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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 Abdal 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.



Abdal Ullah - Founder

Abdal 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. Abdal 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.



Nobab Uddin BSc (Hons), ICOB, MCIH, FGCC, MInst.LM - Chief Advisor
Nobab Uddin has a diverse set of passions, being influential in
a multitude of spheres and activities within the community. He
is the editor of Janomot, Britain's oldest Bengali newsweekly, a
Planned Maintenance Consultant, author and playwright.



Muhammed Abdus 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 | Politics and Policy



Iqbal Ahmed OBE

Chairman and Chief Executive of the Seamark PLC This Manchester based businessman built his fortunes on seafood companies, the group has branches all over the world. One of the richest men in the UK, he is the nighest ranked British Bangladeshi

featured in The Sunday Times Rich List. He was awarded an OBE in 2001 for his services to international trade

Shelim Hussain MBE

Founder and Managing Director of Euro Foods (UK) Limited The architect of his own fortune, Shelim started his business with an initial capital of £20, the annual turnover stands at an impressive £80 million. He was awarded Personality of the





Muquim Ahmed

Founder of the Cafe Naz group of restaurants and property investor Muquim's business assets are worth in the region of £35 million. He is currently building a food manufacturing branch of his business and leading a campaign to get the

government to create a "curry university" to train British unemployed people in the spicy arts.

Naufal Zamir

Managing Director of Zamir Telecom Ltd Owner of the fast growing BME telecommunications business in the UK with a turnover of over £15 million, Zamir is responsible for connecting millions of ex pats with their friends and family on a daily basis. His company currently lists 13th on the Times Tec list 2011.

Iqbal Wahhab OBE

Founder of Tandoori Magazine, and multi-award winning restaurants Cinnamon Club and Roast Voted one of the Top 10 Restaurateurs in Britain in an Independent on Sunday survey, labal has been described as a "serial entrepreneur" by the Institute of Directors and a "national treasure" by The Times, Awarded an OBE in 2009 for public service and services to the hospitality industry.

Abdur Rouf JP

Chairman, Diamond Group of Properties and Director of the Mutual Trust Abdur Rouf has diversified his portfolios, while retaining roots in the hospitality and catering industries. He is the Honorary President of St Andrews University Cricket Club and Scottish Regional President of British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce. He actively supports many community and charitable initiatives both in the UK and Bangladesh.

Wali Tasar Uddin MBE

Owner of the Britannia Spice (Scotland) and others Wali's success has been celebrated by both the Scottish and British Curry Awards. Wali owns a number of restaurants in Scotland and is former Director General and Chairman of the Bangladesh British Chamber of Commerce. He is joint president of European Bangladesh Federation. He was awarded an MBE in 1995 for his services to race relations.

Atique Choudhury

Proprietor of three restaurants in north London, the Thai Yum Yum, the Japanese Oishiii and the Mexican Mercado and also a property developer Atique's enthusiasm for food and business has led him to launch an apprentice-training programme for aspiring restaurateurs. He is a sponsor of the Hackney Empire, as well as sponsor of the Asian and Oriental School of Catering, part of Hackney College.

Abdul Quayum Khalique (Jamal) & Brothers

Directors of Taj Stores International Taj Stores was established on Brick Lane in 1936 and instantly became synonymous with spices in the East End of London They are the oldest Asian grocery store in the UK. They have since diversified business interests into properties both at home and in the Middle East, and Bangladesh.

Rofique Hayder

Director of Bangla Town and Bangla City Cash & Carry Rofique is Chairman of a leading import & export business and runs one of largest Bangladeshi grocers in UK. He is Regional Director of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and in line with his passion for Brick Lane he is planning for a multi million pound hotel in heart of Bangla



Rushanara Ali MP MP for Bethnal Green and Bow Rushanara is the first British Bangladeshi to be elected to

parliament, having defeated George Galloway in the 2010 General Election. She was immediately appointed to the Labour front bench as Shadow Minister for International Development where she

is spearheading an international campaign on climate change.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman Executive Mayor for the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Lutfur is the first British Bangladeshi to be elected as an executive mayor. He

fought the election in October 2010 as an Independent candidate. He was listed at number 78 in the Daily Telegraphs "The top 100 most influential people on the Left



Anwar Choudhury

Diplomat and Director at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office Anwar was the former British High Commissioner for Bangladesh in 2004, and was the first BAME person to be appointed in a senior diplomatic post. He continues to

serve the government as Director of International Institutions at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office.

