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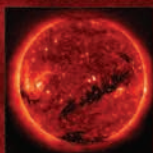


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FOREWORD

Chair of the Judging Panel

Mr Iqbal Wahhab OBE

Thirty years ago my first job was as a trainee reporter for The Asian Times. Arif Ali, the publisher, was fond of saying that minorities in the UK had to have the right to be “as good, as bad and as indifferent as everyone else”.

It's fair to say that some in the British Bangladeshi community have in the past condemned themselves in the last two categories. But whilst our youngsters face big challenges with toxic combination of criminalisation and radicalisation, we do ourselves a disservice by not celebrating the increasing number of good news stories and successes we have amongst us. From the East End of London, Sabirul Islam chose to put his entrepreneurial skills to great use and over the last year has become a global brand. Also from the east end and also now on the international stage is former extremist Ed Husain who travels the world speaking to governments about how we need to go about making the world a safer place for us all.

In Manchester Iqbal Ahmed continues to grow his giant commercial empire, worth more than the rest of us put together I'd imagine. Rushanara Ali continues to make her mark on Westminster but we need to see more women from our communities build careers, succeed and act as role models for more to follow suit. So I am particularly delighted to see a female winner of the new Person of the Year category in Her Honour Judge Khatun Sahnara – a true inspiration for us all.

The word “inspiration” in the title of Ayesha and Abdal's great project needs a catalyst to trigger it and that involves mentoring. Where we have succeeded, let's bring others into our workplaces whether that's a big City firm, a television company or a football club.

If everyone on this list mentors one young person to make something of their lives, within a decade we will as judges be facing the prospect of a BBPI 1000.

Let's not just celebrate our success, but use it to bring out the same in others.

Iqbal Wahhab OBE
January 2015



Her Honour Judge Khatun Sapnara
Circuit Judge

Khatun Sapnara was appointed by the Queen as a Circuit Judge in March 2014 becoming the first person of British Bangladeshi origin in a senior judicial position. This follows a string of pioneering moves; being appointed Recorder of the Crown in 2006 and to the Family Justice Council in 2003 by the Lord Chancellor as an expert to advise the Government. With 24 years legal experience in which she was recognised by the Legal 500 as a leading barrister, Khatun Sapnara now sits full time as a judge in family and criminal matters.

Akhlaq Choudhury QC
Barrister/ part time Judge

Akhlaq has just been recognised for his outstanding record as a barrister by being appointed a QC. He is a specialist in employment, public and information law. He is consistently listed as a leading barrister in Chambers UK and the Legal 500 having appeared in several landmark decisions in recent years. He is a part time Recorder (judge) and has also served on the Attorney General's A-Panel of Treasury Counsel.



LEGAL



Ajmalul Hossain QC
Barrister

Ajmalul is a Senior Advocate for the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and is a International Arbitrator. Ajmalul is the first QC in England of British Bangladeshi origin. His practice is multi-jurisdictional and he acts as counsel in complex litigation, arbitrations and mediations involving large sums. He is highly rated by the Chambers Asia Guide and The Asia Pacific Legal 500.

Shah Qureshi

Solicitor, Partner and Head of the Employment Team,
Bindmans LLP

Shah is ranked as a leader in the field of employment law by both 'The Legal 500' and 'Chambers Guide to the Legal Profession'. He has developed a reputation for pursuing successful discrimination and whistle-blowing cases against large corporations and public bodies and advises a number of Members of Parliament.



Muhammed Haque QC
Barrister

NEW ENTRY

A new appointment as a QC, Muhammed is a common law specialist. His main areas of practice are commercial litigation and personal injury disputes. Having graduated with an engineering degree, he also practices in construction litigation and cases having an engineering or mathematical aspect. He is highly regarded and a specialist in property damage cases, particularly in relation to tree-root related subsidence, where he has appeared or acted in most (if not all) recent High Court and Court of Appeal cases in the last few years.





Aref Karim

Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Quality Capital Management (QCM)

Prior to setting up QCM, Aref worked at the world's largest sovereign wealth fund, the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, where he designed and managed a multi-billion dollar portfolio of alternative investments. His Weybridge-based hedge fund has similarly seen success with assets reported to be in the region of £150m.

Sultan Choudhury

Chief Executive Officer and Director, Al Rayan Bank

Sultan was appointed Islamic Bank of Britain's first Chief Executive Officer in 2014, and oversaw the Bank's acquisition by Masraf Al Rayan QSC, a Qatar-based Islamic bank. The bank celebrated its 10 year anniversary in 2014 and Sultan is the bank's longest serving employee having joined the firm from its inception.



CITY & FINANCE



Samad Choudhury

Global Audit Director, Citi

Samad is the Global Audit Director at Citi, with extensive experience and knowledge of financial services activities and products. He has worked in key financial centres across the globe. Samad provides advice on the safeguarding controls that address the numerous current and emerging risks in the various business activities of the bank.

Azad Ali

Solicitor, Shearman & Sterling LLP

Azad is counsel in the firm's global Financial Institutions Advisory & Financial Regulatory Group. He advises financial institutions on a worldwide basis, including investment banks, exchanges, and clearing houses. He also works with fund managers on legal and regulatory aspects of their businesses in the UK and Europe.

NEW ENTRY



Helal Miah

Investment Research Analyst, The Share Centre

Helal Miah is a highly accomplished expert in his field and has helped manage private institutional and retail clients, as well as hedge funds. He has a particular focus on asset allocation and global macro strategies. His tips for how to invest have appeared in the Sunday Times and numerous investment blogs.

