

18TH AWARDS CEREMONY 2025

Celebrating Bangladeshi Cuisine





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EDITOR'S LETTER

It is an honour and a pleasure to welcome you to the 18th Bangladesh Caterers Association Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony as we celebrate the restaurants and chefs that continue to lead the way in 21st century food and drink, while recognising the proud 65-year legacy of the BCA — a legacy that is as strong today as ever.

For more than six decades, the BCA has stood as the voice of our industry, championing excellence innovation, and community spirit. Tonight, we honour the achievements of our members while also reflecting on the extraordinary journey that has brought us here.

Yet, we cannot ignore the reality of the challenges our restaurants face. Rising government taxes, cuts to benefits, and the continued pressure of high consumer prices are hitting businesses hard. Many of our members are struggling to keep their doors open, despite their unwavering commitment to serving their communities. Our restaurants are more than just places to eat — they are cultural institutions, community hubs, and vital employers. They deserve recognition, protection, and support.

We call on the Government to engage with us meaningfully, to understand the day-to-day realities of running our businesses, and to provide the policies and support needed to prevent further closures. The BCA will continue to be relentless in this mission, ensuring our industry not only survives but thrives.

At the same time, we remain focused on the future — building stronger ties with colleges and universities, creating opportunities for homegrown talent, and fighting for more flexibility in recruiting skilled chefs who can help us sustain and grow our industry for generations to come.



Naz Islam BA (Hons)

PRESS & PUBLICATION SECRETARY

As valued members of the BCA, you are part of something extraordinary. Our collective strength, unity, and determination are what make this organisation thrive. Please encourage others to join us as we continue to protect, promote, and enhance our profession.

Finally, I want to thank my colleagues at the BCA for their tireless efforts in making this evening possible. Tonight, we celebrate not only our finalists and winners, but also 65 years of heritage, resilience, and achievement. Here's to the next chapter of our journey together.

Thank you for your continued support and for joining us on this special anniversary year. Congratulations to all our finalists — and may tonight be a night to remember.



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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Over nearly three decades, I have witnessed moments of pride, unity, and achievement, as well as times of challenge and renewal. Through it all, the BCA has remained a steadfast symbol of strength, resilience, and community spirit within the British Bangladeshi catering industry.

Now, in my second year as President of the BCA UK, I am deeply honoured to celebrate the 65th anniversary of this distinguished organisation. This milestone stands as a tribute to the tireless dedication of our past leaders and members, whose vision and commitment have shaped the BCA into the respected institution it is today. I extend my sincere gratitude to each of them for their enduring service and sacrifice over the past six and a half decades.

Founded in 1960, the BCA has been at the very heart of the Great British curry industry — an industry that has become an integral part of British culture and identity. The BCA is rightly regarded as the "mother of all organisations" and the "mother of all awards." Our first awards ceremony, held in 1995 at Baylis House Hotel in Slough, marked the beginning of a proud tradition that continues to celebrate culinary excellence and entrepreneurial achievement across the United Kingdom.

Yet, despite our collective successes, the hospitality sector faces serious challenges. Rising costs — from National Insurance contributions and goods prices to soaring utility bills — are putting enormous pressure on small and medium-sized businesses. According to government statistics, around 35 such businesses close every single day. Urgent government intervention is needed to provide grants, accessible loans, and a reduction in VAT to help these vital enterprises survive.

The hospitality industry is a cornerstone of the UK economy — supporting jobs, driving growth, and sustaining communities. Since the last Budget, however, our sector has lost nearly 90,000 jobs. By contrast, over the previous decade, the industry created an average of 26,000 jobs each year. To restore stability and growth, I urge the Chancellor to consider three key measures in the upcoming Budget:

- 1. Lower Business Rates to Revitalise High Streets Apply a maximum rateable value discount for hospitality businesses under £500.000 to ensure relief reaches those most in need.
- 2. Reform National Insurance Contributions (NICs) to Boost Employment Extend NIC exemptions to young people and those returning from welfare, encouraging job creation, and reducing the benefits burden.



Oli Khan MBE FRSA PHF

PRESIDENT

3. Reduce VAT on Hospitality to Drive Investment Align with our European counterparts by lowering VAT for hospitality — a targeted, affordable measure that will protect jobs and stimulate growth.

Furthermore, the recent immigration policy changes introduced on July 22, 2025, have placed additional strain on the sector. By removing most hospitality roles from the Skilled Worker visa list and raising skill and salary thresholds (now at RQF Level 6), the government risks creating a severe shortage of skilled workers, including chefs and restaurant managers, within just a few years down the line. This policy urgently needs reconsideration.

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated Award committee convenor — Atik Rahman and his team, Chefs committee head Shamsul Alam Khan, Restaurant committee head M.K. Zaman Jewel, Shohidul Haque Choudhury, Jila Miah and rest of the committee members for their exceptional hard work in making this celebration possible. My sincere thanks also go to our sponsors, supporters for their unwavering support throughout this journey. Finally, I would like to thank all my predecessors and the current National Executive Council and members for their unwavering support.

Together, we are stronger. Thank you all for standing beside the BCA and for your continued commitment to the Great British curry industry. Thank you



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SECRETARY GENERAL'S MESSAGE

A warm welcome to BCA's 18th Awards night. Since 1960 BCA has been committed to creating success for our industry and, as a result, the awards are now acknowledged as a significant date within the hospitality sector. It is always a privilege to be able to celebrate together, to recognize the brilliant talent of our chefs and restaurants across the UK.

BCA Awards night is always an occasion for fun and passion, and tonight is no different. We will be joined by some very special guests and media personalities. On 30th September we held our annual Chefs' Cook-Off competition in Hammersmith and Fulham College with 45 very talented chefs taking part. Tonight, you will see the winners receive the accolades they deserve!

Our Awards highlight the success of the Bangladeshi curry sector and recognises the achievements of those who work their hardest to perfect every meal and tonight we will also be honouring the best restaurants, and takeaways. In spite of the many challenges facing the curry industry, these Awards prove year after year how much talent there is fuelling this tenacious industry, ensuring the magic of curry lives on. We have an abundance of talent and, like always, competition was fierce this year.

As we look forward to 2026, we can only hope that the future will be brighter for us all. Those of you whose businesses have survived have done so because of your initiative and enterprise and, because of this, I am confident that we will enjoy a much better year next year but, please remember that the BCA is here to help and advise whenever you need it and is stronger because of you, its members. We wait to see what changes the upcoming budget may make which could affect our industry and we look forward to building a good working relationship with those ministers who will be responsible for looking at immigration.

I wrote last year that the world was, sadly, less safe than it was the year before with the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East causing great concern.



Mitu Chowdhury

SECRETARY GENERAL

As I write, we can celebrate a ceasefire in Gaza and we can only hope that a lasting peace will follow both there and in Ukraine..

