural and community activities.

Mr Mahbub is passionate about photography and gardening. His amateur, yet artistic photography is loved by the wider audiences in social media. He plays badminton, listens to music and watches cricket.
Mr Mahbub is married to Nilufa Murshed, daughter of a well known Sylheti businessman of the 1960s – Mr Mosahid Ali. Their son, Nayeem Murshed, has graduated in Biochemistry from Imperial College London, and daughter, Nimah Murshed, is an A Level student.

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M A Munim OBE
Sector:
Catering

Award Winner 2019

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mohammad Abdul Munim OBE was born in 1958 in Kulaura Upazila in the District of Moulvibazar, the son of Alhaj Abdul Bari, a renowned contractor and businessman.

During his college life he served twice as the President of Chatra League at Sylhet Government College (MC) and twice elected General Secretary of Bangladesh Chatra League Sylhet District Branch. During 1977-1981 he played a leading role in the establishment of the Sylhet Division and a University in Sylhet.

Early in 1982, Munim went to Saudi Arabia where he established successful businesses both in Jeddah and Makkah, before moving to England in 1989. In 1991 he started his own halal takeaway business called "Sonali Tandoori" in Grove Park, South-East London, and in 1995 launched a successful and extensive property business.
In 1999,Munim was elected as the President of Bangladesh Caterers Association's South East Region. From 2004-2006 he served as Senior Vice-President of BCA central committee, and in 2007 held the role of Organising Secretary of BCA. He was also the convenor of the 2011 Annual Dinner and Awards ceremony, and from 2012-2017 served as the Secretary General of BCA. Currently, elected in 2019, he was the President of Bangladesh Caterers Association UK.

He is also a Advisor of Bangladesh Centre and Senior Vice President of Jalalabad Association UK.

A keen servant to the needy, he and his family have sought to contribute towards the development of his homeland, helping to establish masjids, madrasas, schools and orphanages in Kulaura, and support social welfare institutions providing various forms of assistance to the poor and needy in the locality. Munim is a founder Trustee of Kulaura Yakub Tazul Woman's College. Since its establishment, his younger brother Mr M A Rouf has been serving as the Principal of the college. To meet the immense demands, he and his brother founded and established a very successful and highly praised kindergarten school in Kulaura.

Munim is also socially very active in his local community, playing a leading role in establishing a masjid in Crayford, and is currently serving as Secretary of the North West Kent Muslim Association. He was also the founder chairman of the Bangla Supplementary School in Greenwich and the Greenwich Welfare Association. From 2000-2017 he acted as a Director of the Consortium of Bengali Associations (CBA). He is also the current Secretary of Sylhet Bivag Unnayan Parishad. Munim has been an active member of the Labour Party since 1995.



Cllr Shahanara Naser
Sector:
Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Councillor Shahanara Naser (Momtha) was born in the village of Amkuna, Golapgonj, Sylhet. She arrived in the United Kingdom in 1977, together with her father, the late Jamshed Ali, her mother, KhaledaKhanom, and four siblings.

She spent her early childhood and primary school years in East London. She relocated to Bangladesh and enrolled in Sylhet's Blue Bird High School, later completing SSC (GCSE) at Sylhet Govt Girls High School. Her academic path led her to 'Sylhet Womens College' to complete her HSC (A level). Returning to the UK, she pursued higher education at Windsor and Maidenhead College'. Her passion for healthcare led her to pursue a BSc in 'Health and Social Science' at New Buckingham University.

In 1993, she married Shah Abu Naser, Sajon (teacher), son of Shah Moddosir Ali (Manik Miah), from Noyabondor Jaganathpur. Having dedicated several years to the NHS during the same time as an existing professional translator as well as a health advocate, she found immense joy in becoming a mother to her three children.

Driven by a commitment to positive change, she ventured into politics and achieved success as a Councillor, currently she is serving as a Deputy Mayor of Luton Borough Council.

Shahanara happened to be inspired to take another step because of her strong sense of Bengali culture, social justice, and equality for all. As an inspiration for various ethnic groups, Shahanara was motivated to move forward. Through her efforts, she has been working closely to enhance the lives of her constituents as well as make a meaningfulcontribution to the community.

Some examples of her community work include: being involved in the community heritage project, assisting in the organising of Bengali cultural events for children and families through performing, dance, poem recitation, and theatre activities, as well as exhibiting the programmes. The aim was to introduce the younger generation to the rich, vibrant culture through entertaining learning while also promoting mental health and wellbeing for the entire family. Initiating campaigns for increased health care access, conducting health education workshops, leading local clean-up initiatives, and collaborating with community organisations to offer resources for underprivileged families are also part of her responsibilities. These endeavours reflect her dedication to creating a better environment.

Abu Nasir is a senior sports executive, entrepreneur, board member and football business leader whose career spans football, sport, business, investment, government and economic development.
Involved in football since age seven, Abu has progressed from player to coach, administrator, executive, investor adviser and board member. As a young player, he represented Luton Town FC and Liverpool at schoolboy and youth level. Serious injuries curtailed his professional ambitions at 18, although he continued playing semi-professionally.
Abu has served on The Football Association National Game Board and holds positions with the London Football Association, including Board Member and Director. He previously served in Council Member, senior non-executive director and committee roles with Bedfordshire Football Association, Liverpool Football Club and other governing bodies and businesses. He is Founder and Chair of Luton Sporting Club, established in 1992, supporting grassroots football and youth development.
His wider contribution to British sport includes serving as a Director and Trustee of the Sport England
Sports Council Trust. He has also been Vice Chair of the Sporting Equals BASPA Board and held trustee and non-executive roles, alongside involvement with Kick It Out, The Muslim Sports Council and school governance.
Abu is a Founding Director of the South Asian Football Alliance (SAFA), focused on achieving greater representation and measurable progression for South Asians throughout football, from elite academy and professional players to coaches, referees, senior executives, decision-makers and board members. Its approach centres on collaboration across grassroots and professional football to address structural barriers and create sustainable pathways.
His professional and international football experience includes roles with the Premier League, involving elite academy programmes across English professional football, and work connected with the development of the Saudi Pro League. His international advisory experience includes Bain & amp; Company, Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund, Saudi Ministry of Sports, Qatar World Cup Legacy programme and Oman Investment Authority. He has also operated as an FA-licensed football intermediary, with his sports business involved in player and coach management and transfer activity.
Alongside sport, Abu has led major organisations, businesses and complex multi-agency programmes, with responsibility for businesses with combined turnover of approximately £900 million and delivery of projects and programmes valued at approximately £2 billion. His experience spans regeneration, investment, technology, hospitality and international sports consultancy.
He is Chairman of Step Forward Luton Business and Investment, providing strategic leadership around Luton's £5 billion economic growth and investment ambitions. His background includes work as a regeneration and economic development policy adviser to Governments and advising international investors.

His contribution has received national and local recognition, including Top 20 Dynamic CEOs in the UK 2022, Luton's Most Outstanding Citizen 2022, British Muslim Entrepreneur of the Year 2023, Revolution Lifetime Achievement in Sport 2024 and the inaugural BAMREF Uriah Rennie Special Contribution to Football Award 2025.
Despite operating nationally and internationally, Abu maintains strong links with Luton and Liverpool. A consistent theme throughout his career has been creating opportunities for young people and under-represented communities and opening sustainable pathways for future generations.
Nasir is the son of Alhaj Md Sajjadur Rahman, a politician and community leader, and Mrs Sadeha
Rahman, a former teacher. His family roots are in Dighal Bak, Nabiganj, Bangladesh.



Md Abu Nasir Rahman
BA (Hons), MSc, MBA, FCMI, FAPM
Sector:
Sports, Business, Government

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Abdul Nashir (Wahab) is a businessman and community leader from Manchester, U.K.
He and his family first came to the U.K. in 1979, where they settled in the North of England. After finishing his studies, Mr Nashir began working in the Indian restaurant industry, eventually opening his own restaurant in 1995. Since then, he has gone on to make his mark in the hospitality industry, opening a string of Indian restaurants all across Greater Manchester, with a large and dedicated clientele. Mr Nashir relishes any opportunity for business development, and has also expanded his portfolio by venturing into the property development industry.

Alongside his business endeavours, Mr Nashir is also the Chairman of the Greater Manchester Bangladesh Association- which is a community-led organisation that presides over thousands of Bangladeshis all across the Greater Manchester region. This is a role that is very close to Mr Nashir's heart as he has truly committed himself to the uplifting and betterment of the British-Bangladeshi community. Indeed, in his own businesses, he always makes a conscious effort to not only champion the culture and food of his country, but also champion his countrymen. Mr. Nashir fosters this community spirit by recruiting local Bangladeshi immigrants and giving them a chance to showcase their culinary talent whilst helping them to become financially stable.
In his role as a community leader, Mr Nashir also focuses on the preservation and celebration of Bangladeshi culture in the diaspora, by ensuring the continuation of our cultural events and holidays.

In his day-to-day life Mr Nashir juggles the demands of a growing business portfolio with the demands of leading his community. He prides himself on being able to lead his community to being one that is strong, complex, and here to stay.



Abdul Nashir (Wahab)
Sector:
Business & Community

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Eyarun Nessa

Sector:
Technology/Media

Eyarun Nessa a Trailblazing British Bangladeshi Leader in Tech, Sport and Filming.
Eyarun Nessa is a British Bangladeshi woman whose journey from a deprived council estate in Yorkshire to national recognition has been defined by breaking barriers and amplifying unheard voices.

The eldest of six siblings, she grew up carrying duty and sacrifice, often putting a band-aid over her own struggles and leading without a blueprint. Married for over 20 years to her husband from Bangladesh, she has also navigated cultural and linguistic complexities that sharpened her resilience and deepened her commitment to others.
From coding rooms to football pitches, Eyarun has broken new ground at every step. She entered computer programming as the only British Bangladeshi woman at the time, navigating a male-dominated space where she faced microaggressions and subtle biases but refused to be diminished.
She carried that same fire into sport working with Bradford City Football Club and completing the Yorkshire Three Peaks, expanding representation for South Asian women. Her achievements were recognised with the Asian Sporting Heritage Award, cementing her role as a pioneer.

Today, she is recognised as a community powerhouse: shaping strategy, championing inclusion, and leading creative projects that unite thousands across Bradford and beyond. As a Co-Founder, CEO, and board member, she has worked with the NHS, local councils, schools, mosques, and the voluntary sector to break down barriers and build belonging. Her leadership has been honoured with a Bradford 2025 Community Pillar nomination. She has also hosted British Bangladeshi award events and was featured by Walker Morris, one of the UK's leading law firms, in a programme that spotlighted inspiring leaders who are challenging stereotypes and driving change across the country.
With a strong background in filming, editing, and photography, Eyarun is the only British Bangladeshi woman in her area working professionally in digital storytelling. She is the founder and director of her own filming organisation, through which she has produced powerful work capturing and celebrating Bangladeshi heritage for the next generation - work that has been widely well received by the Bradford 2025 City of Culture and screened at the National Science and Media Museum.
Alongside this, she has been featured on the BBC's Escape to the Country, where she spoke about the importance of access to green spaces and inclusive outdoor environments. Through her creative work and advocacy, she uses storytelling to amplify unheard voices and inspire inclusion.
She wears many roles - wife, mother, eldest daughter, eldest daughter-in-law, professional, and community leader. They are both privilege and pressure, woven tightly into the fabric of her life. But from that weight, she has built resilience. From those challenges, she has drawn strength. And with that strength, she is opening doors for others and rewriting what it means to be a British Bangladeshi woman today.



Abdullah Al Noman

Sector:
Lawyer |
Community Advocate

Abdullah Al Noman a has become one of the best-known and most respected legal professionals within the British Bangladeshi community. He holds an LLB (Hons) and an LLM and was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. His qualifications are impressive, but those who know him speak just as warmly of his judgement, approachability and genuine willingness to help.
Coming from a fourth-generation business family, Abdullah understands the ambitions, risks and pressures that come with running a business. This background gives him a commercial instinct when advising entrepreneurs, investors, landlords and companies. He does not hide behind complicated legal language. He listens carefully, identifies what truly matters and offers advice that is clear, practical and grounded in the real world.
His practice covers commercial property, conveyancing, civil litigation and dispute resolution, commercial leases and licences, immigration, asylum and nationality law, auctions and investments, construction, development and planning, private client and probate matters, and housing law. During the past year, Abdullah and his excellent team have helped hundreds of individuals, families and businesses. Their work has ranged from housing disputes and Immigration Tribunal appeals to substantial civil proceedings; Court of Appeal matters and cases involving local authorities and Companies House.
One of Abdullah's finest qualities is his ability to connect with people from every background. Clients value his patience, calm manner and gift for explaining difficult issues without ever speaking down to them. His confidence is balanced by humility, while his professional judgement is accompanied by compassion. Through television appearances, online platforms and public discussions, he has become a trusted legal voice, helping people understand their rights and feel less intimidated by the law.
Outside work, Abdullah leads an adventurous and energetic life. He is one of the few competitive skiers of Bangladeshi origin to pursue the sport seriously across Europe's mountains. He also enjoys mountaineering, long-distance hiking, wild camping, golf, marathon running and football. These pursuits reveal the same courage, discipline, resilience and composure that distinguish his professional life.
Charitable work is central to who he is. Abdullah has used running, skiing and other physical challenges to raise funds and awareness for humanitarian causes, including Palestine. He believes that success carries a responsibility to give something back. Whether through legal assistance, public education, charitable fundraising or guidance, he continues to use his knowledge and position to support others and strengthen the community he is proud to serve.

Nazmul Islam Nuru is from the village of Amkuna in Golapjonj, Syhlet, Bangladesh. His father is late Haji Jamshed Ali and mother is Khaleda Khanum.
He arrived to the UK in 1977 at the age of 17 and has established himself as a businessman since the 1980s in the UK as well as in Bangladesh. He has connections in various businesses as well as being involved within the community in numerous charity organisations.
He was formerly President and Vice President of the UK Bangladesh Catalysts of Commerce & Industry (UKBCCI) and was an Independent Director for Shahjalal Islami Bank BD, where he represented 75,000 shareholders. He is also the founder of the renowned Kushiara Islamic Hospital, Asirgonj Golapgonj. He has a portfolio of properties in the UK are under NN Asset Holding and also includes Osmani Housing Prokolpo Airport Road in Sylhet, Bangladesh. He has restaurants which include Viceroy Group Restaurant UK and Grand Eating Ltd. Mr Nuru is the Chairman of Monica Enterprise BD and the Director of Holy City Centre, Zinda Bazar, Sylhet

Mr Nuru's contributions towards the community cannot go unnoticeable. He is very recognized within the Bangladeshi Community having previously been a Trustee of Bangladesh Centre and a current member of Bangladesh Catering Association (BCA). He is also a donor of the Heart Foundation, Sylhet, Jalalabad Eye Hospital and a Member of Red Crescent Society Sylhet and Diabetics Society. He is also donor member of MC Academic College Gulapgonj, Asirgonj High School & College and Shahjalal Academic High School in Sylhet. Mr Nuru is a Founder Trustee of Mother & Child UK. Some of his previous positions held have been the Chairman of Golapgonj Education Trust UK, Treasurer of Greater London Bangladesh Catering Association and a Managing Director of Sylhet Dak Weekly UK. Mr Nuru was also a Member of Management Committee of Bangladesh Welfare Association and of Shohid Minar at Altab Ali Park.

In the UK, he resides in Windsor, Berkshire with his wife Farida Parvin Nuru. They have three daughters and one son who have all graduated from university.



Nazmul Islam Nuru

Sector:
Business



Award Winner 2022

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Hafsa Noor is a distinguished community organiser, writer, poet, and author whose work has earned her recognition across literary, cultural, and social platforms. Celebrated for her acclaimed writings, thought-provoking reflections, and spoken word performances, she has established herself as a leading voice within her community and beyond. Through her creativity, activism, and commitment to social justice, Hafsa continues to inspire audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

Her career in media began as a broadcaster with Relaks Radio, where she worked closely with colleagues to shape the station's identity as one of the most popular and inclusive digital media groups within the community. Hafsa played an instrumental role in developing a diverse team, ensuring representation and fostering meaningful dialogue across different cultural and social groups. Building on this media experience, she extended her work into television, becoming a TV presenter with Iqra Bangla and LB24, where she engages audiences with topics that connect culture, community, and current affairs.

Alongside her media career, Hafsa is deeply involved in grassroots activism and charitable initiatives. She is the founder and lead organiser of the Eastern Connection Community Kitchen, a project dedicated to supporting the homeless and vulnerable by providing food, warmth, and compassion. Under her leadership, the initiative has grown into a vital resource for those struggling to make ends meet, while also serving as a platform to raise awareness about the devastating effects of poverty on individual and collective wellbeing. Hafsa has successfully enlisted the support of respected figures and community leaders to amplify this mission, making the community kitchen a shared effort rooted in solidarity and empathy.
Education has always been central to Hafsa's vision for social change. A seasoned campaigner in this field, she is currently developing a series of grassroots educational programmes in rural Tangail, Bangladesh. These initiatives aim to make learning more accessible, engaging, and practical, thereby opening up opportunities for local communities to reshape their futures. Through these projects, Hafsa hopes to bridge barriers to education and empower individuals to take full advantage of the resources available to them.
Her unwavering commitment to women's empowerment further defines her work. As a mentor and advocate, she has consistently championed the rights, voices, and potential of women across generations. She is the organiser of the annual Meena Bazaar in London, a dynamic women's event that brings together entrepreneurs, creatives, and professionals to showcase their talents and products in an empowering environment. This platform reflects Hafsa's dedication to nurturing women's independence, creativity, and economic empowerment.

Hafsa is also active in the business and professional sphere as a proud member of the British Bangladeshi Chambers of Commerce and Industry (BBCCI). She plays an important leadership role as the Office Secretary for the London Region, where she contributes to strengthening networks, supporting entrepreneurship, and fostering professional collaboration within the British Bangladeshi community. In addition, Hafsa is a lifetime member of the prestigious Icon Bangladesh Centre, where she has supported the organisation of numerous educational events that promote learning, culture, and intellectual growth. She also serves as a Director of the Surma Centre, further extending her influence and commitment to community development through education, engagement, and advocacy.
In addition to her activism and leadership, Hafsa continues to nurture her passion for writing. She enjoys crafting poems in both Bengali and English, often weaving themes of resilience, self-worth, and identity into her creative work. Her interests extend to reading, travelling, and social engagement, which continue to enrich her writing and activism.
Currently, Hafsa serves as the Executive Editor of Notun Din and the Chief Editor of London Features, in addition to her television hosting work with Iqra Bangla. With her multifaceted roles in media, literature, business, and community development, she remains a highly respected authority and source of inspiration, bridging cultures while empowering voices that deserve to be heard.



Hafsa Noor

Sector:
Witer/Media

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Mr Nur-ur Rahman Khandaker Pasha MBE

Sector:
Catering



Award Winner 2012

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Better known as Pasha Khandaker, he is the former-President of the Bangladesh Caterers Association.He is the chairman of Reliance West Malling Limited and Principal partner of Ghandi Tandoori restaurant, in West Malling, Kent and Gandhi Tandoori at Rye in East Sussex. Both of these have been established businesses for the last 25 years. His third venture in the restaurant sector is Curry Lounge in Romney, Kent, and is being regarded as one of the best Indian restaurants in Kent.
Pasha Khandaker was born in Sylhet in 1958. He received his school, college and University education in Bangladesh and obtained a diploma in Leadership Management in the UK after which he pursued a career in the restaurant business. Throughout his academic life he was heavily involved in various extra curricular activities such as student politics, setting up voluntary organizations.