NEW ENTRY



Professor Nazneen Rahman
Professor, Institute of Cancer Research

One of the UK's leading geneticists, Nazneen is a cancer specialist and heads up the Cancer Genetics Clinical Unit at the Royal Marsden. Her ground-breaking research has seen high rates of success in identifying genes that cause cancer particularly in women and children. In recognition of her work, she was named in the BBC R4 Women's Hour power list and the Evening Standard 1000.

Professor Tipu Zahed Aziz
Professor of Neurosurgery, University of Oxford &
Founder and Head of Oxford Functional Neurosurgery (OFN)

Aziz is the founder and head of functional neurosurgery at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford. OFN is currently one of the busiest centres for such surgery in the UK and academically acclaimed. It is dedicated to the surgical alleviation of movement disorders such as Parkinson's disease, dystonia, tremor and neuropathic pain syndromes.



MEDICAL



Dr Mahi Muqit NEW ENTRY
Consultant Vitreoretinal Surgeon,
Moorfields Eye Hospital

With over 13 years' experience, Mahi is currently a NHS Consultant Vitreoretinal Surgeon at Moorfields Eye Hospital. Over the last 4 years he has been working with an international NGO in successfully developing the first Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Centre in Chittagong, Bangladesh, and is already working on opening a second in Dhaka.

Dr Tahseen Chowdhury
Consultant in Diabetes and
Metabolism, Barts Health NHS

Tahseen is the lead clinician in the Department of Diabetes and Metabolism at Bart's and The London NHS Trust. As a clinical researcher, Tahseen's interest in diabetes in South Asians has led to him contributing to over a hundred publications. He is also on the editorial board for the prestigious journal of the Royal College of Physicians, Clinical Medicine.



Dr Yasmin Khan NEW ENTRY
Director & Consultant
Paediatrician in Neurodisability

Yasmin leads multidisciplinary teams caring for children with complex neurodisability at Sussex Community NHS Trust. She is a fellow of the Brighton & Sussex medical school and a member of two national clinical reference groups in the development and commissioning of acquired brain injury rehabilitation and paediatric neurosciences. She is also an advisor to the leading charity, the Children's Trust.





Shelim Hussain MBE

Founder and Managing Director of Euro Foods Group Limited

Shelim's company is the largest British Bangladeshi owned company in the UK, and is one of the largest Asian food manufacturing businesses selling halal food in the UK. His turnover exceeds £84m annually. The company employs in the region of 350 staff in the UK and around 2000 globally.

NEW ENTRY

Mamun Chowdhury

Co-founder, London Tradition

As a clothing entrepreneur, Mamun specialises in producing high end duffle coats, exporting tens of thousands of units of his product globally. Praised by the Mayor of London and the Chancellor, he was awarded the Queen's award for international trade in 2014. Mamun remains proud of the "Britishness" of his product.



BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE



Naufal Zamir

Managing Director, Zamir Telecom Limited

Zamir Telecom is a London based telecommunications carrier and is one of the fastest growing tech businesses in the UK. Naufal has recently set up a number of scholarship funds with leading universities including the University of Oxford and MIT Sloan in the USA to help students from the emerging economies.

Sharif Banna MBE

Founder and CEO, Awakening Worldwide

Sharif's international media conglomerate this year celebrated its 15th anniversary. With recording artists who are household names across the Muslim world, Awakening has previously been awarded the prestigious Islamic Economy Award by the Emir of Dubai. Sharif is also a Board Member of the international Qatar Foundation based Centre for Islamic Ethics and Legislation, a leading centre for innovation in global ethics.



Ruby Hammer MBE

Makeup Artist and Entrepreneur

As an internationally acclaimed makeup artist, Ruby has established a number of leading brands in the UK. Her ranges have become some of the most innovative makeup brands to be established in thirty years. Ruby has worked for Vogue and Elle, and is well known to TV audiences in the UK.



Dr Shafi Ahmed

Consultant Surgeon
Colorectal Cancer Lead, Barts Health NHS Trust

Shafi is Consultant General, Colorectal and Laparoscopic Surgeon at Barts and the London NHS trust. He also set up iHealth, a modern way of managing NHS patients, and offers an alternative pathway for care. Shafi recently made history when he removed a tumour from a patient in the world's first operation streamed live online using Google Glasses.

Mashukul Hoque

Managing Director, Sandyx Systems

Mashukul is the founder of Sandyx Systems, a leading application development and support services company. Founded in 1999 and originally specialising in large database support services, the company has since developed a diverse portfolio of services, with an emphasis on cloud-based CRM systems and data centre services through their own purpose-built facilities.

NEW ENTRY



INNOVATION

Syed Ahmed

Co-founder and Director, Savortex

Syed co-founded Savortex, an innovative British technology company. The company has been selected as one of the UK's top 16 high growth Cleantech companies supported by UKTi, and has been awarded several eco awards. Syed recently raised £1.5m in funding to develop the world's first "smart" eco-friendly hand dryer.



Dr Miratul Muqit

Wellcome Trust Senior Research Fellowship in Clinical Science and Programme Leader, University of Dundee

Miratul has made significant advances in investigating the causes of Parkinson's disease since being awarded the Wellcome Trust Senior Clinic Fellowship. He was awarded nearly £2 million to undertake his research and recently made the ground-breaking discovery of a new chemical messenger that is critical in protecting the brain against Parkinson's disease, opening up new avenues for research.



