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The hotly anticipated British Bangladeshi Power & Inspiration 2014 list will be announced next week - celebrating the success of the top 100 British Bangladeshi's from the past year. The list will unearth hidden gems from across the spectrum of British society; categories include politics, business and enterprise, innovation, media, sport, artists, celebrities and emerging influence. who are making major contributions to innovation and industry and helping to grow the UK Economy.

An exciting new category is making a debut this year- unearthing some surprising and lesser known figures from the British Bangladeshi community. The 2014 list will include a new "People's Choice" category whereby for the first time, the general public have participated in the selection process by nominating their most inspiring figures in British Bangladeshi society. The five names to be announced in this category demonstrate extraordinary examples of success and inspiration.

The British Bangladeshi Power & Inspiration List 2014 will be launched at the Houses of Parliament with a host of high profile ministers, MPs and guests on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014. The event will be hosted by Anne Main MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Bangladesh Group who will be joined by the judging panel other special guests.

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Note to Editors

1. The British Bangladeshi Power & Inspiration ("BB Power & Inspiration") is a celebration of the success of the Bangladeshi community in the UK today. The list of the 100 most powerful and influential British Bangladeshis acknowledges and celebrates the hard work and efforts of the pioneers, leaders and role models that are changing society's perceptions of the community and helping shape Britain for the better with their ideas, example, talent and success.
2. The 2014 list is the third publication of the BB Power & Inspiration which will focus on innovation and enterprise within the community.
3. The 2014 list will be announced on the 28th January 2014 at 7.00pm in the Commonwealth Room of the Houses of Parliament.
4. The BBPower100 is divided into 20 categories to cover sectors such as Business & Enterprise, Politics, Civil and Public Service, Legal, Academic/ Think Tanker, Medical, The City/Finance, Restaurateur, Professional, Networks and Associations, Community Activist, Media,

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Culture, Celebrity, Sport, Religious Figure, 30 and under, Emerging Influence and the People's Choice.

5. The first list was published in January 2012. Full details on the background to the BB Power & Inspiration can be found at [www.bbpower-inspiration.com](http://www.bbpower-inspiration.com)
6. Abdal Ullah and Ayesha Qureshi MBE are founder and editor of the publication. Abdal has extensive experience of working with London's strategic bodies and communities and Ayesha is a lawyer with a leading international law firm.
7. Iqbal Wahhab OBE, and Syed Nahas Pasha are the members of the BB Power & Inspiration judging panel. Iqbal is a serial entrepreneur, philanthropist and the proprietor of Roast at Borough Market. Pasha is a highly respected journalist and chief editor of Janomot newspaper and Curry Life Magazine.
8. The judges will be joined this year by Ms Nahida Rahman, CEO of Channel 9 TV and the first female TV executive in British Bangladeshi television.
9. Upon enquiry, the key names of the 2014 list can be released under embargo for interviews and in-depth articles.