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A father-of-three has issued a heartfelt plea for help after being told there are no more standard treatment options left for his aggressive blood cancer.

Ghazanafar Ali, a devoted dad and the only breadwinner for his young family, was diagnosed last year with multiple myeloma - a rare and aggressive cancer of the blood.

Since then, his life has been consumed by gruelling hospital visits, rounds of chemotherapy, and the crushing fear that he may not live to see his children grow up. Ghazanafar's three children, aged just 17, 15 and 9, remain his driving force.

"For me, everything is about my children - their education, their future, the hope of being there for them as they grow," he said.

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Britain's epicentre of curry will once again place food at the heart of its cultural identity this September, as the World Curry Festival returns with a sensational two-week programme celebrating cuisine, heritage and community as part of Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture.

Founded in 2008 by Bradford entrepreneur Dr Zulfi Karim DL, the festival has grown into what organisers call a form of "gastro-diplomacy" – using curry as a vehicle for storytelling, cultural exchange and social change.

Over the years, the World Curry Festival has drawn audiences and talent from across the globe, cementing its reputation as more than a local celebration

Its influence has stretched far beyond Bradford, with headline showcases in Malaysia at the Penang International Halal Expo and gala dinners at the historic Eastern & Oriental Hotel.

Chefs and food personalities from Pakistan, India and the UK have shared stages, while visitors from Europe, the Middle East and South Asia have flocked to experience the blend of tradition and innovation.

This international reach has helped position Bradford not only as Britain's curry heartland but as a crossroads for culinary diplomacy.

"Curry is more than Britain's favourite dish," Zulfi says.
"It's a story of migration, entrepreneurship and community.

"Bradford is proud to be

GASTRO-DIPLOMACY

The World Curry Festival returns with a two-week celebration of food, heritage and community

the nation's curry capital, and in our City of Culture year we are celebrating not just the food on the plate, but the people and stories behind it."

The timing feels apt. According to the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR), the UK curry industry contributes more than £5bn to the economy and supports 100,000 jobs.

However, the sector has been hit hard by rising costs, staff shortages and shifting dining habits. More than 3,000 curry houses have closed in the past decade. Curry Forever, the CIC now powering the festival, has been set up to protect the industry and reimagine it for future generations.

Organisers are determined that the festival extends beyond the spectacle of 2025.

The legacy plan focuses on training and skills development, strengthening food supply chains, and establishing Bradford as a

global hub for food innovation and intercultural exchange.

"The World Curry Festival is about honouring pioneers, showcasing new talent and proving that a curry really can change the world," Zulfi adds.

"With the curry industry under threat, our mission is clear: Curry Forever will make sure curry is here forever."

This year's programme will also host men's mental health supper clubs, where sharing a meal becomes a safe space for honest conversation.

Other initiatives include working directly with farmers and suppliers to create more local, sustainable food supply chains, while keeping the authenticity that has always been at the heart of curry culture.

Tickets for the World Curry Festival are available now. Tickets can be booked online at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/ curry-forever-115191276801



WORLD CURRY FESTIVAL

Programme highlights

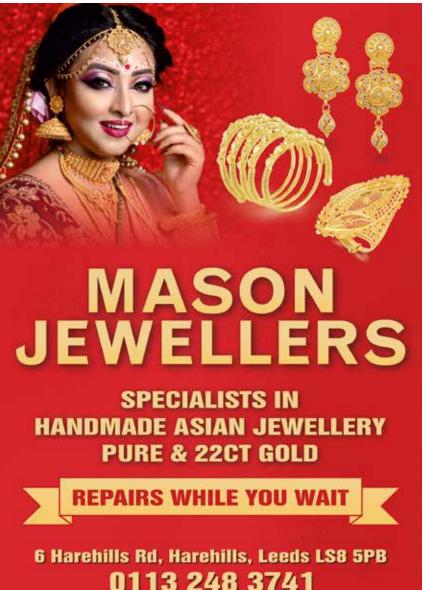
- Running from 15–29 September, this year's programme blends fine dining, street food, theatre and heritage.
- 15 Sept Opening Gala Dinner, Bradford Live: A black-tie launch introducing the first ever Bradford Curry Hall of Fame, staged inside the newly restored Bradford Live venue.
- 16 Sept The Business of Food Conference: Including the inaugural Yorkshire Food, Farming & Health Summit, asking whether the region could one day feed itself.
- 20–21 Sept World Street Food Market, Darley Street Market: International flavours, DJ sets, cookery classes and chef demonstrations, with a special appearance from Vivek Singh of The Cinnamon Club.
- 24–26 Sept Theatre of Curry, Loading Bay: Food meets performance, with evenings hosted by GP and broadcaster Dr Amir Khan, the revival of Balti Kings and a new Curry Heritage Supper Club.
- 27–28 Sept Steam & Spice Railway Dining, Keighley & Worth Valley Railway: A heritage steam train repurposed as a travelling restaurant
- 29 Sept Closing Gala Dinner, Bradford Live: A celebration of Bradford's curry heritage with the