Asif Anwar Ahmed

British Ambassador to Thailand Having joined the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in 1999, Asif was appointed as British Ambassador to Thailand in 2011. He is the former head of the South East Asia and Pacific Department of the FCO and former Director of UKTrade and Investment.

Cllr Nasim Ali OBE

Leader of Council, London Borough of Camden A Labour councillor with 25 years experience working in the community, Nasim is the first British Bangladeshi leader of Camden Council and the countries youngest ever Civic Mayor. Nasim was awarded an OBE in 2010 for services to Local government.

Dr Halima Begum

First Secretary (Development) Department for International Development (DFID) Working in a diplomatic role with the British Government overseas, Halima has worked in China, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan on high-impact international programmes, leading the UK government's work in

Nahid Majid OBE (CCMI)

Civil Servant Nahid is Deputy Director within the Department for Work and Pensions and is currently the most senior British Bangladeshi Muslim woman in the civil service where she heads a new division whose task is to develop and deliver employment opportunities for disadvantaged people. She was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Honours List 2006.

Murad Qureshi AM

Greater London Assembly Member Murad has been a GLA member since 2004, where he is Chair of the Environment Committee, the London Waterways Commission, and a Member of the Standards and Budget Committees. Previously a Westminster City councillor between 1998 and 2006. Murad is a Board Member of BRAC UK, an International NGO.

Shazia Ullah

Head of Policy and Improvement - Southend Borough Council First British Bangladeshi to hold an Assistant Chief Executive position in local government, Shazia is invested in supporting the development and growth of community services in Southend.

Saleemul Hug

Scientist Saleemul is Senior Fellow in the Climate Change Group at the International Institute for Environment and Development. He was awarded the Burtoni Award in 2007 and is lead author of the chapter on Adaptation and Sustainable Development in the third assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Education, Culture and Sports



Prof Andy Miah (BA, MPhil. PhD, FRSA)

Professor in Ethics & Emerging Technologies and Director of the Creative Futures Research Centre at the University of the West of Scotland Andy is a fresh thinking academic, who is a regular writer for newspapers around the world including the Washington Post and the Guardian. His research

discusses the intersections of ethics, technology and culture.

Akram Khan MBE Renowned Choreographer and Classical Dancer Winner of multiple critics awards including the Distinguished Artist Award at the International Society for the Performing Arts 2011. n August 2000, Akram launched the Akram Khan Company, His first fulllength work Kaash, collaboration with Anish Kapoor and Nitin

Sawhney, was performed at the Edinburgh Festival.

Monica Ali

Author of Brick Lane, In The Kitchen and The Untold Story Visiting Professor of Creative Writing at Columbia University, Monica is former Chair of the 2011 Asian Man Booker Prize and a member of the Advisory Council. She will be Chairing the judging panel of the

Royal Society Winton prize for popular science writing, and judging the Guardian First Book Award.

Prof Mushtaq Husain Khan

Professor in Economics - School of Oriental and African Studies(SOAS) University of London Mushtag's ground breaking work focuses on the economics of poor countries; it includes notable contributions to the field of institutional economics and South Asian development.

ProfTipu Zahed Aziz

Professor Tipu is Professor of neurosurgery at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, and lecturer at Magdalen College, Oxford and Imperial College London medical school. His research focuses on the use of Deep Brain Stimulation in the alleviation of movement disorders and pain syndromes.

Dr Abdul Hyee Murshad

Head Teacher First British Bangladeshi head teacher in Tower Hamlets and also, HM Inspector for Education. Exceptionally talented and dedicated teacher who also run's one of the biggest Saturday Islamic Schools in East London.

Muhammed Ali

AerosolArabic - Street/Urban Artist Birmingham based spiritual artist known for merging graffiti style with Islamic art and connecting different communities. Having won an ITV South Bank Award in the Arts Council England Diversity category, he continues to paint his "walls" around the world.

Anwar Uddin

Professional footballer Anwar is the first British Bangladeshi professional footballer. He currently plays as a defender for Barnet F.C, and has previously played for West Ham United, and captained at Dagenham & Redbridge F.C.

Ruqsana Begum

 $\textit{British Atomweight Muay-Thai boxing champion} \ \forall \text{ith only}$ two and a half years of professional fighting experience, Ruqsana has already won the British Atom weight (48-50kg) championship and a bronze medal at the World Championship in Bangkok. She has represented England as a kickboxer and will be competing in the Sports Accord Championships in 2012.