Mr Khandaker served continuously on the previous national executive committees of BCA and became the Senior Vice President in 2003. Then he was Secretary General up to June 2012. Mr Pasha has been a featured participant in various industry forums. He has served on a number of non-profit organizations, including the Kent police as a social trainer and was active as Senior Executive of Kent Muslim forum. He also worked as a coordinator for South East Human Rights. He is a Labour party activist and worked as the CLP secretary of his party.
Throughout his career in the curry industry, he has continually established connections with many high profile policy makers through his participation in the Chamber of Commerce, local council and police and several informal business groups. Currently he is working relentlessly to raise the standard of curry industry as well as those who are related with this creative industry.

Mr Pasha is married to Mrs Dipika Pasha and the couple are blessed with two children, a boy and a girl. They reside in Kent and are actively engaged in the various social welfare activities in their neighbourhood.

In personal life Mr Pasha is very cordial and amiable, He is always engaged to serve the distressed people. He has a wide range of interests including reading, gardening, traveling and updating himself with the latest world affairs.



Robin Paul

Sector:
Business

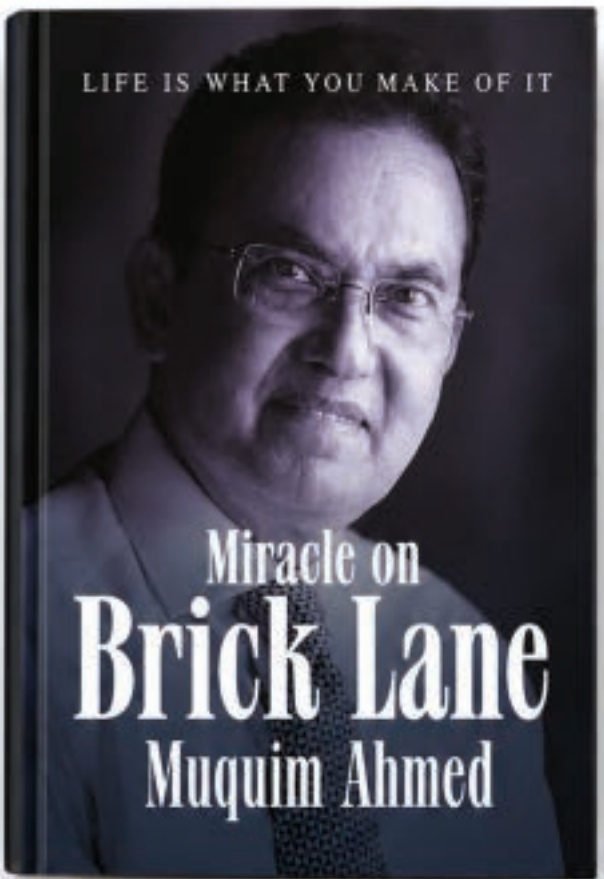
BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Robin Paul is a well-established and respected individual who has made significant contributions in the Bangladeshi community. Originally from Tajpur, Sylhet, he is a man of honesty, self-belief, integrity and has a great vision. His father, the late Ranadhir Paul, was the Assistant Headteacher at Sharpur Azad Bokht High School and later became the reputed Headteacher of Goulabazar High School. His mother, Shikha Rani Paul, was a teacher at Tajpur Primary School.

In 1994, Rabin came to London midway through studying for his BSc at the Sylhet MC College.
Despite this, his ambitious nature led him to become involved in business in 2002 and he has since enjoyed continuous success as the Managing Director of General Auto Services – one of the most successful and recognised claims-management companies in the community.

In 2011, Robin became the Public Relations Secretary of the Bangladesh Awami League UK.
Furthermore, in 2013, Rabin became one of the Founder Directors of NRB Bank Ltd – one of Bangladesh's first non-resident banks – and has contributed immensely to its success by suggesting and enforcing a range of innovative ideas. This has enabled the bank to provide nonresident Bangladeshis with a stable platform through which they can invest in Bangladesh in a safer and smarter way.
Having a deep understanding of the importance of education, Robin was the General Secretary and is presently the Chairman of the Balagonj Osmani Nagar Education Trust UK. In addition, he was the General Secretary of the election commission of this organisation. He has donated generously to and is a life member of the Mangalchandi Nishikanta High School, is a founding member of the Balagonj College, and is also a life member of both the Goulabazar Public Library and Balagonj Press Club.

Robin is the Vice Chairman of the Bangladesh Hindu Association and the General Secretary of the London region. He is also the General Secretary of Sanaton Association. Furthermore, he is a donor member of the Kashipara Shiva Temple, Biswanath Seva Ashram, Luknath Temple, Shrimongol and Kadipur Shiv Bari (Kulaura) as well as other religious establishments. He is also one of the donor members of Mogbelpur Osmania Madrasah, Mullapara Dakhil Madrasah and other Islamic learning institutions.
Robin is married to Shilpi and they are blessed with three children.



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Syed Nahas Pasha

Sector:
Media

Award Winner 2017

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Syed Nahas Pasha is one of the most respected and senior British-Bangladeshi journalists working in the UK.
His fledgling career began writing for school magazines and then writing for various literary titles. He edited the literary magazine in Bangladesh called Eeshan. Nahas moved to the UK in mid-1970s when he was in his late teens.

He has spent nearly three decades in the industry and held the editorship of several of the country's leading Bengali newspapers including his current role with Janomot, as editor in chief.
His passion for writing and leadership contributed to a rise in both the quality of journalism and readership of the titles as well as guiding them into the digital age.
Nahas is also an overseas correspondent for a national newspaper in Bangladesh, a bureau chief with bdnews24.com, and regularly appears on TV and radio talking about issues affecting the Asian community at home and abroad.
He is elected Vice President of the Commonwealth Journalists Association, an international organisation which has branches across the commonwealth. Syed Nahas Pasha is a founding member of the London Bangla Press Club and in January 2017 was elected as President of the club, a powerful organisation of British Bangladeshi journalists in the UK.
He is also advisor to the BB Power & Inspiration100 List which celebrates the achievements of the British-Bangladeshi community.
Syed Nahas Pasha has successfully campaigned on many major issues including the British Bengali representation in the UK Parliament. He has met many world politicians and dignitaries including Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth nd Nelson Mandela.
His expertise on social and economic affairs at home and abroad has seen him advise the Home Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office on various issues including radicalisation, forced marriages, immigration and overseas work permits.
This includes accompanying ministerial visits to the EU and acting in an advisory role for visiting dignitaries to the Indian subcontinent. With an insatiable passion for travel, Nahas has journeyed to many countries to cover international conferences.
His love of writing and food reflect two passions of Bengali culture and, along with his brother, he has championed the UK's multi-billion-pound curry industry for more than a decade.
This includes an international food festival, the Taste of Britain Food Festival, which showcases the talents of British curry chefs, and promotes British food throughout the Indian subcontinent, Europe and the Middle East.
Nahas is also founder and editor-in-chief of Curry Life Magazine since 2003, a bi-monthly publication distributed free throughout the UK, which offers a lively mix of industry news, reviews and features. As the only independent magazine in the field, the publication has been described as the "voice of the curry industry." One of Nahas' Pasha's key aims is to connect with restaurateurs and chefs at the grass roots of the curry industry through the magazine, and he works tirelessly to foster and promote their businesses at a national and international level.
His unique insight of the trade comes from having owned a restaurant himself during the 1980s and he is focused on helping and promoting the industry through many events, such as Curry Life Awards, Business Awards and Curry Life Culinary Workshop.
Syed Nahas Pasha was born in 1957, in Sylhet, Bangladesh. He is married to Syeda Murshida Pasha and has two daughters and one son.



Cllr Moin Quadri

Sector:
Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Moin Quadri is the former Mayor of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham, having taken office in May 2024. His tenure as Mayor is built upon a solid foundation of public service, marked by over a decade of dedication to local governance.

Mayor Quadri's political career began in 2014 when he was elected as a councillor. During his time on the council, he has served in various leadership roles, including Chair of the Pension Committee, Licensing Regulatory Committee, and Safer and Stronger Select Committee. These positions have allowed him to influence significant policy decisions and demonstrate his commitment to public service and community development.

In addition to his political endeavors, Mayor Quadri is a seasoned professional in the Financial Technology (FinTech) sector. His career as a FinTech Sales Consultant includes working with some of the world's leading financial technology companies, where he has utilized his expertise to drive sales and foster innovation. This dual career in politics and finance provides him with a unique perspective on the intersection of public policy and technological advancement.
Mayor Quadri is an alumnus of the University of East London (UEL), where he earned a degree in Marketing. During his time at UEL, he was actively involved in student leadership, serving as an elected political officer and founding the Labour Student Society. These roles reflect his early dedication to public service and leadership.

Beyond his professional and political accomplishments, Mayor Quadri has been involved in various charitable activities. He has served as Director of Translation and Interpretation Services, a charity dedicated to providing essential language services to diverse communities, and has been an active school governor, contributing to the strategic direction and governance of local educational institutions.

Aklakur Rahman, better known as Akke Rahman is a British Bengali Mountaineer.
Born in Bangladesh, Jagannathpur, Sylhet he moved to the UK at the age of one. His father moved to the UK shortly after the Second World War and was a British Citizen.
As a child Akke was always very athletic taking part in all forms of sport from an early age. In secondary school he was a member of the basketball and football team and at the age of 13 realised his love for athletics which lead to becoming triple jump champion of Greater Manchester and also ran a 11.5 seconds 100m PB.
After leaving school he went to college and university to study Software Engineering at Huddersfield University, after a year dropped out then went to Oldham Business Management School to study Business Information Technology.
After leaving university he had several jobs, he married Hena Rahman, they have 3 children. Shortly after marriage he opened his Mortgage Company Group 5 where they also handle insurance claims. Currently still a Director at Group 5, however a new passion found him, Mountaineering.
This is where it all began, Akke climbed Snowdon for the first time in 2019, then went on to Climb Mount Ebrus, Europe's Highest Mountain in Russia. He also Climbed Kilimanjaro, highest mountain in Africa and Mont Blanc in the Alps within 7 days, achieving two mountains in two continents within 7 days. He then went onto climb Elbrus again after a storm halted the 2019 attempt, however this time is was a Record, this attempt was 5 days after recovering from covid and it was accomplished without acclimatisation in less than 24hours.

After Elbrus came Mount Ama Dablam, the crown jewel of the Himalayas. And finally Mount Everest. This Expedition had to be delayed as Akke wanted to spend the first Part of Ramadan with his family and went to base camp two weeks late, however the climb was accomplished in 21days from Base Camp with only one rotation, making him the first British Bangladeshi Muslim to climb Mount Everest.



Aklakur Rahman

Sector:
Sports and Athletics



Award Winner 2022

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mohammed Abdul Quayum is a renowned journalist, former government officer, and respected community activist. Over the course of his distinguished career, he has worked with various media organizations and government institutions in both the United Kingdom and Bangladesh.

Mr. Quayum began his journalism career in 1992 as a correspondent for Sylhet Bani newspaper. He later contributed to Sylhet Manchitro and subsequently to one of Sylhet's oldest and most prominent newspapers, Juggo Bheri, around the year 2000. He went on to serve as a staff reporter for the widely read daily, Daily Jalalabad.

In 2001, Mr. Quayum joined the Privatisation Commission under the Prime Minister's Office in Bangladesh, serving as Assistant Director (PR). He also held the position of APS to the Chairman (Minister of State) of the Privatisation Commission at the Prime Minister's Office.
Upon moving to London, he continued his journalism career as a senior staff reporter for the Weekly Bangla Post. He later became Chief Reporter for the first Bangla satellite television Bangla TV, before joining NTV as a senior reporter and subsequently serving as Chief Reporter for Channel i Europe.
Currently, Mr. Quayum is the Chairman and Founding Editor of Q News. He also serves as the London Correspondent for DBC News.

In addition to his media work, Mr. Quayum is actively involved in numerous socio-cultural and community organizations. He is also a dedicated human rights activist and has regularly appeared on television talk shows in London to discuss a wide range of social and political issues.
Mr. Quayum holds a Master's degree in Political Science from MC University, under the National University of Bangladesh.

He is married to Mrs. Humayra Begum, a teacher, and together they have one son and two daughters. His ancestral home is in Tatikuna, Chatak Pourashava, Sunamganj.



Mohammed Abdul Quayum

Sector:
Media/ Journalism

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Anis Rahman OBE JP

Sector:
Legal (Barrister)

Award Winner 2009

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Anis Rahman is a practising barrister and a magistrate who was a Whitehall Civil Servant for twenty years. Mr Rahman has a double Masters degree in International History and politics and government from the University of London as well as a Law degree from the University of Westminster. Moreover, he has a postgraduate qualification in shipping law and international trade from City University.
Anis Rahman was called to the English Bar from the Honourable Society of Inner Temple and is now an accredited Pupil Master. He is a member of 12 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn.

Mr Rahman has a civil litigation background and specialises in Aviation, Employment, Housing, Family, Landlord and Tenant, Defamation, Immigration and Asylum, International Law as well as Human Rights and Judicial Review. He has been given the direct public access status by the Bar Council, which means that the public can go to him directly for advice and representation.

Outside of his profession, Mr Rahman has devoted much of his adult life in improving the quality of life of other people both here in the UK and also overseas. His achievements include the creation of United Nations Student Society combined Universities in London in 1969 as well as assisting disadvantaged British Bangladeshis. He was also the President of the United Nations Society at International Students House, London. Anis Rahman is a trustee of Toynbee Hall in East London, where he was one of the pioneers who established the free legal advice clinic. He is also a trustee of the Council of Anti-Slavery International. Additionally, he was a trustee and Advisor of the World Peace Forum, which is a charity that promotes world peace and is run under the Nelson Mandela Children's fund.
Mr Rahman also played an important role during the liberation movement, when he joined the Bangladesh Liberation movement in the UK and became a founder member of the famous Bangladeshi Student's Action Committee. Anis Rahman has served as a Justice of the Peace since 1990. Furthermore, he has been serving as an honorary legal advisor to the Muslim Council of Britain, Toynbee Hall, The Muslim News, British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh Caterers Association, Bangladesh Centre, Bangla TV and the Euro Bangla.
Mr Anis Rahman is a private and family man, he is married to Nadia Rahman, a French national. His wife has a French degree, as well as a BA (Hons) degree in Business Administration and an MBA with Distinction from the University of London.
Anis Rahman has worked relentlessly as a barrister which has led to much of his success, and in addition has provided the British Bangladeshi community with an extensive amount of support and assistance, making him one of the recognisable personalities in the legal arena. In recognition of his endeavors, Mr Rahman was awarded an OBE by Her Majesty the Queen for his services to Bangladeshis and the legal arena in 2009.



Alaur Rahman

Sector:
Music & Entertainment

Award Winner 2024

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Alaur Rahman was born in Alagdi, Jagannathpur, Sunamganj, Bangladesh.
He attended Madrasa, primary school and The Aided High School, where he would also sing hamd, na'at, qasida and other religious songs as well as songs dedicated to Bangladesh. In 1977, at the age of 14, Rahman came to the United Kingdom with his parents. He attended Pandit Horidas Ganguly School where he learned North Indian classical music.
In 1985, Rahman appeared on BBC programme Naya Zindagi, Naya Jeevan and sang ghazal and modern songs live. In the same year, Rahman recorded a 12-track debut album Smaranepare (Shoronay Poray). Rahman composed music for all 12-tracks, which were arranged by Qutbuddin and the lyrics were written by Abdul Mukit, Nurul Ghani, Delwar Khan and Shamsheer Qureshi. The album was produced and released by Jhankar Music. In 1986, he performed on Bangladesh Television (BTV).
In 1992, he performed on television a programme about the Bangladeshi community of East London.

In the 1990s, Rahman became one of the leading singers in Britain's Bengali community and went on to sell numerous songs. His musical influences are Mohammed Rafi, Mehdi Hassan, Ghulam Ali, Nurul Ghani and Talat Mahmood.
Rahman moved onto making spiritual and religious music and was selected by Ekushey Television to be the voice of the Adhan (call to prayer). Rahman has sang over 600 songs, which include Hindi and Bangla songs. His best of album Best of Alaur Rahman was released by Serengeti Sirocco. His songs are about the loss of a sense of belonging and the material conditions that underpin his life in Britain. Alaur Rahman has sang over 600 songs, which have been sung in many languages such as Hindi, Bengali, Urdu, Gujrati and more.

Rahman has won numerous awards globally. These have included awards from Zee TV, Channel i, ATN, Bangla TV and Channel S, where he has won awards for being the best singer.
In 1986, Rahman married Rozina Rahman. They have two sons Rabi and Ra'id, and a daughter Aniqa.

In the bustling streets of Whitechapel, stands a testament to perseverance and entrepreneurial spirit - Imran Travels. At its helm is Ashiqur Rahman, a man whose journey from a small town in Bangladesh to becoming a prominent figure in the UK's tourism sector is nothing short of remarkable.

Born in South Surma, Sylhet, Ashiqur Rahman harbored dreams of becoming a teacher. His academic pursuits led him to earn a Master's degree in Chemistry from Chittagong University. For a time, he lived this dream, working as a part-time professor at MC University College and Ambarkhana Government Girls College.

In 1996, Rahman's life took an unexpected turn when he moved to London. Little did he know that this move would set him on a path to becoming a successful entrepreneur in the travel and tourism industry.

Driven by the principles of honesty, hard work, and determination, Rahman established Imran Travels in Whitechapel. What started as a small local business soon expanded across the United Kingdom, with agents in almost every major city.

Rahman's business acumen didn't go unnoticed. In 2011, he was selected as a Certified Agent of Biman Bangladesh Airlines. By 2015, he had achieved the status of best Sales Agent for Biman in the UK. Today, Imran Travels represents not only Biman but also major international airlines like Emirates, Qatar Airways, Saudi Arabian Airlines, Royal Jordanian, Kuwait Airways, and Turkish Airlines.

Beyond his business success, Rahman has established himself as a community leader. He has served as the General Secretary of UKBATA (UK Bangladesh Agents Travel Association) for many years, showcasing his commitment to the broader travel industry.

Despite his professional success, Rahman maintains a strong focus on family and personal growth. He is a proud father of five, with his eldest daughter working as a junior doctor after completing her MBBS from the University of Buckingham, and his son holding a Master's degree in Data Science from Leicester University.

Rahman firmly believes that life is about more than just accumulating wealth. He sees his success as a platform to give back to society and continues to look for ways to integrate his business with evolving technology and societal needs.

As Ashiqur Rahman looks to the future, he has plans to expand his business further, always with an eye on how to better serve his community and adapt to changing times. His journey from a chemistry professor in Bangladesh to a leading figure in the UK's tourism sector serves as an inspiration to aspiring entrepreneurs everywhere.

In Ashiqur Rahman's story, we see the power of embracing change, the importance of hard work, and the impact one individual can have when they set their mind to achieving their goals.



Ashiqur Rahman

Sector:
Travel/Business



Award Winner 2024

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mr Ataur Rahman has been Managing Director of Jalalabad Law Associates since 2001, dealing with legal protection of Immigration and Asylum seekers, Human Rights Cases , Family Unity cases and has been appearing before the Asylum & Immigration Tribunal regularly since 2000. Prior to this he was an employed Barrister at Mathews Solicitors, Elephant & Castle.