Building a legacy

Looking beyond 2025, the festival's legacy plan is to:

- Support training and skills development in the food and hospitality sector.
- Strengthen links between farmers, suppliers and chefs to build resilient, sustainable food systems.
- Create opportunities to share knowledge across the globe, positioning Bradford as a hub for food innovation and intercultural exchange.





Leeds to Host Yorkshire's biggest ever pre-Navratri

Garba bash!



Leeds is set to light up with colour, rhythm and community spirit as Yorkshire's Biggest Pre-Navratri Garba Celebration takes centre stage at the South Leeds Stadium on Saturday 13 September 2025.

Organised by Chiragi's BiBA (British Indian Bollywood Art), the spectacular night will bring together thousands from across the region for an unforgettable evening of Garba, Dandiya Raas, live DJ performances and authentic cultural traditions.

Described as one of the region's most anticipated cultural gatherings, the event offers more than just high-energy dance — it's a vibrant celebration of Gujarati folk heritage that welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds.

Founder Chiragi Solanki said: "Our Pre-Navratri Garba is more than just a night of dance; it's about celebrating unity, heritage and community spirit. We are proud to create a platform where families and friends can come together, enjoy culture, and feel a shared sense of belonging."

The evening will also see the attendance

of city councillors, local representatives and West Yorkshire Police officials, underlining the role of Navratri in promoting inclusivity and community cohesion.

Beyond the dance floor, guests can indulge in authentic street food delights prepared by Panjabi Heven, with favourites such as Pani Puri, Bhel, Chaat and Vada Pav bringing the tastes of India to Leeds.

This year's event is backed by an impressive line-up of partners and sponsors including Sufiscore, Rock on Music, Akshar Supermarket, Tharavadu and Delux Paan. Media support comes from Fever Radio and the Asian Express Newspaper, while Soul Asia Road Show promises a dazzling production.

With the perfect mix of dance, music, food and cultural pride, this promises to be Yorkshire's most unforgettable Garba night

The Navratri festivities won't end there – celebrations will continue with special events at Aria Suite (26 & 28 September) and Egan Suite (27 September). Combo tickets are available for families and groups.

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Aberdeen to Dewsbury: Cyclists conquer 400-miles, raise £23K for Palestine

A team of eight cyclists have completed a gruelling 400-mile journey from Aberdeen to Dewsbury to raise funds and awareness for the humanitarian crisis in Palestine.

Led by organiser Zubair Raje, the team included Nadim Latif, Gavin Cunningham, Akef Akbar, Wakash Waheed, Amer Hittini, Muftah Mohamed and Mohamed Mashaal -powered through four relentless days in the saddle, covering 100-miles per day. That's the equivalent of scaling Mount Everest twice, all while averaging 13-15 mph over punishing terrain!

As well as the sheer mileage, they climbed a total elevation of more than 21,000 feet, that's the equivalent of scaling Mount Everest twice! Each rider burned through an eye-watering 25,000 calories, but it wasn't just about stamina, it was about solidarity.

The men, hailing from Aberdeen, Dewsbury and Wakefield, brought together Pakistani,

Gujarati, Libyan, Egyptian, British English and Palestinian heritage, proving that unity can move mountains... or at least pedal over them. Their professional backgrounds were equally varied, spanning law, healthcare, business and community work, showing how people from all corners of society can unite for a shared humanitarian mission.

