



BRITISH ANGLADESHI POWER 100

2013

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British Bangladeshi Power 100 can be summarised in just three words: Talent. Success. Inspiration.

We have been delighted by the success of the first publication which was unique in recognising the depth and breadth of British Bangladeshis. For 2013, we continue to pay tribute to those who are helping shape Britain for the better with their ideas, example, talent and success and have endeavoured to unearth some hidden jewels as well as celebrating the more well known personalities.

On the journey to finalising the list, we have come to appreciate the diversity, strengths and growing confidence of British Bangladeshis. We want the publication to be used as a resource and a focus of discussion. We hope that you will celebrate the amazing stories of the 100 but also take time to pause and reflect on how to inspire and support the next generation to achieve more.

2012, what an incredible year! We have memories to last a lifetime and are really proud to recognise the contribution of the British Bangladeshi community to the Olympic and Paralympic Games. From helping to win the bid to mesmerising the world at the opening ceremony (with the many Gamesmakers and torch-bearers in between), this community has played an incredible role at the Games which is truly worthy of celebration.

Thank you to our expert judging panel and in particular to Iqbal Wahhab OBE and Syed Nahas Pasha for their esteemed advice and commitment to the project. Special thanks to Anne Main MP for hosting the launch event and thanks also to our broadcast and print media partners, sponsors and supporters.

Finally, congratulations to all members of the 2013 BBPower100. You are the role models for "Generation BB".

Abdal Ullah and Ayesha Qureshi MBE
Founders and Editor

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Messages of Support



As Mayor, I am proud of the positive contribution all our communities make to the life of London, and in particular the work of the Bangladeshi community. Like many communities, the Bangladeshi community played a huge part in delivering the most successful Olympic and Paralympic Games ever.

The BBPower100 will undoubtedly profile and celebrate the community's innumerable successes, as well as inspiring the next generation of Bangladeshi leaders to contribute even more to the economic, social and cultural life of this great city.

I would like to salute the efforts of Abdal Ullah and Ayesha Qureshi MBE for the creation and compilation of this important resource, and I wish you all the best with the launch of the publication.

Boris Johnson
Mayor of London



I'm delighted to have the opportunity to recognise the role of the British Bangladeshi community in the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

I said in my speech at the Opening Ceremony that "one day we will tell our children and our grandchildren that when our time came we did it right". We did it right, so thank you for playing your part in helping us to win the Bid, supporting LOCOG in so many aspects of planning and staging the Games, coming to cheer on the athletes, volunteering, and helping to make the world feel at home in the East End of London. We can all be proud of what we have achieved together. These Games brought out the best of us.

Our motto for the Games was "Inspire A Generation", and I congratulate Ayesha and Abdal for using the BBPower100 and the role of the British Bangladeshi community in the Olympic and Paralympic Games to celebrate and inspire the future generations of British Bangladeshis to achieve their full potential.

Sebastian Coe CH, KBE
Chairman of the LOCOG

The BBPower100 is a celebration of leading British Bangladeshi figures who are helping shape Britain for the better with their ideas, example, talent and success.

★ = New Entry

Entrepreneur



Iqbal Ahmed OBE

Chairman and Chief Executive of the Seamark Group An Ernst and Young International Entrepreneur of the Year, Iqbal reigns over the Seamark group which has an annual turnover of \$250m and employs 2,500 people around the globe, including 300 at its operations in east Manchester. Iqbal is the only British Bangladeshi on The Sunday Times Rich List and has been recognised with a Queen's Award for Export Achievement.

Shelim Hussain MBE

Founder and Managing Director of Euro Foods Group Shelim is an influential figure in the Welsh business community. He has grown his company into the UK's largest supplier to the Indian restaurant sector with a number of distribution centres, retail and cash and carry stores in the UK and factories in Bangladesh. He has recently acquired a London base for his business.

Naufal Zamir

Managing Director of Zamir Telecom Ltd Owner of the "SimpleCall" brand, Naufal's company is ranked for the third consecutive year on The Sunday Times Tech Track 100 list. With a turnover in the region of £23m, he is diversifying into green energy infrastructure projects in Africa and Asia and continues to grow in the UK.

Abdur Rouf JP

Chairman, Diamond Properties U.K. and Director of the Mutual Trust Bank Dhaka From his iconic Dil Se Restaurant in Dundee and Balaka restaurant in St Andrews, Abdur Rouf has diversified his business interests into property, hospitality, sport, banking and shipping. He is the Honorary President of St Andrews University Cricket Club and the Scottish Regional President of British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce.

Rofique Hayder

Director of Bangla Town and Bangla City Cash & Carry Rofique runs one of the largest Bangladeshi grocers in the UK. Chair of the leading import & export association and a Director of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce, he is planning a multi million pound hotel in Brick Lane and recently became a Director of NRB Bank in Bangladesh.

Brand



Ruby & Millie

Ruby Hammer MBE, Make-Up Artist and Entrepreneur Ruby has established a number of leading brands in the UK and her own name is associated with the Ruby & Millie and Scarlett & Crimson cosmetics ranges available in branches of Boots across the country. Ruby is also behind the 'Ruby Hammer recommends' make up range available exclusively at Debenhams.