Dr M Hasan Shaheed

Senior Lecturer in Control and Robotics, Queen Mary University of London

Hasan has recently been awarded the prestigious Queen Mary University Proof of Concept Grant to pursue his research on the Capsule Robot. In collaboration with the National Centre for Bowel Research & Surgical Innovations, and the design company MINIMA, he is developing a prototype robotic capsule for testing on human colon-like soft surfaces. Dr Shaheed has also been awarded a Queen Mary Drapers' Teaching Fellowship.





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Dr Irene Zubaida Khan
Chancellor, University of Salford

Irene served as the seventh Secretary General of Amnesty International and was the first British Bangladeshi to do so. She was elected Director-General of the International Development Law Organization in Rome in 2011, the first woman to ever hold this position. Irene is also Chancellor of Salford University and remains an international thought leader on human rights, gender and social justice issues.

Ed Husain

Senior Advisor to the Tony Blair Faith Foundation and Adjunct Senior Fellow at Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)

Ed is a leading global expert on international affairs. He is currently a senior adviser to the former PM Tony Blair's Faith Foundation and a leading intellectual for the prestigious US-based Council on Foreign Relations. A prolific and high profile commentator, Ed's policy advice is sought by governments worldwide. Ed is also an acclaimed bestselling author, with three new books to be published soon.



PUBLIC INTELLECTUALS



NEW ENTRY

Dilwar Hussain

Senior Fellow, Institute of Strategic Dialogue

Dilwar is an independent consultant working on social policy, Muslim identity and Islamic reform in the modern world. He is the founding Chair of the charity New Horizons in British Islam, and a visiting Fellow at the Centre for Islamic Studies, Cambridge University. Dilwar is also the only British Bangladeshi trustee of the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust.

Professor Naila Kabeer

Professor of Gender and Development, London School of Economics (LSE)

Naila is Professor of Gender and Development at the LSE, and was previously Professor of Development Studies at SOAS. Her research interests include gender, poverty, social exclusion, labour markets, and social protection. She has carried out extensive training and advisory work with national and international NGOs and international development agencies.



Professor Moorad Choudhry

Lecturer, Brunel University

Moorad was formerly head of the Business Treasury at RBS and Head of Treasury at Europe Arab Bank. As the author of "The Principles of Banking", Moorad is widely cited in the press for his commentary on the state of the economy. A leading academic in finance, he is currently lecturing at Brunel University.



Asif Ahmad

Diplomat, British Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO)
British Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines

Asif is currently serving as Ambassador to the Philippines, having previously been British Ambassador to Thailand and Laos. After a career in Banking, Asif joined the FCO as a second career, where he initially worked in the Resources Directorate and then moved into foreign policy work on commonwealth issues. His previous roles also include Director Asia for UK Trade and Investment.



Foreign &
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Office

Mockbul Ali OBE

Diplomat, British Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO)

Having served as a policy adviser to three former Foreign Secretaries, Mockbul is currently the Chief of Staff to the British Prime Minister's Special Envoy to Libya. Considered a foremost expert of his generation on the Muslim world, he was previously listed amongst the 500 most influential Muslims globally. Mockbul received the RCDS Award for Strategic Leadership in 2014 and is the only civilian to have been awarded it.

CIVIL & PUBLIC SERVICE



Zia Choudhury

Country Director, CARE
International, Sudan

NEW ENTRY

Currently leading CARE's humanitarian work in Darfur, Zia nearly two decades of experience in humanitarian relief work. He has worked with NGOs and the United Nations, in some of the world's largest and most complex humanitarian crises, and has led humanitarian response teams in over 25 countries



Dr Halima Begum

Director of Education,
British Council East Asia

Halima joined the British Council as Regional Director for Education in 2012, after a successful career with the Department for International Development. Halima's experience spans international development, programme management, advocacy, and strategic research. In her current role she is responsible for shaping the British Council strategies for education in 14 countries in East Asia.



Nahid Majid OBE

Chief Operating Officer
Regeneration Investment
Organisation (RIO) at UK
Trade and Investment

Nahid is recognised as one of the top eminent Town Planners in the country. In her role at RIO, Nahid is raising billions of pounds from overseas to fund urban regeneration projects in the UK. She also played a key role in orchestrating the Prime Minister's high profile trade mission to China.



Shamim Ahmed
Managing Director, MathWorks UK

Shamim was appointed MD of MathWorks UK at the age of 29. The products have become a de-facto standard in teaching, research and development within leading commercial and academic organisations, and are used by all major Automotive, Aerospace & Defence companies, in addition to 5000 universities worldwide. MathWorks has 3000 employees across 15 countries and in 2013 its global revenue was approximately \$750 million. The company is committed to supporting programmes that inspire learning and accelerating the pace of engineering and science.

NEW ENTRY

Delwar Hossain
MD, Adrem Group

Delwar is a leading figure in business with extensive expertise in the design & creative industry. After qualifying as an architect, Delwar worked in the offices of the internationally renowned Lord Norman Foster. He is now the MD of Adrem Group, and advises RIBA on several committees to develop the skills of UK architects.



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Tasmin Lucia Khan
Media personality and
Tech Entrepreneur

Tasmin is VP Strategic Partnerships for AdMaxim, a mobile advertising company. Tasmin is responsible for the company's global strategic partnerships and uses her 14 years of media experience as a TV broadcaster, journalist, producer and news anchor to produce brand strategies for an impressive client group including Sony Music and Burberry. She was recently awarded Entrepreneur of the Year 2014 at the English Asian Business Awards.