Mr Rahman achieved his LLB (Hons) Degree in 1998 from London Guildhall University. He has been a member of The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn since 1998 and was called to the Bar in 2000. He obtained his BSS (Hons) MSS in Political Science under the Dhaka University (Jagonnath College). Moreover, he studied law at Dhaka Law College (LLB) and before coming to the UK in 1990, he was a practising lawyer at the Dhaka Bar since Oct 1987 and has been enrolled with the Bangladesh Supreme Court since 1991.

Ataur Rahman makes regular media appearances on community channels such as Bangla TV, Channel S and previously on Vectone Bangla. He has also been a member of the Greater Sylhet Welfare & Development Council in the UK for 15 years and was the General Secretary from 2002 to 2008. He was also a Founding Assistant General Secretary to the Nottinghamshire Bangladesh Cultural & Welfare Society between 1991 and 1996 and Project Co-ordinator of Jalalabad Skills Audit for Bangladeshi Community funded by Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham Task Force.

Ataur Rahman is an experienced campaigner, taking local issues, which have broader relevance on to the national stage. He has effectively campaigned on managed migration, education, housing and racism. As a lawyer and community activist, he is a key member of the Bangladeshi and Muslim Community and has had extensive experience representing individual cases and group issues.

Mr Rahman resides with his family in Redbridge, Essex.



Ataur Rahman

Sector:
Legal/Community Relations

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Aziz-ur Rahman

Sector:
Catering

Born in Mirpur, Syhlet, Bangladesh in 1958, Aziz-ur Rahman moved with his parents to Oxford in 1969. Since 1978 he has opened several restaurants and take-away establishments in Oxfordshire.
He opened his first restaurant at the age of twenty, called the 'Star of Asia' and this venture was an instant success. He has gained a reputation for excellence in all his restaurants. The Aziz restaurants have gained national and international recognition as one of the best in the country and have won awards, on a regular basis, for excellence over the years.

His portfolio of restaurants past and present include the 'Bilash Restaurant' opened in 1984 in Botley, Oxford, as well as the 'Polash' opened in 1988. He then opened the 'Aziz' Restaurant in 1990 and Aziz Burford as well as the Aziz waterside then 'Aziz Witney', 'Aziz Pandesia' followed in quick succession in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2006 respectively. In 1997 he established the 'Khajana'. Mr Rahman is the Director of Oxfordshire Business Enterprise, Founder Trustee of the Jagannath Pur Education Trust, Member of the Jagannath Pur Probashi (UK) Kollayan Trust; Trustee of Learn Foundation, and a Trustee of the Bangladesh Female Academy (UK), a Trustee and Chairman of the management committee Iqra School, Oxford. He is also Member and advisor to the Oxfordshire Bangladeshi Association, Executive Member of the Bangladeshi Mosque and Education Centre, Cowley, Oxford, as well as Director of the English Language Learning Institute (ELLI), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Mr Aziz-ur Rahman is a founding member of European Bangladesh Federation.
He was the first Chairman of the Guild of Bangladeshi Restaurateurs. He was the Chairman of Greater Sylhet Association UK for South East region. Furthermore Mr Rahman remains involved in charitable causes and is associated with Oxfam over seventeen years and is particularly interested in relief projects to Bangladesh.

Mr Rahman's interests include, traveling, sports, especially football and cricket. He is a family man, married with four sons, one daughter and a grandson. He was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Oxford Brookes University.



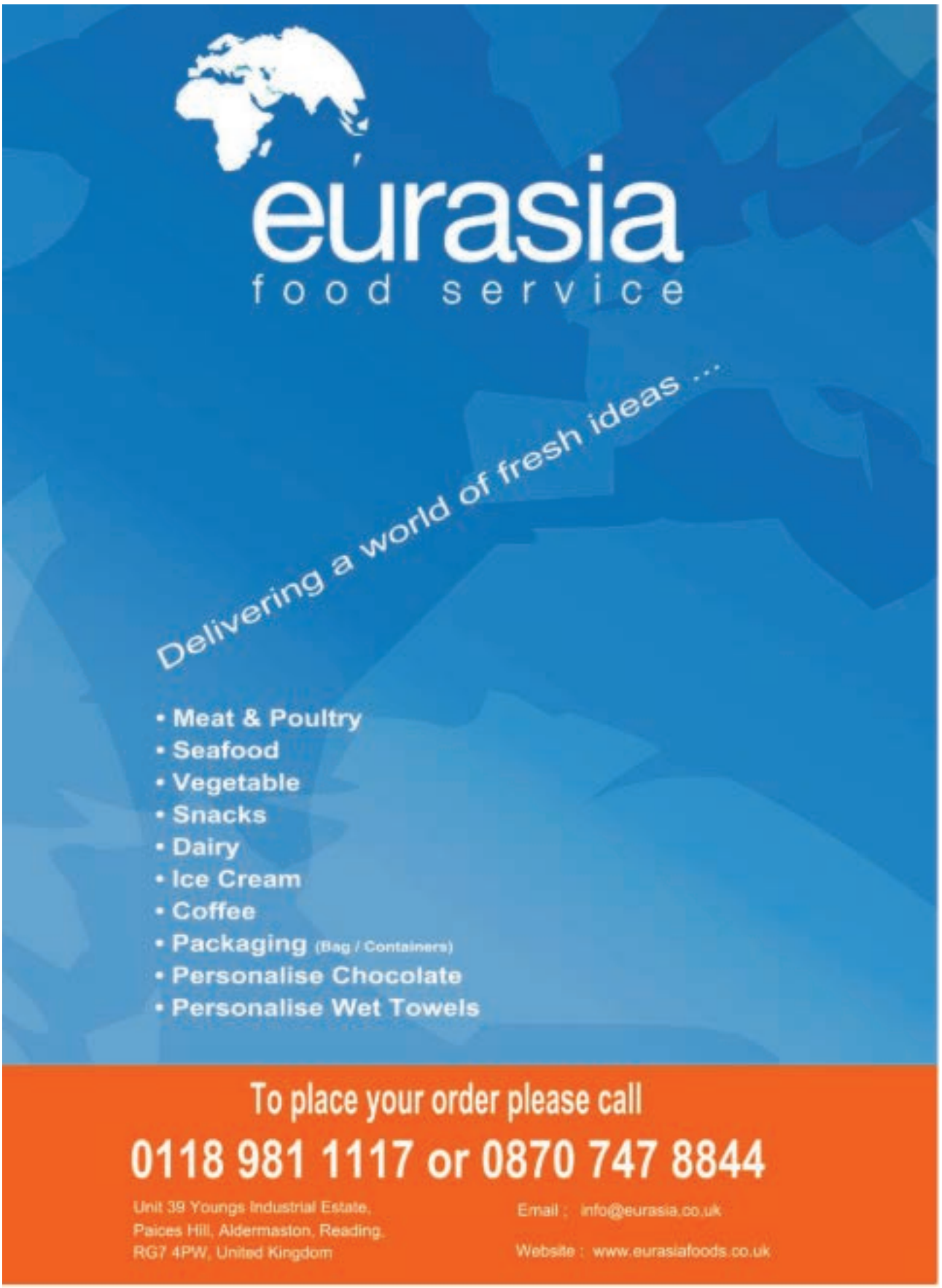
Atikur Rahman

Sector:
Catering/ Media

Chef Atikur Rahman was born on august 1977, Bangladesh Moulvibazar. Chef Atik came to this country only at the age of 19 with his family and is currently living in Chelsea with his wife Lina and his son Samuel.
Atik developed the passion for curry at the tender age of 12, where his very first curiosity with spices and ingredients journey had began when he saw his mums cooking. He would always give a hand in the kitchen and it was then he had a great passion and immense interest in all things to do with food and ingredients.

Celebrity chef Atik Rahman started off his culinary journey working at the famous Blue Bird restaurant located in Chelsea (the heart of London). Atik passed his NVQ level 3 (professional cookery) at the Hammersmith and West London College which he took his growing food passion also opened up his own personal catering tuition class offering determined individuals to learn the secrets of spices.

To compliment his skills and talent, he provides chef consultancy, training and other curricular activities to develop the craft of cooking. Chef Atik has been honoured to be a private chef of the great Sheikh Bin Zayed who is the king of United Arab Emirates. His first Major achievement was when he won the chef of the year 2007 award and in the following year he also won the British chef of the year.
Atik has now opened up his own show called Atik recipe on channel 9 every Sunday which is his main show alongside Atik's kitchen on NTV and Roshoi ghor on Bangla TV. All programmes allow his viewers to learn the craft of Atik's unique cooking.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Emdad Rahman MBE

Sector:
Journalism and Community relations

Emdad is a born and bred Londoner, a celebrated writer who focuses mainly on unique community activism and positive stories featuring amongst other things homelessness, sports, the arts and human inspiration. Emdad teaches creative writing and has published over 500 football poems. He is the only published Bangladeshi football poet in the world.

Emdad is also an under 12 head football coach for Stepney Football Club and a referee. He is chairman of Essex based Scintilla Cricket Club - a grassroots outfit run by volunteers which over the course of ten years has enjoyed a meteoric rise to the top, namely achieving several promotions before being crowned Essex County Cricket League Premier Division Champions in 2014.

In terms of recognition Emdad has received Civic Awards and a Volunteer of the Year Award from Alderman David Brewer - the Mayor of the City of London at the time. He was named Londoner of the day in 2011 and through City Hall he featured in a London billboard poster campaign which highlighted volunteering in the city.
Emdad was a London Ambassador and also carried the Paralympic Torch at the London Olympics of 2012. He was made an MBE in the late Queen Elizabeth New Years Honours List. The Canary Wharf Group recognised his achievements with a sporting personality award.

In 2014 Emdad was chosen to carry Her Majesty the Queen's Baton for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. This was an outstanding gesture from the games organisers and recognised the value attributed to Emdad's services to the community.

Emdad is an active writer and philanthropist. He is voluntarily involved in work with the youth, elderly, women, people experiencing poverty, those experiencing disabilities and homelessness. He is a Dementia Friends Champion and volunteers time to raise awareness through the delivery of interactive information sessions. Emdad is credited with recruiting the Battle of Cable Street veteran - The 100 year old Max Levitas is currently the world's oldest Dementia Friend.

Emdad's activities are voluntary and past year in his honour he was made a Freeman of the City of London for the diverse work that he does.
Emdad has used the skills he has gained over the years to achieve unique and great change which has benefitted the communities he works with to an enormous degree.

On a charitable level Emdad has, amongst hundreds of activities, run three London marathons, completed climbing the three UK peaks, ran numerous 10k's, and 3 marathon night walks for Cancer.



Ibrahim Rahman

Sector:
Media

Ibrahim Rahman is a social media and communications professional from Cambridge, working in the higher education and charity sectors.

Ibrahim is a Social Media Coordinator at the University of Cambridge, actively involved in the everyday planning, writingand publishing of content across their social media channels. Akey member of the University's Social Media and Audiovisual team since September 2019, he has managed various social media campaignsaround student activities, looking at how religious festivals are celebratedor observedat Cambridge, spotlighting South Asian student groups duringSouth Asian Heritage Month, and leading on the University's social media response to A-level results day. Ibrahim currently leads on the direction of the University's Instagram account, which has a following of over 1.2 million.

Away from his day job, Ibrahim volunteers as the Director of Communications for the Karim Foundation, a Cambridge-based charity that provides food, fuel and emergency support for local families and individuals in financial hardship. He has organised and managed online fundraisers such as the annual Cambridge Ramadan Appeal,helping to raise thousands of pounds to support locals most affected by the cost of living crisis.The Karim Foundation was highly commended at the 2022 BBC Make a Difference Awards – one of four finalists shortlisted for the Community Group Award.
Ibrahim has a wealth of experience across broadcast media and public relations. Shortly after graduating with a BSc (Hons) in Information Security and Forensic Computing from Anglia Ruskin University,he worked as a reporter for BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and assistant producer for Nadia Ali's show on BBC Asian Network.Ibrahim went on to become a production assistantfor ITV News at the 2017 Wimbledon Championships before joiningITV News Anglia as a production journalistin 2018, tasked with leading their diversity initiative for the East of England. During 2019-2020, Ibrahimwas the first-everSocial Media Officer of Cambridge Central Mosque, playing a crucial role in communications at the height of the pandemic and coordinating the Mosque's successful participation in the 2020 and 2021 Open Cambridge festivals.

Ibrahim was born in December 1990 andis a third-generation British Bangladeshi. He is the eldest of four children to Mohammed Zillur Rahman and Shahida Rahman. Ibrahim's maternal grandparentswere among the first people from Sylhet to settle in Cambridge during the late 1950s to early 1960s, while his mother – also an award-winning author of historical novels 'An Ayah's Choice' and 'Lascar' – was born two days before the liberation of Bangladesh in December 1971.

Md Lutfur Rahman is a qualified Chartered Legal Executive (FCILEx) Lawyer and Commissioner for Oaths. He is an entrepre-neur and community activist widely known in the diaspora com- munity in the UK. With his enthusiasm, integrity, and love for the legal profession, he obtained a good name and fame among immi- grants and legal practitioners in the UK.

Mr. Rahman was born in 1973 at Osmani Nagar, Sylhet, Bangladesh in a traditional Muslim family. He came to the UK as a Law student in 1996 at the University of London. He successfully completed his Bachelor of Laws with Honours degree from the University of Lon- don in 1999. He was called to the bar as a barrister at the Hon- ourable Society of Lincoln's Inn in 2000.

Based on his 20+ years of Immigration Service experience, he es- tablished an innovative Legal and Software service company namely WorkPermitCloud Limited (www.workpermitcloud.co.uk) . Currently, it offers OISC regulated immigration advice on UK Immigration matters.

WorkPermitCloud Limited (WPC) was founded in September 2020 in East London, one year later, Mr Lutfur expanded the office in the city of London, at "The Gherkin" - the first Bangladeshi lawyer to set a foot-print in this prestigious office building. Mr. Lutfur has advised many High Net Worth clients from the Middle East and Asia concerning Entrepreneurs, Investors, Sponsorship Licenses, and Skilled worker visa applications.

He enjoys researching complicated legal issues and tries to use his extensive immigration knowledge and experience to implement a strategy that is arguable and realistic. As a practitioner he brought up common challenges and put recommendations to policy makers. Through delegation and event participation his voice is being heard at House of Commons and Scottish Parliament to relax Immigration rules for Chefs and Hospitality sector staff. Regularly, he engages with major stakeholders to initiate dialogue in important forums. For example – he raised slow UK visa processing for Bangladeshi

applicants to British High Commission in Bangladesh and Bangladesh High Commissioner in the UK. He raised a massive awareness to ensure sustainability and advancement of curry industry in the UK!

To meet diverse customer demand for Immigration and recruitment needs, Mr Lutfur established a global company in Dubai, namely WPC Global (www.wpc-global.com). It offers Immigration services for Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand, to help more people to change their lives.

Giving back to society for great social and humanitarian causes is in Mr Lutfur's DNA. This year, WorkPermitCloud supported Mount Everest climb, WPC flag was carried on the peak of Mount Everest, the mission is to give back to humanity and raise funds to help and support destitute women, men and children of Afghanistan, Syria, Rohingya, and other places impacted by war, conflict, disaster and poverty. Moreover, he supported the fundraising campaign of Cam- bridge Central Mosque as a platinum sponsor. He distributed cash money to the flood victims in Sylhet district and regularly patronises various medical camps with free consultation medication. Mr Lutfur is an is an associate of East London Mosque.

In his personal life, he is married to Barrister Nahid Sultana Parvin. He has been supported in this journey by his beautiful wife Barrister Nahid Sultana Parvin who was also called to the bar in 2000. Currently she is serving as Chief Operating Officer of WPC.

They have three lovely kids; the elder son Danyaal is currently studying Maths at King's College in the University of Cambridge. This year elder daughter Lamees has obtained the highest grade 9 in GCSE in all subjects. The younger daughter Nuha is studying in year 8 at a leading private school in the UK. As a loving father Mr. Rahman loves to drive and drop his daughters at the school every morning. He has a big passion for networking, sports. He regularly sponsors community cricket and football matches. Apart from legal profession, Mr. Lutfur prides himself on being honest, open and acting with integrity with everyone he speaks to.



Md Lutfur Rahman

Sector:
Lawyer



Award Winner 2023

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mish Rahman (Mohammed Misbhaur Rahman) is a trailblazing political organiser and one of the most prominent British Bangladeshis in UK politics. In 2020, he made history as the first British Bangladeshi elected to the Labour Party's National Executive Committee (NEC), representing grassroots members on the party's highest ruling body. A lifelong champion for social justice, Rahman is a respected community leader, national campaigner, and voice for the working class, with an unwavering commitment to anti-racism, equality, anti-austerity and anti-war activism.

Born and raised in Walsall, West Midlands whose family originate from Fokir Para, Osmani Nogor, Rahman was the first student of Sylheti heritage to attend Queen Mary's Grammar School in its 500-year history.

At 19, he co-founded the Bangladeshi Youth Organisation in Walsall, creating a vital institution to empower disadvantaged young people in the face of institutional racism and poverty. In the early 2000s, he led the organisation to deliver education, leisure, and advisory services while securing major funding and building a strong, motivated staff and volunteer team.

With a career spanning business, education, and labour rights, Rahman has been a restaurateur, worked in schools as an Ethnic Minority Achievement Officer, and delivered successful mentoring programmes for underperforming ethnic minority students. He is also co-founder of the Latifiah Fultali Complex, an educational and community institution in West Bromwich, where he served as General Secretary, and has been Chair of Governors at the British Muslim School.

As National Vice Chair of Momentum, Rahman helped develop the Leo Panitch Leadership Programme, training the next generation of socialist leaders. He currently serves as Chair of Trustees for Show Racism the Red Card, the UK's leading anti-racism education charity, and is an alumnus of the Labour Party's Bernie Grant Leadership Programme. His work consistently bridges grassroots activism with high-level strategy and governance.

A seasoned political communicator, Rahman is a regular media contributor, appearing in print and frequently on BBC, Sky News, Channel 4, ITV, LBC, Channel S, and other outlets to discuss topics ranging from Palestine and workers' rights to Islamophobia, racism, and the positive case for immigration.

Rahman is also involved in the development of the new democratic, grassroots political formation Your Party, led by Jeremy Corbyn and Zarah Sultana—a movement aiming to transform politics from the bottom up and give working-class communities a stronger voice.

Through his roles as Labour NEC member, school governor, media commentator, trade unionist, and campaigner, Mish Rahman remains a steadfast advocate for equality, justice, and empowerment across Britain.



Mish Rahman

Sector:
Politics/Community

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Mayor Lutfur Rahman

Sector:
Politics

Award Winner 2011

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mayor Lutfur Rahman became the Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets in May 2022. He previously served as the Borough's first directly elected Mayor from 2010-2015.

Prior to this he served as a Councillor for Spitalfields and Banglatown ward from 2002-2010 and in between becoming a Council leader in 2008.

During his first period as Mayor, Lutfur introduced many pioneering policies, such as providing universal free school meals for primary school children, building more council homes than anywhere in the country, and granting education bursaries to students attending university.

Lutfur grew up in Tower Hamlets, having moved to the Borough at an early age from Bangladesh. He attended Marner Primary School in Bow, the Lawdale Junior School in Bethnal Green and Bow School. He went on to completing his Law Degree at City University and was admitted as a member of the Law Society of England and Wales in 1997.

In his role as Mayor, Lutfur is working to support residents through the cost of living crisis, to build 1,000 social homes a year, make Tower Hamlets a greener and cleaner Borough, and protect vital front line services.