The ride wasn't just miles; it was moments. Communities lined the route with cheers, and as the riders rolled into Skipton, they were escorted by local heroes from the Pedlaz Cycling Group and BAD Cycling Club. The finale? A hero's welcome worthy of their effort!

Behind the handlebars stood an equally heroic pit crew: Zaheer Raje, Irfan Raje, Javid Jamal, Inaaya Raje, Sobhia Raje and Dr Sorcha Hittini. They handled everything from food and hydration to prayer breaks and recovery stops, earning the title of "unsung

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heroes" from the exhausted but grateful cyclists.

At the heart of the effort was Zubair Raje, who organised and led the ride. Zubair played a pivotal role in coordinating logistics, rallying the team together and ensuring the challenge could be completed safely and successfully. Fellow cyclists widely praised his leadership, noting the event would not have been possible without his dedication and vision.

This wasn't by any means a solo mission either. Sponsors including Tyler Hoffman Solicitors, Plush Furniture, Aberdeen Accountants, Derbar and West Coast Estates made sure the wheels kept spinning by covering essential costs.

So far, £23,168 has been raised for Mercy for Humanity, with donations still rolling in. The funds will deliver emergency aid, including food, medicine and shelter, to families in Gaza and beyond.

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A heartfelt thanks to the sponsors

The cyclists also paid tribute to the event's sponsors, without whom the ride would not have been possible. A huge and heartfelt thanks was extended to Tyler Hoffman Solicitors, Plush



Furniture, Aberdeen Accountants, Derbar and West Coast Estates. Their generosity covered essential costs and ensured the riders could focus on the challenge and the cause.

Wider impact

The ride comes amid growing calls

in the UK and across the world for stronger humanitarian support for Palestinians. Campaigners have stressed that grassroots initiatives such as this play a crucial role in both raising funds and keeping the crisis in the public eye.

Many described the event as a

powerful demonstration of how ordinary people can mobilise to highlight global injustice.

One of the cyclist said: "This isn't just about one ride. It's about sustaining support for families who are living through a crisis. Every contribution

helps."

Donations remain open, you can contribute directly through the campaign page at Mercy for Humanity: www.mercytohumanity.givebrite.com/aberdeenscotlandrideforpal



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"But my world turned upside down when I was told I had multiple myeloma. It's been a constant battle ever since."

Treated at St James's Hospital in Leeds for the past two years, he has undergone three lines of chemotherapy, including a promising new drug called Elranatamab.

Yet despite initial hope, recent test results revealed that the cancer is once again advancing.

Doctors have now stopped chemotherapy, leaving Ghazanafar without further NHS options unless he qualifies for a clinical trial outside the city. For now, he is taking a drug called Pomalidomide, but it is no longer working as doctors had hoped.

His only remaining lifeline is CAR T-cell therapy, one of the most advanced cancer treatments in the world. But while this pioneering treatment offers real hope, it is not available on the NHS for his type of cancer - and the cost is staggering: around £500,000.

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"I want so badly to fight for my life - for my children, for my wife, for my elderly mother, and for everyone who loves me. I'm not ready to give up," Ghazanafar said.

"But without this treatment, I may not have much time left. I believe that with the kindness of strangers, I can make it."