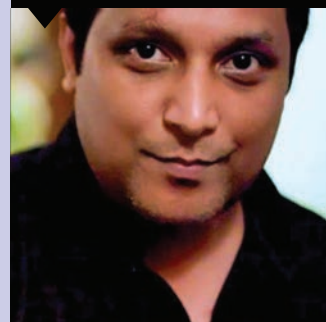
Toffael Rashid
Executive Vice
President, AXIATA Robi

Toffael works for Robi AXIATA, part of Asia's largest telecoms corporation and Bangladesh's 2nd largest telecoms company where he leads brand-marketing communications. Toffael has 17 years of global blue chip marketing experience gained at Unilever, PepsiCo, Leo Burnett and Samsung and has also lived and worked in 7 countries.

NEW ENTRY

Nural Choudhury
CNN Digital Creative Director

Nural heads the Design Studio responsible for all of CNN's Digital design outside of the US. Translating challenging business requirements into innovative design solutions across multiple platforms, his main focus is to advance the CNN brand with compelling visual design work that increases engagement.





CREATIVE

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Tulip Siddiq

Prospective Parliamentary Candidate - Labour

Tulip was the first British Bangladeshi woman elected to Camden Council, and is Labour's parliamentary candidate for Hampstead and Kilburn. Tulip is a rising star of the Labour Party and worked as deputy field director for Ed Miliband's leadership campaign.

Rupa Huq

Prospective Parliamentary Candidate - Labour

Rupa has been selected as the Labour parliamentary candidate for Ealing Central and Acton constituency. She is a writer, columnist, senior lecturer in sociology at Kingston University and former Deputy Mayor of the London Borough of Ealing.



WESTMINSTER HOPEFULS



NEW ENTRY

Anwar Babul Miah

Prospective Parliamentary Candidate - Labour

Anwar has been selected in his home town as the Labour candidate for the constituency of Welwyn Hatfield. Anwar is a barrister by profession specialising in the field of public law with considerable experience in a wide variety of legal cases.



NEW ENTRY

Prince Sadik Chaudhury

Prospective Parliamentary Candidate - Liberal Democrat

Having been the only British Bangladeshi councillor in Northamptonshire, Sadik was chosen as the Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate for Northampton South. Sadik plays an active role in the local community in welfare and sports activities.



NEW ENTRY

Marina Ahmad

Prospective Parliamentary Candidate - Labour

Marina has been in the Labour party for over 30 years and is the party's 2015 candidate for the Beckenham constituency. She is firmly rooted in the local community where she has worked a number of roles in the health and third sector arenas. Marina is also a trained barrister and runs her own business.





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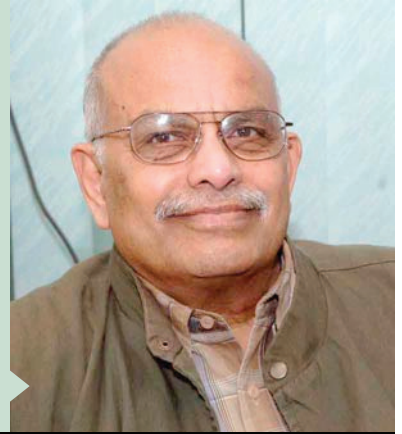
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NEW ENTRY

Abdul Gaffar Choudhury
Writer/ Newspaper columnist

At the age of 80, still using the traditional method of pen and paper, Abdul Gaffar Choudhury is a highly respected journalist and columnist writing for several Bengali newspapers in both the UK and Bangladesh every week. His political columns can at times be controversial but have a dedicated readership. He is revered as the lyricist of the theme song commemorating the Bangla language movement in 1952.



Lisa Aziz
News Presenter, LBC Radio

Lisa's television career has included TV-am, BBC World Service, Sky News and ITV News. A highly-experienced newsreader, she now presents the Morning News on LBC 97.3 every weekday. Lisa is also an Ambassador for the charity Gingerbread and on the Gala Committee of the Young Vic Theatre with The Prince's Trust.



MEDIA

Mihir Bose
Journalist & Author

An award winning journalist and author, Mihir writes a weekly "Big Sports Interview" for the London Evening Standard. He also writes and broadcasts on social and historical issues as well as sports for a range of outlets including the BBC, the FT and the Independent. He was also the BBC's first Sports Editor.



Murad Ahmed
European Technology
Correspondent, Financial Times

Murad writes news and analysis about the internet, social media, consumer technology and other issues around the technology industry. Having worked previously at The Times, Murad is currently at the FT.



NEW ENTRY



Yasmin Khatun
Reporter/ Producer

Yasmin is a full time reporter and producer at the Islam Channel where she works on investigative pieces and documentary features. Her work on the Rana Plaza disaster in Bangladesh has been shortlisted for 'International Investigative Documentary' of the year by the Association of International Broadcasters.



Naz Choudhury

Founder and Artistic Director of Flex FX
& Choreographer, Bolly Flex

Naz is a successful dancer, producer and entrepreneur. He received a phenomenal response to Bolly Flex's Strictly Come Dancing appearance in November 2014 with 10.27 million people tuning in to see the show's first ever Bollywood dance performance choreographed by him. Naz also choreographed Bolly Flex's performance at the Nobel Peace Prize Concert 2014.

Leesa Gazi

Writer/Actor

Leesa is the co-founder of a theatre and arts company, Komola Collective. She has recently toured the UK and Bangladesh with the production, Birangona: Women of War, telling the harrowing story of the systematic rape of an estimated 200,000 women and children during the 1971 war of independence in Bangladesh.