Dipayan Paul

Professional MCC young Cricketer At 18 years old the East with the MCC Young Cricketers (YCs). Dipayan will join the YC squad at Lord's in 2012.

Catering Industry



Bazlur Rashid MBE

Restaurateur and other business entities both in the UK and Bangladesh Bazlur is President of the Bangladesh Caterers Association. His nspirational leadership has transformed the organisation and he was awarded with an MBE in the

2012 new year's honour list.

Amin Ali

Restaurateur Amin founded the famous Red Fort restaurant in 1983, a Soho favourite with politicians, celebrities and dignitaries from across the world. He established the very first Co-Operative Indian restaurant in 1979. He also organised the first 'London Festival of Bangladesh' and hosts

the Bangladesh Food Festival at the Red Fort.

Mohammad Ajman 'Tommy Miah'

Restaurateur Pasha is a well known champion of the curry

industry in the UK as Secretary General of the Bangladesh

established restaurants in the Kent and Sussex areas. He is

Restaurateur Ana is CEO and Chairman of House of Spice

opened 23 restaurants. He was a local Conservative

Group. Since arriving in UK in 1964 at the age of 16 Ana has

councillor for four years. As well as being a restaurateur; Ana

Restaurateur Azizur is a director of the Bangladesh British

Chamber of Commerce and has gained a reputation for

excellence. His restaurant the 'Aziz' has gained national and

Restaurateur Mahtab Miah is a very well known restaurateur

in the north east of England. He opened his first restaurant

international recognition as one of the best in the country.

He is an organiser of the increasingly popular annual

in 1973, and now owns the highly acclaimed Vujon

restaurant in Manchester, Mahtab is Director of British

Catering Recruitment and Training Founder of Shahnan

in recruiting and training staff for the British Bangladeshi

catering industry. He pioneered bi lingual hygiene training

and is a valued resource for the community. He is former

chair of the Bangladesh British Chamber of Commerce.

Employment Service, Faruk has three decades of experience

Caterers Association and owner of a number of well

also an active member of the Labour party.

has a keen interest in racing horses.

"Nowka Bais" boat race in Oxford.

Bangladesh Chamber of commerce.

Shahagir Bakth Faruk

Wazid Hasan Shelim

community and charity activist

Pasha Khandaker

Ana Choudhury

Azizur Rahman

Enam Ali MBE

Restaurateur, Founder of the British Curry Awards Enam is owner of the highly acclaimed Le Raj restaurant in psom and is Editor of Spice Business Magazine. He was honoured with the Freedom of the City of London in 2011 and also awarded an MBE for contribution to the curry industry in

Bangladesh and supports a number of charities.

Sarwar Ahmed

Hotelier, Celebrity Chef Owner of the Raj in Edinburgh, Publisher Sarwar is Founder of the Eastern Eye, which Tommy Miah has created a celebrity following through his became the fastest-growing Asian newspaper in Britain. He own TV shows. He owns a hotel in Scotland and London. became editor-in-chief of the Asian Times, Caribbean Times He also established the Institute of Hospitality Management, and New Nation, then sold up to launch other Asian fashion training many Bangladeshis in the international hospitality magazines. He is currently publisher of Asiana and Asiana

Media

charity fundraising.

Al Banna MBE

Oatar Foundation.

Banna is CEO of Awakening

Sharif Muhammad Hasan-

Worldwide a portfolio of companies

international record label. He chairs

the Exploring Islam Foundation (EIF)

and is a member of the international

including a publishing house and

Ahmed us Samad Chowdhury JP (FISMM,

Chairman of Channel S, founder of the

Potrika Newsweekly, businessman and

guidance Channel S is now one of the

community activist Under Ahmed's

most watched ethnic channels in

FCMI, FIH)

Europe. It leads on community campaigns and champions

Konnie Huq

Television Personality Konnie has

made herself a household name

from being the longest-serving

works in TV, radio and print

female Blue Peter presenter and a

former X Factor presenter Konnie

journalism. She is a regular visitor to

Abdul Gaffar Choudhury

Catering Events Management Director of Pride of Asia, the Author, journalist, and columnist for Bengali newspapers of award winning and most recognised Bangladeshi wedding Bangladesh and UK Abdul Gaffar has accumulated a vast and corporate events caterer, Wazid has built a strong body of work as an author and journalist but is best known reputation over the past 15 years and acts as a passionate for his political views and lyrics to Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano, which has become the main song commemorating the Bengali Language Movement.