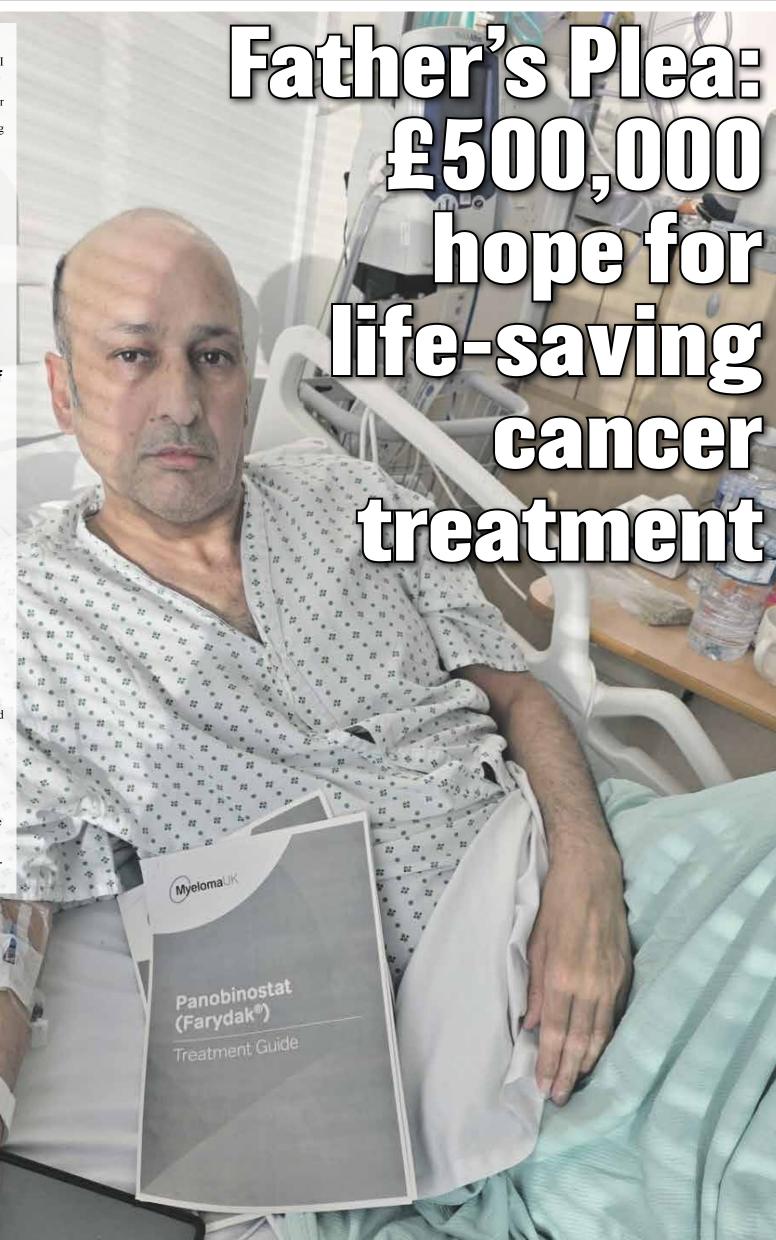
The family has launched a fundraising appeal to cover the cost of the therapy, travel, and specialist care. Every donation, no matter the size, will go directly toward giving Ghazanafar the chance to survive.

And in an act of generosity, he has promised that if, in any event, he does not survive, any remaining funds will be donated directly to helping other cancer patients.

"If you cannot donate, please share my story - every share could connect me to someone who can help," he added.

Ghazanafar has promised to keep supporters updated every step of the way. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for reading, for caring, and for standing with me in this fight."

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"We met people who had lost limbs, children left disfigured, and families who spoke of entire households being wiped out in Gaza," Nazim recalled.

From Bradford to Cairo

Humanitarian, Nazim Ali, delivers lifeline to Palestinian refugees in Egypt

Bradford community champion, Nazim Ali, has returned from his 18th families caring for cancer patients humanitarian mission, helping deliver vital aid to displaced Palestinian families in Egypt.

Between 27–31 August, Nazim travelled with a 15-strong UK team to Cairo and Giza as part of a deployment organised by Watford-based Hayaat Welfare Trust.

Working in 35-degree heat, the volunteers distributed more than a thousand food parcels and hygiene packs, alongside cash assistance and vouchers for children who have fled Gaza since the war escalated in October

Collectively the UK team raised £94,615, with Nazim contributing £15,001 of that total.

'My initial target was £10,000 but thanks to the generosity of donors in Bradford and beyond, I was able to exceed that," he said.

It is estimated that more than 100,000 Palestinians have sought refuge in Egypt since the outbreak of the conflict last year. Many are now living on the economic margins, without formal refugee status, which restricts their access to healthcare and state welfare.

Volunteers described visiting unable to afford treatment, as well as survivors with war-related injuries and psychological trauma.

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The Bradford to Cairo mission delivered:

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wiped out in Gaza," Nazim recalled.

'It was profoundly upsetting to hear first-hand testimonies, but the smiles and words of gratitude reminded us that our efforts had touched lives.

