

BRITISH BANGLADESHI POWER & INSPIRATION

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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, MCII, FGCC, MInstLM - 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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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 IKBW 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 5. 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 Ujapan (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 5 TV. 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 Mahmudul 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 multi-million 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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