



## Mr. Mohammed Shamsuddin Khan

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Business and Community Relations**

In the village of Matiura, under the Bianibazaar Upazilla in Sylhet district, Md. Shamsuddin Khan was born in 1935. He is the second son of late Haji Taj Khan and Tayamunnessa Khanom and comes from a big family of four brothers and four sisters. Mr. Khan primarily worked at an English restaurant when he arrived in the UK in 1955, aged 20. It was in 1958 when he started his first business when he opened a restaurant, which he called Moharani. This restaurant is situated in Clapham Common, is one of the most famous and old restaurants in the UK. Two other branches of the Moharani restaurant have been opened ever since, one located in Clapham North and one in Camden Town. Mr. Khan is one of the owners of a large grocery store named Kushiara Cash and Carry in the East End of London. On top of that, he has an enormous investment in the tea estates in Sylhet and also owns several

houses in London.

Founding member of the Bianibazaar Janakallyan Samity UK, of which he is now the advisor, and also a trustee of the Historic Bangladesh Centre in London, Mr. Khan is involved in various political and socio-cultural organizations, both in Bangladesh and the UK. In addition he has played a key role in the establishment of Bianibazaar College, by donating money towards it. Mathiura High School and Mathiura Girls' High School are two of many educational institutions of which Md. Shamsuddin Khan is a patron. Furthermore, he was the chairman of the College Development Committee for a long period of time.

Before all this, Mr. Khan's political career began with Pakistan Welfare Association which later become Bangladesh Welfare Association. Inspired by Sheikh

Mujib, he also decided to join the Awami League once it had been set up in the UK. Throughout his role in the Awami league changed from the treasurer, to the vice president, and now, he is the president. In order to help free Sheikh Mujib from the Agartala conspiracy, Mr. Khan helped by raising funds. Furthermore, he played a significant role throughout the Liberation War in 1971 by fundraising and getting together public opinion in favour of the war, and during the 1970 elections, he was the Awami League candidate in the Bianibazaar-Golapgonj constituency. Here, in the UK, Shamsuddin Khan is a member of the Labour party.

At present, Md. Shamsuddin Khan is blissfully living with his wife Mrs. Safarun Nesa Khanom and their three children; his two sons are Ashraf Uddin Khan and Akbar Uddin Khan and one daughter Anowara Khanom.