While short-term relief provides vital support, aid workers warn that the structural challenges facing Palestinians in Egypt remain severe. Many refugees struggle with the rising cost of living, unemployment, and lack of access to diagnostic services or surgeries.

Nazim, a familiar face in Bradford's civic and community life, has raised over £1.2m for humanitarian causes during the past decade. He was awarded the British Empire Medal in the King's New Year Honours 2025 and last year received an honorary fellowship from the University of Bradford for almost three decades of charitable work.

He paid tribute to local businesses for their ongoing support, as well as his charity partners at Hayaat Welfare Trust. "We cannot change the world, but we can provide relief and show we care," he said.

"Every donation goes directly to those in need, and every smile we see belongs to the donors who make this



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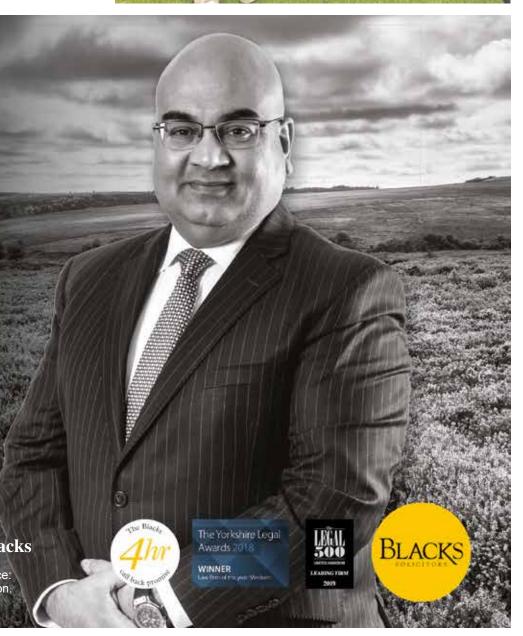
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"Funding alone won't fix the inequities in legal training..."





For years, aspiring solicitors from disadvantaged backgrounds have described the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) as less a measure of skill and more an obstacle course built around cost.

The fees alone have derailed countless ambitions, shutting out those without financial privilege or family connections in the profession.

That is why the Law Society's announcement of new support for disadvantaged SQE candidates has been greeted with cautious optimism. It offers some hope. Yet critics stress the fundamental barrier remains: exam fees that run to nearly £2,000 for SQE1 and almost £3,000 for SQE2.

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Against this backdrop, Sarah Khan-Bashir MBE of SKB Law says: "The Law Society's funding announcement is an important step towards levelling the playing field."

But even good news has caveats. The money comes not from new investment but from penalties levied on Kaplan for mishandling the SQE, hardly a vote of confidence in the system itself.

"£360,000 may sound like a lot," she notes, "but in practice it will cover only around 190 candidates, and only for one exam each, not both or for any resits."

Meanwhile, the deeper problems remain: punishing costs, a contested format, and persistent attainment gaps for Black and Asian candidates. Schemes like this can provide lifelines, but they are not the cure.

Law Society president Richard Atkinson has argued the funding will promote social mobility and widen diversity across the profession. The Diversity Access Scheme (DAS) already offers financial aid, mentorship, and work experience. This new stream of money will extend that work.

Yet as Sarah reminds us: "Supporting disadvantaged candidates isn't 'snowflakery', it's common sense.

"But if we want a profession that truly reflects and serves society, then fairness requires more than patches around the edges: it means tackling the root causes that keep talent out."





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It was birdies, bunkers, and a whole lot of heart as Yorkshire children's cancer charity Candlelighters teed off its first-ever corporate Golf Day - raising an impressive £11,000 to support families affected by childhood cancer.

The event, held at Leeds Golf Centre during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, saw 20 business teams swap boardrooms for fairways in a day packed with friendly competition, laughter, and fundraising spirit.

More than 80 players lined up their shots, cheered on by sponsors, donors, and partners including the Parklane Foundation.

Adding extra sparkle to the occasion, Piccadilly Motors of Knaresborough sponsored a Hole-in-One challenge with a brand-new car as the prize.

Sadly, no one drove off with the keys, though plenty of players gave it a swing!