Ataur Rahman Kuti

Sector:
Business / Charity

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Ataur Rahman Kuti was born in the village of Balishasra, Rajnagar in Moulvibazar. His father is the Late Al Haj Mizaz Miah. Mr Rahman Kuti completed his High school education in Rajnagar Porteous High School and continued his further education at Moulvibazar Government College.

He arrived in the UK in 1976 with his parents. From 1981 onwards he started his own career in the Bangladeshi catering industry. He established a chain of restaurants and properties in the UK. Mr Rahman's business interests do not end there, as he is also a Vice Chairman of MRK Developments Ltd, which is the company behind his assets in the property market in Bangladesh. As well as his business activities he is also involved in various organisations in the British Bangladeshi community. Mr Rahman Kuti joined the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry as a Director in 2013, he is now serving as a Finance Director. He is the Founder Vice President and Former President of Rajnagar Welfare Society in the UK.

He is also serving as a President of Bangladesh Association of Greater Reading. Mr Rahman Kuti is passionate about being involved and supporting various charities. He has helped many individuals in his homeland, especially those deprived and poor intelligent students who were unable to fund their education. Mr Rahman Kuti's interests include travelling and politics. He is currently residing with his family in Reading, Berkshire in the UK.

Mohammed Siddiquer Rahman was born in 1971 in Luton, Bedfordshire. He completed his GCSEs' in Denbigh High School in 1987.
At the age of 16, Siddiquer started working part time at an Indian restaurant which initiated his interest in the restaurant trade.
At the age of 19 he opened his first thriving business, an Indian takeaway which he later converted to a restaurant in Oxhey, Hertfordshire called Curry Cottage. After the success of Curry Cottage, in 1997 he went on to open another Indian restaurant, Raj Garden in Bushey, which became his most successful venture, receiving many awards for their service and support of the community. Since then, he has opened several other restaurants around the country but in 2002, he decided to diversify and invest in another industry.

In 2002, he began his career as a property investor buying houses to re-develop them and put them on the rental market. This has enabled him to develop his property portfolio and diversify within the property industry. He is the director of Luton Property Management Ltd and the senior negotiator for Simply Move, overseeing the management of properties. This business is fast becoming one of the busiest property management companies in its area.
He is also the owner of M.S Rahman Properties (Real Estate) and S&Z a property development company.

In addition, he is a member of several business associations such as one of the Directors of the UKBCCI and an EC member of BCA. He is also a member of the National Landlord Association and a member of the ARLA which is an association for residential lettings.
He believes giving back to society is a vital part of life. Therefore, he is the secretary of Jalal Pur Welfare Association which gives unprivileged children in Bangladesh a chance to transform their lives. He is also a part of the advisory board at Dhokin Surma Committee, a role passed on from his father. This is a charity in Bangladesh for the betterment of society.
In the UK, he is a dedicated member of charities such as the Peace Hospice and local charities especially in the Watford area, for which he has gained certificates and awards from local MPs and Mayors.

Siddiquer Rahman enjoys travelling around the world and meeting new people and learning about new cultures. Siddiquer Rahman is married with 4 children.



Mohammed Siddiquer Rahman

Sector:
Business



Award Winner 2018

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Syed Mohammed Mustafizur Rahman was born in 1958 to an illustrious family of Lakhai Upazila under Habiganj district in Sylhet Division. He passed the SSC (Secondary School Certificate) Examination from Fenchuganj Fertilizer Factory High School in 1973 and HSC (Higher Secondary Certificate) Examination from Sylhet MC (Murari Chand) College in 1975. He received his Masters of Commerce (M.Com) in Management from the University of Dhaka in 1979.
After appearing the
competitive examination he joined the Bangladesh Bank (the Central bank of Bangladesh) in 1980 and obtained the Banking Diploma from the Institute of Bankers of Bangladesh in 1983. He also got in service training from the Bangladesh Bank Training Academy. He served in various departments with different capacities of the bank in the Dhaka office & Head office.
He came to the UK in 2001 on Lien for 5 years and later took self-retirement as Deputy Director of Bangladesh Bank in 2006. In the UK he joined the Bangladesh Centre in London as the Chief Executive. From the Bangladesh Centre he attended lot of weekly courses, day long training classes and received certificates. Besides those, he attended lot of seminars, symposiums, discussion meetings on behalf of Bangladesh Centre in the City Hall, Town Hall and the other venues of London. He has also participated in meetings at the House of Commons and the Kensington Palace. He was a member of two Committees in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in which Borough the Bangladesh Centre situated. One is Police and Community Consultative Group and the other is Community Relations Advisory Group. He had to represent Bangladesh Centre in different official events. Up on invitation he attended twice (2005 & 2008) at the Garden Party of late Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth-ii in the Buckingham Palace.
From school life he was involved with progressive Student Politics and Socio-Cultural Organisations. During the War of Liberation of Bangladesh in 1971, being a student of class nine, he actively participated with the seniors to collect food, cloths, medicines etc for the freedom fighters. In 1972, he became the President of Chattra League School Branch and Treasurer of Regional Branch. As a student of class ten in 1972 he participated in the Central Conference of Chattra League in Dhaka Race Course Ground (now Suhruwardy Uddan). Whilst at MC College he was elected the Chattra League General Secretary of Intermediate College Hostel Branch.
At Bangladesh Bank he was one of the founders of 'Bangladesh Bank Jalalabad Kallyan Samity Dhaka' and was General Secretary until his arrival in the UK. He was also a member of Bangladesh Bank Club. He elected President of 'Lakhai Thana Samity Dhaka' twice.

After arrival in the UK he became an Advisor of 'Lakhai Upazila Samity UK', Joint Secretary of Habiganj Samity UK, one of the Founder Members and Vice-Chairman of 'Bangladeshi Council in Europe', an organisation called 'Amra-o-Muktijuddah' for those who indirectly participated in the War of Liberation. He is the main Founder of NGFF School Alumni Association in the UK and President since formation in 2001. He was a member of the Executive Committee of Dhaka University Alumni in the UK and becomes an advisor in the current committee. He was a Joint Secretary of 'All European Bangabandhu Porishad' and became Secretary General in July 2008.
He is fond of travelling, reading books and listening music.



S M Mustafizur Rahman

Sector:
Finance /Community

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Mahbub Rahman

Sector:
Journalism/Government



Award Winner 2023

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mahbub Rahman is a highly esteemed figure in the realm of journalism, celebrated for his unwavering dedication and significant contributions to the field. Currently, he holds the position of Communications Officer for a local government authority in London.

Born in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in 1968, his journey in journalism began during his college years in 1986 when he embarked on a path of crafting articles for various esteemed local and national publications.

In 1987, he embarked on an illustrious career at one of the leading regional daily newspapers, Sylheter Dak, where he held various pivotal positions over the course of a decade. His fervor for investigative journalism guided him to collaborate with the national news agency PROBE. Furthermore, he made notable contributions as a stringer for BBC Bangla service and served as the Sylhet bureau chief of the Bangladesh News Agency (BNA).

Mahbub was also a passionate amateur photographer. He played a leading role in founding the Sylhet Photographic Society (SPS) in March 1992 and, during his six-year leadership journey, served as its first General Secretary, Vice President, and President, elevating SPS into a prominent national organization. Since 1997, even after leaving Bangladesh, he has continued to serve as an advisor to this photographic organization.

In 1997, he relocated to the UK with his family and joined the Bengali newsweekly Notun Din. During that time, he also worked for Daily Sangbad, a prominent Bangladeshi newspaper, as a UK correspondent.

In the television arena, he left an indelible mark, playing a pivotal role in the inception of the first Bangla language TV channel in the UK, Bangla TV.

In July 1999, Mahbub shifted his career into the world of television, commencing work for Bangla TV and becoming a key member of the pioneering team that turned the dreams of the Bengali community into reality. His diverse roles encompassed Programme Planner, Programme Manager, and News Editor. Three years later, he assumed the position of Head of News and Current Affairs for the channel.

Mahbub also took on the role of Editor for the UK's curry industry magazine, Curry Life, up until 2006.

In 2002, he assumed the role of Ethnic Media Advisor (part-time) at one of London's largest social housing associations, where he served for nearly two decades.

In 2003, he joined as a Communications Advisor for the UK's most diverse local authority, Tower Hamlets Council. Upon leaving his housing association position, he committed himself full-time as a Communications Officer for Tower Hamlets Council. Spending almost 20 years in the Local Government Authority's busy press office, he has worked closely with both local and national media, gaining extensive experience in local government communication.

Mahbub has been a dedicated member of numerous professional organizations, including the National Union of Journalists and the Commonwealth Journalist Association (CJA). Serving as the former Assistant General Secretary, Mahbub Rahman played a key role in reorganizing the London Bangla Press Club and served as Vice President of this club for two consecutive terms. His influential roles within the London Bangla Press Club, the Sylhet Press Club, and Sylhet Union of Journalists reflect his unwavering commitment to fostering excellence in journalism.

He also served as a founding member and secretary of the Jalalabad Association UK.

Married to Hasna Rahman, a civil servant who works for the Ministry of Justice, Mahbub acknowledges her sacrifice and contribution, which have enabled him to pursue his career and achievements. The couple has been blessed with two daughters, Mehjaben Rahman and Atiya Rahman.

Through his multifaceted career and steadfast dedication to journalism and community engagement, Mahbub has made exceptional contributions to both the profession and society as a whole.



Muhammed Motiur Rahman khukon

Sector:
Business/ Charity

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Muhammed Motiur Rahman khukon was born in a village called Tegoria Upojela Jogonnath Pur Sylhet Bangladesh. Both of his grandparents were Religious teacher Munshi Anwar Muhammed and Nesari Bibi. His father late Muhammed Abdul Jabbar was a school teacher and well known football player and his mother Late Mrs Salema Khanom. He moved to Sylhet Town with his mother in 1963 and lived with his Fufu Mrs Amina Khanom (Bibidhom), Fufa and Chacha, Syed Nur Uddin, his inspiration.

He went to Kishori Mohon Patshala and then Government Pilot High school Sylhet.

He helped Mukti Bahini in the 1971 liberation.

He came to England with his mother and 3 years old sister Shopna to join his father in Wimbledon in 1971.

During the liberation time he went to demonstrationsin Hyde park Corner, Trafalgar Square Common Wealth Institute and other places with his father.

He studied O Levels in Putney college and for further education he studied OND and HND in Merton College.

He started his own Business, R and H News Agent (Rahman and Haque), in 15 March 1978 with no capital, no bank Loan and no work experience. He bought his 2nd news agent in 1981. He started an Indian takeaway Salima Tandoori (in his mothers name) in Wimbledon. He bought the Viceroy Indian takeaway in 1988 in Consett, Durham and then bought Moti Jheel Indian takeaway in 1990 in New Castle upon Tyne. He join Allied Dunbur Insurance Company in 1986 as a Financial advisor and moved to GRE as a Field Sales manager in 1987. Motiur has been working with the community all of his adult life.

He joined the Adult Education centre in Merton in 1975, Joint Racial Harassment Unit In 1979 and was the Director of Bengali promotion LTD 1980.

He hosted two cultural events in Wimbledon theatre and Camden hall and was founder Cultural secretary of Bengali Association of Merton in 1982, founder member of JCC joint council of ethnic minorities Member and Treasurer of MREC Merton Recial Equality Council.

Member of Police consultative committee,Member of Wimbledon Chamber of Commerce,Trustee of MVSC Merton valuntary services council,Trustee of Victim support, Founder EMC Ethnic minoritie centre,School Governor for 8 years Member of Bangladesh centre 1983, Member of Bangladesh caterers Association 1986, Member of Asian Forum,Member of Greater Sylhet Council, Trustee of Al Falah Islamic Centre, Member of National Heart Foundation Sylhet Trustee of Just help eye Hospital, Founder Chairman of TWA UK Tegoria Welfare Association UK he two Eye Camp in Bangladesh,He raised funds for NHS with Channel S. He raised funds for RFC Ramadan family commitment as an Ambassador (£15004) Member of the Labour party over 28 years, He stood for Council on multiple occasions, He was in a national campaign Video for General election in 1997 went to National Conference on multiple occasions

Motiur married to Fatima Rahman (Shopna). They have three sons Rizwan Rahman Corporate Solicitor and partner. Iftikhar Rahman (Farhan) is a Civil engineer and senior project manager. Yamin Rahman is a Chemistry Graduate working as an Accountant. He is retired is very happy with his life. He is forever grateful to Allah SWT for all his blessings.


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Muhibur Rahman Muhib

Sector:
Business & Community



Award Winner 2019

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Muhibur Rahman Muhib MJF, was born in Sylhet, Bangladesh in 1959. Son of the late Mr. Aalhaj Arab Ali and Mrs. Hashira Begum, Muhib grew up in the village of Purushpal, Beani Bazar.

Muhib travelled to the UK in 1972 to start a new chapter in his life. Upon arrival, Muhib enrolled at Robert Montifiore Secondary School, where he furthered his secondary education. Whilst studying, Muhib worked two part time jobs at a local Indian restaurant and a garments factory.

Upon finishing secondary education, Muhib's zeal to become a successful business man was clear. He was determined to make a successful career and improve their family's living standards. This was at a time when many British Bangladeshis were heavily involved in the garments trade.

In 1979, Muhib continued that trend by establishing, with the help of a few business partners, his own garment factory, Modern Embroidery, in Tower Hamlets. The business rapidly became very successful.

Following the success in the garments trade, he ventured into the catering business and in 1982 was a business partner of the Indian restaurant he worked in as a teenager, India Grill, in Tower Hamlets, London. To date, he has carried on his successful business empire and is the owner of a number of restaurants and multiple properties in and around London.

Outside of his business prowess, Muhib plays an important role in community development both in the UK and in his homeland of Bangladesh.

He is currently the President of Jalalabad Association UK and Senior Vice Chair of the Bangladesh Centre London.He was the President of Beani Bazar Welfare Trust and still serving as an Executive Committee member of the Bangladesh Caterers Association UK, a platform representing the Bangladeshi catering industry in UK. His wealth of experience and dedication to the community can also be evidenced through his past effective and executive role in Bangladesh Welfare Association and Beani Bazar Thana Jonokallyan Samity.

His work with the community does not stop with being aligned with charitable organisations; Muhib has also spent much of his own fortune in supporting good causes. He has previously financed a Bengali Newspaper called Weekly Sylheter Dak where he was a Director and a member of the publishing board.

He is known to inspire education amongst generations of young people. He has spent over £30, 000 to build a library in Beani Bazar's Women's College, helping hundreds of women from poor families to have access to much needed books and resources. In memory of his late father, he financed the Madrassa Academy Bhavan in 1982. He is also a founder of Purushpal Hafizia Madrassa and a lifetime member of the managing committee for 12 secondary schools in Beani Bazar.

He is one of the founding members of the Beani Bazar Cancer Hospital Foundation, the first hospital of its kind in Sylhet division, Bangladesh. Having served as Vice President of this organisation, Muhib along with a number of Bangladeshis living in the UK, funded this noble project.

In 2005, he was involved in distributing computers in Beani Bazar in order to enhance the education of local children. More recently, he has taken the initiative to build homes for the freedom fighters of Beani Bazaar.

In 2007, The Lions Club International Foundation awarded Muhib, with its highest 'Melvin Jones Fellowship' MJF Award for his dedication and years of working with communities. He is now a member of the prestigious organisation.

Muhib currently lives with his family including seven children in South Woodford , London.



Mahidur Rahman

Sector:
Community Relations

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mr. Mahidur Rahman came to the UK in 1975 and completed his studies and also within a few years he emerged as a successful businessman, politician and volunteer of social service. He is at present the president of Asian Council for Human Rights UK, Kent Branch (BCA) and Ashford Muslim Association. He is also the Vice-President of Bangladesh Caterers Association UK and founding treasurer of Greater Sylhet Development and Welfare Council UK. He is the Founding Coordinator of it's south-east region. Mr. Rahman is at present the treasurer and general secretary, London Boroughs of Bangladeshi Association, UK and joint secretary of Moulovi Bazar Jonosheba Somity. He is also the International Affairs Secretary of the Central Commitee for the BNP.

At present, Mr. Rahman is actively involved in many distinguished organisations. He is a life member of the Mouluvi Bazar Zela Red Crescent Society and Jalalabad Hospital for Disabled and Rehabilitation Centre Sylhet and is also a member of the support group UK. He has deliverered his service to the community as a member of the Home Secretary's Standing Advisory Council on Race Relation for two years. At present, Mr. Rahman is the president of UK-Association for Human Rights (UK-AHR), Euro-Bangladesh Business Consortium, Bangladesh Centre for Social development UK and British Bangladeshi Business Club.

In addition, Mr. Rahman has played important role in establishing and fundraising for many Mosques and Madrashas', support running schools for the destitute children in Bangladesh, Free Friday Clinics, and personally continuing to help build houses for the needy, medical treatment, etc.

Mr. Mahidur Rahman has made his name as a prominent politician of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). He played an important role in shaping its establishment in the UK and another European Country. In 1992 he was made a co-convenor of the UK-BNP and in 1994, the president. Through his tireless work he formed 12 BNP branches throughout the UK. Currently he is the international affairs secretary of BNP central committee and is looking after the political aspect of European BNP as co-co-ordinator.

Mr. Rahman is married and has two children. His son graduated in Business Management and is currently a banker and his daughter is a University student.

Cllr Rohima Rahman is a dedicated and accomplished figure in the Newham political realm.Known for her unwavering commitment topublic service and tireless advocacy for the community.Born in-Bangladesh, grown up in Newham, alongside her parents and siblings.

In 2006, Cllr Rahmans exceptional contributions and dedication wererecognised with the Civic Award for Outstanding Citizen, furtherhighlighting her remarkable commitment to serving the people of Newham. This prestigious honour showcased her unwaveringcommitment to making a positive difference in the lives of residents.

Cllr Rahmans outstanding community work was acknowledged once again in 2017 when she received an award from the Bangladesh High Commission for her exceptional contributions to the community.

From the beginning of her political journey in 2006, winning the electionfor Green Street East Ward, Cllr Rahman has consistently workedtowards uplifting the community. Her resilience and dedication wereparticularly evident during challenging times such as the aftermath ofthe 9/11 attacks when she stood as a strong advocate for the people ofNewham. Throughout her tenure as a school governor for ShaftesburyPrimarySchool from 2006, Cllr Rahman demonstrated her commitment to theeducation and well-being of the borough young learners. Her valuable contributions to the school governance and strategic decision-making have played a crucial role in shaping the educational experience of countless children.

During the 1990s, Cllr Rahman played a pivotal role in establishing a community development network in the disadvantaged Green Street Neighbourhood. Cllr Rahman has been working in the community voluntary sector for over 30 years and her commitment to championing the rights and empowerment of women and children in Newham multicultural communities is unwavering. Through her tireless work, she has promoted resilience and understanding among disadvantaged women, fostering harmonious co-existence among diverse groups.

In 2023, Cllr Rahman exceptional contributions and esteemed reputation led to her nomination for the prestigious role as a Chair of Council and First Citizen of Newham for the term 2023-2024. This historicmoment marks her as the first individual of Bangladeshi origin to assumethis esteemed position.



Cllr Rohima Rahman

Sector:
Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Muhammad Rizwan Rahman was born in the UK to Bangladeshi parents Motiur Rahman Kukon and Fatima Rahman . His residence in Bangladesh is Tegoria Upojela Jogonnath Pur Sylhet, Bangladesh .
His father came to England in 1971 with his grandmother as a teenage during the liberation of Bangladesh, he then started his own Business R and H News Agent in march 1978 in Wimbledon.