We are still one of this country's favourites and we need to ensure that we maintain that bond that we have built up over many years with our customers. With the dark nights now here, we must encourage them to visit us more often and I hope that, inspired by tonight's celebrations, you can introduce some attractive measures to entice your customers back into your restaurants in even greater numbers.

For my part, I will continue to campaign to ensure that our voice is heard so that, together, we can make a difference for our industry. Many of our long-term supporters are also part of the BCA family, and it is this community spirit that is our strength.

The BCA Awards are one of the few longest standing awards in the curry industry, and our continued success is also due to the commitment and support of our sponsors, media partners and MPs. I am sure you will enjoy the evening and more importantly celebrate knowing that you are part of an organization which has a big legacy and influence on British life and culture.



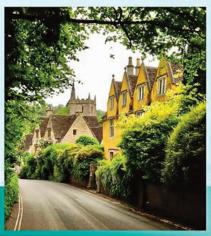


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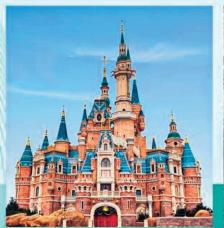






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TREASURER'S MESSAGE

As Chief Treasurer of the Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA), I oversee and protect the financial well-being of our industry. As we celebrate 65 years of the BCA's proud history, it's an opportune moment to reflect on the challenges we face and the collective strength that defines our community.

He past year has brought significant financial pressures to the hospitality sector. The cost of living crisis and sharp rise in energy prices have made operating restaurants increasingly difficult. These unprecedented challenges have forced many business owners to make tough decisions just to remain sustainable. Global conflicts have disrupted supply chains, driving up key ingredient costs and straining profitability.

Meanwhile, the dining landscape is evolving rapidly. The growth of online ordering and delivery platforms has transformed consumer habits, requiring traditional restaurants to adapt to remain competitive. In response, the BCA has been proactive in supporting its members. We've engaged with policymakers to advocate for fairer energy pricing and business relief measures. We've also worked to stabilize supply costs and provide practical guidance on cost management, digital adaptation, and strategic planning.



Tipu Rahman CHIFF TREASURER

The Association remains committed to securing meaningful government support, recognizing the unique pressures faced by the hospitality industry. Small and independent businesses are the backbone of this sector, and protecting them is essential to the UK's economic and cultural fabric.

Despite the considerable challenges, our community's resilience endures. For 65 years, the BCA has stood as a symbol of unity, progress, and strength within the catering industry. With continued collaboration and a shared vision for the future, we'll ensure our members not only withstand these testing times but thrive for generations to come.



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MESSAGE





King Charles III

27th September, 2025

The king has asked me to thank you for your kind letter on the occasion of this year's Bangladesh Caterers Association Awards and Annual Dinner, which is being held on 9th November at Park Plaza Westminister Bridge, London.

His Majesty values your continued support and, in return has asked me to send his good wishes to all concerned for a most enjoyable event.

Yours sincerely, Lauren Deacon

Lauren Deacon Loyal Greetings Officer



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At the heart of this culinary success story is the Bangladeshi community. Since the mid-20th century, Bangladeshi entrepreneurs have built a vibrant curry industry that not only delights our palates but also strengthens our economy and enriches our cultural fabric.

I am incredibly proud of the vital role Bangladeshi caterers play in our hospitality sector, our economy, and our national identity. Your influence reaches far beyond the kitchen, shaping communities, driving innovation, and fostering cultural exchange. These awards are a fitting tribute to your dedication, talent, and the positive impact you make every day.

Thank you for your outstanding contributions to the UK's culinary landscape. Enjoy this special evening, and congratulations to all the well-deserved winners.



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Abida Sultana

HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

I am very pleased to learn that once again Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA), the pioneer institution of British Bangladeshi caterers since the 1960s, is organising the 'BCA 18th Awards, Annual Dinner 2025 and the Celebration of BCA's 65th Anniversary on 9th November 2025. I particularly commend the BCA that as in previous years, the prestigious BCA awards will recognise and honour the highest achievers in the curry industry for their new ideas, innovations and dedication to promoting Bangladeshi curry as a British culinary heritage.

I recall here with great pride the BCA's philanthropy leadership during the pandemic years as well as their networking and lobbying with the UK government and industry that have greatly incentivized the curry industry to remain pandemic resilient. I believe BCA and its industry leaders, restaurant owners and curry connoisseurs will remain united, and work together as in the past with patience, courage and entrepreneurial acumen to keep the curry industry alive and afloat. The BCA awards, in this respect, will continue to inspire all Bangladeshi stakeholders in the UK's curry industry and provide the most befitting platform to showcase its culinary excellence in UK's hospitality sector as well as new opportunities and challenges.

As the patron of BCA, I sincerely pledge to provide all-out support to the BCA's good work and to continue to remain their active partner.

I wish the 'BCA 18th Awards, Annual Dinner 2025 and the Celebration of BCA's 65th Anniversary a grand success.

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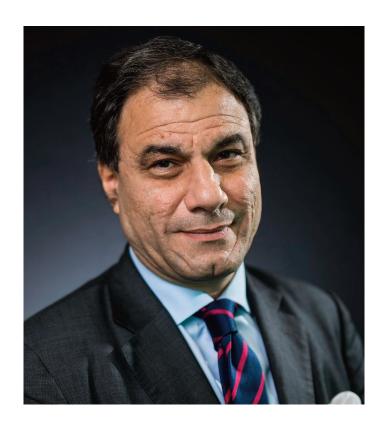
It is a true honour to send my warmest congratulations to the Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA) as you gather for your Annual Awards and Dinner 2025.

This celebration is more than an industry event; it is a reflection of how the Bangladeshi community has shaped modern Britain. From humble beginnings to becoming a powerhouse of enterprise, the curry industry now contributes billions to our economy, sustains more than 100,000 jobs, and enriches our culture in ways that words can scarcely capture. The BCA has been at the forefront of this journey for over six decades, championing excellence, preserving tradition, and encouraging innovation.

The Annual Awards have become a stage where the very best of Britain's curry restaurants and chefs are recognised. But beyond the accolades, these awards shine a light on the extraordinary human story behind the industry: the courage of first-generation pioneers, the creativity of new generations, and the resilience that has carried the sector through challenges from economic pressures to global uncertainty. Each awardee represents not just culinary skill, but the determination to build community, opportunity, and pride.

The influence of British curry now stretches far beyond our shores. What was once a niche cuisine has become a global emblem of Britain's diversity and ingenuity. Today, curry houses are woven into the fabric of towns and cities up and down the country, standing as symbols of how migration and entrepreneurship can redefine a nation's identity.

As founder of Cobra Beer, I have had the privilege of working alongside Bangladeshi restaurateurs for over three decades. Their hard work, integrity, and warmth of hospitality have been central to Cobra's own story. Together, we have seen curry evolve from a much-loved meal into one of Britain's greatest cultural exports.