NEW ENTRY

ARTS & CULTURE



Shapla Salique

Musician

Shapla is a singer-songwriter who is sharing her passion for Bengali folk music with new audiences in the UK, and opening her music to contemporary interpretations with a combination of jazz and soul. She has performed at the Hammersmith Apollo, Royal Ascot, the Houses of Parliament and the Barbican.

NEW ENTRY

Zia Haider Rahman

Novelist

Zia's debut novel *In the Light of What We Know* in 2014 has been received with international critical acclaim. Zia was shortlisted for New Writer of the Year at the National Book Awards (UK) 2014 and *In the Light of What We Know* was shortlisted for the Goldsmiths Prize 2014.



Tahmima Anam

Author/Commentator

Tahmima is the author and contributing writer for the *New York Times* and the *Guardian*. She is the celebrated author of the *Bengal Trilogy*, and was named by *Granta Magazine* as the Best Young British Novelist in 2013. Tahmina was also shortlisted for the 2014 *Sunday Times* Short Story Award.





Ruqsana Begum
Kickboxer & Muay Thai Champion

Ruqsana is a kickboxer and the current British Champion for Muay Thai. She is the captain of the British Muay Thai team. Ruqsana is currently ranked as the number one world title contender and will be fighting for the world title again in 2015.



Zubair Hoque
Formula 4 Racing Driver

Zubair is one of the most promising young drivers to come through junior motorsport in recent years. He competed in the Formula 4 Winter Series in 2014 finishing an impressive 5th overall against vastly more experienced drivers. He hopes to finish in the top 3 in the 2015 main Formula 4 series championship. Zubair's long held ambition is to drive in Formula One.

SPORT



NEW ENTRY

Md Shahidul Alam
(Ratan)

Vice Chair of Tower Hamlets Cricket Club and Founder member of International

Ratan is a former Bangladesh cricket player and national coach. As Vice Chair of Tower Hamlets CC and Founder member of International London Sixes Cricket Competition, he is known as "Mr Cricket" and works to promote and develop cricket in East London. Under his guidance, he has developed coaches who are currently working full time for Middlesex & Surrey Cricket Boards.



NEW ENTRY

Scintilla Cricket Club
Essex County Cricket League
Premier Division Champions 2014

After three successive promotions Scintilla Cricket Club joined the Essex County Cricket. After a period of consolidation the club romped home as Essex County Cricket League Premier Division Champions for 2014. Its meteoric rise has attracted international players to join and play with the club during the Bangladeshi off season.



NEW ENTRY

Hamim Hussain
English Under 14 Snooker
Champion

Hamim became a national snooker champion in 2014 taking the English Association of Snooker and Billiards Under 14 title having beaten 50 of the top players in his category. He has been selected to represent England in an international tournament being held in Malta where he will play in the under 17 category.

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NEW ENTRY

Captain Naveen Rahman
Captain, British Army

Naveen attended Sandhurst before joining the Intelligence Corps. She has since been deployed on several operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and has recently returned home from her last tour. She is currently second in command of her company. Naveen is also a world class fencer and has represented Guernsey at the Commonwealth Games.



NEW ENTRY

Captain Akbor Uddin Khan
Etihad Airlines Pilot

Akbor learnt to fly at the Oxford Air Training School and went on to pilot passenger and cargo airplanes for Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Qatar Airways before joining Etihad. Akbor flies the Airbus A345/6 on all routes around the globe and is set to soon take the helm of the prestigious Airbus A380 aircraft.



IN UNIFORM

PC Adnan Ali
Police Constable, Greater Manchester Police

PC Ali was one of the recipients of the Chief Constables Excellence Award for Bravery in 2014. He was seriously injured while tackling a knife wielding offender, and was commended by the Greater Manchester Police for his tremendous bravery. Adnan also received a Jubilee Award for service with his colleague at the House of Lords in 2014.



NEW ENTRY

Nasir Jilani
Fire Fighter

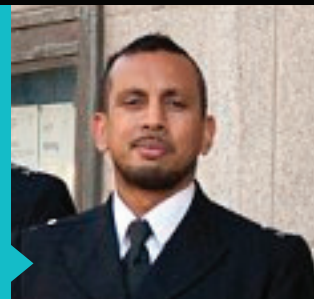
Nasir is one of the first British Bangladeshi's to serve in the London Fire Brigade. Based at a south London station, Nasir uses his role to inspire the next generation by working on a number of outreach initiatives including the Notting Hill Carnival and the Boishakhi Mela.



NEW ENTRY

PC Shumal Haque
Police Constable, Metropolitan Police

PC Haque is the winner of a Police Bravery Award for his role in confronting a man armed with a knife. The incident saw three of his colleagues seriously injured. PC Haque was mentioned in the keynote speech given by the chair of the Police Federation of England & Wales at their annual conference.





Bangladeshi Caterers Association (BCA)

Pasha Khandaker, President

The Bangladeshi Caterers Association is an umbrella organisation of approximately 12,000 British-Bangladeshi restaurants across the UK, employing more than 90,000 people and with an estimated yearly turnover of £4 billion. The BCA hosted its 9th annual award ceremony at the Grosvenor House in November 2014.

London Bangla Press Club

Mohammed Nobab Uddin, President

Since 1993 The London Bangla Press Club has been representing the interests of the Bangladeshi media in the UK. It brings together media organisations in print, publishing, television and radio. Working from its base in London, the organisation works in partnership with the British Bangladeshi media sector.



