



Mr. Rafique Hayder

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Business**

Mr Rafique Hayder is the Director of Bangla Town Cash and Carry and Bangla City located in Brick Lane, which are the Bangladeshi community's most popular businesses based in London. Bangla Town was established in 1994 along with other partners. He comes from the village of Hayder Pur, Chattak, Sunamganj and comes from a prominent family; his father is Haji Altab Ali. Rafique Hayder has six brothers who are all successful businessmen, one of his siblings is a well-known public figure and chairman of the local government, while another of his brother is a Commander Chattak Upozila Mukhti Judho Shogshad.

Mr Rafique Hayder graduated in Bangladesh, having completed his degree from MC College. His degree was in Social Welfare. He then arrived here in the United Kingdom where he initially entered into the family business 'Greenline'. He worked at Greenline for one year before embarking on his own business venture.

Besides being a director of Bangla Town Cash and Carry, Mr Hayder also has numerous other investments and business interests. He is a Director of Bangla Town Housing, London as well as a Director of another well known large cash and carry, namely Bangla City, which too is situated in the heart of Brick Lane. In addition Mr Hayder has several properties to his name here in the UK as well as land in Bangladesh and is the Chairman of an export/import business based in the UK.

Mr Hayder although extremely busy and successful has remained connected to charity initiatives and community organisations. He is closely connected to the 'Simply a Pound' charity, and is a well-wisher of the Ibrahim College near East London Mosque. Furthermore he has donated hugely to the victims and sufferers of the Sidr Cyclone, especially those most badly affected near his home village in Bangladesh. He has also donated in Sylhet and has helped establish Schools, colleges and Madrasas in Sylhet division, as well as giving munificently to the poor.



Rafique Hayder is also London Regional Director of the Bangladesh British Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Greater Sylhet Welfare and Development Council. He is a member of the Bangladesh Welfare Association as well as being former Secretary of the Tower Hamlets Parent's Association. More importantly Rafique Hayder is the Chairman of the Bangladeshi export/import organisation in the UK and also one of the eleven strong committee members for a taskforce for business set up here in the UK by the Bangladeshi government. Additionally he is a coordinator of the London Popular Andolon Crossrail Hazzard in Brick Lane as well as a member of the Save the Businesses in Bangla Town, which is a very successful organisation.

Mr Hayder is married to Asma Hayder and they have three children who are Adnan, Abidah and Akifah, who are all studying at school. His interests and pastimes include travelling, and he has been fortunate in visiting many countries in Europe and Asia, including Thailand and Malaysian to name a few. He also enjoys helping others.

My Rafique Hayder is a distinguished businessman and philanthropist, who boasts some very successful businesses and a very strong and positive link with the community.