The British Bangladeshi Power 100 represents leading figures who through their ideas, example, talent, and success are influencing the British Bangladeshi community and Britain today.

As Bangladesh celebrates 40 years of independence, we think it is time to profile and celebrate the success of the Bangladeshi community here in the UK. We want the British Bangladeshi Power 100 to be a reference point, a resource, an inspiration and a talking point.

The British Bangladeshi Power 100 has been created and edited by Abdul Ullah and Ayesha Qureshi MBE. The rankings have been determined by an advisory committee of leading Bangladeshi UK based newspaper editors headed by chief advisor, Mohammed Nobab Uddin. The BBPower 100 has been consulted on widely amongst a selected group of leading figures in the community. Each person or organisation named on the BBPower 100 has earned their place on merit after we have had a confidential, impartial and thorough debate.

Abdul Ullah - Founder
Abdul has extensive experience of working with London’s strategic bodies and communities. He is currently a non-executive director at the Bart’s and London NHS Trust, a Trustee of the Thames Water Trust and the Centre of Cell Limited. Abdul was the first British Bangladeshi to sit on the Metropolitan Police Authority and the council of Queen Mary University of London. He is the co-founder and Chair of Labour Faith Network and a councillor in Tower Hamlets.

Ayesha Qureshi MBE - Editor
Ayesha is a managing associate with a leading international law firm, her client focus is financial institutions. She has a background in media and community relations having worked for the BBC and sat on the boards of the Rich Mix Centre and Central Foundation schools trust. She was awarded an MBE in the 2006 New Year’s honours list for her role in securing the 2012 Olympics for London and currently sits on the LOCOG (London 2012) Diversity Board.

Mohammed Abdul Sattar - Advisor
Abdus Sattar is a long-standing renowned journalist and TV presenter having worked with a number of publications in the UK and Bangladesh. He is the General Secretary of London Bangla Press Club.

Muhammad Subhan - Associate Advisor
Muhammad Subhan is the Managing Editor of Muslim Weekly. He is also the Assistant Editor at Weekly Bangladesh and has built strong networks within media and publishing. Muhammad is involved with many social enterprises; he takes a keen interest in ventures that promote community participation and well-being.

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Entrepreneur and Business Brand

Iqbal Ahmed OBE Chartered Accountant of the Bangladesh in Britain and a leading figure in the Bangladeshi community. He is a founder and President of the British Bangladesh Business Association. He was awarded OBE for services to the Bangladeshi community in 2006.

Bazlur Rashid MBE

Directors of the Bangladesh Business Association, the Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Bangladesh Caters (BCC). He has been involved in the development of the Bangladesh Restaurant Industry through the Bangladesh Caters Association (BCC). He is also a member of the Board of Governors of the British Bangladeshi Chamber of Commerce (BBCC).

Rashidul Huq MSc

Engineering at the University of Technology, Bangladesh. He is currently the founder and CEO of BlueSparrow Solutions, a technology company that develops software solutions for the hospitality industry.

Muqim Ahmed

Founder of the Global Group of Restaurants and Property Investor. He is a successful businessman with a significant portfolio of properties in London and across the UK. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the British Bangladeshi Chamber of Commerce (BBCC).

Politics and Policy

Bhawana Ali MP MP for Bethnal Green and Bow, Member of Parliament for the Labour Party, has been a prominent figure in the British Bangladeshi community. He is a member of the Shadow Cabinet and has played an active role in supporting the development of the Bangladeshi community in the UK.

Rushanara Ali MP

Member of the House of Commons for the Labour Party. She has been a vocal advocate for the rights of women and children and has been involved in the promotion of human rights and democracy in Bangladesh.

Women

Irene Zubaida Khan

Nurse and Chief Executive of the Bangladesh Caters Association (BCC). She is a respected figure in the Bangladeshi community and has been instrumental in promoting the interests of Bangladeshi businesses in the UK.