NETWORKS & ASSOCIATIONS



Emerald Network

Rooful Ali, Founder

Emerald Network is the UK's longest established Muslim professional's social network. The organisation's membership spans diverse professions and locations. Its key areas include the Arts, Businesses and Charities under a vision to connect professionals through networking. Emerald hosts an extensive programme of annual events.

British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce (BBCC)

M. R. Chowdhury, President

Established in 1991, the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce has established itself as a key lobbying group on behalf of its members, and is the voice of the British-Bangladeshi business community. The BBCC provides a forum for debate, acts as an advocate for business, and works to influence public policy.



NEW ENTRY

British Bangladeshi Lawyers Network

Saiful Islam

British Bangladeshi Lawyers Network provides networking opportunities for British Bangladeshi legal professionals. Its members include solicitors, barristers, legal executives, paralegals, law graduates and undergraduates. So far, the BBLN has more than 100 members and was founded by Saiful Islam, a civil and commercial law barrister from Three Dr Johnson's Buildings in London.





Mesba Ahmed
Chief Executive, London Tigers

Mesba leads one of the most successful community football projects and charities. At the helm of London Tigers, Mesba is using sports to engage with disadvantaged communities. He was named in the London Evening Standard 1000 most influential people in London for his work as a campaigner for grassroots community sport provision.

Ahmed us Samad Chowdhury,
Justice of the Peace
Chairman of Channel S Television Group

Ahmed is a leading media entrepreneur best known for one of the first Bengali language channels in the UK, Channel S. He is a philanthropist who has raised millions of pounds for charitable causes. Ahmed is a dedicated advocate for the British Bangladesh community and has widely been recognised for his community activism.



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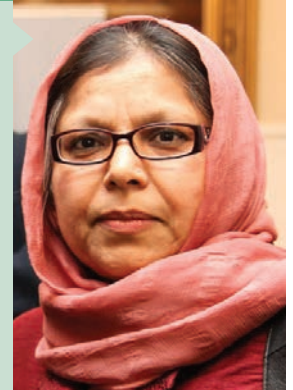


Yasmin Choudhury
Founder of
Lovedesh and
Amcariza
Foundation

Yasmin founded Lovedesh to change people's preconceptions of Bangladesh. She showcases the country by offering holiday packages, and has helped travel journalists to promote Bangladesh as the new go to destination. Yasmin spearheaded the Guardian Travel feature in July 2014, and was recognised by Tomorrow's Travel Leaders at their annual conference.

Baroness Pola Uddin
Life Peer, House of Lords

The first British Bangladeshi woman to enter the House of Lords, she continues to champion a range of initiatives including women's rights. She remains focused on supporting organisations which promote women's participation in civil society and promote human rights.



Muzahid Khan
Philanthropist

NEW ENTRY

Muzahid devotes his time to charitable works. He has completed numerous runs and cycled 350 miles from Sylhet to Cox Bazaar in Bangladesh to raise money for vision care and cancer charities. He is a key member of the Oldham community working to improve race equality and interfaith dialogue.

Akram Khan MBE
Choreographer

Akram is one of the most celebrated and respected dance artists of his generation. His previous collaborators have included the National Ballet of China to the international pop sensation Kylie Minogue. Akram has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Laurence Olivier Award and was awarded an MBE for services to dance in 2005.



Monica Ali
Novelist

After rising to prominence with her award winning novel *Brick Lane*, Monica is widely regarded as the chronicler par excellence of contemporary multicultural Britain and its stories. Her novels have been widely acclaimed. Monica has recently judged the BFI London Film Festival awards and is widely recognised as a leading British cultural figure.

CELEBRITIES

Konnie Huq
Presenter

As a presenter on *Blue Peter*, Konnie is a name familiar to a whole generation of British children. Konnie also presented the *Xtra Factor*, watched by audiences of millions around the world. Konnie now dedicates her time to various media and journalism related projects and has written a short film backed by Film London.



Nina Hossain
Newsreader

Nina previously presented BBC London's flagship evening news programme, and is now one of the main presenters of ITV's *London Tonight*. She presents the capital's main stories of the day and has had exclusive interviews with high-profile figures. Nina also presents the *ITV Lunchtime News* and regularly co-presents *ITV News at Ten*.

Nurun appeared in the popular prime time BBC1 show *the Apprentice*, with its opening episode watched by 6.6 million viewers.. She is an emerging business woman. Her proudest achievement was setting up 3 small businesses within the space of 18 months. Nurun also works full-time as a marketing officer based in Peterborough.

Nurun Ahmed
BBC 1 Apprentice
Candidate

NEW ENTRY





Amin Ali
Founder of Red Fort

Amin founded the iconic Red Fort Restaurant over 30 years ago. It continues to draw in politicians, celebrities and foodies because of its Mughal inspired cuisine. Amin remains at the forefront of promoting Bengali food and culture, making him one of the most respected and experienced Asian restaurateurs in Britain.



Mohibul Hoque
Founder CurriesOnline.co.uk

Developed from his love of the curry industry, Mohibul used his technology background to create an easy to use platform for customers to order curry online. He hosts nearly 2000 restaurants from his website and generates in the region of £4million of orders. He also provides bespoke online services to 400 partner restaurants.

NEW ENTRY

RESTAURATEURS & FOODIES



Aktor Islam
Lasan

Having steered Lasan to victory on Gordon Ramsay's F Word as Chef Ramsay's Best Local Restaurant in 2009, and after winning the fish course in BBC 2's Great British Menu in 2011, Aktar has secured his reputation as an entertaining and engaging television chef. Aktar now co-owns Indian restaurants Lasan, Raja Monkey and Argentinian restaurant Fiesta Del Asado.

