

## The Taj Brothers

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Business**

**M**r Abdul Hai Khalique (Junel), Mr Abdul Quayum Khalique (Jamal) and Mr Abdul Muhith (Joynal) are the three brothers behind the internationally renowned grocers Taj Stores in Brick Lane. They took over the business from their late father Alhaj Abdul Khalique who came from Baur Bagh, Moulvibazar, Bangladesh

Abdul Hai, Abdul Quayum and Abdul Muhith all grew up in Brick Lane, East London where all of them attended the Thomas Buxton Primary School. Abdul Hai Khalique and Abdul Quayum Khalique then progressed to Milestone Preparatory School which is a private school situated in Bond Street, West London. Meanwhile their youngest brother Abdul Muhith went to Daneford School near Bethnal Green.

Meanwhile Abdul Hai Khalique advanced to an Architectural college where he completed his first year before joining the family business. Abdul Quayum Khalique on the other hand attended the private American International College where he completed a Diploma in Business after which he too joined the business. Abdul Muhith also gradually joined the family business after completing his education.

Besides running the very successful and extremely well known Taj Stores, the brothers also have other business interests. The three 'Taj' brothers hold a very healthy portfolio of properties located across the capital as well as several properties abroad, including in Dubai. They also have a vast amount of land and properties in Bangladesh which their family have owned for generations. They also own a restaurant in Brick Lane called 'Let Taj'.

Although the family have achieved an immense quantity of success and wealth, they remain very charitable and generous to the poor. Their involvement in charity initiatives are too many to list, but these include donating and supporting a Cancer Research Charity in honour of their late mother, and also a Charity which specialise in treating problems and illnesses related to kidneys, in honour of their late father.

Additionally the brothers have also supported the



victims of the Sidr Cyclone and have donated some 17 tube wells to 17 different villages in Moulvibazar. Moreover their charitable activities have consisted of funding the development and construction of many houses for the poor to reside in within the vicinity of their village, as well as financing and building a whole Mosque, and an Islamic School, where over 300 students are educated for free.

The Brothers also have a sister in this country called Rashida Rahman. They are all married with Abdul Hai Khalique having four children; one daughter and three sons. Whilst Abdul Quayum Khalique has two sons and Abdul Muhith having two daughters. All their children are in education.

Mr Abdul Hai Khalique (Junel), Mr Abdul Quayum Khalique (Jamal) and Mr Abdul Muhith (Joynal) are recognised as successful and well respected businessmen amongst the British Bangladeshi Community, and their businesses too are well acknowledged brands within British Bangladeshi households.