Lord Bilimoria of ChelseaCBE DL

This year's Awards are not only a recognition of past achievements but also a statement of confidence in the future. With younger generations stepping into leadership, with innovation in food and technology reshaping hospitality, and with the BCA continuing to provide vision and advocacy, the curry industry is poised for an even brighter chapter.

To all members of the BCA, and to every chef and entrepreneur who has given so much to this journey: thank you. What you do matters. It keeps our economy dynamic, our communities vibrant, and our shared culture thriving.

I wish you all every success for this year's Awards and for the years to come.



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I am truly honoured to have been asked to serve as the Convener for this prestigious event. On behalf of the Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA), it gives me immense pleasure and great delight to welcome each and every one of you to the 18th Annual BCA Awards, here at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, London.

This auspicious event provides a valuable platform for like-minded individuals who share a common vision and mission to come together, connect, and engage in meaningful discussions. The BCA Annual Awards evening offers numerous opportunities to network with colleagues from across the country, all within a vibrant and celebratory environment.

We are absolutely delighted to have you here with us to take part in this glamorous occasion, and we thank you sincerely for your presence.

As always, the entire Awards and Dinner Committee has worked tirelessly to bring you a diverse and engaging programme — carefully curated to inform, inspire, and entertain throughout the evening.

The BCA Awards honour exceptional achievements within our industry. Two distinguished categories are awarded annually: Best Chef of the Year and Best Restaurant of the Year.

These awards celebrate those whose dedication and excellence have had a positive and lasting impact on the curry industry. In line with BCA's guiding principles, we aim to highlight contributions that not only uplift our sector but also motivate both the younger and older generations to advance and enrich the catering industry.

Each year, we are in awe of the calibre of our award winners, and this year is no exception.



Atik Rahman BEM CONVENER, AWARDS 2025

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation and thanks to the team behind tonight's event — our President, Secretary General, Chief Treasurer, Mr Faizul Haque, Mr Shamsul Alam Khan, Mr Naz Islam, Mr Karuzzaman Jewel, Mr Abdul Sufan, and the entire ADAC Team. Your hard work, dedication, and support have been invaluable.

A special and sincere thank you also goes to Ali Babar Chowdhury, whose unwavering commitment, countless hours of volunteer work, and willingness to sacrifice personal time away from family and business have been vital in making this event a grand success. This evening would not have been possible without the selfless contributions and dedication of all our volunteers.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you all for being part of this celebration and for your continued support.

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Maisie Adam

TV PRESENTER

Maisie Adam is a comedian from Yorkshire and is fast on her way from being one of the brightest rising stars of the UK comedy scene to becoming a household name.

Since winning the nationwide So You Think You're Funny? competition in 2017, she has won Best New Act at the Chortle Awards and the Amused Moose National New Act gong, as well as being nominated Best Newcomer at the Edinburgh Fringe. I for her debut show 'Vague'.

She followed this up with two more shows; a sold out Edinburgh run of the critically acclaimed 'Hang Fire', before embarking on a sold out 63-date tour of her most recent show 'Buzzed' which went on to finish with a sold out run at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Maisie's anecdotal material and witty charm have quickly won her praise across the country, and she has since appeared on Live At The Apollo, A League Of Their Own, Mock the Week, Have I Got News for You, QI, Roast Battle, 8 Out of 10 Cats and the Royal Variety Performance.

She is also the host of the hugely successful Big Kick Energy podcast which she co-hosts with friend and fellow comedian Suzi Ruffell, and won Sports Podcast of the Year in the Sports Broadcast Awards just 5 months after the first episode aired.

lan Collins

RADIO AND TV BROADCASTER

lan Collins is one the UK's most prolific Radio and TV broadcasters. He currently presents the 1pm show on talkTV. His area of specialty is current affair and politics. He was previously part of the main presenter line up on LBC as well as spells working in BBC Radio.

He was also a long standing member of the Westminster Press gallery. In addition to his work in broadcast journalism, lan also hosts and produces a number of podcasts with a particular focus on the property industry - he remains the presenter of the Talk Property, the influential landlord and property podcast. He is also one of the most sought after faces as a facilitator and host on the conference and debate circuit.



Areas covered: Bristol, Somerset, Gloucestershire, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall, Hampshire, Wiltshire & South Wales





Celebrating 65 Years of Legacy

Today, the Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA) proudly celebrates its 18th year of presenting these distinguished industry awards. This special occasion marks another milestone in our enduring commitment to recognise and elevate the exceptional achievements of the British Bangladeshi curry sector. For sixty-five years, this dynamic industry has been woven into the fabric of British culture, and we are honoured to celebrate its remarkable legacy—one defined by dedication, passion, and excellence that continue to drive its success.

When I stepped into the role of Organising Secretary in 2023, I anticipated a journey filled with both challenges and rewards. A key focus of my work has been expanding our regional reach, and I'm thrilled to announce the successful formation of several new regional committees: BCA London Region 2, BCA Cambridge Region, BCA Essex Region, BCA Surrey Region, BCA Portsmouth Region, and BCA Kent Region. These committees play a vital role in strengthening our local engagement and ensuring our support touches every part of our community. I'm immensely proud of our collective progress and eager to build on this momentum.



Forhad Hussain Tipu ORGANISING SECRETARY

As we come together tonight, we not only honour excellence within the British Bangladeshi curry industry but also embrace this year's theme: "Celebrating a Legacy, Shaping the Future." This theme encapsulates our shared vision—paying tribute to the rich traditions that have defined our journey while championing the innovation and creativity that will guide us forward. It is this enduring blend of heritage and progress that keeps our industry vibrant, resilient, and ready for the future.

For over sixty-five years, the BCA has stood as a steadfast advocate for the British Bangladeshi restaurant and takeaway sector, representing 12,000 establishments across the UK. Since our founding in 1960, we have remained a not-for-profit organisation devoted to supporting our members, addressing their concerns, and working in partnership with government to ensure the long-term sustainability of our industry.

BCA EAST OF ENGLAND REGION 3 CAMBRIDGESHIRE

A Stronger Future: The Ongoing Success of BCA Cambridgeshire

We are delighted to announce the formalisation of the new BCA Cambridgeshire Committee, which took place on Wednesday, 9th October 2024. The event was graced by the presence of our Chief Guest, the Mayor of Cambridge, who joined us in celebrating this important milestone. This marks the beginning of an exciting chapter for BCA Cambridgeshire. The newly formed committee comprises a hard-working and dedicated team committed to enhancing the experience of our members and advancing the interests of our industry.





BCA EAST OF ENGLAND REGION 2 ESSEX

Election Declaration Ceremony – In November 2024, BCA East of England Region 2 – Essex held its Election Declaration Ceremony, officially announcing the newly elected executive committee members. The event marked the beginning of a new chapter for the region, aiming to strengthen engagement with local Bangladeshi catering business and the wider community.

