



Mr Syed Nahas Pasha

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Media (Journalist)**

Syed Nahas Pasha is one of the best known, most respected and ablest campaigning Bengali journalist in Britain is the editor of several Bangladeshi newspapers. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Janomot and Curry Life Magazine.

Syed Nahas Pasha was born in Sylhet, Bangladesh in 1957. He was the second son of a family of three boys and a girl. One of his brothers Syed Jaglul Pasha is a high ranking civil servant in Bangladesh and another, brother Syed Belal Ahmed, is also a successful journalist and publisher.

He came to Britain in 1976 to join his father. He joined the famous Sonali Bank, the only one to cater specifically for the needs of Britain's expanding Bangladeshi community. After several years in the Bank, he moved to start his own catering business.

From a very early age Pasha, a born idealist, was attracted to journalism. At school he was one of the top performers in the Bengali language and literature. His long-standing love affair with the profession of journalism began at school. He edited school magazines and during the eighties he edited a literary magazine 'EESHAN'. In the 1970s there were hardly any foreign correspondents in London,

especially with the journalistic skills of Pasha. To this day he remains a regular contributor to some prominent Bangladeshi daily Newspapers. He was involved in full time employment with the newspaper Notun Din for about 10 years and also assisted in the establishment of Asian Post, and English Language newspaper. He later joined Potrika. After improving the status of this newspaper his friends at Janomot, Nobab Uddin and Amirul Choudhury invited him to join them as partner and Editor in Chief, a position he holds to this day.

In 2003 Mr Pasha and his brother Syed Belal Ahmed published the first edition of Curry Life Magazine, a very popular magazine representing the 10,000 Bangladeshi and Indian restaurants in Britain. Mr Pasha respected for his intimate knowledge of Indian cuisine and the social and economic conditions of the industry and is frequently invited by the TV, radio and press media to comment on the latest developments.

In 1993 Syed Pasha along with his journalist friends realising that Bangladeshi journalists and publishers in Britain were without a platform helped to find the London Bangla Press Club to advance their interests. The Bangla Press Club hopes soon to establish a full time

office in a building of its own. He was General Secretary of the Club for four years. Pasha is very union conscious and is still a member of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ). He is also a member of the Commonwealth Journalists Association (CJA) and has attended conferences of this body in Asia and the Caribbean.

He has worked closely with the Home Office and the Foreign Office, an influential voice at seminars and conferences organised by the two government departments. He has also travelled with Government ministers and officials to France, Germany and Bangladesh. In 2007 he was the only journalist invited from the ethnic media to accompany the Home Office and Foreign Office Ministers on a trip to France for discussions between Britain and France on cooperation on immigration. Respected journalist Syed Pasha has travelled to many countries, attended many conferences and met some of the famous world politicians. Among those are Nelson Mandela, Tony Blair and Mahathir Mohamed.

Syed Nahas Pasha has two daughters and a son despite his demanding and overcrowded schedule always finds time to spend with the family.