Channel STV (Sky 814) ★

Mahee Ferdous Jalil, Founder Having celebrated its 8th birthday, Channel STV has firmly established itself as the leading Bengali language broadcaster in the UK, with a large British Bangladeshi viewing audience. The station also prides itself for its community improvement campaigns and charity fundraising.

Awakening Worldwide

Sharif Muhammad Hasan-Al Banna MBE, CEO A global Islamic media company including a publishing house, event management and record label. Awakening's lead artist is the world's most popular Muslim personality on Facebook and the most watched on YouTube. Awakening are currently collaborating on a \$1bn project, producing a series of movies on the life of the Prophet Muhammad.

Blue Inc ★

Miraj Khan, Director Blue Inc is a leading menswear retailer, offering cutting edge fashion in over 200 stores in the UK. The company is to create 500 new jobs, as it steps up its expansion in the UK and overseas. The retailer is on track to grow underlying profits by 49% to £5.5 million this year.

Taj Stores

Abdul Quayum, Abdul Hai and Abdul Muhith Khaliq, Directors The original Khaliq brothers established Taj Stores on Brick Lane, in 1936 making it the longest-established Asian greengrocers in London. Taj Stores is synonymous in the East End of London with the spices, goods and fresh produce of Bangladesh.

Politics



Mayor Lutfur Rahman

Executive Mayor of LB of Tower Hamlets

The first British Bangladeshi Muslim directly elected Mayor, Lutfur ranks 68th in The Telegraphs' Top 100 most influential figures from the Left. A dominant figure in local politics, Lutfur commands a municipality budget in excess of £1bn.

Rushanara Ali MP

MP for Bethnal Green and Bow Appointed shadow parliamentary undersecretary of state for international development in her first term, Rushanara is recognised as an influential development leader. She is the first elected member of parliament of British Bangladeshi heritage and one of the first female Muslim MPs.

Baroness Pola Uddin ★ of Bethnal Green

Life Peer, House of Lords Baroness Uddin is the first British Bangladeshi woman to enter the House of Lords. She continues to champion a range of initiatives and organisations which promote women's participation in civil society and human rights.

Murad Qureshi AM

Greater London Assembly Member Recently elected to his third term as GLA member, Murad chairs the London Assembly Health and Environment Committee and the London Waterways Commission. He is a well known and respected figure across the capital for championing environmental and community issues.

Cllr Tulip Saddiq

Councillor, LB of Camden Rising political star Tulip has been called an "emerging organisational creative" in the Labour party and has worked for Blair strategist, the late Philip Gould and Labour MPs Harry Cohen and Tessa Jowell. Tulip also worked in the Ed Miliband leadership campaign team. She was elected to Camden council in May 2010 and is widely tipped for parliament in the near future.

Policy\Civil Service



Mockbul Ali OBE ★

Diplomat, British Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) A leading young diplomat serving in a key British embassy in the Middle East, Mockbul has been a policy advisor to three former Foreign Secretaries, and played a vital role in FCO outreach to Muslims worldwide. Previously listed amongst the 500 most influential Muslims globally he is currently involved in the government's responses to the Arab Spring.

Anwar Choudhury

Diplomat, British Foreign & Commonwealth Office Currently a Director in the FCO, Anwar served as the British High Commissioner for Bangladesh in 2004, and was the first BAME person to be appointed in a senior diplomatic post. He remains a popular personality in the British Bangladeshi community.

Asif Anwar Ahmad

Diplomat, British Foreign & Commonwealth Office Asif was appointed as Her Majesty's Ambassador to Thailand and Laos in 2011 and completed his tour in 2012. Originally a Banker by training, Asif is currently undergoing language training in London for his next diplomatic posting in August 2013.

Dr Halima Begum

Director Education, East Asia at the British Council An experienced international development manager, Halima is responsible for shaping British Council strategies for education and business partnerships throughout East Asia. Until August 2012 she was first secretary for development at the DFID based in various offices in Asia.

Shazia Ullah

Transformation Programme Manager at LB of Southwark Shazia has 20 years experience in delivering partnership and regeneration programmes within local government. In her previous role as Assistant Chief Executive at Southend, she oversaw the transformation of a multi-million pound organisation winning the accolade of LGC Council of the Year 2012 and has a similar modernisation role at Southwark.

Legal



Ajmalul Hossain QC ★

Barrister

Ajmalul is the first and only Queen's Counsel in England of Bangladeshi origin and a Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. He has been elected to the bench of Lincoln's Inn, and acts for and against financial institutions, corporations and others in multi million pound cases.

Khatun Sapnara

Barrister/Recorder

Khatun is a family law barrister specialising in all aspects of the law relating to children. She is a part time judge and has a special expertise in cases involving domestic violence and forced marriages. She chairs the Ashiana women's refuge.