First Executive Committee Meeting – February 2025. Second Executive Committee Meeting – June 2025 BCA Chef Cook-Off: The committee encouraged local members to actively participate in the upcoming Chef Cook-Off competition, designed to showcase culinary talent and engage the younger generation.





BCA HAMPSHIRE REGION (PORTSMOUTH & ISLE OF WIGHT)

The BCA Hampshire (Portsmouth & Isle of Wight) region meeting was held on 23rd July 2025 at HALDI Restaurant, Southsea, presided over by Moshud Ahmed and conducted by BCA Marketing Secretary Shamsul Alam Khan Shahin. Members, including Salikur Rahman, Masum Ahmed, Somuj Ali, Jila Miah, Iqbal Miah, Abdus Samad, Abdul Kayum, Fokruj Zama Khan, and Zakir Hussain, discussed the upcoming BCA Awards & Gala Dinner 2025, Chef Cook-Off, and region formation. Shamsul Alam Khan Shahin welcomed everyone, provided updates on BCA, and urged participation in the Chef Cook-Off and the formation of a convening committee for BCA Hampshire Region.





BCA KENT REGION

The BCA Kent Region 2025 Activities. Meeting on Bridgewood Manor Hotel Southeast Kent Region. Holding a meeting on Spicehut Maidstone, Kent. Discussion with the key members of southeast kent region in bexley. Elected new BCA Kent committee 2025





BCA LONDON REGION 2

The Bangladesh Caterers Association UK, London Region 2 election was held on 10th September 2025 at The Cumin Restaurant, Herts. The newly elected leadership includes President Mohammed Faizul Hoque, Secretary Aktar Hussain, and Treasurer Abdur Rahman, along with 21 committee members.

London Region 2 will work closely with the NEC to strengthen the organisation and provide greater support to the NEC.



BCA MIDLAND REGION

BCA West Midlands held a planning meeting to discuss and outline actions for the upcoming year, focusing on advancing key initiatives and goals. The meeting emphasised collaborative efforts to drive forward the existing agenda, ensuring alignment with the organisation's objectives for the year ahead.





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BCA SURREY REGION

The BCA SURREY REGION Executive Committee held a meeting on Monday 16th September 2025 at The Shahin Restaurant in Guildford. Subsequently on Monday 23rd September 2025 a Special General Meeting was held at the Panshi Restaurant in Hinchly Wood, Esher.

The General Members Unanimously approved seven members Convening Committee, headed by Convener Mr Wahid Rahman (Bulu) and Joint Convener Mr Yameem R H Deedar.

The Members also approved that, BCA Surrey Regional Election will be held on Monday 14th October 2025.





BCA MIDDLESEX REGION

The Bangladesh Caterers Association Middlesex Region Executive Committee held an important meeting on 7th October 2025 at Sundarban Tandoori, 5 Sudbury Heights Avenue, Greenford, UB6 0NA.

The gathering focused on establishing a new regional committee that will play a crucial role in supporting the growth and development of the catering industry in Middlesex. The meeting was chaired by Meherul Islam, President of BCA Middlesex Region, and conducted by Shohidul Haque Choudhury Liton, Secretary of BCA Middlesex Region.

The event was hosted by Mr. Abdur Rouf and organised by Mujibur Rahman Junue, marking a key step in strengthening regional representation within the BCA.









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OUR STORY

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Iqbro began not as a business idea, but as a simple solution to a problem. In 2005, our founder, Mohammad Iqbal, discovered that one of his longstanding suppliers for his takeaway business had been overcharging him. Determined to find a fairer way, he started buying goods in bulk — not just for himself, but also for neighbouring Indian restaurants and takeaways, helping them share in the savings.

"We started small, but our goal was always big — to make life easier for local caterers."

Rapid Growth Through Community Trust

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Family Values at the Heart of Everything

From those humble beginnings, Iqbro has continued to grow through word-of-mouth recommendations, expanding its fleet, team, and product range — but always holding onto the same family values that started it all: trust, quality, and service that goes the extra mile.

"Every customer is treated like a neighbour, every order like our own."

The Next Generation Steps In

Today, the next generation is carrying the legacy forward. Mr Iqbal's sons, Ashraf, Ahsan, and Alamgir, are now actively involved in the business, bringing fresh ideas while staying true to the family principles that built Iqbro's reputation.

lqbro stands as a trusted partner to restaurants and takeaways across the country, committed to supporting kitchens with reliable deliveries, unbeatable service, and an extensive product range.

HONOUR AWARDS

Baroness Taylor of Stevenage, OBE was appointed to the House of Lords as a Labour and Cooperative Peer on 31st October 2022. She is currently Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Lords Minister) for Housing and Local Government.

Baroness Taylor was Leader of Stevenage Borough Council, from May 2006 until December 2022. She held the position of Deputy Leader of the Local Government Association Labour Group from 2008 – 2017. Baroness Taylor was a councillor at Stevenage Borough Council where she was first elected in May 1997 and a member of Hertfordshire County Council where served from 2008 to 2024. She was Leader of Hertfordshire County Council Labour Group from 2009 - 2014.

Baroness Taylor was a founder member of the District Councils' Network (DCN) and until December 2022 was its Vice Chair then served as Honorary President of the DCN until July 2024. Baroness Taylor was also a cofounder of the Cooperative Council's Innovation Network (CCIN) which she chaired from 2018 – 2022, she served as an Honorary Vice President of the CCIN from 2022 – 2024.



Baroness Dr (Sharon)

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On 11th September 2023, University of Hertfordshire conferred on Baroness Taylor the honour of an Honorary Doctorate of Laws.

Baroness Taylor is a Trustee of the Betty Game Opportunities Trust, a local education charity. She is Patron of Stevenage Community Trust and a founder and Patron of Survivors Against Domestic Abuse. Prior to becoming Leader at Stevenage Borough Council, Baroness Taylor worked as a Senior Civilian Manager for Hertfordshire Constabulary from 1994 - 2008.

HONOUR AWARDS

Muquim Ahmed is a pioneering British-Bangladeshi entrepreneur whose dynamic career has spanned over four decades, marked by innovation, resilience, and community impact. Often referred to as the "King of Brick Lane," he is widely recognized as one of the first Bangladeshi millionaires in the UK and a trailblazer in building business bridges between communities.

Born in Sylhet, Bangladesh, Ahmed moved to the UK in the early 1970s to study production engineering. By the age of 21, he had already begun trading goods between Europe and Bangladesh, laying the foundation for his entrepreneurial journey. His early ventures in electrical wholesaling and property investment quickly grew, and by 26, he had built a successful business empire across East London.

Throughout the 1980s and 1990s, Ahmed diversified into hospitality, food production, travel services, and commercial property. His flagship brand, Café Naz, became a landmark on Brick Lane, helping transform the area into a vibrant cultural and commercial hub. He also founded Quantum Securities, a significant real estate enterprise, with assets across residential, retail, and mixed-use developments.