At the age of 8 Rizwan went to Kings College School in Wimbledon ,a top private School in the UK where he completed his GCSEs and A levels. He completed his degree in English Literature at Warwick University in 2003 followed by his GDL and LPC at BPP Law School, London.

Rizwan is a partner in the London Corporate team of CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP. His practice focuses on transactions for financial services businesses. His clients include businesses in the banking, insurance, wealth management and pensions sectors. He also has significant experience advising clients in the real estate sector.
Rizwan advises on domestic and cross-border acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic partnerships, group reorganisations and general corporate matters. He has particular experience in Part VII business transfers and asset backed funding arrangements for pension schemes.

Rizwan has a great work profile including working for MetLife on the sales of its insurance businesses in Greece and Poland to NN Group. Sanlam on the sale of its life and pensions business to Chesnara and wealth management business to Oaktree, MS Amlin on the sale of its marine pleasure craft book to Aston Lark, Gallagher on the acquisition of Capsicum Re ,Unum Group on its acquisition of Polish financial provider Pramerica , FSMA Part VII banking business transfers for a number of international banks, including RCI Bank.

He also worked in the NatWest Group on the sale of the NatWest, Royal Bank of Scotland and Coutts trust management and administration businesses.
Rizwan has worked on Several asset backed funding arrangements for pension schemes and employers, including for Sainsbury's pension scheme trustees.
In 2020 Rizwan published "Do asset-backed funding structures need an update?" as a Pensions Expert .



Rizwan Rahman

Sector:
Law

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Shahida Rahman

Sector:
Literature

Award Winner 2017

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Shahida Rahman (Shahidun) was born and raised in Cambridge. Her late father, Abdul Karim moved to Cambridge from Fenchugonj, East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) in 1957 and her mother arrived in 1964. Her father was a successful restauranteur. She was born 2 days before East Pakistan became the independent state of Bangladesh.

Shahida is an author, publisher, writer, public speaker and community activist. She writes historical fiction, non-fiction and children's stories, particularly focusing on and raising awareness of South Asian history, culture and heritage. She is the co-founder of Perfect Publishers Ltd, launched in 2005 which is a print-on-demand book publishing company providing a range of services for authors and other publishers: www.perfectpublishers.co.uk

Lascar, (first edition) was published by Indigo Dreams Publishing in 2012. The second edition was published by Perfect Publishers in 2021, is a work of historical fiction inspired by a paternal ancestor, The highly-acclaimed novel is the story of a lascar (seaman) and is set in the 1860s. It revives the story of these unsung heroes and draws attention to their plight, educating people through the use of fictional characters.

Her second novel 'An Ayah's Choice' was published in March 2022 by Onwe Press. Set in 1900s, it tells the story of an Indian Ayah (nanny) and her journey to freedom and independence.

Shahida has contributed widely to print and online publications, including Best of British, The Great War and the Feminist and Women's Studies Association and has blogged for the Huffington Post UK as well as to BBC Radio.

She has won numerous civic and cultural awards for her work such as the Channel S 'Special Acknowledgement Award' in 2013, the 'Arts and Cultural Awareness Award' at the British Muslim Awards in 2015. Shahida has been on the judging panel of the Young Muslim Writers Awards. She was shortlisted for the Muslim Women Awards in 2022 in the category 'Community Spirit Award'.

She is the only UK female trustee of the Cambridge Central Mosque which is Cambridge's first purpose-built mosque and Europe's first eco-mosque.

Shahida and her brother Dr. Kal Karim, are trustees of the Karim Foundation which aims to relieve poverty by providing food and support with domestic costs for those in financial hardship. The charity is the only organisation in Cambridge providing food and fuel support to all communities, regardless of their faith and background. The Karim Foundation was a finalist of BBC Radio Cambridgeshire's 'Make a Difference' awards. Shahida is also an advisor to the trustees of the Museum of Cambridge.

Shahida is married to Mohammed Zillur Rahman and has four children; Ibrahim, Imran, Aniq and Aminah.



Sheikh Aliur Rahman

Sector:
Business

Award Winner 2019

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Sheikh Aliur Rahman is the Chief Executive of London Tea Exchange, one of the leading luxury tea merchants in Europe. Prior to joining the London Tea Exchange he worked for a private investment company in the City of London where he worked as an investment analyst. Aliur continues to act as an advisor to a number of high profile clients on investments and special interest projects. Recent projects include delivering three of the tallest residential towers in Europe.

Aliur has been at the forefront of working with large investment projects and has worked extensively amongst the private and public sector. Aliur currently holds various advisory roles at a regional and national level and remains active in major investment programmes. He has been prominent in representing investment companies in many of the leading emerging countries and has been involved in major projects in Europe, Africa, Middle East and Asia.

Through his travels Aliur has developed a passion for tea. In 2003 Aliur focused his energy in taking over the London Tea Exchange and started the process of collecting rare and premium teas from around the world. Today, London Tea Exchange has one of the largest collections of rare and premium teas in the world and is renowned amongst tea connoisseurs and collectors from across the globe. Authentic to the core, yet loyal to a set of powerful values, the company has evolved and carved an enviable niche in the global luxury tea market and has aims to expand into twenty countries by 2021.

As news of the London Tea Exchange spreads Aliur has already been recognized by a number of bodies. In 2016 UKBCCI awarded London Tea Exchange with the 'Best Product' category and in 2017 Aliur was awarded 'Entrepreneur of the Year'. The British Bangladeshi Business Awards also recognised Aliur's work and awarded him with the 'Award for Innovation' in the same year. In 2018 Aliur was awarded the Civic Award by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for his contribution to business and local community.

Aliur is well known for his philanthropic contributions and his investment legacy programmes which focus on leaving a lasting legacy after every major investment. Aliur continues to support a number of leading charities working with young people from deprived backgrounds and communities across the globe.

Syedur Rahman Ranu was born in the village of Taharlamu, Rajnagar in Moulvibazar. His father is Al Haj Habibur Rahman (Tara Miah). Mr Rahman completed his high school education in Rajnagar Portious High School in Rajnagar and obtained his further education from Moulvibazar Govt. College.

He arrived in the UK in 1977 with his parents. Since 1978 he started his own career in the catering industry. He established a chain of restaurants and numerous properties in the United Kingdom. Mr Rahman's business interests do not end there, as he is also a Managing Director of MRK Developments Ltd, which is the company behind his assets in the property market in Bangladesh.

Apart from his business activities he is also involved in various community organizations in the British Bangladeshi Community in the UK. Mr Rahman joined as a Director of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry in 1998 since then he was elected as a Deputy Director General, Finance Director, Vice President, Director General and Former President. He is the founder President of Rajnagar Welfare society in the UK, he was involved at the Greater Sylhet Development Council UK and the Vice Chairman of Guild of Bangladeshi Restaurateur in the UK.

Mr Rahman's other passions is to be involved in various charities. He has helped many from his homeland, especially poor but intelligent students who were unable to fund their education. He has also helped develop schools, colleges and mosques and continues to donate very generously to various charities. He is living with his family in Royal Ascot in Berkshire. Mr Rahmans interests include travelling and politics.



Syedur Rahman Ranu

Sector:
Property & Hospitality



Award Winner 2022

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mohammad Hafizur Rahman was born in 1958, in Katia, Jagannatpur, Sylhet. He was educated in Katia Madresha and completed his primary education from Purbo Katia Primary School. His secondary education commenced at Khadimpur High School, where he successfully completed SSC. Mr Rahman's education was completed at Sylhet Varsity College.

After his education, Mr Rahman arrived to the UK in 1983, where he was employed by his brother at his business. Mr Rahman gained much valuable experience whilst working at his brother's restaurant which allowed him to open his own business, in partnership. The business prospered and after some time, he started another venture, in partnership with late Nurul Islam Hussain, a well known figure in the community.

Mr Rahman was involved in various other businesses, at present he is a managing director of Hafiz group of restaurants.
He is the publisher and chairman of Editorial Board of Abhimot monthly magazine. He is involved with many cultural oganisations, here in the UK and abroad.
Mr Rahman is a founding trustee and general secretary of Cheltenham Al Madina Mosque and Cheltenham Bangladeshi Association; he is also a chairman of Cheltenham Ethnic Minority Forum and Greater Katia Welfare Trust. Mr Rahman is very passionate about his country and his people. He is active in many projects, helping the less fortunate students of Bangladesh, prosper and build better lives for themselves.

Mr Rahman is the founder trustee of Jagannathpur British Bangla Education Trust. Recently he has been made an advisor of Sylhet Academy, of UK and Europe sections.

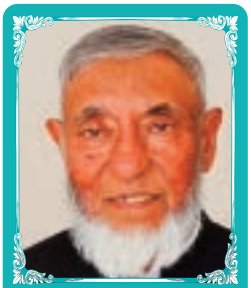
Mr Rahman lives with his wife and four children in Cheltenham (heart of the Cotswold) Gloucestershire.



Mohammad Hafizur Rahman

Sector:
Catering and Media

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Alhaj Md Sajjadur Rahman

Sector:
Politics | Sport | Community Development | Philanthropy | Islamic Affairs

Alhaj Md Sajjadur Rahman is a respected British Bangladeshi community leader, philanthropist and longstanding advocate for community development, with more than six decades of public, charitable and voluntary service across the United Kingdom and Bangladesh.

Born in 1945 in Dighal Bak village, Nabiganj, Habiganj District, Bangladesh, Sajjadur moved to the United Kingdom in 1963. He lived initially in Bradford and Liverpool, working for Northern Textile Mills while studying at Bradford Technical College. During these formative years, he became active in the Labour Party and trade union movement and supported Britain's emerging Bangladeshi community. His early contributions included helping establish Howard Street Jame Masjid and the East Pakistan Peoples Association.

Football became another enduring passion. A committed match-going Liverpool FC supporter, Sajjadur was among the relatively small number of South Asians actively engaging with English football during the 1960s. Through grassroots football, he recognised sport's ability to engage young people, strengthen social integration and unite communities.

Sajjadur later returned to Bangladesh and was elected President of the Dighal Bak Union Awami League. He was involved in the Six-Point Movement with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and subsequently helped the Awami League secure victory in the 1970 East Pakistan general election as one of its strategists. He worked closely with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Dewan Farid Gazi, Abdur Razak, Abdus Samad Azad and S. A. M. S. Kibria, and served as political adviser to Major General M. A. Rob.

As a member of the Mukti Juddha freedom fighters and Bangladesh Liberation Movement, Sajjadur and his family faced considerable personal risk. The Awami League leadership subsequently encouraged him to return to Britain, where he helped build political and international support for Bangladesh's independence.

In 1978, he settled in Luton, which became his family home and the centre of much of his community service. He worked for General Motors as a production engineer until taking early retirement in 1999 due to ill health. Alongside his professional career, he helped establish and support Bengali education initiatives, sports clubs, voluntary groups and community organisations, serving in numerous senior positions.

His contribution to Islamic life in Luton has been particularly significant. He was a trustee and founding member of Bury Park Jame Masjid and Jalalabad Mosque & Islamic Cultural Centre, serving as President of the latter for more than two decades. His leadership has also included 40 years' service within Luton Awami League as President, Chairman of Al Furqhan Foundation Trust and Chief Advisor to the Noor-E-Madina Foundation.

Sajjadur has maintained a deep commitment to Dighal Bak and Nabiganj, founding and financially supporting schools and contributing to roads, transport links and flood-defence initiatives associated with the Kushiyara River. His wider philanthropy has supported education, healthcare, employment and poverty reduction.

His service has received community recognition, including the Channel S Community Award in 2006. His enduring legacy, however, lies in the mosques, schools, organisations and community initiatives he helped establish and the generations continuing to benefit from them. Sajjadur has been married to Begum Sadeha Rahman, a former teacher, for more than five decades.

They have three sons—Abu Nasir, Shuebur and Maqsoodur—and a daughter, Tahmina. His life connects Britain and Bangladesh, public service and faith, leaving a legacy founded upon family, community, education and opportunity.



Mizanur Rahman Mizan

Sector:
Philanthropist

Mizanur was Born in Sylhet Bangladesh. He moved to the UK in 1990 after finishing his degree under the Chittagong University. Mizanur Rahman Mizan is a well known businessman, community activist and Journalist.

He started charity work since he was a high school student, by giving clothes, food and water to the extreme poor in Syhlet Bangladesh. He is a Former hockey player of the Bangladesh national team as well as he played for two top clubs in Bangladesh called, Dhaka Mohamadan and Dhaka Abahani and was the captain of Dhaka Abahani 1988 . He also is a life time member Sylhet Red crescent.

He started charity work and later on set up his own charity called Just Help Foundation which has been running since 2007.

The charity organisation has helped many people in Bangladesh and the organisation is helping with education, providing clean water, sanitation, rickshaw project and building houses for the poor.

The big example of work was the Shihab cancer Appeal who was 7 years old, Hafiz Iqbal heart surgery 21 years old, Azua Enam who had a hole in his heart and was 2 years old, Borsha who was 5 years old and had heart disease, the Burn victims, the poor families support such as help with the wedding of daughters of widows, Bangladesh Sidr Cyclone which hit the south coast of Bangladesh in 2007, Ag Para mosque, Jollarpar mosque, Burhan Uddin Madrasa.

In all of these projects Mizan managed to raise more than £150k, the biggest project being the Just Help Eye hospital, Gowainghat Syhlet. These include over 700 cataract operations and it is completely free of charge for the poor people.

Mizanur Rahman Mizan the founder and chairman of Just Help foundation has been working as a journalist for the past 21 years, he also is involved with different organisations such as North England Bangladeshi TV Journalist association which he is the president of, chairman of labour friends of Bangladesh (tameside& Greater Manchester) vice chairman of Hyde Jamia Mosque, Bureau Cheif manchester of Channel S, Founder member of Tameside rotary club, NHS trust, interfaith Organasation and also a member of The London Bangla press club as well other respectable organisations. He also played an active role in the community, as a community activist he achieved many recognition from different organisations and was awarded the best community activist award 2008 which was given channel S, Joy tell community award 2015, Burnley Jamia Mosque and Islamic centre lifetime community achievement 2016,Pride in Hyde 2017.

Desh Foundation UK awarded and Mizan the best charity organisation in the UK in 2017, Lifetime sports personality award given by Amana foundation 2016, Hyde Bangladesh welfare association was awarded the best community in 2016 also he has received many recognition from other organisations.Just help foundation has also been active in the UK and has helped with treatment, supporting schools and local clubs to keep young people busy with education and sports so they can have the best future possible.

Every year Mizan runs an A level and GCSE award praising the outstanding students of all culture and backgrounds, he has also set up a youth sports club which has been running successfully for 2 years and the main objective of this club is to keep the youth distracted from drugs and antisocial behaviour by playing sports activities, He also runs his own business called Mizan property Solutions as well as Adnans Restaurant Hyde ,Manchester.

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Tipu Rahman

Sector:
Catering

Award Winner 2022

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Tipu Rahman made his journey from Bangladesh to the UK some 28 years ago originally to further his education. Like most students Mr Rahman took a part time job to bolster his finances. Working at his brother's Indian restaurant in Leicester, it was here that Mr Rahman found a new passion which was to mould his future in cooking and creating South Asian food.

From his brothers restaurant Mr Rahman went it alone and worked as a chef in Northampton and with his creations being much renowned it gave him the courage to enter a partnership and open "Tamarind" a Bangladeshi and Nepalese restaurant. Tamarind is one of the most successful restaurants in the Town, his menu and presentation is envied around Northamptonshire and is the benchmark of which other restaurants aspire within the county.

Mr Rahman and the Tamarind have won many awards from various institutions but the much coveted awards given to Mr Rahman is the "International Chef of the Year 2009 – 2010" and at the same time taking the prize awarded by Lady Frazer for "Best Vegetarian Dish". Mr Rahman has also received the Spice Times award for "Best in East Midlands" and also "National Chef of the Year 2011 – 2012" the ultimate accolade presented by the Bangladesh Catering Association which is the association representing in excess of 12,000 Bangladeshi caterers since 1960. Following and during these awards Mr Rahman has been featured in many National newspapers, magazines and also National television which have given him celebrity status within the UK.
In addition to this Mr Rahman is the World record holder for the largest Poppadom Tower reaching a height of five foot eight inches which was achieved under strict observation. He officially cooked his prized dishes for Scout Jamboree which included scouts from 38 different countries. Mr Rahman's recognition as an international Chef showcasing the food of Bangladesh led to the ultimate accolade of being requested to cook for the Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina who recognises him as the culinary ambassador for the country.

Mr Rahman is currently serving as a Senior Vice President of the Bangladesh Caterer Association and President of East Midlands Region. In 2015-16 he has successfully presented BCA Chef competition in Northampton College where he was the head of the Chef's Awards Committee, which was covered by the National media such as BBC, ITV and local and National Newspapers.

In 2022, Mr Rahman Has opened a flagship fine dine restaurant TR Lounge in the heart of Gulshan-2, Dhaka, Bangladesh to explore his own creative fusion signature dishes to the food market of Bangladesh.

Mr Rahman has a pride and passion for creating gastronomic dishes and presenting them in style, the Bangladeshi province of Sylhet is known as the province the Curry built, well Mr Rahman is destined to add many more bricks to its walls.



Rehana Khanam Rahman

Sector:
Community/ Writer

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Rehana Khanam Rahman came to the UK in the 70s from Sylhet. Since then, she has been working for the enrichment and social development of our community and inspiring people to have a better life through education. She is a retired lecturer, taught at Tower Hamlets College (now known as City College Tower Hamlets) for 27 years. Before she started teaching at Tower Hamlets College, she had been involved in many valuable services to the community for Inner London Education Authority. Her life is full of colours; she worked at Whitechapel Art Gallery, London Summer University, and established and ran a mother tongue project to serve the Bangladeshi community in the East End of London. She is a writer who has a number of published non-fiction books. She has travelled many countries and writes travel books. She produced a documentary on the life and times of William Shakespeare in Bengali. She was awarded by Channel S in 2010 and conferred with the King's Honour: Medal of the Order of the British Empire (BEM) in 2024.

Rehana Khanam Rahman studied at Government Girls High School, Sylhet, Women's College and MC College, Sylhet and in the UK, she studied at the University of Greenwich, Institute of Education, University of London and SOAS, University of London. Currently, she is a research student at the University of Greenwich. Although she is retired, she has been serving the community in many different ways, such as being an advisor of a literary society and is one of the board of directors of a garden and environment group. Rehana Rahman has been working relentlessly to contribute to make the world a better place to live in. She is a mother of three daughters and one son and she is a grandmother of six. Her children are serving humankind in different fields nationally and internationally including the medical field.

She loves nature, reading, travelling, visiting places of interest, museums, galleries and botanical gardens.

Bajloor Rashid MBE is a renowned British Bangladeshi businessman and philanthropist.
Currently, he is the founding president and co-founder of the UK Bangladesh Catalysts of Commerce and Industry (UKBCCI). This influential business organisation helps promote trade between Bangladesh and the UK. Recently he led a trade delegation to Bangladesh which proved to be very successful and mutually beneficial to both nations.
Born in Moulvi Bazaar in Bangladesh, he came to the UK in 1978. He gained a reputation in the eighties for his entrepreneurial skill in setting up a number of restaurants with his brother.
This dynamism led to him becoming one of the most prominent figures in the history of the Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA), with him being their president from 2006 to 2012.
Whilst he was the BCA president, he was the driving force behind many memorable events to raise awareness of the issues effecting the curry industry, most memorably a mass demonstration in Trafalgar Square London over immigration rules. This in turn led to a debate in the House of Commons just days later.

