



Mr Abdul Malik

Place of Residence: **Stoke Newington, London**
Sector: **Business**

Mr Abdul Malik came over to the UK in 1963, before coming over he completed his education up to secondary level in Bangladesh. Mr Malik was born into a respectable family and his father is late Somjid Ali who hails from the village of Akakana, Kara Bazar, Sylhet, Bangladesh.

Whilst in the UK he initially worked as a chef and then he has started his own businesses. He is one of the owners of the Ukay group, who own jewellery shops, this was the first Bengali owned 22 carat gold jewellery shop called 'Ukay International Jewellery'. The jewellery shop caters for all types of Indian designs as well as Diamond and wedding sets. The Group have three branches of the Jewellery store in Whitechapel, Green Street and Poplar, saree

shops, as well as other businesses under the Ukay name. The Ukay brand has become a household name amongst British Bangladeshis owing to the success of their various outlets.

Mr Abdul Malik and his partners decided to open East London's first Asian food supermarket to cater for the Asian community's needs. The Bangladeshi entrepreneur group then turned their attention to clothing industry, which led to the formation of the Ukay International Saree Centre. To this day, the clothing centre is recognised for selling all types of top quality Indian fashion attire, including wedding suits, langa suits, embroidery sarees and printed sarees and men and children's clothing. Today, the saree shop caters for more than just the Asian

community. It boasts customers from all around Europe and other parts of the world and also sells online at www.ukayshop.com.

Mr Abdul Malik also has interests in the catering industry, he owns various restaurants and is also one of the directors of United Airways- a new airline set up in Bangladesh by members of the British Bangladeshi community. He also has a very good property portfolio, he buys properties to let.

Mr Malik has donated to several charitable causes here in the UK and in Bangladesh and supported the development of schools, colleges and mosques in Bangladesh.

Mr Md Abdul Malik is married and has two daughters and three sons.