Ahmed's path was not without challenges. He survived a devastating warehouse fire in the mid-1990s and the 1999 Brick Lane bombing, which damaged Café Naz. Yet his ability to rebuild and expand underscored his resilience and long-term vision.



Muquim Ahmed ENTREPRENEUR PROPERTY DEVELOPER COMMUNITY LEADER

Beyond business, Muquim Ahmed has made lasting contributions to the British-Bangladeshi community. He has held leadership roles in the British Bangladeshi Chamber of Commerce and has been a vocal advocate for entrepreneurship, integration, and education. His efforts have earned him places on multiple "Asian Rich Lists" and recognition across UK business and media circles.

Today, Muquim Ahmed continues to invest in ventures that combine commercial success with community upliftment. From real estate to social impact, his legacy is defined not just by wealth—but by vision, leadership, and service.

Appbank to raise £10bn through crowdfunding based on ethic and shariah principle banking says CEO Dr Farmer, Islamic finance assets have reached \$5.4 trillion as of 2024 and forecasted to expand to \$9.75 trillion by 2029.

By Dr Hasan Al Saedy, Deputy Business Editor, eBritain 15 October 2025



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"Financial clarity is a competitive advantage," explains AD Accountancy.

"Together with the BCA, we're helping members turn data into decisions."

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Steven Englander, Founder.

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Together, we are proving that community, clarity, and collaboration are the true ingredients of success.

AD Accountancy: Redefining the Role of the Modern Accountant

By Steven Englander, Founder, AD Accountancy

In today's fast-moving business environment, finance isn't just about compliance; it's about strategy, growth, and confidence.

For AD Accountancy, the Manchester-based firm known for its forward-thinking approach, accounting is no longer just about the numbers. It's about building trust, providing insight, and helping businesses unlock their full potential.

""Our members aren't just running restaurants — they're preserving culture, creating jobs, and shaping the British dining experience."

A Partnership That Strengthens Communities

In addition to serving diverse business sectors, AD Accountancy is a proud partner of the Bangladesh Catering Association (BCA) an organisation representing thousands of Asian restaurants and catering businesses across the UK.

"The hospitality sector is the heartbeat of the British Asian community.

Our partnership with the BCA allows us to empower these businesses with expert financial guidance and practical solutions."

As part of this collaboration, AD Accountancy provides specialised accounting and tax services tailored to the catering and hospitality sector, ensuring that BCA members receive the financial clarity and strategic insight they need to thrive in a challenging economy.

Website: https://adaccountancy.co.uk/ Head Office: Manchester, United Kingdom In Partnership With: Bangladesh Catering Association (BCA) What truly differentiates AD Accountancy is its people-first approach. The firm's commitment to open communication, proactive advice, and ongoing partnership ensures clients always feel supported — not just at year-end, but throughout their entire business journey.

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This philosophy has helped AD Accountancy build lasting relationships with entrepreneurs, SMEs, and community organisations across the UK.



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As digital transformation continues to reshape the financial landscape, AD Accountancy remains at the forefront, combining traditional expertise with modern innovation. With trusted partnerships like the BCA and a growing client base, the firm continues to redefine what it means to be an accountant in the 21st century.

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Firstly, I welcome you to tonight's Annual Award and Dinner event.

I feel enormously privileged and honoured as the Membership Secretary of the largest and oldest organisation-'BCA'.

Tonight we are celebrating 65th Years of our organisation and 18th Award Ceremony and Dinner which will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel in Lon-don. This Year UK's 10 Regional Best Restaurant and 10 Best Chef of the Year will be crowned tonight. It is a prestigious award which will enable the business to flourish in their respective areas.

It is essential for BCA to encourage caterers to become members of this great platform of the curry industry. Becoming a member of BCA will enormously assist this organisation to lobby with the Government for our needs and many other business related issues including business rates. This will also help us to attract various companies for better negotiations in the market. We have seen the effect during this difficult year. Hav-ing large number of members assist us to negotiate better deals with the suppliers and utility companies.



Yameem R H Deedar

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The members can get many benefits not only for financial aspect of the business but also get essential business and other related expertise ad-vice.

We have to stand together, discuss and make every effort to show the Government the real concern. This is why we have to have more and more registered members.

I sincerely urge all the caterers to join BCA and unite together to achieve our objectives.



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For over 65 years, the Bangladesh Caterers Association UK (BCA) has stood as the proud voice of the British Bangladeshi curry industry. Founded in 1960, when only a few hundred Bengalis lived in Britain, the association quickly became a unifying force for restaurateurs from East Pakistan, now Bangladesh. Its founding president, Mr. Shirajul Islam, and fellow pioneers laid the groundwork for what would become a national institution.

Since its inception, BCA has grown in stature and impact, representing the interests of thousands of curry houses and takeaways across the UK. To date, the association has been led by 11 presidents, each contributing to its evolution and advocacy. The current president, Mr. Oli Khan MBE, serving from 2023, continuing the legacy of leadership and innovation. Under his guidance, BCA has expanded its reach, strengthened its political engagement, and launched new initiatives such as the BCA Foundation, a Community Interest Company dedicated to humanitarian work in both Britain and Bangladesh.

Today, BCA represents a thriving network of over 12,000 restaurants and takeaways, with 16 regional committees across the UK, and a democratically elected executive council that renews every two years.

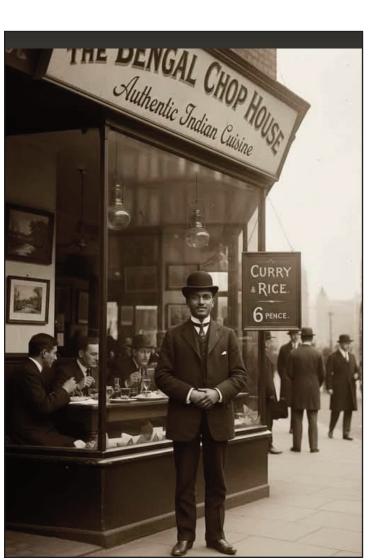
The industry now employs more than 100000 people, the vast majority of whom are of Bangladeshi heritage, and generates an estimated £4.2 billion in annual turnover. BCA has played a pivotal role in promoting Bangladeshi cuisine not only in Great Britain, but across Europe, through festivals, awards, and cultural campaigns. It has also helped tackle staffing shortages in the catering sector, advocated for immigration reform, and supported suppliers by generating significant business leads. Through its leadership, BCA has become a trusted partner in policy discussions, even initiating an All-Party Parliamentary Group to address challenges facing the curry industry.

More than just a trade body, BCA is a symbol of community pride and resilience. Its journey has been shaped by the support of supreme authorities, stakeholders, and grassroots members alike. Guided by panels of seasoned professionals who blend expertise with passion, BCA continues to uplift the British Bangladeshi identity—celebrating heritage, driving economic growth, and influencing national policy. From humble beginnings to national prominence, BCA remains the beating heart of Britain's curry story.