Shah Qureshi

Solicitor, Partner

Shah is a top ranked lawyer in Chambers UK 2013 and Head of Employment law at Bindmans LLP. His pioneering work led him to be listed in the Lawyer magazine's Hot 100 as a leading figure in discrimination law. His expertise is in representing executives and professionals.

Akhlaq Choudhury

Barrister/Recorder

Akhlaq is consistently listed as a leading barrister in Chambers UK and the Legal 500. He has a wide ranging practice in employment, public and information law. He is based at 11KBW chambers and is a part time Recorder.

Charles Mannan ★

Barrister

Charles established Temple Court Chambers in 2005, with the aim of creating dynamic and forward - thinking chambers with an international outlook. The Dhaka annexe of Temple Court Chambers has since been listed in the Asia-Pacific edition of the directory Legal 500. The practice has a broad spectrum of expertise.

Academic\Think Tanker



Irene Zubaida Khan

Chancellor of the University of Salford
Irene is Director-General of the International Development Law Organisation. As the former Secretary General of Amnesty International, Irene is internationally known for her work on human rights, social justice and women's issues. She has also worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees for over two decades.

Ed Husain

Senior fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at the Council for Foreign Relations (New York) Ed is a leading global expert on international affairs. He is contributing to the foreign policy debate on the challenges western governments face in the Middle East. A frequent commentator in the international media including Sky News, Fox, Al Jazeera and The New York Times, Ed is also an acclaimed author.

Prof Andy Miah

Professor in Ethics & Emerging Technologies at the University of the West of Scotland An academic who explores humanity's use of technology, Andy's research focus has been the cultural, political and media structures of the Olympic movement. He has written for a wide range of national and international broadsheets and magazines and is also regularly interviewed in the media.

Dilwar Hussain

Fellow, The Institute for Strategic Dialogue Head of Policy Research at the Islamic Foundation, Dilwar's research interests are citizenship, Muslim communities in Europe and Britain and British Muslim identity. He has advised the private-sector, government departments and the European Commission. He is Co-Chair of Alif-Aleph UK, a network which brings together British Jews and Muslims.

Tufyal Choudhury

Durham University
Tufyal teaches international human rights law at Durham Law School. He is a Research Associate at the University of Oxford Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, a senior policy advisor to the Open Society Institute's At Home in Europe Project and a member of the EU Network of Experts on Violent Radicalisation.

Restaurateur



Amin Ali

Red Fort
Founded by Amin in 1983, the Red Fort remains a landmark among London's Bangladeshi owned restaurants for its mogul cuisine. A favourite of politicians, celebrities and dignitaries from across the world, it is famous for making curries for Downing Street and continues to hit the press for its legendary parties.

Enam Ali MBE

Le Raj
Le Raj in Epsom is the only curry restaurant in the UK to be selected as an official food supplier to the hospitality centre of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Enam is Editor of Spice Business Magazine and founder of the hugely successful British Curry Awards.

Atique Choudhury

Yum Yum
Yum Yum is one of the largest Thai restaurants in Europe and winner of The Asian Curry Awards 2012: Best Thai Restaurant in London. Atique is also the proprietor of two popular Islington eateries, Oishiii and Mercado. He is an active member of the North London community.

Aktar Islam

Lasan
Following on from his TV fame on Gordon Ramsay's show, Aktar has carved out a reputation as one of the UK's most-exciting young chefs. Lasan still boasts a three week waiting list for a table. Aktar is Birmingham's Young Professional of the Year and works as an ambassador for the city's young business talent.

Ana Choudhury

House of Spice
Ana's experience of the curry industry spans 40 years during which his House of Spice Group has extended to 23 restaurants across 7 counties in the UK. With endorsements from the likes of Raymond Blanc, Ana has played a pivotal role in making the curry industry what it is today.

Medical



Prof Tipu Zahed Aziz

Head of Neurosurgery
Professor Aziz is the founder and head of Oxford functional neurosurgery at John Radcliffe Hospital. His landmark work was central to confirming a possible surgical target for deep brain stimulation in Parkinson's disease. His centre is currently one of the busiest for surgery and research in the UK in this area of expertise.

Prof Anisur Rahman

Head of Rheumatology
Professor of Rheumatology at UCL and lead teacher for Rheumatology at University College Hospital, Professor Rahman is a member of national and international lupus research groups. He is on the national committee responsible for development of patient information leaflets produced by the charity Arthritis Research UK.

Dr Shafi Ahmed

Consultant Surgeon As Colorectal and Laparoscopic Surgeon at Barts and the London NHS trust, Shafi has established minimal invasive colorectal surgery within the trust. He is pioneering single incision laparoscopic colorectal surgery (virtual scarless surgery) and is Honorary Senior Lecturer and Associate Dean at Barts and the London Medical School.

Dr Tahseen Chowdhury

Consultant Physician
Lead clinician and consultant physician (diabetes & metabolism), Barts and the London NHS, Tahseen is highly respected by his peers in the field of diabetes care and research. He is also on the editorial board for the prestigious journal of the Royal College of Physicians, Clinical Medicine.