Despite heavy rain cutting the action short, the atmosphere remained sunny. "The weather might have ended play early, but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm," said Iain Blackwood Hobbs, Partnerships Executive at Candlelighters.

"We're so grateful to all the players, sponsors, and supporters who made the day such a success. Every pound raised will make a real difference for families across Yorkshire facing the unimaginable challenges of childhood cancer."

Funds raised will help Candlelighters deliver vital emotional, practical, and financial support - from counselling sessions and respite breaks to simply being a comforting presence when families need it most.

"Working with us isn't just about raising money - it inspires employees, strengthens customer loyalty, and helps businesses achieve their CSR goals," added Hobbs.

"Together, we can make a lasting impact."
With the first event hailed as a hole-in-one for community spirit, Candlelighters has already set a date for the sequel: September 2026. Until then, the charity is encouraging more Yorkshire businesses to get involved, pick up their clubs, and join the fight against childhood cancer.

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Tickets have now been released for Turner Prize 2025, which is taking place at Cartwright Hall Art Gallery from 27 September 2025 to 22 February 2026 as a major moment in the Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture celebrations.

One of the world's best-known prizes for the visual arts, the Turner Prize aims to promote public debate around new developments in contemporary British art.

Established in 1984, the prize is named after the radical painter JMW Turner (1775-1851) and is awarded each year to a British artist for an outstanding exhibition or other presentation of their work.

This year, the shortlisted artists are, Nnena Kalu, Rene Matić, Mohammed Sami and Zadie Xa.

Turner Prize 2025 is part of Bradford

2025 UK City of Culture, a year-long celebration of Bradford city and district the fourth UK City of Culture following Derry/Londonderry, Hull and Coventry.

Running from January to December, Bradford 2025 features performances, exhibitions, events and activities inspired by the district's history and heritage, its breathtaking countryside and industrial past, as well as the local artists, creative organisations and the diverse communities who call Bradford home.

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Pensioner who smuggled cocaine in his mobility scooter jailed

A pensioner who tried to smuggle cocaine worth more than £600,000 into the UK hidden in his mobility scooter has been jailed for six years.

National Crime Agency officers began investigating 71-year-old Ronald Lord, from Montreal in Canada, after he was stopped at Gatwick Airport on 7 February 2025.

He claimed to have been on a seven-day holiday to Barbados, and was also coming to the UK to sightsee.

Border Force x-rayed his scooter and found eight kilos of the drug hidden in a void in the seat back panel.

NCA experts valued the haul at around £640,000, at street-level prices.

Lord told NCA investigators that he didn't know how it had got in there and denied any knowledge. However, following a search a screw from the panel was found in his pocket.

Investigators also carried out checks with airlines, and found he had lied about his time in Barbados,

spending only three days there before travelling to the UK.

On 5 August, during a hearing at Croydon Crown Court, Lord admitted class A drug smuggling charges. On Friday 5 September a judge at the same court sentenced him to six years in prison.

NCA Senior Investigating Officer Richard Wickham said: "Organised crime groups need smugglers like Lord to bring class A drugs into the UK, where they are sold for huge profit by gangs who deal in violence and exploitation.

"He obviously thought that because he was a pensioner he would be less of a target for law enforcement. He was wrong, and I hope this case sends out a message to anyone who would consider doing the same.

"Working with partners like Border Force, the NCA is determined to do all we can to stop class A drugs finding their way into the hands of criminal gangs, and target those involved in helping them."





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A University of Salford student who received the inaugural Asian Media Awards Scholarship has spoken about how the funding has helped change her life and given her the confidence to be a journalist.

BA Journalism (Broadcast) student Fazeela Munshi was the first to receive the Asian Media Awards Scholarship last year, as part of the award's historical collaboration with the University of Salford - which marks its 13th year in 2025.

Every October, the awards celebrate those within British Asian and mainstream media, providing a valuable platform for under-represented members working in the industry.

The scholarship was first announced at the 2023 awards ceremony by Professor Alan Walker, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean of the School of Arts, Media, and Creative Technology, providing £10,000 for a lucky candidate to pursue a three-year undergraduate programme in the creative industries.

The scholarship was aimed at students from low-income households, to help alleviate some of their financial burdens and be able to focus on their education.