To further cement the UKBCCI's role in business today and its desire to inspire and recognise the deep well of talent that exists, Mr Rashid founded and set up the UKBCCI Business & Entrepreneur Excellence Awards in 2016.
In his long and successful business career, Mr Rashid has been either a Director or Chairman of 20 different successful companies. His business portfolio also includes the wholesale business of rice and spice and his real estate company, Atlantic Properties.
His passionate work ethic has led to him receiving a number of awards over the years.
In 2012, the BB (British Bangladeshi) Power 100 List ranked him as one of the most influential BB individuals in the UK. The following year he was awarded first place in the Community Personality category by the same organisation. He has also been recognised in the BB Power 100 in 2016 and 2017 in the Networks and Association category. Mr Rashid has also received many awards in recognition of his work, including the BCA Honour Award and the Channel S Business Personality Award.
Bajloor Rashid became a Member of the Order of the British Empire in 2012. This was the first time a BCA president had been recognised with an MBE in the New Year's Honours.
As a result of helping communities in the UK and Bangladesh, he was duly recognised by being listed in the Muslim Power 100 in 2018. With a deep concern about environmental issues, Mr Rashid has been at the forefront of many community projects including assisting the plight of communities affected by catastrophic world disasters such as Cyclone Sidr.
Mr Rashid is married and has four grown up children, who are all now in professional careers.



Bajloor Rashid MBE

Sector:
Business and Community



Award Winner 2014

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mohammad Shamsur Rahman Nickel is an Artist but currently uses his artistic abilities to run his own multiple companies. Mohammad Rahman studied M.F.A and B.F.A from the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka. Since childhood Mr Rahman has won lots of awards in National children art competitions and secured awards in poster and sketch competitions. Through his company Print Art For U, has been working in the field of interior design, branding and construction work for a number of educational institutions and restaurants across the country.

He is strongly involved in a charity, helping to raise money to help those with neurodevelopment disorders. His reach extended to the next generation when Altamira Art & Design, another of his companies, worked with local job centres to deliver the government's "kick-start" project last year, and in-turn managed to find work for 2000 young people. More than 2 dozen have worked directly under him to learn graphic design and print work. Due to his efforts, these young people have now been streamlined into careers in the creative industry. Trough his business, he maintains close affiliations with Bank of China, the Malaysian Embassy and the Gateway Housing Society.
Within the last 20 years, he has taken part in a multitude of multicultural activities and events, in which he directed the aesthetic aspects of everything. The highlights from the endless amount of events where he lead a directorial duty include: The Lord Mayor's Show, set design from the anniversary celebration of a large Bangladeshi television channel, many Bangladeshi celebrations and he has also had the honour of working with some of the most famous and influential organizations in the Bangladeshi community. These include Channel S, NTV and Boishaki Mela .

Outside of his work life, he is deeply respected by his community for being a model father figure to his children - Nahian, who is studying Mathematics at King's College London , and Nabil - and making immense sacrifices for their futures. He is joined by his wife, Wahida Sultana who is also a graduate from Dhaka University, graduating with a Masters in Mass Communication and Journalism.



Mohammad Shamsur Rahman Nickel

Sector:
Arts and Design



Award Winner 2022

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Abdus Salam

Sector:
Sports



Award Winner 2023

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Abdus Salam is a community figure both in Moulvibazar and in London. He is the son of Late Mohammed Samroo, a leading figure in the curry industry and one of the founders of BCA, and Mrs Sayeda Sufia Khanam, a social activist in Moulvibazar.

His passion for cricket began when he was involved within his locality in the Old Hospital Road cricket team. As his love for cricket grew he began playing with Friends Cricket Club from 1982. From 1987, Abdus came to the U.K, where he joined the Bangladesh Youth Cricket team in London, later joining Abahani cricket club, Surrey. His love of sports extended to football and table tennis also.

Abdus Salam continued being directly involved in Cricket both through playing, and philanthropy. He was a founder member and current treasurer for Rajnagar Welfare Society UK. In 2005 he immersed himself further into sharing cricket with the wider community, becoming the first chairman of London Tigers cricket club. Abdus led the Tigers on a tour of Bangladesh in 2011 during the ICC Cricket World Cup.

Abdus Salam is the founder president of the Bangladesh Cricket Supporters Association (BCSA UK). This is the official supporters' group of the Bangladesh cricket team as recognised by the International Cricket Council. The BCSA UK worked in coalition with the ICC during the Champions Trophy 2017 and ICC Cricket World Cup 2019, both of which were held in the UK. The ICC confirmed that the BCSA sold over 10k tickets to Bangladeshi fans during these events.
Abdus Salam helped found Cricket Players Association Moulvibazar (CPAM UK), to encourage the previous generation of the Moulvibazar community now in the UK to reconnect though cricket. He became the first CPAM UK president between 2018-2019. He leads by example, is very active, still playing cricket at the age of 56.
Abdus Salam is a founder of the Bangladesh District Cup Cricket Competition UK, now in its fourth year.

Abdus Salam is involved in a range of philanthropy activities, including in his neighbourhood in Moulvibazar, donating cricket equipment, sponsoring the Moulvibazar U14 district cricket team and guiding newly arrived cricketers in the UK to cricket pathway programmes.

Whenever the ECB want to consult on any issues related to Bangladesh, the media team contact Abdus as he has become a well know voice of Bangladeshi cricket in the UK. He appears regularly on TV as a commentator of Bangladeshi cricket.

In May 2023, the BCSA UK supported Essex Country Cricket Club to organise the Bangladesh vs Ireland matches at Chelmsford, Essex. Due to the influence of Abdus Salam, he was given the prestigious honour as the first official Bell Ringer during the ODI between Ireland and Bangladesh. This recognition has never been given to any Bangladeshi person before and that is why 2023 is the year of achievement for Abdus Salam.

Abdus Salam is married to Naznin Nahar Salam and has three children. Tabia, Sakhawath and Affan.



Mohammed Mamun Rashid

Sector:
Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mohammed Mamun Rashid was born in Bangladesh and came to London for a better life. Upon his arrival to the UK at the age of 17, he faced many obstacles and struggles - but he embraced the challenges and turned them into opportunities.

Mamun Rashid has always been a very motivated entrepreneur, and this can be highlighted through when he started his own business - a garment and tailor company. This turned out to be a very successful enterprise, as it operated for 22 years. At this point, he decided to enter the world of real estate and property development – this business is still going strong to this day.

In the early 2000s, Mamun's passion turned him towards his local community as he became very socially active in local politics. His love for the community and his people got him very involved with charity, youth work, helping the local mosque and so much more. The support from the people resulted in a local election win, as he was elected as a Councillor in 2006.

Mamun believes in making changes and differences to his local society and also the lives of people in Bangladesh. He inspires others with his stories, achievements and establishments. He holds a very important role as Chief Treasurer in Bangladesh Centre. He is the President of Beani Bazar Thana Jonokollan Shomiitee UK. He is also the Chair of The Labour Party for the Whitechapel Ward.

Abdus Samad is an outstanding British entrepreneur, philanthropist, and community leader whose lifelong dedication to philanthropy, education, and business-led community development has had a transformative impact across both the UK and Bangladesh. Mr. Samad has consistently demonstrated how private enterprise can be a powerful force for public good.

A pioneer in the early online food tech scene in London, Mr. Samad launched CurryLondon.co.uk in 2005—an innovative platform that digitised food delivery services well ahead of its time. His entrepreneurial journey has since evolved across multiple sectors, including hospitality, insurance, private hire, real estate, and technology.

As CEO of Vantage Accident Management Group (VAMG) since 2009. In 2015, he founded Medx-UK Ltd, a private hire vehicle rental company that became a lifeline during the COVID-19 pandemic, offering rent-free vehicles to over 80 drivers facing financial hardship. Through Al-Baraka Investment Ltd, he has supported a portfolio of residential and commercial developments designed to stimulate local economic activity and provide affordable housing options. In 2014 he was one of the co-founder of Love2laundry, online laundry service operating in United Kingdom, Ireland, USA, UAE, Pakistan, and in Netherlands.

His most ambitious and socially impactful venture to date is Futuredesh, launched in 2024. This FinTech platform supports over 700 rural entrepreneurs and farmers across Bangladesh through an innovative shared-profit model. The initiative, backed by 130 socially conscious investors, is helping to build a circular rural economy that focuses on contract farming, manufacturing, retail, and textiles. The project places particular emphasis on empowering women, young people, and smallholders, offering not just financial inclusion but also capacity-building and sustainable livelihoods.

Mr. Samad's dedication to education and youth empowerment is equally noteworthy. He has played a key role in supporting institutions in Bangladesh through Abdus Samad Foundation including Kalam & Samad High School, the AFK Trust Islamic Education Centre, and the Ansarun Nessa Orphanage. His contributions have provided hundreds of underprivileged children with access to quality education, safe housing, and better life opportunities.

In the UK, Mr. Samad has shown exemplary civic leadership. As Chairperson of the Bengali Workers Association (2014–2019) and Director of the West Euston Project Ltd, he implemented programmes in elderly care, women's empowerment, healthy eating, and entrepreneurial training for BAME youth. These efforts have directly addressed issues of social isolation, inequality, and economic exclusion in some of London's most deprived communities.

His political and diplomatic engagement further reinforces his commitment to community-building. As Vice President of Conservative Friends of Bangladesh, Mr. Samad has championed UK–Bangladesh relations through participation in delegations, social action projects, and cultural exchange initiatives. His work has helped strengthen diaspora ties and promote mutual understanding between communities.

A committed humanitarian, Mr. Samad has supported emergency relief efforts across multiple global crises, including the Grenfell Tower Fire, the COVID-19 pandemic, and international aid responses in Gaza, Morocco, Pakistan, and Syria. He works closely with respected charitable organisations such as Fountain of Mercy and CAP Foundation, helping deliver aid where it is needed most.

He is not only a successful business leader but also a role model for socially conscious leadership within the British Bangladeshi community and beyond.

His work has improved lives, fostered opportunity, and built lasting bridges between diverse communities.



Abdus Samad

Sector:
Entrepreneur/ Philantraphy



Award Winner 2025

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Shapla Salique is a British Bangladeshi singer-songwriter and musician. She has been captivating audiences with her talent since early childhood.

At just 8 years of age Shapla became the lead singer in the first UK Bangladeshi musical group, Dishari Shilpi Ghosthi, a group originally founded by her father, Abdus Salique. Fronted by Shapla, Dishari Shilpi Ghosthi went on to perform at events across UK and Europe, and was frequently on national television throughout the eighties and nineties.

Shapla's first mainstream solo Bengali song 'Ziola' was released in the UK in 1996, under the music label 'Journeys by DJ'. 'Ziola' was remixed by the globally well-known DJ Judge Jules for his album 'Dance Wars. 'Ziola' was followed by two diverse but equally well received solo albums; 'Siyono na Siyona' in 1997, a traditional folk oriented Bengali album, and in 2002, the Hindi pop album 'Lai Lai', produced and composed by Bappi Lahiri.

Shapla has performed at many prestigious venues including, The Royal Albert Hall, Hammersmith Apollo, Royal Ascot, the Barbican, and most recently at BBC Radio London, Houses of Parliament, Hackney Empire and at London's South Bank. She also held her recent solo concert at the prestigious world famous, Wilton's Music Hall, which was a huge success.

In 2014 Shapla was invited to speak and perform at a TEDX event – in front of a celebrity filled audience at the prestigious Queen Elizabeth Hall in Westminster. This was also streamed globally and watched by over a billion people.

Shapla's 3rd album was released in autumn 2015. Shapla is reaching out to new audiences, opening her music to contemporary interpretations, with a combination of Jazz and Funk, for a younger generation, while maintaining her core of loyal traditionalists. Shapla has also arranged, composed and produced this new album herself. Shapla has created a sound which is a perfect blend of East and West.



Shapla Salique

Sector:
Music and Arts

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Cllr Nadia Shah

Sector:
Politics/ Philantraphy

First British Bangladeshi Female Mayor for the UK (Camden) and a Global Advocate for Mental Health & Inclusive Public Service,
Nadia Shah is not just a local leader — she is a global change maker. With a career grounded in compassion, advocacy, and fearless innovation, Nadia has become one of the UK's most impactful public servants. Her work in international mental health, refugee support, and community-led leadership has improved the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people — from Camden to Bangladesh, from refugee camps in Myanmar to earthquake zones in Turkey.
Born and raised in Camden, London, Nadia made history as the first British Bangladeshi woman to serve as Mayor of Camden (2016–2017). But beyond the title, it was her focus on children's mental health that defined her term. Partnering with the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families, she raised a considerable amount to fund SmartGyms a cutting edge therapeutic tools now used in schools across the UK to improve children's mental wellbeing, behaviour, and learning outcomes.

Nadia led a delegation to Bangladesh to highlight the urgent need for mental health services in schools and communities and helped integrate therapeutic mental health education into the national curriculum, and higher education institutions to train drs and nurses, and helped establish Sylhet's first dedicated mental health centre .
Her international work didn't stop there.When Rohingya refugees arrived in Bangladesh, fleeing genocide and sexual violence in Myanmar, Nadia was on the ground — working with NGOs and medical teams to implement the delivery of antenatal care, trauma counselling, and psychological support for amongst 80,000 women and children. delivered in local dialects and cultural contexts, ensuring dignity and respect.
Following devastating floods in Bangladesh, she co-chaired emergency meetings with UK diaspora leaders and raised funds to deliver food, medical aid, and home reconstruction. After the 2023 Turkey earthquake, she led a female-led humanitarian convoy to Adana province, distributing female hygiene kits, building a playground in a refugee camp, and delivering trauma-informed support to children.
All this global work is underpinned by Nadia's relentless commitment to the people of Camden. She has served in senior Cabinet roles for over a decade, leading on Equalities, Youth Employment, Rough Sleeping, Safer Communities, and more. Amongst much more She has recently Secured over £5 million annually for Camden's voluntary and community sector Helped make Camden a Borough of Sanctuary for refugees Launched the Camden Equity Network and "Black on Board" to drive inclusive leadership Pioneered policies for violence against women and girls, community safety, and anti-racism.
Chairs the Interfaith Leaders Network - ensuring cohesion between faith leaders Her leadership style is defined by presence. Whether connecting the UK with networks abroad, sitting with families affected by trauma, or coordinating international aid responses, Nadia leads with empathy, not ego.
She believes , "It's not about programmes. It's about people." And she lives that every day.
As a powerful advocate for mental health and cross-cultural public service, Nadia Shah represents a new kind of leadership: one rooted in lived experience, informed by community voices, and driven by a deep belief in human dignity. Whether rebuilding lives after war and disaster, or opening doors for young people and women close to home, Nadia's work is reshaping what public service can look like 'compassionate, inclusive, and global.



Shamsuddin Ahmed MBE

Sector:
Community Activist

Shamsuddin came to England in 1958 and started to work in a restaurant in Blackpool owned by Malik Bakth, and soon became a managing partner in 1961. He was the youngest restaurant owner in the North West. He later opened another restaurant called Shalimar in Manchester .
Shamsuddin has been involved with the following groups as the Executive Committee Member of the Pakistan Society, Jomitul Muslim Mosque, Founder Member of the East Pakistan Catering Association, East Pakistan Community and Islamic Centre. Council Member of the National Federation of Pakistan Association UK, Member of the 1st co-ordinating forum prior to the liberation movement. During the liberation movement North West HQ was my restaurant at Shalimar.
Founding General Secretary, Bangladesh Society, Welfare and Community Service, Member of the Lions Club International, Committee Member of the Chester Chamber of Trade and the Nantwich Chamber of Trade. He is also the permanent Member of the Habiganj Society, Dhaka. He is also a life member of Jalabad Asso Dhaka, and life member of Bighab Unnion Shantha Dhaki.
He is presently involved with the following groups as the Founding Chair: Chester Bangladeshi and Asian Community Development Project, Vice-Chair of the Cheshire Racial Equality Council. Founding Trustee of Shah Jalal Mosque, Founding Member of the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE). Management Committee Member, Chester Citizens Advice Bureau.
District Advisory Council, West Cheshire Social Services and West Cheshire County Council Anti Racist Forum.
He is more centred on his community work and makes time to raise funds for charity projects. He was very involved with the East Pakistan Relief Fund in 1970. The Manchester-based liberation movement action committee started in his restaurant.
He has for many years now worked hard for our young people and their activities, for helping our older community members to improve their English.

For the past 25 years, he has organised very popular Christmas lunches for pensioners, day trips etc and has received a Barclays Community Award as well as a Co Op Award.
He also received other awards, the National Community Award from Potrika presented by Former Health Minister Frank Dobson and Former Bangladesh High Commissioner A H Mahmood, long-standing voluntary work, Star Citizen Award, city of Chester, and runner up for the Cheshire and North Wales Millennium Champions Community Awards and BBC Asia Awards.
He played an important part in a Northwest TV broadcast by Nigel Jay from the BBC Northwest, which was a program about local Bangladeshis in Chester.
Shamsuddin has been involved in fundraising for various charities such as local Hospices and Tsunami disasters around the world. Shamsuddin has assisted with many difficult immigration issues/ problems. Shamsuddin won the Muslim community award at the House of Lords present by Lord moisten Leader of the house Lord.

He is currently Honorary President of Cheshire West and Chester Bangladeshi Association.
He is married to Syeda Ayesha Siddika Ahmed with three sons.

Tapan Saha FCCA, a Chartered Certified Accountant is very well known in the community for his Accounts and Tax expertise and also Charitable activities. He is also associate member of the Association of International Accountants.
During the Covid Period, Tapan has taken initiative of TAX CLINIC, where he and his team members advised and suggested the Bengali community's many businesses and individuals about the Government grants and other supports and loans. He used to join in the regular Television talk show.
Tapan, son of Mr Satya Ranjan Saha & Luxmi Rani Saha finished his HSC from Notre Dame College, one of the best educational institutes in Bangladesh. After the completion of his Honours and Masters in Accountancy from the University of Dhaka, he started to work at a private firm and also the Uttara Bank Limited for a short period. Then he moved to UK for studying ACCA. After qualifying ACCA successfully, he joined in BSS Associates Limited, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, to gain practical knowledge and experience. He became the practice manager there while he dealt with multi million pound worth of foreign and local clientele.
Tapan then set up his own Accountancy practice with 5 employees initially. For his dedication, hard work and commitment to the clients, practice is growing successfully with 14 staff members. Tapan has extensive knowledge on Real estate tax, Leisure & Hospitality, Catering, Direct and Indirect Taxation, Solicitors Accounts, and the construction industry along with General Accountancy and Taxation.
Tapan speaks about current economics and tax affairs on television talk shows here in the UK and Bangladesh.
Tapan, a meritorious student from school life, has shown his leadership quality from childhood. He was 'Class Captain' until he finished school. Then he became elected 'Class Representative' in his batch in Accountancy department in University of Dhaka. He was also elected Transport Secretary of 'Ananda', a bus route of Dhaka University for students resides in Narayanganj.
Rotaract Tapan, joined Rotary Movement in 1993 and was awarded Best 'Club Editor' and 'Club Secretary' in the whole Rotaract club in Bangladesh RI District 3280. He became President of Rotaract Club of Narayanganj in 2000.