Sufian Miah
Shampan Group

The Shampan Group was established in September 1989 with the original Shampan restaurant located in Bromley, Kent. Sufian has since expanded the group to include a number of multi award winning restaurants. The Shampan Restaurants have been a permanent fixture in the Top 100 Best Indian Restaurants in the UK for the last 5 years.

NEW ENTRY



Rejina Sabur-Cross
Food Blogger

Rejina started her food blog Gastrogeek back in 2009 and is recognised as a leading food blogger in the UK. She has written for a number of food sites and publications, including Channel 4 Food, BBC Good Food, and Waitrose Kitchen. She is a published author and a Sainsbury's 'Local Food Hero'.



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NEW ENTRY

Dia Chakravarty
Political Director, Taxpayers Alliance

Dia is the Political Director for the pressure group and think tank Taxpayers Alliance (TPA). She has extensive experience of media and political communications. Dia started her career in the City as a tax consultant before moving into communications and public affairs. Dia is also an accomplished singer, specialising in Bengali music.



Jahad Rahman
Senior Partner, Rahman Lowe

Jahad leads the team at Rahman Lowe Solicitors and advises executives from the financial services sector on issues including whistleblowing and discrimination. With significant experience of advising both employers & high-net-worth individuals, his practice encompasses all aspects of employment law. Jahad has successfully handled a number of complex claims including high value bonus disputes and is noted in the Legal 500 as "Excellent".

NEW ENTRY

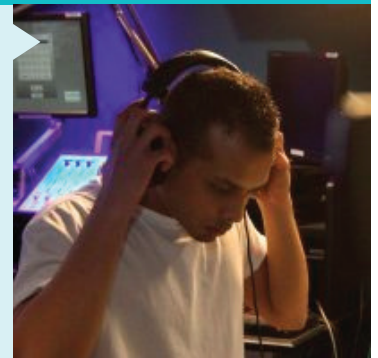


EMERGING INFLUENCE

NEW ENTRY

Ahmed Hussain
Assistant Producer BBC Radio 1

Named by industry experts in the "ReelWorld Radio Academy 30 Under 30, 2014", as the radio industry's next generation, Ahmed is a rising star in radio. He has been working with many of the biggest names in the digital and media world today and has been involved with the BBC's Dragons' Den.



Hamim "Sugapuff" Choudhury
Entertainment Presenter

In 2013 Hamim created his own show called "Sugapuff Meets" on BuzMuzik, interviewing musicians and TV personalities. He signed a contract to be a part of Simon Cowell's You Generation and has his own show called PopDash on EntertainmentWise.com. He is writing scripts, and interviewing fashion, Music and TV personalities.

NEW ENTRY



Islah Abdur-Rahman
Actor/Writer /Director/Producer

Islah writes, directs and stars in the Corner Shop, a viral comedy sketch on YouTube. He launched his own film production company, IAR Media, with which he created and directed the series "Mandem On The Wall" which has been adapted by E4 into the TV series "Youngers".

NEW ENTRY





Nadia Ali
Radio and TV Presenter

Nadia hosts the BBC's Asian Network Bangla show where she interviews and showcases all the best of British Bangladeshi talent. Nadia previously worked for a number of Asian Channels, including B4U. She has a legal background, and writes articles for an international magazine. Nadia hosted "Forgotten Roots", the first international reality show set in Bangladesh.

Sabirul Islam
Entrepreneur & Author

Sabirul launched his 'Inspire1Million' campaign to transform the lives of 1 million young people, by focusing on enterprise learning, and self-development. He reached that milestone in 2014 having visited 26 countries. He has now secured his own TV series in South Africa to promote entrepreneurship across Africa.



BBPI STARS



Dr Na'eem Ahmed
Associate, Clinical Innovation & Entrepreneurship NHS England and Founder of Selfless

Na'eem is an academic physician and leading figure in health volunteering. Naeem is a founder of Selfless, a unique social enterprise allowing people to match their professional skills to volunteering opportunities- a concept he calls "skillanthropy". The British PM awarded Na'eem the first 'Points of Light' award of 2015 for his pioneering philanthropic work, which has included sending student doctors to Bangladesh.

PC Sakira Suzia
Metropolitan Police Service Constable

Sakira's career highlights at the Met include her role on the Olympic Torch Security Escort Team and being awarded the Metropolitan Commissioners Award, the highest award for bravery. Currently on a sabbatical, Sakira is travelling around South Africa and the US on the Winston Churchill Fellowship researching how restorative justice can be used to prevent juvenile offenders from re-offending.



Rahima Begum
Restless Beings

Rahima is co-founder and director of 'Restless Beings', an international and cutting edge human rights organisation. Her organisation serves as an alternative grassroots news agency which aims to support marginalised communities and brings media and public attention to their needs. Rahima is also a passionate supporter for young emerging musicians across the UK.



Iqbal Ahmed OBE

Chairman and Chief Executive, The Seamark Group

Iqbal's multinational Seamark Group of companies is the UK's leading importer and processor of shrimps. He now plays a part in creating new prosperity in Bangladesh as chairman of the new Non-Resident Bangladeshi Bank. Iqbal has won a Queen's Award for Export Achievement, and was awarded an OBE for services to international trade in 2001.

Rushanara Ali MP

Former Shadow Education Minister

The Labour Member of Parliament for Bethnal Green and Bow and the first British Bangladeshi elected to the House of Commons, Rushanara was until her recent resignation, the Shadow Minister for Education and has also served on the Labour front bench as Shadow Minister for International Development.