About to enter her final year at Salford, Fazeela's dream is to become a sports journalist, interviewing athletes and covering a range of events across the country

She said that the scholarship has vastly improved her mental health and lifestyle, as she was struggling to make time for her education alongside working and commuting from Blackburn.

Three years before applying for the

'THE ASIAN MEDIA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP CHANGED MY LIFE', SAYS SALFORD STUDENT

scholarship, Fazeela began working as a steward for Blackburn Rovers to provide another income for her mother and younger sister. Several times, she considered whether she would need to get even another job, as her train fares and food bills continued to add up.

In her first and second years at Salford, Fazeela did receive a government loan, but it was not enough to cover the everyday expenses that she needed to get to campus. So, she spent much of her free time taking long shifts working instead of spending this time studying for her assessments.

After initially applying for the scholarship in April, Fazeela found out in June that she would be the first recipient of the coveted scholarship.

She said: "I was definitely shocked. It definitely gave me the belief that these people actually have some kind of faith in me

"I had no savings. I had nothing. I was on holiday [when I applied], so I didn't know that I was going to win it, and I really didn't know about the likelihood that I was going to get it, but then I got the email!"

As Fazeela received the scholarship last summer after completing her first year, she was provided with funding for

her first year as well as her second year. She said the additional funding meant that she was able to reduce her working hours and attend more of her lectures and the journalism opportunities available at Salford.

The scholarship then provided her with not only the time and energy to go out and report in the field for her assignments but also the equipment to edit audio and video packages afterwards.

Before she was awarded the money, Fazeela often had to come back to university on her days off or stay later after class. With the scholarship funding, she was able to get herself a computer, equipped with Adobe Premiere Pro, so that she didn't have to make the hour-long commute to MediaCity to edit a video package.

She said: "The loan that I get from the government, I don't think it would have lasted me until the end of the semester, and then the commute to Salford — if I was trying to get there for like 8 or 9 in the morning, it would be like £12 for a train ticket. I look at it over the month, and you realise you're spending £200 or £300 a month just on transportation, so I think the scholarship definitely helped me with that."

As well as relieving the financial stress of her university commute, the scholarship funding also provided her with more flexible for her time outside of university - she was able to create a life for herself outside of her studies.

Fazeela said that one of her biggest investments was getting a new bed for the first time in years and officially moving out of the room she shared with her younger and older sisters.

She said: "We had been sharing a bunk bed since I think it was about 5 or 6. For 10 years, we had the same bed, and the only thing we changed was the mattress covers or, like, the duvet covers. I don't think I've ever slept better since I changed my bed."

Fazeela was able to finally move out of the room that she had shared with her sisters for the past 15 years.

Since freeing up her work schedule, Fazeela has kickstarted her exciting career since receiving the scholarship.

She worked with the BBC's cricket team this summer and helped them to cover the West Indies v England series for both the men and women's teams, as well as helping out the BBC World Series team.

Similarly, she was given some incredible opportunities working with

BCOMS, a non-profit organisation that provides disadvantaged people with opportunities in sports media. She has covered the British Cycling Team and gone to masterclasses by Ellie Stott and the Crowd Network, an independent podcast network.

Fazeela said: "[The scholarship] gave me the confidence to get out there and have the confidence to be a journalist or even a student journalist. You've given me this money, and now I feel like I have to, like, go and do it. I have to succeed; whether by force or not, I'm going to do it!"

Looking forward to next year, Fazeela said she felt relieved to know that she would be able to focus on her studies in the final year of her undergraduate degree and keep her work life flexible.

She said: "In the second year, I was balancing work and uni, but I feel like in my third year you need to lock in and get stuff done. I'm going to have to say no to working and just be like, 'I need to chase this story! I need to do this!"

In the future, Fazeela would like to be working on the radio or in as a commentator at her home club, Blackburn Rovers, writing meaningful work for a new generation of sports journalists.

The 2025 Asian Media Awards will take place in Manchester on Friday 31 October. Nominations for all categories are set to close today (Thursday 28 August) with the shortlist for the various categories to be announced next month.