Channel 4 Economics Editor Faisal has interviewed everyone from the Prime Minister to the President of the World Bank. He has won the Work World Foundation's "Broadcast News Reporter of the Year'' in 2010, having also collected numerous awards for his coverage of the Icelandic banking crisis in 2009.

Syed Nahas Pasha

Journalist A highly respected British-Bangladeshi journalist. Syed is chief editor of Janomot and Curry Life Magazine. He also writes for the biggest online news agency of Bangladesh bdnews24.com and is a founding member and former general secretary of London Bangla Press Club. He sits on the committee of the Commonwealth Journalists Association.

Nina Hossain

lournalist, newscaster Nina is a freelance journalist and the main presenter of ITV London's regional news programme London Tonight. She is a newscaster for ITV News and has presented all of ITN's main bulletins, from the ITV Evening News to News at Ten.

Tasmin Lucia Khan

Journalist, newscaster Former news presenter on the BBC and ITV's breakfast television programme Daybreak, Tasmin is the favoured host at a number of community and business awards and ceremonies.

Ajmal Masroor

Author and TV presenter Ajmal currently presents his own programmes on Islam Channel and on Channel S. He is the go to' imam for a number of the mainstream media and has appeared on the BBC and Channel 4 commentating on social, political and religious issues.

Women

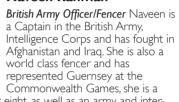


Irene Zubaida Khan

Chancellor of the University of Salford and in 2001 she was the first woman, the first Asian, and the first Muslim to guide the world's largest numan rights organization, Amnesty International as its seventh Secretary

Make-Up Artist and Entrepreneur Ruby is a pioneering influence on the fashion and beauty industries, is director of Ruby and Millie and the Scarlett & Crimson make up ranges, and is well known from her media appearances and contributions to





services champion.

Author Tahmima's first novel, 'A Golden Age' was shortlisted for the Guardian First Book Award and the Costa First Novel Prize, and was the winner of the 2008 Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best First Book, The

Jhumur Pati (FRCS, FRCS(Urol))

Surgeon Consultant Urologist, Jhumur is one of just a few female surgeons within the field of Urology and one of five designated pelvic cancer surgeons within the North East

Dr. Gulnahar Mortuza

Pan European Scientist Gulnahar a senior scientist at a National Institute of Cancer Research, is working on proteins orchestrating the cell cycle process. Her work at the National Institute of Medical Research contributed to the understanding of a range of human diseases such as HIV and Leukemia, and has been published in the prestigious journal Nature.

Dr Husna Ahmed OBE

CEO of Faith Regeneration She is a national and international speaker on faith and regeneration, peace

Nazia Khanum OBE

Director, Equality in Diversity Nazia is a consultant in equal opportunities management, research and training and amongst others, non-executive director for NHS Luton and currently chair of three voluntary community organisations

Solma Ahmed

transformed a community based housing association into a highly successful BAME organisation.

work across the UK, awarded an MBE in 2005 for her contribution to arts in London.

Community and Voluntary Organisations



Bangladesh Caters Association

(BCA) Umbrella organization of approximately 12,000 British Bangladeshi restaurants across the UK. The BCA has been representing the Bangladeshi curry industry for 51 years.

British Bangladesh

Chamber of Commerce (BBCC) Established in 1991 to promote, protect and strengthen bilateral trade and commerce between Bangladesh and the United Kingdom and between them and the European Community. The BBCC has established its reputation as a champion of British

London Muslim Centre



Bangladeshi businesses.

(LMC) The LMC promotes social, cultural, spiritual and economic enhancement of the whole community from a Muslim perspective and sits at the heart of the Bangladeshi community in Tower Hamlets, East London.

Greater Sylhet Development and Welfare Council in the UK

(GSC) A charity organisation working for the welfare of British Bangladeshi people living in the UK who originate from the district of Sylhet. Sylheti's make up 90% of Bangladeshi's in Britain.

London Bangla Press Club

(LBPC) London Bangla Press Club was established in 1993. The Press Club is a professional British Bangladeshi organisation for journalists and is located in London. Its membership consists of journalists of Bangladeshi origin who are residents of the United Kingdom involved in the journalistic, press, publishing or broadcasting sector.

London Tigers

Community & Sports An award-winning sports and community organisation reaching across London under the leadership of ČEO Mesba Ahmed. With over 100 employees and volunteers from over 20 nationalities, it has just celebrated its 25th anniversary. London Tigers' work on improving health and fitness awareness in Bangladeshi women is particularly notable.