He has been involved in many social and charitable organisations in the UK. He is the Organising Secretary of Dhaka University Alumni Association UK and involve with Jagannath Hall Alumni Association UK, Sanaton Association, Hindu Aid UK and The Accountants Club UK. He was the secretary of JHAAUK, when they successfully celebrated the 10th anniversary of that organisation in 2016. He is patron of few cultural organisations.
Tapan's family which consists of, his wife Kalyani Saha, daughter Tropa Saha and son Tapomoy Saha, all three love music and actively involved with three musical institutions and regularly doing performance.
Daughter Tropa Saha has successfully finished her GCSE from ''Chelmsford County High School For Girls" a renowned grammar school in the country. Son Tapomoy Saha has secured a place in year 7 in 'City of London School", one of the top private school in London.
Tapan loves Travelling, Music, reading History and charitable activities.



Tapan Saha
FAIA, FCCA

Sector:
Accountancy



Award Winner 2023

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Inaya Shahjahan is an accomplished karateka, coach, and community leader who has combined sporting excellence with a commitment to empowering the next generation. Training in Goju Ryu karate for over a decade, she has achieved her black belt and represented Great Britain at the highest levels of competition, including the European Karate Championships. She also regularly partakes in international training seminars, gaining valuable knowledge from Senseis across the globe.

In 2025, Inaya represented Team GB at the European Karate Championships, where she won both a gold and a silver medal. As one of the only British Bangladeshi women in hijab competing internationally, she has broken barriers in a male-dominated sport and established herself as a role model for young athletes from under-represented backgrounds.
Alongside her own competitive career, Inaya has worked tirelessly to promote inclusivity within karate. She is a dedicated instructor, teaching children at a primary school after-school club, and has also co-founded her own initiative within her karate club: All Girls Karate. This sector was created to provide a safe and encouraging space for young girls, particularly those from Bangladeshi and Muslim backgrounds, to engage with sport.
Her work in this area has already had a visible impact, with an increasing number of girls joining and thriving in the programme. Through All Girls Karate, Inaya not only teaches technical skills but also imparts values of confidence, resilience, and discipline.

Inaya's journey has been shaped by both achievement and responsibility. As she continues to compete internationally, she remains equally committed to mentorship and community impact. By breaking new ground as a visibly Muslim athlete and championing inclusivity in sport, she has become the very role model she once longed for throughout her own childhood.
Looking ahead, Inaya plans to expand All Girls Karate and inspire even more young women to take up martial arts. She hopes her story will encourage Bangladeshi girls in particular to pursue sport with confidence, proving that representation matters and that barriers can be overcome.

She stands as a proud representative of the British Bangladeshi community, using karate not only as a platform for personal success but as a means to uplift and inspire others.



Inaya Shahjahan

Sector:
Sports

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Mohammed Shah Jahan

Sector:
Media / Health

Mr Mohammed Shah Jahan is originally from the picturesque village of Baniachong, Habigonj in Bangladesh. Mr Shah Jahan has carved a remarkable path through his dedication, education and unwavering commitment to these various sectors. His journey from his humble beginnings to becoming a prominent figure in both healthcare and media is a testament to his perseverance and passion.

Education played a pivotal role in shaping Mr Shah Jahan's journey. After completing his BA Honours at Sylhet MC College, he embarked on a quest for knowledge that led him to the University of Manchester and University of Central Lancashire. These institutions not only honed his intellectual prowess, yet also ignited his desire to make a significant impact in the world.
With an unwavering commitment to the healthcare sector, Mr Shah Jahan has dedicated 22 years to the NHS. His role as an NHS employee has showcased his professional expertise and his deep-rooted compassion for public health. He was elected as a NHS Governor which further demonstrated his dedication to serving his community.

For the past three decades, he has been an integral part of the journalism community, working with renowned media outlets such as the Surma Newspaper, Bangla TV and Channel S. From the very humble beginnings of Channel S, he held the position of Bureau Chief, overseeing and shaping news coverage. His commitment to truth, transparency and excellence in reporting has solidified his reputation as a well respected and trusted journalist.
Prior to his successful media career, Mr Shah Jahan showcased his analytical skills as a Research consultant at the British Market Research Bureau. His contributions undoubtedly left a mark in the field, exemplifying his versatility and expertise beyond the realms of healthcare and media. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr Shah Jahan's commitment to his community and political engagement shine brightly. He is an active participant in local community activities, and demonstrated his commitment to improving the lives of those around him. Additionally, his involvement in Bangladeshi politics as a member of the Awami League showcases his dedication to making a difference on a larger scale.

In his personal life, Mr Shah Jahan finds strength and support from his loving family. He is married to Mrs Sabina Jahan, who serves in the local council education department, and is the proud father of three accomplished children. His son, Shahriyar Jahan is a Global Business Development Manager for a Robotics company, while his daughter-in-law, Dr Farah Farzana, has embraced a career as a GP. His daughter Sadia Jahan, excels as an Employment Advisor, while the youngest member of the family, Tasnia Shah, pursues her dreams as a medical student at the University of Manchester.

Mr Mohammed Shah Jahan's journey is a testament to his unyielding determination, unshakeable values, and his dedication to making a difference. Through his involvement in healthcare, media, and community engagement, he strives to create a profound impact on numerous individuals, leaving some form of positivity on every avenue he pursues.



Cllr Rebaka Sultana

Sector:
Politics

Cllr Rebaka Sultana, a philanthropic woman of British Bangladeshi origin, resides in East London and is dedicated to promoting social and political welfare, making her a beacon of hope in her community. She has been actively involved in initiatives for social responsibility, women's empowerment and increased participation among ethnic minority women, working tirelessly to combat gender discrimination. She has served on various school governing bodies and engaged directly with ethnic minority families to address educational disparities.

Cllr Rebaka Sultana has exemplified her commitment to community problem-solving and campaigns by joining the Labour Party in local politics. Notably, she made history as the first and only woman from BAME background to be elected to the prestigious seat of Bethnal Green East in the Tower Hamlets Council elections. Since May 2022, she has served as a Councillor for the Bethnal Green East Ward in Tower Hamlets.
In her role as an elected representative, Cllr Rebaka Sultana actively advocates for women's safety and works tirelessly to address various forms of inequality, including domestic violence. Her responsibilities in the council include serving as the Shadow Cabinet Member for Safer Communities and championing women's rights within the borough. She also holds positions in multiple committees and panels as a Councillor, consistently earning praise for her contributions. Moreover, her active involvement in local issues has garnered her widespread acceptance and recognition.
Furthermore, Cllr Rebaka Sultana has dedicated many years to the field of education. With 25 years of experience in youth mentoring projects, she has established an excellent career and reputation in charities, social event organization, and fundraising. Her charitable endeavors include participating in a trek to Mount Snowdonia, supporting Sylhet Aid, an initiative aimed at assisting vulnerable individuals, addressing inequality, and fostering a more compassionate community.
Cllr Rebaka Sultana hails from a family of seven children, born to Alhaj Mubarak Miah Jagannathpur of Sunamganj in Elashkandi , Chowkidekhi, Sylhet City. Her father was a former treasurer of Bangladesh Welfare Association UK. Her late father-in-law, Alauddin Chowdhury, was a highly respected figure in Sylhet and held a prominent position in BeanibazarDubag with advanced degrees. Cllr Rebaka Sultana resides in Chowkidekhi, Ward No. 6 of Sylhet City. Her husband, Ahad Chowdhury Babu, is a well-known journalist.
In her personal life, she is a mother of three children, with two sons currently pursuing highereducation. One of her sons, Labib Chowdhury, recently graduated from the prestigious Queen Mary University of London. The second child, Hamim Chowdhury, is actively involved and interested in politics, hoping to follow in his mother's footsteps. The youngest, Liban Chowdhury, currently studies at Swanlea Secondary School.

Championing change, one community at a time, Cllr Rebaka Sultana is the embodiment of philanthropy and empowerment. A force for positive change, she fearlessly tackles the barriers that hinder progress.

Consultant in Older People's Medicine and Acute Internal Medicine, University Hospitals Birmingham
Dr. Zakia Sultana is a distinguished Consultant in Older People's Medicine and Acute Internal Medicine at University Hospitals Birmingham.
Born in Rajshahi and raised in Dhaka, Bangladesh, she is the eldest of two siblings. Her late father was a government officer, and her late mother a devoted homemaker. Her younger sister is now a faculty member at the University of Essex, Colchester, having completed a PhD in Brain-Computer Interface and Neural Engineering.

Dr. Zakia completed both her SSC and HSC with distinction at SOS Hermann Gmeiner School and College, Dhaka. She earned her medical degree from Faridpur Medical College, affiliated with Dhaka University, where she was awarded scholarships throughout her studies in recognition of her academic excellence. She then began her postgraduate training in Internal Medicine at Bangladesh Medical University (PG Hospital).
Her international medical career began as a medical resident at the National Guard Health Affairs Hospital in Saudi Arabia, followed by a position with the Ministry of Health in Brunei Darussalam. In 2016, Dr. Zakia and her family relocated to the UK, where she joined the NHS. She successfully obtained her MRCP (UK) through the Royal College of Physicians, London, and was subsequently awarded a National Training Number under the East of England Deanery—fully sponsored by the UK government. Her training in Geriatric and Acute Internal Medicine included rotations across four major teaching hospitals, with extensive exposure to subspecialties such as stroke medicine.
Beyond her clinical work, Dr. Zakia is passionately committed to mentoring and supporting overseas medical graduates. She helps them secure clinical attachments, navigate the complexities of UK training pathways, and provides supervision across all levels, from foundation trainees to senior registrars. Looking ahead, her long-term vision is to improve healthcare delivery for women and children in rural and hard-to-reach communities.
Balancing a demanding medical career with family life, Dr. Zakia is also a devoted mother of two. Her daughter, currently in Year 11 at Nottingham High School, is a 2nd Dan Black Belt in Karate, while her young son is two and a half years old. Her husband, a Consultant Rheumatologist, works at Nottingham University Hospital. She credits her achievements to determination and the unwavering support of her family, firmly believing that women—particularly those from developing countries like Bangladesh—can accomplish their goals with the right mindset and encouragement.
Outside of medicine, Dr. Zakia enjoys listening to podcasts by Islamic scholars, gardening, healthy cooking, working out, and spending quality time with her family.



Dr. Zakia Sultana
Sector:
Medicine

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Tulip Siddiq is the MP for Hampstead and Kilburn and the former shadow economic secretary to the Treasury. Tulip is a former Economic Secretary to Treasury and City Minister.

She spent her childhood in Bangladesh, Brunei, India, Singapore and Spain. She moved to North London ten years ago and completed her undergraduate and Master's degree in the U.K. She has completed second Master's in Politics, Policy and Government.

Tulip was the BAME (Black Asian Minority Ethnic) Officer for Young Labour and Women's Officer for London Young Labour. She is on the executive board of her union (Unite) and a school governor at Beckford Primary School.
She has worked for a variety of Labour politicians including Oona King and Sadiq Khan. She has also worked for Philip Gould Associates, Amnesty International and Save the Children in the past.

She has campaigned for political parties internationally and in 2008, she campaigned for Barack Obama in the United States.

Tulip writes for her local newspaper – the Ham and High- and is also a member of the Commonwealth Journalists Association (UK).
Tulip has her own blog where she writes about both British and Bengali politics.



MP Tulip Siddiq
Sector:
Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Sheik Tuahid

Sector:
Media

Sheik Tuahid was the first son of Sheik Abdul Bari and Sheik Amina Khatun. He hails from the village of Baushi, PO Doshgar, Bishawnath Village in the district of Sylhet. He first came to the UK in 1985.

His enthusiasm for education was obvious, as he decided to attend the Mathew Bolton College. There he studied electronic engineering for a year. His positive and encouraging approach towards the Bangladeshi community was without a doubt noticeable and consequently it resulted in him becoming the General Secretary of Bangladeshi Society in Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire from 1987-1990. In 1995, Mr Tuahid was given the role of vice chairman and later, the role of General Secretary of "Onuprash" Jatio Kobi Shangaton, an organization created with the aim to help the Bangladeshi community.
Mr Tuahid founded and became the Chairman of the Midland Press Club in 2005. He decided to take up the role of Editor of Bazaar Voice as he had a good background in journalism. In addition, he was the editor of a Bengali magazine aimed at young Bangladeshis, named Paira. 'Jodi Pere Ashe Kobu', a poetry book written by Mr Tuahid, was published in Bangladesh in 2006 and proved to thrive greatly.

At this moment in time, he is the managing editor of the weekly Bangla Voice, the only Bengali newspaper published in the Midlands. Also, he is a representative of the weekly Potrika and the weekly Bangla Mirror, two newspapers involved with the British Bangladeshi community.

Married to Lilma Choudhury, he and his wife have three children named Sheik Hussain, Sheik Salman and Sheik Ferdus. Mr Tuahid lives with his wife and children in Solihull in the West Midlands.



Valerie Ann Taylor OBE

Sector:
Philanthropy



Award Winner 2023

Valerie Ann Taylor was born on the 8th February 1944, in Bromley, Kent, UK to parents Marie and William Taylor.

Valerie is a Fellow of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (FCSP) and first came to Bangladesh with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) in 1969 to work as a physiotherapist in the Christian Hospital, Chandraghona in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, East Pakistan.

Her stay was interrupted by the War of Independence in 1971. During the war Valerie was evacuated but returned to the country in October 1971, two months before the liberation of Bangladesh.
Having grown up living close to the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville in England, she was very aware of the need for rehabilitation services for the disabled in Bangladesh.

In 1973 Valerie returned to England to raise funds to establish a rehabilitation centre for paralysed people. She stayed in England for two years before returning in 1975. It took another four years before CRP was able to admit its first patients in 1979. During this time, Valerie worked in the Shaheed Suhrawardy Hospital in Dhaka and it was in the grounds of this hospital that CRP had its first premises, two cement store rooms which were used to treat the first spinally injured patients. Rather like gypsies, having moved to three locations during the first eleven years, CRP then found a permanent home and moved to Savar in mid 1990 where the head office is situated.

Valerie's achievements have been recognized with various accolades. She received the OBE (Order of the British Empire) in 1995 from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; the Bangladesh Independence Award in 2004; Honorary Doctorate Degree (2010), by York St John University, UK and The ONE Award 2013 by Rotary International. Nirafat Anam Memorial Inclusion Award (NAMI Award) 2015 by The Asian Centre for Inclusive Education (ACIE), In 1998 Valerie was granted Bangladeshi citizenship by the Government of Bangladesh.

Valerie has been legal guardian to two Bangladeshi girls for several years. She continues to live adjacent to the CRP-Savar premises with her younger adopted daughter, Poppy. While Joyti, the elder one works as a computer operator in the CRP office and lives next door.

In 1988, Baroness Uddin became the first Bangladeshi woman councillor in UK, representing Shadwell Ward in Tower Hamlets. She is a pioneer of women's work. She is an activist and campaigner for social justice, human rights with particular focus on empowerment of women. This led her to working in Local Government, subsequently becoming a councillor and elected as Deputy Leader of Tower Hamlets council in 1992.
In recognition for her contribution to the community and advancement of women's rights, Baroness Uddin was appointed by the Queen to become the first Bangladeshi and Muslim to enter the House of Lords in 1998.

Baroness Uddin began her activism inspired by the movement in late 70's against the fascist activities in Brick Lane. She became involved in Labour led community coalition countering racism. Consequently immersing in the anti racist movement of the 80's amongst a handful of leading women, which eventually saw the transformation of the East End of London. She led alongside contemporaries, many campaigns which resulted in increase equity in the provision of healthcare, education and housing for residents of Tower Hamlets. With her friends and colleagues she set up the Jagonari, the UK's first purpose built Asian women's education and training centre, as well as contributing to the development of several community led NGOs, many of which over the decades improved opportunities and access to services as well as jobs, particularly for women During her term as deputy leader of Tower Hamlets Council, she led with her colleagues changes to the council's policies to 'reflect the community' within its workforce.
As a member of the House of Lords, Baroness Uddin has worked on the Select Committee on European Affairs and chaired several government Task Forces, leading the work on domestic violence and forced marriage. She was also asked by then Prime Minister to chair the work with women on Community Cohesion and Preventing Extremism, which enabled her to travel across many parts of UK as well as Middle East, Europe and USA.

As the chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Bangladesh, in 2004 and 2008 she assisted the Disaster Emergency Response Committee, launching in the Parliament, their fundraising campaign, inviting amongst others Christian Aid, Save the Children Fund, Oxfam, involving the leading Muslim Charities to respond to the disastrous flood and cyclone in Bangladesh.

In 2008 she was asked to Chair of the Black, Asian and minority Ethnic Women Councillors Taskforce, a cross party initiative set up by the Government. In her role as Chair, Baroness Uddin set out and successfully securing the commitment of the Prime Minister and the Opposition Leaders to change the face of political institutions and address the gross underrepresentation of minority women in public life with evident success. Professionally, over a decade she worked in Newham Social Services. More recently with Addaction led the Zurich International funded, Breaking the Cycle Project which worked successfully across UK, with families affected by drugs and alcohol.



Baroness Manzila Uddin

Sector:
Politics

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Fahim Talukder, born as only son to Mahfuja Khatun and notable community activist in Birmingham, Advocate Tofayal Ahmed. He is the eldest grandson of prominent businessman Al Haj Abdul Alim of Osamaninagar, Goalabazar. He was one of the very first few British Bangladeshis to enter prestigious King Edwards Grammar Schools in the 1990s. He then went on to finish his education and teaching qualification at St Anne's College, University of Oxford in 2012. He has been in the field of education for nearly a decade, working his way up to be one of the youngest curriculum leaders in the country at the age of 25.

Headhunted in 2019 Fahim moved to the United Arab Emirates where he has been Head of the Politics Faculty at one of the top ranked private institutions in United Arab Emirates, Dubai English Speaking College. During the pandemic, he was part of a team working with H.EDr. Ahmad Abdulla Humaid Abdulla Belhoul Al FalasiMinister of Education in UAE, providing his expertise in improving the National Curriculum and improving teaching and learning standards.

His experiences also include teaching English Language at the prestigious BRAC University to Bangladesh Civil Service Servants, under the guidance of the late Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. Furthermore, he has worked with the Ministry of Education in Bangladesh with the Institution of Governance Studies. Where he has mentored civil servants of Bangladesh in pursuing their higher students and research activities.

Other notable credits include being appointed Lead Examiner for History and Government & Politics for Pearson International in 2021 and is in the process of launching an educational consultancy providing expertise to students in the MENA region in application for Higher Education in the UK, US, Australia and Canada. He is a philanthropist at heart as Fahim has been part of various charity projects in Bangladesh. As a doting father to his two girls, his passion involves working to improve women empowerment in the field of education.



Fahim Talukder

Sector:
Education

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Anwar Uddin
Sector:
Sports



Award Winner 2014

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Anwar Uddin has been involved in top level football for over 15 years. He begun his career at premier league club West Ham United where he grew up with world class players including Rio Ferdinand, Frank Lampard and Jermaine Defoe, to name a few. A successful education winning the FA youth cup and being among the first team squad paved the way for a long career playing in all 4 divisions in English Football. Anwar went on to represent Sheffield Wednesday,Bristol Rovers, Dagenham & Redbridge, Barnet and Eastbourne Borough. Anwar was the first British Asian to be appointed as an Assistant Manager (Barnet 2011) and captain of a football league club (Dagenham 2006). He has also clocked up hundreds of first team appearances winning championships and accomplishing a boyhood dream of lifting a trophy at the new Wembley Stadium in Dagenham's triumphant play off win.