Dr Rabaiyat Haque

Consultant Physician Rubaiyat is a leading expert and is one of a very small number of consultants with specialist accreditation in allergy. He is Consultant Allergist at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital where he runs the largest allergy service in the country which is recognised internationally as a centre of clinical excellence.

Professional



Captain Naveen Rahman

Army Intelligence Corp Naveen has seen active service in Afghanistan and Iraq. Her rank makes her second-in-command of a sub-unit of up to 120 soldiers with tactical responsibility for operations on the ground as well as logistic support. She is also a world class fencer and has represented Guernsey at the Commonwealth Games.

Nural Choudhury

Editorial and Digital Designer
Nural has worked on the design and editorial content of the websites of the Times and Daily Telegraph and has designed and developed Olympic content for print, web and iPad applications for both papers. He is currently working for the Walt Disney Company as their lead EMEA creative.

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.

Saleemul Huq

Scientist
Saleemul is Senior Fellow in the Climate Change Group at the International Institute for Environment and Development. He is the lead author of the chapter on Adaptation and Sustainable Development in the fourth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Jobeda Ali

Entrepreneur, Consultant and Filmmaker
Jobeda founded a social enterprise that connects communities, creates collaborative networks and challenges marginalisation, through conferences and films. Jobeda also played a key role in organising KPMG's first ever TEDx event in India and runs an events organisation focused on science events for single people in London.

The City\Finance



Prof Dr Moorad Choudhry

Treasurer, Corporate Banking Division at The Royal Bank of Scotland
Moorad is a regular media commentator and has recently published his second book, The Principles of Banking. He is a visiting Professor at Brunel University, London Metropolitan Business School and Visiting Teaching Fellow at Birkbeck (London). Amongst his many other roles, he is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment.

Sultan Choudhury

Managing Director of Islamic Bank of Britain (IBB) Sultan set up the IBB's Head Office Operations and Branch Network. He has led the development and implementation of IBB's full product range and service delivery channels. He is a member of various community and Government advisory groups and has contributed significantly to the development of Islamic Finance in the UK.

Asif Ahmed

Head of Fixed Income & Commodities, Citi Responsible for structuring and marketing customised solutions for Citi's high net worth clients, Asif is an experienced finance professional with 13 years of structured product sales and origination skills and a solid reputation in the City.

Iftakharul Islam

Managing Partner, Asian Tiger Capital Partners With a strong background in the City, Iftakharul established his boutique investment company Asian Tiger Capital Partners in 2007 as one of the first financial institutions in Bangladesh focusing on Asset Management, Corporate Advisory and Macro-Economic Consulting. He is regularly quoted in foreign and national press as an authority on the Bangladesh stock market.

Jules Rahman

Director, UBS Wealth A specialist in the high net wealth arena, with more than 10 years sales and trading experience, Jules is also co-creator and Managing Director of the Desi Doll range of fun, innovative and educational toys geared towards promoting ethnic languages and culture.

Networks & Associations



Bangladeshi Caterers Association

(BCA) The BCA is a national umbrella organisation representing over 12,000 British Bangladeshi restaurants across the UK. Established in 1960, it supports an industry which employs approximately 90,000 people and has an estimated annual turnover of £4.5 billion. It organises various events to promote Bangladeshi cuisine both nationally and internationally.

British Bangladeshi Chamber of Commerce

(BBCC) Established in 1991 to promote and strengthen bilateral trade and commerce between Bangladesh, the UK and the EU, the BBCC has an established reputation as a champion of British Bangladeshi businesses and is currently led by Muquim Uddin Ahmed.

London Bangla Press Club

(LBPC) The London Bangla Press Club was established in 1993. The LBPC is a professional British Bangladeshi organisation for journalists. Its membership consists of journalists of Bangladeshi origin who are residents of the UK and involved in broadcast and print journalism and publishing.

Network Bangla

(NB) Founded by Dr Koyes Ahmed and Sulthana Begum, Network Bangla was established to create a network of professional individuals and organisations. They host regular events, community initiatives and educational projects to celebrate the achievements and success stories of the next generation of British Bangladeshi's.

Bangladesh Medical Association UK

(BDMA) Formed on 1st of March 1971 in London as part of the Bangladesh independence struggle, the BDMA organises professional events and arranges socio-cultural programs. It carries out charity work in Bangladesh and within the UK Bangladeshi community.

Community Activist



Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari MBE

Chairman of the East London Mosque & London Muslim Centre A leading educationalist, community activist, author and parenting consultant. He is a Board member of LOCOG and was the Secretary of the Muslim Council of Britain. He is listed among the 500 most influential Muslims globally.

Ahmed us Samad Chowdhury JP

Chairman of Channel 5 TV, businessman and community activist. Ahmed is a Bengali language media mogul, community worker, and philanthropist who has raised millions for charitable endeavours. He is known for his work in raising the profile of the British Bangladeshi community and is widely recognised for his work across the UK, Europe and Bangladesh.