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Investment Opportunities in Bangladesh: The Role of BIDA in Shaping a Dynamic Investment Ecosystem

Bangladesh stands today as one of Asia's most dynamic investment destinations, driven by robust economic growth, a young workforce, huge consumer base and a government committed to private sector led progress. Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), the nation's apex agency under the Chief Adviser's Office, stands at the center of transformation, entrusted with promoting, facilitating and protecting investments across the country. BIDA plays a pivotal role in unlocking Bangladesh's vast investment potential by providing a one stop platform for investors both domestic and foreign and driving reforms that make doing business in Bangladesh easier, faster and more efficient.

To guide investors toward promising opportunities, BIDA has developed an Investment Heat Map of Bangladesh, a comprehensive tool that visually identifies sectors and regions with the highest potential for returns. The Heat Map highlights key industries—such as textiles and garments, agro-processing, leather and footwear, light engineering, ICT, pharmaceuticals, renewable energy, and logistics—and pinpoints their geographical strengths across the nation. For example, the southwestern regions show promise in agro-based industries due to fertile land and port proximity; the central zones are emerging as hubs for manufacturing and logistics; and the northern districts offer rich prospects for energy and mineral development. This data-driven approach helps investors make informed decisions by combining economic indicators, infrastructure readiness, and local resource availability. The Heat Map is part of BIDA's broader effort to strengthen the investment ecosystem through transparency, coordination, and technology-driven facilitation.

BIDA's services encompass all aspects of investment facilitation. Through its One Stop Service (OSS) portal, investors can now access over 123 government services online, covering company registration, work permits, utilities, tax, and environmental clearances. Almost all services of BIDA (other than government offices) has been provided through one stop platform. This digital transformation reduces bureaucratic delays, enhances transparency, and establishes Bangladesh as an investment-friendly economy aligned with international best practices.

he Authority is also spearheading a number of policy and regulatory reforms aimed at improving the investment climate. BIDA has been actively engaged in simplifying business registration procedures, modernizing industrial policies, and promoting public-private dialogue to ensure investor confidence. The introduction of time-bound service delivery standards, investment-friendly amendments to relevant laws, and continuous stakeholder consultations have significantly improved Bangladesh's ease of doing business landscape.



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In addition to administrative reforms, Bangladesh offers compelling economic fundamentals. With a population exceeding 170 million—two-thirds under 35 years of age—the country presents a vast labor force and a growing consumer market. Competitive labor costs, strategic geographic location bridging South and Southeast Asia, and duty-free market access to the EU, UK, Canada, and other markets under various trade preferences make Bangladesh a natural choice for investors. BIDA works in close coordination with all government offices to ensure that investors receive seamless support from conception to operation of their ventures.

Bangladesh's consistent GDP growth—averaging above 6% for over a decade—along with stable macroeconomic management and expanding infrastructure under mega projects like the Padma Bridge, Metro Rail, and Port upgradation reflects a future of sustained economic dynamism. As Bangladesh is going to graduate from the list of under Developed Countries and moves toward its vision of becoming a developed nation, it welcomes investors to become partners in this transformation. BIDA invites global investors to explore the unparalleled opportunities Bangladesh—where in prospects meet stability, innovation, and growth. Together, we can build a prosperous future driven by investment, inclusiveness, and shared success.



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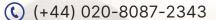
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The Silent Crisis in UK Hospitality: When the Chefs Are Gone

The UK's hospitality industry is facing its most serious crossroads in decades. For years, it has relied on skilled migrants — chefs, bakers, and managers whose expertise defined Britain's multicultural dining scene. But since 22 July 2025, a single immigration reform has upended that balance. For the first time in history, you can't recruit Chefs anytmore.

Under the new system, only roles at RQF Level 6 — degree-level jobs — qualify for Skilled Worker visas. Overnight, more than a hundred essential hospitality positions have been removed from eligibility. The government's aim is a "high-skill, high-wage" economy. The reality? A talent drought that threatens the survival of thousands of restaurants.

A Talent Pipeline That's Gone Dry

This isn't a short-term shortage — it's a structural shock. With hospitality roles excluded from the Shortage Occupation List, employers have lost their last route to overseas recruitment. Even if that policy softens, the ban on dependants has made the UK far less appealing for skilled migrant families.

Independent restaurants — especially those rooted in Asian cuisine — are hit hardest. They can't compete with corporate wage offers, and many are already reducing hours or cutting menus. Some are shutting entirely. The chefs who carried Britain's curry houses and family-owned kitchens are ageing, and there's no next generation ready to take their place.

Why Compliance is important?

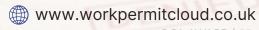
For restaurants that still employ sponsored workers, staying compliant with Home Office rules is now critical. The government has increased audits and surprise inspections. Every employer must keep records, report changes quickly, and make sure everything is correct in their HR systems.

A missed update — such as a new address, change in salary, or staff absence — can lead to a licence suspension or even cancellation. Once your sponsor licence is suspended, you can't hire or extend anyone's visa. Operations stop immediately, and getting the licence back is costly and timeconsuming.

The Future Depends on Foresight

The only way forward is to plan ahead. Businesses need to invest in local apprenticeships, train young talent, and modernise their HR systems. Using digital tools for Right to Work checks and record-keeping can help stay compliant and reduce risk. This is not just about paperwork — it's about survival. When the chefs are gone, we lose more than workers. We lose culture, tradition, and the identity of our food industry. The message is clear: fix your compliance now, protect your licence, and secure your future. Because without it, there may be no restaurant left to save.





CHEF OF THE YEAR **AWARDS**

The awards come at a difficult time for the country, with the cost-ofliving crisis affecting the UK's hospitality sector, especially small businesses. BCA members, who own Bangladeshi restaurants and takeaways, are also feeling the strain, impacting Britain's curry industry.

"The BCA Awards are a special time for the organization, celebrating the talent in this dynamic sector, which continues to innovate despite challenges. Our awards not only let the industry shine but help it and inspiring future talent. I'm proud of our organisation."

As Head of Chef of the Year, I can assure you this is a key night for the curry industry. The BCA Awards celebrate the passion of our vibrant sector, recognising chefs who push the boundaries and discovering new young talent. These awards inspire the next generation of chefs and curry lovers.

The awards would not have been achievable without the support of our sponsors and I am indebted and grateful to Hammersmith and Fulham College, for letting us use their beautiful facilities once again especially our friend Denise and her superb team, who were on hand to make the event a success.



Shamsul Alam Khan Shaheen

HEAD - CHEF OF THE YEAR **AWARDS 2025**

Special thanks to all participating chefs and finalists, being shortlisted is an achievement.

Best of luck tonight.