Save Nazela Khan

 Raider Hrabik MBE

Chairman of the Crown Estate, a position he has held since 2006. He has been involved in the development of the Crown Estate properties and has been a key figure in the development of the Crown Estate in the UK.

Ruby Hammer MBE

Make-up Artist and Acupuncturist. She has been a successful entrepreneur in the beauty and wellness industry, and has been involved in promoting the interests of women in the UK.

Nawab Khan

Baza Bangladeshi Businessman and Activist. He is a key figure in the promotion of the Bangladeshi community in the UK and has been involved in promoting the interests of Bangladeshi businesses.

Community and Voluntary Organisations

Greater Suffolk Development and Welfare Council The Greater Suffolk Development and Welfare Council is a local authority in the UK. It is responsible for promoting the economic and social development of the county, as well as for the welfare of its residents.

London Mosque

London Mosque is a mosque located in the City of London. It is the largest mosque in the UK and one of the largest mosques in Europe. It was founded in 1926 by the Islamic Society of Britain, and is home to the London Mosque Centre and the London Mosque Academy.

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London Tigers

London Tigers is a community-based sports and cultural organisation in the UK. It is a non-profit organisation that promotes cultural diversity, community engagement, and educational opportunities. It organises various events and activities, including cultural festivals, community events, and sports tournaments.

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Sultan Choudhury
Managing Director of Islamic Bank of Britain Sultan is a member of various Community and Government advisory groups and contributes significantly to the development of Islamic Financial services in the UK. A Committee member of UK Islamic Finance Secretariat a body which promotes the UK Islamic Finance.

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Barrister Atur Rahman
Community Activist
Atur is a Barrister of the Greater Sheffield Development and Welfare Council in the UK and is a qualified Barrister. He is actively campaigning on the Stop TipuNulah Dam campaign which is threatening severe environmental damage to the Syret river of Bangladesh.

K M Abuali Chowdhury
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Abu Tahir is a prominent community activist and has edited or contributed to a number of Bengali newspapers and has presented programmes on Channel 5. He has served on the committees of many leading community organisations and is the former Chair of the Greater Sheffield Development Council.

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Emerging Influence
Ed Hussain
Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York Ed is a leading expert on international affairs, the co-founder of Quilliam Foundation and founder of The Islamic. A frequent commentator for broadcast media including CNN, Fox, BBC, Al Jazeera, and publications including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, FT and the Guardian.

Akbar Islam
Chef and Restaurateur Akbar is emerging as one of the most talented chefs in the UK TV appearances include Market Kitchen and Gordon Ramsay's F Word. Winner of Ramay's Best Local Restaurant, 2009 and BBC's 's Great British Menu 2011. I was listed in the "NY Times '45 places to go in 2012'.

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Delwar Hossain
Architect
Delwar practised as an architect for 15 years with top firms such as Foster & Partners and owns the Adrnek Group. London’s leading architecture and design careers agency. He is a director of the diocese museum gallery and mentors children from minority ethnic backgrounds to steer them into higher education.

Ali Akbar
Chief Executive of Unity Housing Akbar’s organisation provides 1,100 homes in the Leeds area, he was appointed CEO in January 1999. Previously head of Finance at the City of Sunderland for the Community and Social Development Director. He has extensive experience in social, economic and physical regeneration.

Mohammed Belalay Hussain
Sokitar Belalay is a specialist in immigration law. He is the first British Bangladesh appointed as an Immigration Judge. He is the principal of Zahra & co. and sits on the board of a number of voluntary organisations, including the joint Council of Welfare for Immigrants (COWI).

Syed A Huddin
Senior Vice President HR Global Function at HSBC An admired Human Resources professional, Syed has held a number of high ranking positions with HSBC across the world including as Head of HR for HSBC Bangladesh.

Mourad Choudhury
Managing Director at Rayal Bank of Scotland Head of Business Treasury Mourad is a highly respected academic and market commentator. He is responsible for the management of liquidity, capital, credit and interest rate risk at the bank. His 2007 book ‘Bank Asset and Liability Management’ has become a definitive textbook for bankers.

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