Barrister Atur Rahman

Chair of the Greater Sylhet Development and Welfare Council in the UK (GSC)

Atur is a qualified Barrister and plays an important role championing the welfare of the community. He campaigns on a number of issues including the 'Stop Tipaimukah Dam' campaign, which is threatening severe environmental damage to the Sylhet region of Bangladesh.

KM Abu Taher Choudhury

Journalist

Abu Taher is chief editor of the weekly Bangla Post newspaper and editor of the weekly London Bangla. He is President of the Bangladesh Journalist Association UK, and secretary of the Voice for Justice UK. He has led numerous community campaigns on human rights, community housing and environmental issues.

Shamim Azad ★

Bilingual Poet, Author and Writer

Shamim is a storyteller and poet. Her work uses aspects of the Asian folk and oral traditions. She compiles and produces anthologies in Bengali and English and develops oral histories. She is an avid campaigner in support of the Bijoyphol (the flower of victory) as a symbol in commemoration of the end of the Bangladesh liberation war.

Community Personality



Bajloor Rashid MBE

Restaurateur and Entrepreneur

Bajloor was the President of the Bangladesh Caterers Association and under his inspirational leadership the organisation was transformed into one which plays a vital role in promoting the UK's curry industry. He continues to be a dominant figure in the industry and the community.

Pasha Khandaker

Restaurateur and President of the BCA

As the former Secretary General and current president of the Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA), Pasha is a well known champion of the curry industry in the UK. Under his leadership the BCA continues to grow as a voice for the curry industry. Pasha owns a number of restaurants in the Kent and Sussex area.

Mohammed Nobab Uddin ★

President of London Bangla Press Club and Editor of Janomot

Nobab has many credentials: he is a journalist, a playwright, a director and author to name a few. As editor of the Britain's oldest Bengali newsweekly outside Bangladesh he is a highly respected and influential member of the community and is the current President of the London Bangla Press Club.

Muquim Uddin Ahmed

Restaurateur and Entrepreneur

Muquim is a highly regarded figure in the community. He is a successful business man with assets in the region of £35 million and is famous for being the first British Bangladeshi millionaire. He is currently leading a campaign to get the government to create a "curry university" to provide training for the unemployed.

Lisa Aziz

Broadcaster, Journalist

Lisa is a popular member of the community. She has presented for BBC World, hosted Financial Times Business Daily for NBC and anchored Sky News at Ten. She also presented for the BBC before moving to ITV West. She is currently a news presenter for LBC 97.3.

Media



Nina Hossain

Newsreader, Journalist

Nina is the lead presenter of ITV's London Tonight. She co-anchors ITV London bulletins, presenting the capital's main stories of the day and conducts exclusive interviews with high-profile figures and celebrities. In addition, Nina also presents a number of national news bulletins for ITV News.

Konnie Huq

Presenter, Journalist

Konnie has made herself a household name from being the longest-serving female Blue Peter presenter and a former X Factor presenter. Konnie works in TV, radio and print journalism. Proud of her Bangladeshi heritage, Konnie is a regular visitor to Bangladesh and supports a number of charities.

Tasmin Lucia-Khan

Newsreader, Journalist

Tasmin is a Prince's Trust Ambassador, Tech Entrepreneur, and former BBC News & ITV Daybreak Presenter. She is the popular face for UK News and Entertainment, reporting for two of America's largest TV Networks.

Ajmal Masroor

Imam, author and presenter

Ajmal is the 'go to' Muslim commentator for many in the mainstream media. He is a broadcaster on and contributor to various national radio and TV programmes and presents his own shows on the Islam Channel and Channel 5. He is Director of Communities in Action.

Murad Ahmed ★

Technology Correspondent, The Times

Murad is an up and coming journalist. He writes news and analysis about the net, social media, consumer technology and other issues in and around the technology industry.

Sport



Ruqsana Begum

British Kickboxing Champion

British female Muaythai Champion, Ruqsana recently took the bronze medal at the International Federation of Muay Thai Amateur Championships in 2012 having been selected as the Great Britain Team Captain. The Muslim Women in Sport Foundation have shortlisted Ruqsana for the Sports Woman of the Year award.

Bulbul Hussain ★

Paralympics GB

Bulbul is the only British Bangladeshi to have competed at the London 2012 Paralympic Games. He now has competitive experience of two Games, having competed in Beijing in 2008, where the GB wheelchair rugby team finished in 4th, and in London, where the team placed 5th.

Anwar Uddin

Professional footballer

Anwar is the only person of British Bangladeshi heritage to play professional football in England and the first British Asian to captain a side in the top four divisions. Anwar began his career at West Ham United working his way up through their youth and reserve teams where he was captain. He now plays for Eastbourne Borough FC.

Ash Rahman ★

Founder and Director of Pro Touch Football Academy (PSTA) The PSTA is one of the most widely known and recognised football academies in London, with players and coaches at clubs like Arsenal, Nottingham Forest, and West Ham. Ash manages a range of staff and his aim is to bridge the gap between grassroots and professional football.