CHEF COOK OFF PARTICIPANT LIST:

CHEF'S NAME	RESTAURANT NAME	TOWN
Abdus Samad	Solent Tandoori	Hampshire, PO13 9BX
Mohammed Abdul Kayum	Baburchi	Fareham, PO15 6QB
Mohammed Jakir Hussain	Indian Summer	Southampton
Jila Miah	Tamarind	Isle of Wight, PO30 1LQ
Nesar Ahmod	Moonlight Tandoori	Harlow, Essex CM18 7NW
Abdul Manik	Sundar Rachana	Rainham, ME8 7TN
Leyakot Ali	Raj Mahal Restaurant	Hoddesdon, EN11 9DU
Khaledur Rahman	Saffron Restaurant	Northampton, NN1 1JS
Shahidur Rahman Khan	Rimjhim Indian Restaurant	Winchester, SO23 8SD
Muhammad Ali	Anmol Indian Restaurant	Warrington, WA5 2JP
MG Farook	The Red Rose Lounge	Hampshire, PO7 7HG
Kaiyum Khan Dewan	Spice Lounge	Mytchett, Camberley, GU166EG
Abdul Nur	Sundarban Tandoori	Greenford, UB6 0LZ
Hasan Ahmed	Classic Spice	Cambridge, CB25 9DQ
Sumon Miah	Rajmahal	Hoddesdon, EN11 9DU
Sam Haque	Café Masala	Richmond, Tw9 2PN
Maruf Ahmed	Mughal Express	Colchester, CO7 0AQ
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Ali Ahmed	India Garden	Watford, WD23 3HD
Munim Ahmed	Star of India	Middlesex, UB10 0LZ
Md Nazim Miah	Cinnamon Spice	Ashford, TN25 4BY
Md Sayfur Rahman	Balti King	Isle of Weight, PO33 4PF
Mohammed Ashikur Reja	Indian diner westwickham	101 high street kent BR4 OLT
Abdul Rohim	Haldi	Portsmouth, PO5 2SG
Shuyeb Ahmed	Spice Rouge Express	Hatfield, AL9 7DY
Abdul Kadir	Spice Rouge	SG1 3HR
Abdus Salam	Spice Club	Kent

NEWCOMER NOMINEES OF THE YEAR:

TAKEAWAY NAME	TOWN
The Bombay Swanley 23-25 High Street, Swanley, Kent, BR8 8AE	

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nearly Three Decades with the Bangladesh Caterers Association.

As Convener of the BCA Restaurant of the Year 2025, I have experienced first-hand both the triumphs and the trials that come with leadership and responsibility. The road has not always been smooth, and there have been many moments of difficulty that words alone cannot fully convey. Yet, through it all, my belief in the BCA's purpose and potential has remained steadfast

I have been proudly associated with the Bangladesh Caterers Association since 1996. Over these long years, I have seen the rise and fall of many moments — moments of pride, unity, and achievement.

There is no doubt that the BCA has achieved a great deal for our community. It has given Bangladeshi caterers a strong platform and a respected identity across the UK. Through countless events, campaigns, and leadership initiatives, the BCA has helped us stand tall in a competitive industry and celebrate our heritage with dignity.

But alongside our many achievements, we have also faced moments of challenge — times when differing visions and ambitions have tested our unity. In the pursuit of progress, it is natural that strong opinions and leadership energies sometimes pull in different directions. Yet what matters most is that we never lose sight of our shared purpose: to serve our members, protect their interests, and uplift our community.



Jewel ZamanHEAD - RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2025

We may not be able to change everything that has happened before, but we can learn from it and grow stronger together. This is a time for reflection, openness, and renewal. Let us reconnect with the founding values that made the BCA a beacon of pride — respect, service, and collective strength. With these guiding principles, we can restore trust, rebuild harmony, and move forward together as one body, one voice, one vision.

Our next generation is watching. They deserve to inherit an association that represents unity, fairness, and purpose — not division or politics. Let us rise above personal ambition and work together for the common good.

If we can rise above personal differences and work together in the true spirit of partnership, I have no doubt that the BCA will continue to flourish — stronger, prouder, and more united than ever before.

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR FINALISTS 2025:

BCA North East Region

NOMINEES ARE

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7 Haraland Pace Norton, TS20 1AL

Babul's

2 Skinner gate Darlington, DL3 7NB

Café Spice

19 Clark's Road Darlington, DL3 7QH

Vadah

24 Castlegate Mill Stockton on Tees, TS18 1BZ

BCA South East Region 1 (Sussex)

NOMINEES ARE

Mahaan Restaurant

177-181 Montague St West Sussex BN11 3DA

Bay Spice

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Priti Indian

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NOMINEES ARE

Indian Summer

6 London Road Westerham Kent, TN16 1BD

The Bombay

74-76 High Street Green Street Orpington, BR6 6BJ

The Coriander

326 High Street Orpington, BR6 6NG

Turmeric Square

11 Liberty Square, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4AU

BCA East of England Region

NOMINEES ARE

Kimbolton Spice

26 High St Huntingdon, PE28 0HA

Spice Lounge

65 Banbury Rd Brackley, NN13 6BA

Lasaan

8 White Hills Crescent Northampton, NN2 8EP

Balti Central

15 Mare Fair Northampton, NN1 1SR

BCA East of England Region 2

NOMINEES ARE

Saffron

69 High Street Hemel Hempstead Hertfordshire, HP1 3EJ

India Lodge

Stotfold, Hitchin Herts, SG5 4LD

Spice Rouge

Stevenage Hertfordshire, SG1 3HR

BCA East of England Region 3

NOMINEES ARE

Melford Valley

Hall Street Long Melford Suffolk, CO10 9JT

Lalbagh

49 Alms Hill Bourn Cambridge, CB23 2SH

Shilpa Indian Restaurant

Ermine St Cambridge, CB23 3RJ

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR FINALISTS 2025:

BCA West Midlands Region

NOMINEES ARE

Jalali Indian,

Old Victoria Arcade, 21 Aldergate, St John St, Tamworth B79 7DL

Little India

Leicester, LE3 0DL

Hanna's

1 Evesham Road Leicester, LE3 2BE

Chef and Spice

1 Andrewes Street Leicester, LE3 5PG

BCA East Midlands Region

NOMINEES ARE

The Spice Tree

Templars Way Sharnbrook, MK44 1PX

Spice of Paradise

54 High Street, Harrold Bedford, MK43 7DA

Voujon

3 CHURCH STREET, LONG BUCKBY Northampton, NN6 7QH

Eastern Balti

3 Fieldmill Square, Fieldmill Rd Fieldmill Rd Northampton, NN3 9AZ

Wales Region

NOMINEES ARE

Rose Indienne

73-74 St Helen's Road Swansea Wales SA1 4BG

Royal Balti

Barry, Wales CF63 2HU

Rahil Tandoori

Barry Island Wales CF63 4HD

BCA North Wales Region

NOMINEES ARE

Indian Empire Restaurant

Unit 1, Parkwall Roundabout Caldicot, NP26 5UT

Bay leaf

Newport Wales, NP11 6AZ

Tamarind Express

Newport Wales, NP19 4TD

BCA North West Region

NOMINEES ARE

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GOAN PRAWN CURRY

Ingredients:

- 500 gms large prawns; deshelled and deveined Salt; to taste
- 3-4 green chillies; slit lengthwise
- 1 small onion; finely chopped
- 1 tbsp coconut oil
- 1 cup fresh coconut milk; thick extract
- 1 cup fresh coconut milk; thin extract
- ½ tsp coriander seeds
- ½ tsp turmeric powder
- ½ tsp cumin seeds
- 2 medium garlic cloves
- ½ inch ginger
- 3 dried red chillies
- ½ tsp black peppercorns
- 1 tbsp tamarind pulp
- · Fresh coriander leaves; for garnish

Instructions:

Marinate the prawns with salt, chopped green chillies and onion for 15 minutes. Soak the dried red chillies in warm water for 8 minutes.

