



Mr Monsur Ahmed Mokis

Place of Residence: **Cardiff**
Sector: **Community Relations**

Monsur Ahmed Mokis was born in December 1970 in Moulvibazar, Bangladesh. He completed his primary education at the local school in his village. Thereafter he took admission in Moulvibazar Municipality Ideal High School where he attained his SSC qualifications. He passed the I.Com qualification in 1988 and the B.Com in 1990 from Moulvibazar Government College. He finally went on to complete his M.Com from Jagannath University in Dhaka.

In 1993 he made his way to the UK having had sat the first year Law exams at Dhaka Law College. In the UK he worked during his first two years for an accountancy firm, named 'Hazra and Company' which is based in Cardiff. He then became engaged in the catering industry setting up his own business as a result of which he left the accountancy firm. He currently owns a take-away restaurant called Bengal Chef in Cardiff.

Besides his involvement in the restaurant trade, Mr Mokis has also been strongly associated with politics, community work and journalism. He is involved with numerous publications, many of which he edits. His poems, short stories and articles have also regularly appeared in different magazines and publications. He currently possesses the responsibility of being Wales Correspondent for Bangla TV, Janomot and Khabar Group.



Monsur Ahmed Mokis has remained heavily occupied with community organisations. He is the Joint Secretary of Greater Sylhet Council UK as well as being the Chairperson of the Wales region of that committee. He is also the General Secretary of Cardiff Shahjalal Bangla School and Deputy Chief Co-ordinator of Nirjhar Moulvibazar UK. He is associated to an abundance of other community projects and committees.

In recognition of Mr Mokis's contribution to social work and community relations he was awarded the Distinguished Leadership Award by the American Biographical Institute (ABE). He received the

Millennium Award in the year 2000 from the Asian Times which is published in London. Moreover in 2001 he was given the Outstanding Services to the Community Wales Award and the Millennium Award in Journalism from the London Academy. He has also had the privilege of being invited as a special guest to a red carpet reception hosted by the Mayor of Wales in connection with the historic visit of Her Majesty the Queen.

Monsur Ahmed Mokis married Khadija Khatun in 1992. He lives in Wales with his wife and two sons: Raqibuzzaman and Rafiquzzaman. His pastimes include reading, photography and social work.