Dipayan Paul

Professional MCC Young Cricketer

Dipayan is a hard hitting lower-order batsman and off-spin bowler, and currently plays for Blackheath. He is a product of the Tower Hamlets' Schools Cricket Association talent pathway. He was fast-tracked onto the MCC Young Cricketers (YCs) scheme at Lord's and Dipayan impressed the pundits in his debut matches.

Culture



Akram Khan MBE

Choreographer/Dancer/ Artistic director Akram Khan Company

Critically acclaimed for the creation of a section of the London 2012 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony around the theme of mortality, Akram has had an exceptionally successful 2012. He has won the Best Modern Choreography prize at the Critics Circle National Dance Awards for Vertical Road and a Laurence Olivier award for his piece Dosh.

Zoe Rahman ★

Jazz Musician Zoe is one of the brightest stars on the contemporary jazz scene. A vibrant and highly individual pianist and composer, her style is deeply rooted in jazz yet it reflects her classical background, British Bengali heritage and her broad musical tastes and influence. She is winner of a MOBO Award for Best Jazz Act 2012.

Monica Ali

Author Monica has recently written her third novel "Untold Story", following her widely acclaimed debut novel 'Brick Lane'. She is a visiting professor of creative writing at Columbia University, chair of the 2011 Asian Man Booker Prize, and is now a member of the Advisory Council. She is a Chair of the judging panel of the Royal Society Winton prize for popular science writing, and a judge for the Guardian First Book Award.

Mohammed Ali

Artist

Mohammed Ali's art is a fusion of street-art and Islamic script under the title 'Aerosol Arabic'. His murals appear in the streets throughout the world. He delivers public lectures about the power of the arts to transform society and will be speaking at the first Tedx event to take place in the Vatican state.

Tahmima Anam

Author Tahmima's 'A Golden Age' was shortlisted for the Guardian First Book Award, the Costa First Novel Prize, and won the 2008 Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best First Book. Her follow up sequel 'The Good Muslim' was nominated for the 2011 Man Asian literary Prize and is long listed for the 2013 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature.

Religious Figure



Maulana Abdur Rahman Madani

Imam of Darul Ummah

Maulana Madani presents the hugely popular weekly prime time show "Islam Essentials" on Channel 5 TV. He is also the Principal of Jamiatul Ummah secondary school and is a respected Islamic scholar.

Shaykh Abdul Qayyum

Chief Imam of East London Mosque

Shaykh Abdul Qayyum is a widely respected cleric. He is a former lecturer at the international Islamic University of Malaysia and has previously studied in Saudi Arabia. Currently undertaking his PhD at SOAS, he is a patron of the Richard House children's hospice and supports a number of charities.

Shaykh Mahmudul Hassan

Imam of Essex Mosque

Shaykh Mahmudul Hassan presents Jibon Jiggasha, an Islamic Q&A show on NTV Sky 852. He holds various qualifications in Arabic and is currently studying for a PhD at the Institute of Education (University of London).

Imam Ahmad Faruq Siddiqi

Muslim chaplain at the Barts Health NHS Trust

Imam Ahmad Faruq is chaplain at one of the largest NHS trusts in the country and regularly contributes to community media on health issues. He participates in various interfaith work and also acted as Muslim chaplain at the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Shaykh Shams Ad-Duha Muhammad ★

Principal of Ebrahim College

Shaykh Shams is a leading young Islamic scholar, who is actively involved in developing innovative educational models for young British Muslims. He is a well-known speaker on a wide range of topics and makes regular TV appearances. He is a highly respected translator of classical Islamic texts and is also an author in his own right.

30 and under



PC Sakira Suzia ★

Police Constable

The multi talented Sakira is a police officer, TA army officer and an accomplished marathon runner. She volunteers for a number of organisations and was chosen for the Met's Olympic Torch Security Escort Team. Sakira has been awarded the Metropolitan Commissioners Award, the highest award for bravery in the Met for her role during the 2011 London riots.

Sabirul Islam ★

Entrepreneur

An award winning young entrepreneur, author and global motivational speaker, Sabirul has spoken at over 650 events worldwide as part of his "inspire1million" campaign and authored two bestselling books. His Teen-Trepreneur board game has sold to over 550 schools in the UK and in 14 countries worldwide.

Dr Naeem Ahmed ★

Clinical Fellow and Founder of Selfless

Naeem has a key role in modernising the NHS as Clinical Fellow to the National Medical Director at the NHS Commissioning Board. He is also on the editorial board of journal Clinical Medicine. Naeem founded Selfless, an international development organisation led entirely by young people to empower communities in developing countries and provide healthcare.

Mumzy Stranger

Hip Hop and R&B Artist

Mumzy was the first British Bangladeshi artist to enter the mainstream music industry and signed to EMI in 2011. Winner of Best Urban Act at the UK Asian Music awards, during 2012 he completed an 11 Venue, 9 UK city tour.

Ruhana Ali ★

Community Organiser, London Citizens

Ruhana works with over 500 organisations across London and teaches at Queen Mary, University of London. She coordinated an Iftar during the Olympics which received international media coverage. Ruhana plans to start a Luton Citizens Alliance to tackle the many challenges faced by Luton's communities.