Anwar has been extremely productive with his time away from his playing duties and is now a fully qualified coach working towards his A- Licence which is among the highest qualifications in football Coaching. Anwar spent last season working with the West Ham United Academy as a coach and has been recently appointed as Assistant Manager to non league side Maldon & Tipree.
Having now retired as a player Anwar's full time role is the with the Football Supporters' Federation as Diversity and Campaigns Manager in partnership with Kick It Out. Anwar's role is to work with the millions of Football fans in making football as inclusive and accessible for all. The role includes travelling around the world with football fans Internationally and domestically, challenging the number of issues supporters may face following football.
This is something that Anwar is now synonymous with having spent 2 and a half years delivering anti discrimination education to footballers of all levels and students all over the country. Anwar undertook this work for the Professional Footballers Association and Show Racism the red card who have also inducted Anwar into the show Racism the Red Card hall of fame, for his contribution to all their anti racism work in education and Football.

Anwar was born and raised in the heart of East London and went to School at Raines Foundation in Bethnal Green. He is part of a big family consisting of 3 sisters and 2 brothers and now lives in Kent with his wife and two boys Kai and Jayden.



Syed Monsur Uddin
Sector:
Media

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Syed Monsur Uddin is a journalist and columnist. Uddin began his career when he was a student at Dhaka College back in 1989. In his school days, he developed an interest in journalism as one of his uncles was a journalist himself. Having finished his studies at college, Uddin joined the Department of Political Science at the University of Dhaka and started contributing to the Weekly Ekota and Daily Bangla Bazar. He was the university reporter for both newspapers and was elected as an executive member of the Journalists' Association. During this period, he regularly contributed to other national dailies on issues related to politics, education and culture.

For a considerable period of time, he was attached to the first phone-in programme on BTV – Ovimot. The show was anchored by Md. Jahangir. The programme gave Uddin greater exposure to the social and natural realities of Bangladesh. After his Honours and Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Dhaka, he joined Bangla Bazar and became their senior reporter in 1996. Uddin came to England in 1997 and joined Bangla TV in 1999. He was with the newsroom of Bangla TV and contributed greatly to its growth and development. After a year with Bangla TV, he accepted the News Editor role at Weekly Surma in 2000, also serving as an Editor since 2006 to August 2013. For a brief period, he was the founding News Editor of Bangla Express – a short-lived weekly publication of Surma News Group.
In 2013, Uddin worked for the Tower Hamlets Labour Party as a Media Adviser and for British Bangladeshi MP Rushanara Ali's campaign team.
From 2015 to 2022 he worked as a Political Adviser for John Biggs – the Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets.
Currently he is working for health and social service in Epping Forest.

Uddin is an executive committee member of the London Press Club, and was part of the executive committee of Bishwo Shahitto Kendro in London. He was also a founding member of the institution. Appreciated as 'funny and lovely' by his son Sadaf, Uddin is from the village of Charabhanga in the Madhabpur Upazilla, Hobigonj. His father is Syed Muhammed Idris and his mother is Rafia Khatun Chowdhury. Uddin currently lives in Chigwell, Essex, with his wife, Hadi Jannah, and daughter, Shompreeti. His hobbies include reading, gardening, travelling and cooking.

Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin MBE DBA was born on April 17, 1952, in Moulvibazar, Bangladesh. He was educated in Moulvibazar before moving to the United Kingdom in 1967, where he began working in restaurants and pursued further education.

PresidentEuropean Bangladesh Federation of Commerce and Industry (EBFCI) Senior VP NRB world .A successful businessman, a community leader, and an outstanding humanitarian admired throughout both Europe and Bangladesh.
With his portfolio including the famous Verandah restaurant, Lancers restaurant, and his most recent venture, Britannia Spice restaurant, he has extensive interests in the commercial world.
Over the years, Britannia Spice has won numerous awards: Les Routiers Best Newcomer (2001); Best in Scotland at the British Curry Awards for three consecutive years (2005, 2006, 2007); BIBA Award (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2014); Sunday Times Travel Magazine: Best Indian Restaurant in Scotland (2001); and 2008 Restaurant of the Year in the Irn Bru Curry Awards. 2014 Bangladesh Caterers Association Restaurant of the Year Award and the 2014 Good Curry Guide Exceptional Restaurant of the Year Award.
His contribution to the restaurant sector was recognized in 2006 with BIBA's Industry Personality of the Year award as well as the Asian Jewel Lifetime Achievement award. Wali has also embraced charitable work, taking on prominent roles as the Senior Adviser for BRAC UK, Joint Convener of the British-Bangladeshis Royal Honored Council (BBRHC), Director of Sylhet Central Dental College, Heart Foundation, and advisor of the Scottish Parliament International Development Committee.

Dr. Uddin is also an active director of the Edinburgh and Leith Chambers of Commerce, the Institute of Directors, and Rotary International. He is also a director of the Council of the Foreign Chambers of Commerce in the UK, a founder member and director of Britain in Europe, and he was Chairman of the University of East London Business School Advisory Board. The Junior Chamber voted him Young Scot of the Year in 1992. This success in the business world has brought recognition from many sides. In 1984, Dr. Uddin was the first Bangladeshi in Scotland to be made a Justice of the Peace. 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 for his services to race relations. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and, in 2003, was included in Debretts' People of Today.
In 2000, he was awarded a Doctorate in Business Administration (Honoris Causa) by Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh. Moreover, Dr. Wali was awarded a Doctor of Letters (D. Litt.) in 2007 by Heriot-Watt University and a Doctor of the University (D. University) by Edinburgh Napier University.

He is the chairman of the Council for Bangladeshis in Scotland, the founder of Edinburgh's Central Mosque, and a trustee of the Shahjalal Mosque and Islamic Center. He is also chairman of the Commonwealth Society of Edinburgh and the BanglaScot Foundation. Additionally, has serves Chairman of the Edinburgh Bangladesh Samity and Edinburgh Mela.

Dr. Uddin, was President and DG of the Bangladesh-British Chamber of Commerce, played a significant role in the success of Expo Bangladesh 2005, the UK's first Bangladesh-specific trade show. A hundred companies from Bangladesh were represented alongside UK-based organizations with an interest in Bangladesh's export trade and non-resident Bangladeshi
In Bangladesh, he has working as the Chairman and Chief Coordinator of the Sylhet Women's Medical College and Hospital, a Trustee of the Bangladesh Female Academy, and an advisor to the Atish Dipankar University of Science & Technologies in Dhaka.



Dr. Wali Tasar Uddin
MBE DBA FRSA JP

Sector:
Businesss



Award Winner 2010

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Moin Uddin is a renowned businessman and a loving and caring family man. Son of Alhaj Ahad Uddin, Mr Uddin was born in 1966 in the village of Mathurapur of the number 4 Dhigalbak Union of Nabiganj, a sub district of Greater Sylhet. Though he is originally from Nabiganj, he resides permanently in Sadipur, Sylhet with his family.

Moin Uddin started his education in Dhigalbak Government Primary School. He went on to further his education in Dhigalbak High School, however, came to the UK with his family before completing his due. On arriving in the UK, he joined Leeds Roundhy High School from where he obtained his GCSE's (then known as GCE O- Levels). Mr Uddin then joined Kingston College to study A-levels, from where he went on to run his own business.

At present he has several businesses predominantly in the Surrey area. He is also the founder and owner of the Rose View Hotel. Rose View is the first five star rated hotel in Sylhet and also has the accolade of being the first five star rated hotel outside of the capital Dhaka.

Mr Uddin married Salema Uddin in 1988. Mrs Uddin is the daughter of Mokadas Ali of Ganganagar. The couple live in Surrey and are blessed with four children; two sons (Nasir and Naveed) and two daughters (Nasreen and Nafeesa). All of his children are currently in education.

Moin Uddin is also a dedicated community worker. He is the trustee of Surrey Muslim Centre and is also involved with the Bangladesh Caterers' Association and Nabiganj Education Trust among other associations.



Moin Uddin

Sector:
Hospitality & Catering

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026



Nobab Uddin

Sector:
Media



Award Winner 2018

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Nobab joined Janomot in 1990 and became its Editor in 1997, a position he still holds. Janomot, the oldest ethnic Bengali newsweekly in Britain, was established on 21 February 1969 and has, with Nobab's diligence and dedication, become the leading popular newspaper within the Bangladeshi community in UK and Europe. His commitment to the journalistic integrity has ensured that Janomot continues to earn unparalleled respect across different members of the community.
Having studied for his Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying Building & Construction, he continued his studies and obtained a Diploma in Construction Management. He started his career working within the construction industry, and continued his career progression in local government working for different local authorities and housing associations. He is currently working for a leading housing association in London at senior management level and is a member of several professional bodies.

Nobab is one of the founder members of the London Bangla Press Club. Established in 1991, it is an important association for Bangladeshi journalists in Britain. In addition to carrying out his role first as Treasurer of the Club, he was President from 2014-16.
Nobab is respected for his voluntary work across various community and charity organisations in London. From 1990 to 1994, he was the General Secretary of the largest Bengali organisation BWAG (Surma Centre) in Camden, North London. Indeed, his role as General Secretary was during a seminal time as the local British Bangladeshi community developed in London and he was instrumental in working with Camden Council to deliver a dedicated building for the Surma Centre.
Nobab is the Chief Adviser of the historic Bangladesh Centre in Notting Hill, an active associate of London Borough Tower Hamlets 'Boishaki Mela Engagement Group' and is also an Adviser of the 'British Bangladeshi Power & Inspiration 100'.
He has loved sport from an early age, representing his school and district at national level in both badminton and athletics in Bangladesh. This keen interest in sports led to him forming the Bengali Sports Council in UK 1988, in support of National Sports Council. He was founder Secretary of this organisation, encouraging and motivating youths to take an active part in sports. The engagement between community and youth centres was instrumental in helping British Bangladeshis integrate into both the wider community during the turbulent 80s in London as well as mainstream British sports culture. He helped create and foster a family atmosphere in this organization, which crucially continues to serve as a social networking space for other British Asian groups as well.

During the early eighties he formed Link Promotions, a cultural and promotional organisation, which has been performing plays and cultural shows in the UK. Since 1982, Nobab has written and successfully staged several plays across the country to critical acclaim. His status as playwright and director has had, perhaps, the most tangible impact within the British Bangladeshi community. His productions appeal directly to Bangladeshis and Nobab is unflinching in reflecting profound social dilemmas and tackling taboo subjects, such as forced marriages and drug use in the British Bangladeshi community.

He has published five books, and edited three, including The Racist Murder of Altab Ali, which was important in highlighting the senseless murder of a Bengali East End, garment worker in 1978.
Nobab Uddin is married with two children.



Mohammad Shab Uddin

Sector:
Catering / Charity

BRITISH BANGLADESHI WHO'S WHO 2026

Mohammed Shab Uddin is the CEO and Managing Director of the 'Beani Bazar Cancer and General Hospital' and one of its Founding Trustees. BBCGH is notably known as one of the first 'Cancer' focussed charitable projects in the Bangladeshi community. Since 2009, Mr Uddin has dedicated the majority of his time spearheading this Charity from a green field site to a multi story, fully operational general hospital with a dedicated cancer clinic that is open 24 hours a day to the public. The Charity has been able to successfully raise substantial funds with the help of the community and is continuously expanding its services and fulfilling its objectives.

Prior to Mr Uddin's involvement with BBCGH, he has been actively involved with a number of socio-cultural and charitable organisations of Beani Bazar both in the UK and in Bangladesh since a young age. Mr Uddin's UK life began in the early seventies after joining his father who had been here since 1942. Mr Uddin and his father were involved in various retail businesses before establishing the Tower Tandoori Restaurant in the Tower Bridge area. The family were able to successfully establish a mini chain of Indian Restaurants in the late 80s. Today, the Tower Tandoori is known as one of London's oldest Tandoori restaurants and celebrates its 40th Anniversary in 2018. The Farncombe Tandoori in Surrey, another restaurant opened by Mr Uddin and his father celebrates its 35th Year in business in 2018.

Mr Uddin's father was one of the first Bangladeshi landlords in the East End; he has also helped Mr Uddin invest in the Property Market in the UK and Bangladesh. Mr Uddin has since been able to expand his property business globally.
Mohammed Shab Uddin married Nilufa Begum in 1985 and they are blessed with three sons and one daughter. Their sons have all completed higher education and are involved in the family property business and catering businesses. Tower Tandoori is well known for being run by the 3rd generation of the family, eldest son Suhel Ahmed. Third son, Russel Ahmed also plays an important role in helping run the family businesses. Stirling Ackroyd Legal; an international property law firm is headed by second son Emon Ahmed, who is also a Corporate Lawyer. Mr Uddin's daughter is currently studying at UCL. All their children are involved in charitable activities and community projects.

Mr. Kamal Yakub as he is commonly known hails from Sylhet and lives in Surrey. He came to the UK as a full time student in 1972 soon after independence of Bangladesh. He passed 'A' Levels in Pure Maths, Applied Maths and Physics from Paddington Technical College London. Later, Mr. Yakub completed a full time 3 year Degree Course at University College London (UCL) and successfully obtained a degree in Engineering in 1977. Worked for some time in Burma Oil Company's Research Centre in Bracknell. In 1980 he started his own restaurant business in Worcester Park, Surrey and has since been in the catering trade till to date with different outlets. Mr. Yakub is the current National President of Bangladesh Caterers Association UK Ltd, popularly known as BCA. This organisation has been running for 58 years since inception and is the oldest and largest of its kind.

Mr Yakub first joined BCA in 1986 and has always remained with BCA as an active member both regionally and nationally. He served as Secretary of 'BCA Surrey Region' and then during the last term Mr. Yakub was the President of BCA Surrey Region. Prior to being elected as the 'National President' of BCA in May 2017 (for a term of 2 years) he had been a Senior Vice President continuously for a few terms in a row. Mr. Yakub held the responsibility as the Convener of BCA's Annual Award & Dinner Committee over the last few years (upto Nov 2016) requiring a substantial amount of activities and experience. During the Presidency of Mr. Mahmadar Rashid, Mr Yakub headed a team to represent BCA to Sheffield Home Office officials where a round table talk was held regarding 'Sector Based Scheme'. BCA was consulted as stakeholders by the Home Office since the beginning of introducing this pilot scheme. Unfortunately and unfairly the scheme did not continue for countries outside the European Union. BCA is still lobbying for its reintroduction.

During the Presidency of Mr. Bajloor Rashid MBE he was Head of the Action Committee for the historic 'static demonstration' held at Trafalgar Square in 2008. He later with a few senior BCA Members represented BCA with Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) in the Home Office which successfully brought about the inclusion of Bangladeshi skilled Chefs and Managers in the 'Shortage Occupation List', SOL of the Points Based System. Outside BCA, Mr. Yakub has been a Trustee and Secretary of Surrey Muslim Centre in Addlestone, Surrey since 2006.He is also involved in other community related voluntary works. He is a senior adviser for 'Surrey Muslim Funeral Services' which is a voluntary organisation. As a person, he is a man of principle and a thorough gentleman and is liked by both the younger and the older generations.

Mr. Yakub is married with 2 sons and a daughter. The eldest son is a civil Engineer who currently works in Saudia Arabia, the daughter is a school teacher and the youngest son is an IT consultant.



Mohammed Mustafa Kamal Yakub

Sector:
Catering



Award Winner 2018

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Naufal Zamir is a successful entrepreneur, a dedicated businessman and a committed leader. He arrived in the UK in 1999, equipped with a degree in law from Dhaka University, and started down the same path as his legally-adept family.

His father, brother and sister are all legal professionals, and by 2003, Mr Zamir had completed his LLB at London University, qualified as a Barrister-at-Law and was called to the bar by the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn. Armed with only a laptop and a fax machine, Mr Zamir set off on a mission to create a business that would challenge him, test him and push him to grow as a person, a businessman and a leader. It was from those humble beginnings in 2004 that he founded Zamir Telecom.

In the company's short history, it has achieved phenomenal growth in all three of its serving sectors and has established itself as a trusted name in the international wholesale market, a well-recognised brand in the retail market and a respected service in the corporate sector. Recently, Zamir Telecom has soared to new heights, being named amongst the fastest-growing UK tech companies in the Sunday Times' Tech Track 100 in 2011 and 2012.

It has expanded its operations in Middle East, South Asia, South-East Asia, Africa and North America and notably, the company has expanded exponentially, year after year, in spite of rough economic trends globally. One of Mr Zamir's forte is public speaking and he has addressed audiences in award ceremonies, events and congregations of industry peers at the highest level. With all his success, Mr Zamir continues to dedicate himself to furthering his education and development as businessman.

He has attended the LSE Summer Courses in Leadership and Entrepreneurship and regularly attends seminars and events relevant to successful personalities.

Mr Zamir has worked alongside a broad range of consultants - whose areas of expertise range from finance and management to technology and regulatory – and is an active member of the entrepreneur community around the world.



M Naufal Zamir

Sector:
Telecommunications



Award Winner 2011

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Sabbir Zamee

Sector:
Entrepreneur/
Public Servant



Award Winner 2024

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Sabbir Zamee is a distinguished entrepreneur, dedicated community leader, and committed public servant . His contributions have left a significant impact on the British-Bangladeshi community and beyond. Born in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Zameer comes from a family with a strong legacy in medicine and philanthropy. His father, Dr. Md. Shaidullah, was a highly respected doctor and principal at several of Bangladesh's premier medical institutions, including Dhaka Medical College, Rangpur Medical College, Barisal Medical College, and the prestigious PG Hospital. His mother, Jahanara Begum, was a renowned philanthropist whose charity work in Dhaka touched countless lives. Growing up as the youngest of five siblings in such an environment, Zamee was instilled with values of service, leadership, and community responsibility from an early age.

Zamee's journey in the United Kingdom began in 2005 when he became a resident of the Thames View Ward in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. His integration into the local community was swift and impactful, marked by his active involvement in various socio-political and cultural organizations. A dedicated member of the Labour Party, Zamee's commitment to public service culminated in his election as Councillor for the Thames View Ward.

Beyond his political career, Zamee has made significant strides as an entrepreneur. He is the founder and Managing Director of 'Z Coach & Tours Limited,' a well-regarded transport provider that serves the British-Bangladeshi community. Under his leadership, 'Z Coach London,' a subsidiary of the company, has expanded to operate seven different routes, transporting over 200 students to leading grammar schools across London. The company's fleet of ten Euro VI coaches and a dedicated team of over 10 staff members ensure that students receive reliable and safe transportation. Additionally, Z Coach & Tours Ltd offers affordable UK and European tours during school holidays, making travel accessible to a wider audience. Zamee's entrepreneurial success is a testament to his ability to identify community needs and create sustainable businesses that address those needs.

Zamee's leadership extends well beyond his business ventures. He has served as the Secretary of the Thames View Muslim Association for nearly a decade, showcasing his unwavering commitment to the spiritual and social well-being of his community. In this role,
he has played a pivotal part in organizing religious, cultural, and educational programs that enrich the lives of the community members. His leadership is also evident in his role as the Chair of the Thames View Tenant & Residents Association, where he advocates for the rights and interests of local residents, ensuring their voices are heard in local governance.

Zamee's family shares his commitment to excellence and service. His son, Ishraq, is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree, continuing the family's legacy in the field of business. His daughter, Aniya, is thriving in grammar school, reflecting the importance of education within the family. His wife, Ishrat Jahan Zamee Kumu, is actively involved in the UK's Bangladeshi cultural sector and works in a local school, contributing to the community's cultural and educational fabric.

Despite his numerous professional and personal responsibilities, Zamee remains deeply engaged in charitable and socio-cultural activities. He is an active member of several alumni organizations both in the UK and Bangladesh, which allows him to maintain strong ties with his roots while contributing to the development of his adopted home.

In sum, Sabbir Zamee is a multi-faceted leader whose work as an entrepreneur, public servant, and community advocate has had a profound and lasting impact on his community.

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