



VOLUME 1 PROFILE



**Mohammed Abul Lais**

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Tadley Tandoori finds success and is making more money by following an interesting strategy: not going after money. Since the opening of his establishment, owner Mohammed Abul Lais's goal has been to offer diners high quality, traditionally cooked foods. "We dominate on customer service, too, but our target is total quality" he adds. "I personally interact with customers and have paid close attention to their feedback."

Mohammed Abul Lais is a successful businessman, outstanding community organiser and well-known philanthropist in Berkshire. He left for the UK when he was only 16 and entered professional life. Through his sincere and hard labour on one hand he attained success in his business and on the other being the eldest son of the family he educated all his brothers and sisters. He was born in Sunamgonj, Bangladesh. His father late Alhaj Abul Bashor Md. Mashuk Miah was a restaurant trader in the UK. He was a philanthropist who came over to the UK in 1963. After sitting the SSC Exam in 1975, Mohammed Abu Lais left for the UK along with other family members. On arrival in the UK he started working in restaurants and at the same time continued his studies.

He opened his first business, Curry Garden, in 1978 in Newbury, Berkshire, which was later established in Tadley, Hampshire in 1982, on a partnership basis. Then again in 1991 he opened Curry Garden in Reading. In 1985 he established 'Rajdoot Restaurant' in Cirencester Town in Gloucestershire on partnership. In 1991 he established a company named Eurasia Food Services. He established a first Thai and Bangladeshi restaurant named 'Café Blue Cobra' in the small-town Theale in greater Reading area in 1996.

Mohammed Lais is one of the founders of Basingstoke Islamic Society. Initially he was the Founding Secretary of this organisation and later on he served as President for 3 years. He is the Founding Member of Reading Central Jame Masjid, member of Basingstoke Chambers and Commerce, Thames Valley Chambers of Commerce, and a founder of British Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce in the UK. He has made special contributions towards the establishment and development of Amria Mosque and Amria Madrassa based in his own village. In 2016 he built an academy building in Amria Madrassa,

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which was opened by M A Mannan MP, the then Deputy Finance Minister of Bangladesh. During the devastating flood in 1988 and in 1991 he raised funds £1400 and £11,000 respectively and sent it to Bangladesh through British Red Cross Society for the flood affected people. Mohammed Abul Lais and his brother Absar Md. Waess have established a family trust after their father's name - Alhaj AB Mashuk Miah Foundation. Mohammad Abul Lais is the trustee of this Foundation and his siblings are members. Mohammed Lais is a founder trustee of Bangladesh Female Academy in Derai. He served as the President of Dakshin Sunamgonj Upozilla Association UK.

Mohammad Lais got married in 1984 to Nazma Khatun Qureshi, and they are blessed with two daughters and one son. First daughter Shumana Lais obtained Honours degree in Investment Banking and Finance, from Reading University, worked for KPMG as an auditor and also completed ACA. Shumana is married to Dr Omar Siddique and blessed with one son. The other daughter Sameera Lais is studying at Aston University. Son Shumel Lais, graduated in Business and Marketing from Bournemouth University, worked for Saatchi and Saatchi and currently running his own business in Marketing. His company Appsumer Ltd was listed on startups 100 in 2017 and 2018 respectively.