Community Organisation



Greater Sylhet Development and Welfare Council in the UK

(GSC) A voluntary organisation established in 1993, with branches

nationwide, working for the welfare of British Bangladeshis from Sylhet. The GSC has 13 regional committees and provides advice, information, counselling, support, interpretation, translation and other services.

APASENTH

Specialist Care Organisation APASENTH has been successfully providing services to people with disabilities since 1984. It is one of the leading Bangladeshi organisations working with people with learning & multiple disabilities in East London and provides support to their carers.

Osmani Trust ★

Community & Youth Services Tower Hamlets Council has invested £4.4 million towards the development of the new Osmani Centre which houses numerous community services include mentoring, employment, education, as well as adult health and well-being. The Trust engages with over 40,000 people on an annual basis.

Newcastle Bangladeshi Organisation

(NBA) The NBA has established itself as a leading community organisation in the North East under the leadership of Mahtab Miah who is a prominent and well established businessman in Newcastle. They are currently planning to build a multi-million pounds centre to provide beacon facilities for the communities in Newcastle and the North East.

Mitalee Youth Organisation

(MYO) 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. Amongst its many successful projects, MYO has a summer school and a community radio station.

Emerging Influence



Rahima Begum ★

Restless Beings

Rahima is the co-founder of Restless Beings, an international human rights organisation which aims to support marginalised communities that are deprived of media or public attention. She has been at the forefront of the campaign to bring the atrocities committed against the Rohingyas of Burma to the attention of the international media and world opinion.

Mesba Ahmed ★

Founder and Chief Executive, London Tigers

Under the leadership of Mesba, London Tigers has celebrated its 25th anniversary and is an award-winning sports and community organisation, reaching across London and beyond. Mesba works across the UK and has recently established a youth football academy in Sylhet, Bangladesh.

Dr Miratul Muqit ★

Wellcome Trust Clinician Scientist

Miratul is a clinical neurologist carrying out ground breaking research on Parkinson's disease. His team have discovered a molecular "on-off" switch for Parkinson's that acts to protect the brain from developing the killer disease. His research is funded by leading foundations including Parkinson's UK and the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

Regina Sabur-Cross ★

Foodie, Writer, Author A blogger at Gastrogeek and a freelance food writer, Regina has the first of two books coming out in January 2013. She has written for various publications including The Guardian, BBC Good Food, and Channel 4 Food. She has been featured in Red Magazine, the Evening Standard, The Independent, Olive Magazine, and Waitrose's Kitchen Magazine.

Nadia Ali ★

BBC Network Asia Nadia is a regular presenter on Channel 5. She recently co-presented the first British Bangladeshi reality TV show, "Forgotten Roots". She is also the new host of a Bengali music, entertainment and news show on the revamped BBC Network Asia Radio every Sunday.

Team BBPower100



Abdal Ullah - Founder

Abdal has extensive experience of working with London's strategic bodies and communities. He was the first British Bangladeshi to serve on the Metropolitan Police Authority, the council of Queen Mary, University of London and was also a Non-Exec Director at the Bart's and London NHS Trust the largest Hospital trust in the UK. He is the co founder and chair of the Labour Faith Network and a Trustee of the Thames Water Trust. Abdal hosts a weekly talk show on Betar Bangla the first ever 24 hour Bangla radio station in the country and presents a business talk show on Channel 9 Sky 834. He is an elected councillor in Tower Hamlets.



Ayesha Qureshi MBE - Editor

Ayesha is a managing associate in the banking group at leading international law firm, Simmons & Simmons LLP where her client focus is financial institutions. She has a background in media and community relations. Ayesha worked on the winning bid to host the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in London and advised LOCOG as a member of its Diversity Board. She was awarded an MBE in the 2006 New Year's Honours list and was the only British Bangladeshi to present at a medal ceremony at the London 2012 Games.



Iqbal Wahhab OBE - Chair of Judging Panel

Iqbal is a journalist, serial entrepreneur, philanthropist and restaurateur. He opened the highly successful British restaurant and bar Roast, in Borough Market in 2005 having previously owned the multi award winning Cinnamon Club. He has recently acquired the Indian street food brand Moolis and now plans to roll it out across London. Iqbal spends a large amount of his time supporting social and food initiatives, he is Chair of Kitchenette and The Asian Restaurants Skills Board, a visiting Professor at London Metropolitan University Business School, Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts and board member of the Mayor's Fund for London. His many accolades include being called a "National Treasure" by The Times and being voted one of the Top 10 Restaurateurs in Britain in an Independent on Sunday survey. Iqbal received an OBE in the 2010 New Year's Honours list for public service and services to the hospitality industry.



Syed Nahas Pasha - Judging Panel

One of the most respected British Bangladeshi journalists in the UK and the editor in chief of the Weekly Janomot, a Bangla newspaper established in 1969. Syed is also editor in chief of restaurant magazine Curry Life and UK bureau chief of the largest Bangladeshi online news agency, bdnews24.com. He 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, and has worked with government bodies including the Home Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Nahas is also an executive committee member of the Commonwealth Journalists Association.