Oldham Bangladeshi Association

(OBA) The OBA plays a vital role in serving and supporting the local community and is now located in the purpose built Millennium Cultural Centre with community offices and counselling rooms, as well as conference and training

Mitalee Youth Organisation

Community & Youth Mitalee Youth Organisation is a Luton based project tackling social exclusion through sports and does not shy away from addressing hard hitting issues facing the community it serves.

APASENTH

Specialist Care Organisation APASENTH has been successfully providing services to people with disabilities since 1984. It is known as one of the leading Bangladeshi organisations working for people with learning and multiple disabilities, their careers and parents, in East London.

BritBangla

Professional Network BritBangla promotes talent and draws is a national networking association that brings together second and third generation Bengali professionals and has built a reputation for its social, cultural, careers and networking events. Its membership reaches in the thousands.















Human Rights Activist Irene is

General.

Ruby Hammer MBE

the leading fashion and lifestyle magazines including Vogue, Elle, Harpers Bazaar and Marie Claire.



former British number eight, as well as an army and inter-

Tahmima Anam

follow up novel 'The Good Muslim' was nominated for the 2011 Man Asian Literary Prize.

building, women's issues and climate change. She is co-chair of Faiths and Beliefs in Further Education and has recently spoken at the Norwegian Parliament on faith and positive

including Luton Multicultural Women's Coalition.

Resilient Adviser/Team Leader at Department for Communities and Local Government Solma works on emergency planning to ensure a coordinated response between local and central governments. She is former Chief Executive at Labo Housing Association where she

Rezia Wahid MBE

Weaver and Textile Artist Rezia produces hand woven textiles and was one of the artists selected by the South West Arts Council to create a piece celebrating the cultural diversity of Britain. She is a teacher and exhibits

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Professions



Moorad Choudhury

Managing Director at Royal Bank of Scotland Head of Business Treasury Moorad is a highly-respected author, academic and market commentator. He is responsible for the management of capital, liquidity, foreign exchange and interest rate

risk at the bank. His 2007 book 'Bank Asset and Liability Management' has become a definitive textbook for bankers.

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.



Sapnara Khatun

Barrister/Recorder Sapnara is a family law barrister specialising in the law relating to children. She is recognised as a leading expert on forced marriage and assisted in drafting the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007. She

was appointed as a Recorder in 2006.

Akhlaq Choudhury

Barrister/Recorder Akhlaq is a specialist in employment, business protection, and public and information law based at 1 KBW chambers. He was appointed as a Recorder on the SE Circuit in 2009.

Dr Shafi Ahmed

Consultant Surgeon Shafi is the clinical lead for laparoscopic colorectal surgery at the Centre for Academic Surgery at The Bart's and London hospital. He has established minimal invasive colorectal surgery within the trust. He is pioneering single incision laparoscopic colorectal surgery (virtual scarless surgery) and has set up iHealth which is a modern way of managing NHS patients.

Delwar Hossain

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

Ali Akbor

Chief Executive of Unity Housing Akbor's organisation provides 1100 homes in the Leeds area, he was appointed CEO in January 1999. Previously head of Finance at the City of Salford for the Community and Social Services Directorate. He has extensive experience in social, economic and physical regeneration.

Mohammed Belayeth Hussain

Solicitor Belayeth is a specialist in immigration law. He is the first British Bangladeshi 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 (JCWI).

Syed A H Uddin

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.

Dr Muhammed Ali

GP and National Commissioning Champion Muhammed is Commercial Director at DMC Healthcare and National Commissioning Champion at Royal College of General Practitioners, and Primary Care Lead at NHS Commissioning Support for London.

Religious and Community Figures



Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari MBE

Chairman of the East London
Mosque & London Muslim Centre
Abdul Bari was Former Secretary
General of the Muslim Council of
Britain from 2006 until 2010. He is
a Board member of LOCOG (the

body which organises the London 2012 Olympics).

Sheikh Abdul Qayum

Chief Imam of East London
Mosque He obtained his M.A in
Arabic Language from the
prestigious Muhammad Ibn Saud
University, Riyadh. He is a former
lecturer at the international Islamic
University of Malaysia. Currently

undertaking his Phd at SOAS, he is a patron of the Richard house children's hospice and supports a number of charities.



Barrister Atur Rahman

Community Activist Atur is current
Chair of the Greater Sylhet
Development and Welfare
Council in the UK (GSC) and is a
qualified Barrister. He is actively
campaigning on the Stop
Tipaimukah Dam campaign which

is threatening severe environmental damage to the Sylhet region of Bangladesh.