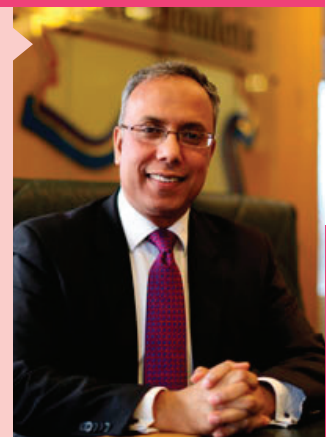
CRITIC'S CHOICE



Lutfur Rahman

Executive Mayor of London
Borough of Tower Hamlets

The first directly elected Mayor of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Lutfur won his second term in office in 2014. He is one of the highest profile British Bangladeshi elected officials in the UK but remains a controversial figure.



Anwar Choudhury

Diplomat, Foreign &
Commonwealth Office (FCO)
British Ambassador to Peru

Anwar is currently serving as British Ambassador to Peru, having previously been a Director of corporate affairs in the FCO. Anwar is most fondly remembered as British High Commissioner for Bangladesh from 2004, the first British Bangladeshi to hold the role.

Enam Ali MBE

Founder of the
British Curry Awards



Enam founded The British Curry Awards to recognise the excellence within the industry. It was termed the "Curry Oscars" by Prime Minister Cameron. Enam is also the Chief Strategy Advisor to Terraque who are committed to the UN Millennium EDU initiative, which aims to deliver computers to 15 million students in the developing world by 2015.

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Member of Parliament for St Albans and Chair of Britain-Bangladesh All Party Parliamentary Group



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The BBPI Person of the Year 2015 is Her Honour Judge Khatun Sappara for her outstanding achievement as the first person of British Bangladeshi origin in a senior judicial position.



2015 BBPI JUDGING PANEL



Abdal Ullah Founder

Abdal has held a number of senior executive roles across London and is a widely recognised personality in the British Bangladeshi community. Currently employed as a senior lobbyist and consultant, he was the first British Bangladeshi to serve on the Metropolitan Police Authority and the governing Council of Queen Mary University of London. An established figure in East End politics for over a decade, Abdal was

appointed as convener of the British Government taskforce on tackling radicalization and extremism after the 7/7 terror attacks in 2005. Abdal has a broad spectrum of interests, and is the President of the Inner London Football League. Abdal hosts popular community TV and Radio shows covering a wide range of issues, including business and current affairs. He is also Trustee of the Thames Water Trust, Ambassador of the Barts Charity and the chair of the Labour Faith Network.



Ayesha Qureshi MBE Editor

Ayesha is a supervising associate with international law firm, Simmons & Simmons LLP and has extensive experience of advising both banks and international borrowers both in the UK and globally. Ayesha has a driving passion for promoting innovative corporate social responsibility and acts as a mentor for emerging talent in the legal profession. After working for the

BBC, Ayesha was awarded an MBE in the 2006 New Year's Honours list for her unique role in the successful London Olympic bid. She was the only British Bangladeshi to present at a medal ceremony at the 2012 Games. Ayesha has also featured in various publications internationally as a role model for Muslim women professionals.



Iqbal Wahhab OBE

Iqbal is a journalist, social campaigner and serial entrepreneur. He opened the highly successful British restaurant and bar Roast, in Borough Market in 2005 having previously founded the multi award winning Cinnamon Club. Iqbal supports a number social and food initiatives, he is patron of Mum's

The Chef and is currently working on mentoring gang leaders to start legitimate businesses. He received an OBE in the 2010 New Year's Honours list for public service and services to the hospitality industry. He is currently working on his next business – a soul food restaurant.



Syed Nahas Pasha

As the leading established British Bangladeshi journalist in the UK, Syed Nahas is a widely acclaimed and respected figure. As editor in chief of the iconic Weekly Janomot, a Bangla language newspaper established in 1969, Syed Nahas is also editor in chief of restaurant magazine Curry Life. He serves as the UK bureau chief of the largest Bangladeshi online news agency,

bdnews24.com and is one of the founding members and former general secretary of the London Bangla Press Club, which acts as a voice for British Bangladeshi journalists. Syed Nahas has worked on various Diaspora issues with government bodies including the Home Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He is currently an executive committee member of the Commonwealth Journalists Association (CJA).



Nahida Rahman

Nahida was one of the first British Bangladeshi women to enter into a management role for a Bangladeshi Television Channel and has since successfully led highly popular channels NTV and Channel Nine UK, respectively holding the roles of Executive Director and CEO. During that time she has introduced innovative new programming, attracted a younger viewing base and

forged stronger relationships with the mainstream media. Nahida comes from a finance background and has previously held a senior role in banking. Nahida is also a trustee for the Sir William Beveridge Foundation, a UK based international charity. She is currently a Senior Client Account Manager at Media Reach Advertising.



John Newbigin

John is a creative and cultural entrepreneur, writer, freelance journalist and strategic consultant for the cultural industries. He is currently the Chairman of Creative England a national agency and is on the British Council's Advisory Board for Arts and Creative Economy. John serves on a number of boards and was previously the Head of Corporate Relations for Channel 4.

He has also served as the Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for Culture, Chris Smith, during which time John was closely involved in developing the UK government's policies for the creative industries. His other roles have included working as a policy adviser to Neil Kinnock. John is currently a Visiting Professor at the University of East London, as well as other international universities.

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