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Ms. AYESHA QURESHI MBE
LOCOG DIVERSITY BOARD MEMBER

Ayesha Qureshi MBE - Community Relations Manager London 2012, LOCOG Diversity Board Member and presenter at Paralympic Victory Ceremony



Dr Abdul Bari - Board member, LOCOG



Akram Khan - choreographer/performer Olympic Games opening ceremony



Imam Ahmad Faruq Siddiqi - Muslim Chaplain to the Games



Saiman Miah - Designer of the London 2012 £5 coin



Sawar Zaman - volunteer



Amran Hussain - awarded accolade of "Super Volunteer"



Zakiyah Qureshi - volunteer



Enam Ali - Hospitality caterer, Olympic park



Emdad Rahman MBE - Blogger and community worker



Nahimul Islam - Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets



Tahmina Begum - First qualified Bangladeshi female football referee



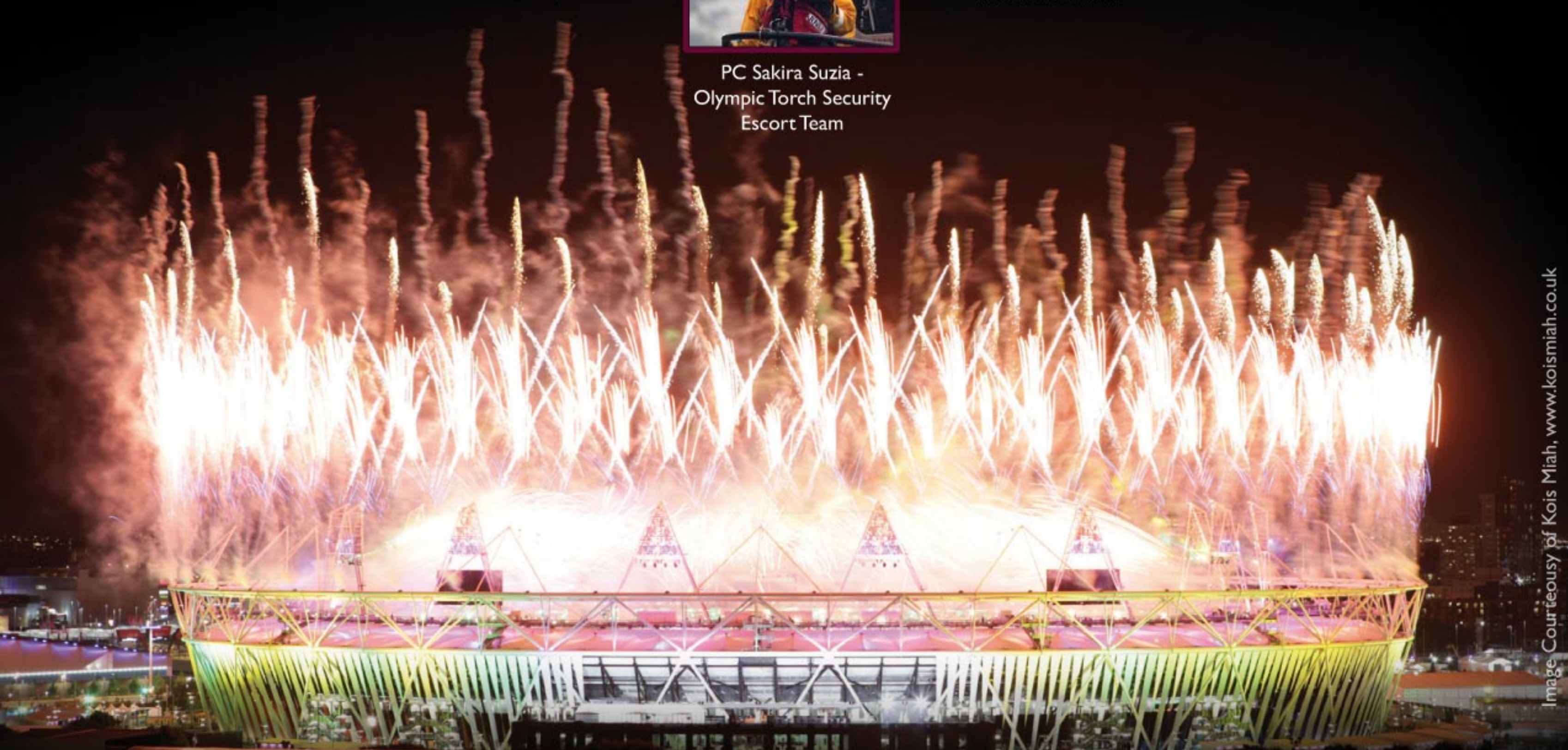
Abul Kassam - first recipient of the Olympic torch in London



Ruqsana Begum - British Kickboxing Champion



PC Sakira Suzia - Olympic Torch Security Escort Team



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