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British Bangladeshi Who's Who Directory

I am delighted to welcome the production of this Who's Who Directory for British Bangladeshi Communities.

I am sure the Directory will reflect the immense contribution which British Bangladeshi communities make to our society.

I believe Britain can be proud of its vibrant,, multi-racial society, and of our British identity and shared values. All of us-whatever our background or faith-have got far more that unites us than divides us.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David Cameron'.

(David Cameron)

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MESSAGE

It is heartening to know that British Bangla Media Group is going to publish 'British Bangladeshi Who's who 2008' very soon to honour the prominent and most successful members of British-Bangladeshi community. I consider this to be a very commendable work aimed at preserving the history of our community in this great country and encouraging the young and upcoming generation to follow in the footsteps of their accomplished elders. The publication would surely be a useful material for all concerned.

I wish the venture all success.

(Shafi U. Ahmed)



Foreword from the Editor-in-Chief

More than a century ago the migrant Bangladeshi community came over to Britain and settled here in search for a better life. It was those brave, sincere, diligent individuals who sewed the seeds of fruit that our community is enjoying today. They were simple living people with the merest wish to establish a firm base here in the UK for their future generations.

However, with the passage of time the Bangladeshi community has grown enormously and transformed itself into "British Bangladeshi" community. This in effect provided us with a new socio-political identity. We can now claim the existence of many successful personalities within our community in Britain who are being triumphant and admired - accomplishing great things. And this is something we as a united community should be proud of, and endeavour to maintain. But we ought to remember that all this is happening due to our forefathers who came here with the courage and vision and showed us the way forward. Without them this would not have been the case. We therefore, at all times remain indebted to them.

There is plenty of negative publicity in the press, not least about ethnic communities such as ours and therefore, the main objective of this publication is to highlight and profile the success stories and achievements of individuals in our community.

Having expended our efforts at this end with the aim to deserving social recognition for the British Bangladeshis, I sincerely hope, this publication would be of great value to you. And I am sure; you will support our unified cause in future publications for many years to come.

Wish you all the very best of luck.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohammed Abdul Karim (Goni)'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Mohammed Abdul Karim (Goni)



Foreward from the Editor

British Bangladeshi Who's Who is the brainchild of both my father Abdul Karim (Goni) and me. In simple terms, it can be described as a compilation of the most successful and prominent members of the British Bangladeshi community.

There has been a need and strong desire for a publication of this nature in our community for sometime. Although in the past many have attempted to realise this need, it has not been materialised until now. This publication however, is different in its construct, in the sense that it is more focused to the actual theme encapsulating the modern forward thinking features of the British Bangladesh community.

Moreover, there has been much in the media about the contribution and integration of ethnic minority communities in Britain. It was with this in mind that 'British Bangladeshi Who's Who' manifested. The publication is intended to highlight the socio-economic contribution of members of our community to British society.

What is unique about this publication is the fact it will be published annually and in every new edition, more members of the community who qualify the criteria will be profiled and included therein.

An immense amount of work has gone into this task and an even greater amount of support has been received from the public and from the community. I therefore, sincerely thank every individual for their assistance and input. No doubt that this publication is far from being perfect, but inevitably will continue to develop and improve every year.

Enjoy!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Karim'.

Md. Shahadoth Karim
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