Grind coriander seeds, cumin seeds, garlic, dry red chilli, peppercorns, ginger and turmeric powder into a fine paste with very little water. Add the coconut oil to the marinated prawns and cook on medium heat for 2 minutes.

Next add the ground spice paste and mix well to combine. Also add the thin coconut milk extract (or one 200ml can coconut milk) and tamarind pulp; bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer till the prawns are almost cooked.



Celebrity Chef Atik Rahman BEM

Adjust seasoning and add the thick coconut milk extract (or one 200ml coconut milk). Mix well and cook on low heat for another 30 seconds to 1 minutes. If using fresh coconut milk, ensure that the heat is low or else the milk will split.

Garnish with fresh coriander leaves. Allow the curry to sit for atleast 30 minutes before serving. Best paired with steamed white rice.



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Mr Abdus Salam
Spice Lounge - Brackley
East Midlands Region



Mr Abdul Rouf
Sundarban - Southall, Greenford
South East Region 3



Mr Syedur Rahman Choudhury
Spice Lounge - Camberley, Surrey
South East Region 2



Mr Md Abdul Hannan Hannans Restaurant - Leicester West Midlands Region



Mr Ruokn Ahmed Ricki
The Coriander Lounge - Epping

East of England Region 2

BCA RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR WINNERS 2024



Mr Miahjahan Miah
The Bombay - Orpington, Kent
South East Region 5



Mr Shuhel Ahmed Babul's - Darlington North East Region



Mr Kamrul Islam
Achari Indian Kitchen - Cotham Hill
South West Region I



Mr Zahir Abidin
Neelakash - Amwell End, Ware
London Region 2



Mr Mohammed Khayrul Islam
Spice of Paradise - Harrold, Bedford

East Midlands Region



Mr Ruman Miah
Masala - Bricklane, London
London Region I

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Jalsha - Norton, Stockton-on-Tees
North East Region



Mr Babul Hussain
Le Spice - New Eltham, Kent
South East Region 5

BCA TAKEAWAY OF THE YEAR WINNERS 2024



Mr Zakaria Chowdhury
Mughal Express - Sudbury Suffolk

East of England Region 3



Mr Abdul Hamid Curry Raj - Bristol

South West Region I

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Mint Leaf - Bishop's Stortford
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Mr Habib Siddiq
The Cinnamon Square - Hildenborough
South East Region 5



Mr Nesar Ahmed
Moonlight Tandoori - Harlow Essex
East of England Region 2



Mr Azad Khan
Indian Summer - Westerham Kent
South East Region 5



Mr Kabir Hussain
Three Elephants - Llandevaud Newport
Wales Region



Mr Mohammad Lilu Miah
The Spice Tree - Sharnbrook Bedford

East Midlands Region

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Saffron - Northampton
East Midlands Region

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Mr Mahmud Alam
The Paradise Balti House - Petersfield

South East Region 4



Mr Muhammad Ali Anmol Indian Restaurant - Penketh

North West Region



Mr Miftaur Choudhury Lalbagh - Bourn Cambridge

East of England Region 3



Mr Moshrof Ali
The Coriander - Orpington Kent

South East Region 5

BCA HONORUS OF THE YEAR WINNERS 2024





Mr Iqbal Ahmed OBE DBA Contribution to the Community & Curry Industry



NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF BCA ACTIVITIES





BCA held a meeting with Col. Mohd Abdus Salam (Retd), BP – Secretary General & CEO, Kidney Foundation Hospital, Sylhet





BCA President Oli Khan Mbe been to a business roundtable meeting with Gareth Thomas MP, Under Secretary of State for Services and Small Business, along with 20 other national organizations and four leaders from the hospitality sector.





BCA Networking meeting in Jalali Restaurant, Tamworth, Staffordshire.





The Brick Lane Curry Festival is a recent event that took place from September 19-21, 2025, celebrating Bangladeshi culture and cuisine after a 9-year hiatus. Present 1) Executives Mayor to Tower Hamlets 2) HE Abida Islam High Commissioner 3) Oli Khan MBE President BCA 4) Gulzar Khan President Brick lane Business association 5) Atik Rahman BEM Celebrity chef

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF BCA ACTIVITIES





Discussion meeting between BCA and Mayor or Camden borough council Cllr Samata Khatun and leader of the council Cllr Richard Olszewski. The aim to promote authentic Bangladeshi cuisine, provide food hygiene training, and support youth through apprenticeships. Their goal is to deliver these services in a structured, institutional manner and create more skills chefs in UK on 6th May 2025





BCA National Executive Council-Meeting Tuesday 17th June 2025





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National Curry Week Chef Competition, BCA President Oli Khan Mbe, Secretary General Mitu Chowdhury and Senior Vice President Atik Rahman was Judging for two days, it's not that easy to select the winner, the winner will be announced in October!









National Executive Council of Bangladesh Caterers Association (BCA) recently held an exclusive meeting with Lutfur Rahman, the Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets. This gathering served as a platform for dialogue between the BCA and local government leadership.





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BCA CHARITY FOUNDATION

The British Curry Awards (BCA) has proudly launched the BCA Foundation, a newly incorporated Community Interest Company (CIC) dedicated to humanitarian work across the UK and Bangladesh. This marks a formal expansion of the compassionate efforts BCA members have championed for decades—responding to floods, cyclones, and crises with generosity and resolve.

The Foundation's core purpose is clear:

To alleviate poverty, hardship, and distress among Bangladeshi communities in both the UK and Bangladesh—especially those facing challenges in healthcare, education, and financial wellbeing.

This is not charity for charity's sake. It is a strategic, not-for-profit initiative designed to uplift lives, reduce suffering, and empower those who are most vulnerable due to social and economic circumstances.

This initiative reflects BCA's enduring commitment to community upliftment—not just through culinary excellence, but through meaningful social impact. We invite all members and supporters to stand with us as we build a bridge of hope between Britain and Bangladesh.

Together, we serve. Together, we uplift.



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