



Mr Sheikh Mohammed Abdul Khalique

Place of Residence: **Shoeburyness, Essex**

Sector: **Catering**

Mr Khalique was born in 1951 at Shahrpara Aoudat (Moulobi Bari) into the Sheikh family who are highly respected and well known in Bangladesh. His father, late Alhaj Abdur Razzak and his mother, Alhaj Sheikh Lal Banu raised six boys and two girls, in Jagannathpur, Sunamgonj. Mr Khalique is the eldest son of the Sheikh family.

Before coming to the UK, Sheikh Abdul Khalique had his primary studies at the village school and also his secondary education at Mongal Chandee Nishikanta High School, Tajpur, Balagonj.

At the age of sixteen he came to the UK to join his father in 1967. His first business establishment in 1979 was in Shoeburyness, Essex "The Polash" restaurant. The second business at Burnham-On-Couch Essex was "The Polash Restaurant" and also the "Hotel Polash" in Sylhet, Bangladesh.

In relation to his charitable and voluntary work, Sheikh Abdul Khalique is actively involved with various social community organisations. At present he is the Chairman of: Essex Bangladesh Welfare Association, Sharpara Jubo Shongo and also RL Polash International Limited. In addition to this he is also Executive Director of Polash Seba Trust and Moulovi



Suniket.

Mr Khalique's involvement with community initiatives continue with him being a member of Shahkamal welfare trust and life member of Kenduo Muslim Sahitho Songsad Red Cross. He was also an active member of the Bangladesh Liberation movement in 1971 in the UK.

To add to all his work, he has also helped to build mosques, schools, Masdrasha and supported the poor and elderly in Bangladesh as well as in the UK.

Mr Khalique is a proud husband to Mrs Syeda Tahmina Sultana

Khalique and also of his children and their achievements. His eldest daughter Rukshana Akhter Rumi obtained an LLB (Hons) degree from the University of London in 2007 and at the same time his second daughter Romena Akhter Ruhi, who achieved a degree in Business Management at the University of Westminster. His eldest son Md Abu Hasnath is a banker and fourth daughter Rehena Akhter Rubi is studying business at Westminster College. His remaining children Rawshan Akhter Runi, Md Abu Raihan and Shahnaz Akhter Samiha are also studying at secondary and primary school respectively.