K M Abu Taher Chowdhury

Community Activist Abu Taher is a prominent community activist and has edited or contributed to a number of Bengali newspapers and has presented programmes on Channel S. He has served on the committees of many leading community organisations and is the former chair of the Greater Sylhet Development Council.

Nurul Islam

Community Activist A businessman and very prominent community activist. Nurul is the General Secretary of Bangladesh Welfare Association based in London one of the oldest Bangladeshi community organisation in the UK and General Secretary of the Kendriyo Ekushey Udjapan (the 21st February language day movement remembrance) Committee.

Mahmud Hassan MBE

Chair of the Consortium of Bengali Associations Mahmud Hassan is chair of a consortium which is a leading organisation focusing on developing and strengthening the infrastructure of Bengali voluntary groups in the UK. He was awarded an MBE in 1999 for his services to community relations.

Maulana Abdur Rahman Madani, (Mphil, MA)

Principal Abdur Rahman is Principal of Jamiatul Ummah Secondary School and sixth form, and presents weekly prime time show "Islam Essentials" on Channel STV. He is also a respected Islamic scholar.

Moulana Shamsul Hoque

Imam of Ford Square Mosque Moulana Shamsul is Chair of Council of Mosques in Tower Hamlets an umbrella body for 47 local mosques. He has with over 25 year's experience of serving the community and leading figure in interfaith and the community and cohesion initiatives.

Sheikh Mahmudul Hassan

Imam of Essex Mosque Sheikh Mahmadul Hassan holds a 1st Class MA and BA in Arabic, currently studying for a PhD at Institute of Education University of London. He presents Jibon Jiggasha, an Islamic Q& A show on NTV Sky 834.

Dr. Hasnat Hussain MBE

Community Activist Hasnat is a respected community figure and academic. Convenor of the Voice for Justice World Forum, founding chair of Greater Sylhet Development Council. He is currently a Consultant for DfES Standard Unit UK. He was awarded an MBE in 2003 for services to education.

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 author of The Islamist. A frequent commentator for broadcasters such as Sky News,

CNN, Fox, BBC, Al-Jazeera, and publications including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, FT and the Guardian.

Aktar Islam

Chef and Restaurateur, Aktar 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 Ramsay's Best Local Restaurant 2009 and BBC

2's Great British Menu 2011. Lasan is listed in the "NY Times 45 places to go in 2012".



Shah Qureshi

Solicitor/Partner Shah is a top ranked lawyer in Chambers UK 2012, a leading figure in discrimination law. He is partner and Head of the Employment law at Bindmans LLP. His expertise is in representing executives and

professionals in both contentious and non-contentious work and has acted in a number of landmark cases.

Cllr Tulip Saddique

Politician, Tulip has worked for Amnesty International, the GLA, Save the Children, Oona King, Sadiq Khan and on the Ed Miliband leadership campaign. She is the national BAME Officer for Young Labour and Women's Officer for London Young Labour.

Saiman Miah

Architect Saiman's design has been chosen as the official £5 coin for the London 2012 Olympic Games by the Royal Mint. He is a masters student at Birmingham School of Architecture and Saiman has worked on multimillion pound residential, social housing and urban design projects in Birmingham and China.

Runa Islam

Artist Runa's work aims to blur the distinctions between film and sculpture, art and cinema, and encourages a range of interpretations from viewers. She was nominated in 2008 for the Turner Prize and has exhibited work across the world. Her most recent commission is for the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

Rooful Amin Ali

Accountant and founder of Emerald Network Rooful founded Emerald Network, the UK's leading Muslim Social Networking Enterprise. Established in 2004, it has hosted in excess of 130 events to-date, including the recent series of 'SquareMileMuslim' events in the City of London with global firms. Rooful is founding director and former chair of the European Muslim Professionals Network.

Tariq Chow

Visual Artist Tariq is an award winning film maker. His first short film, 'Faith in London' (2010), received awards at several international film festivals and competitions. It was aired on BBC One, and continues to be screened across the world.

Mumtaz Hussain

Solicitor, Writer and Broadcaster Selected in 2011 as one of 50 women in Manchester "Most Likely to Make an Impact", Mumtaz is a presenter on RedShift Radio in Cheshire and profiled as an "inspirational woman in business" by 3rdi Magazine.

Mumzy Stranger

Hip Hop and R&B Artist Mumzy was the first British Bengali artist to enter the mainstream music industry. He was a winner at the UK Asian Music awards, taking home the prize for Best Urban Act 2011.





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