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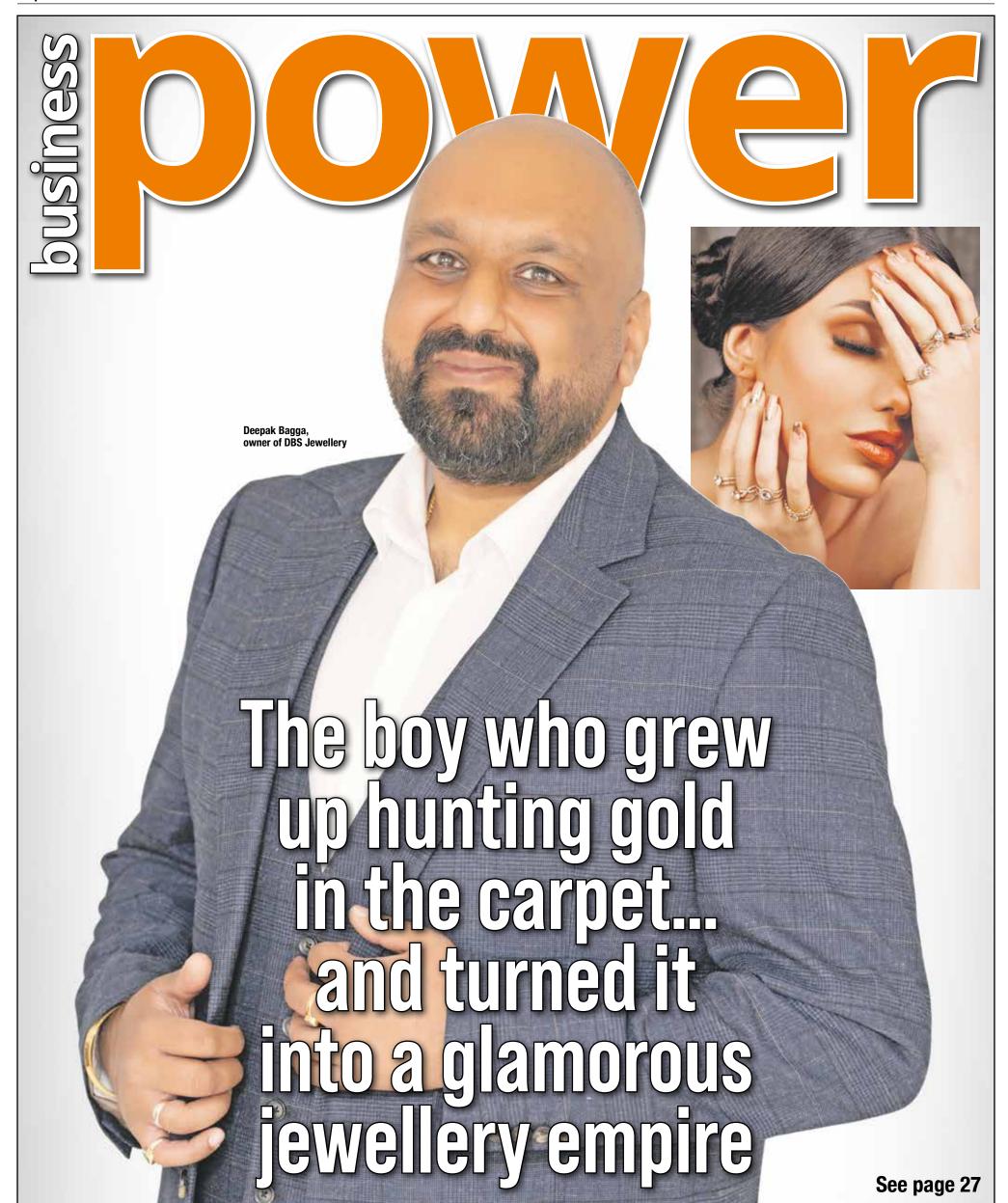
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Children Playing Football Can Be A Nuisance

he High Court recently ruled that noise of children playing football and stray footballs landing in a garden can amount to a nuisance. In the case of Bakhaty and Another v Hampshire County Council, the High Court found that the use of an all-weather play area by a school was a nuisance where the use was outside of school hours.

In that case Mr and Mrs Bakhaty owned a property next to the grounds of Westgate All Through School in Winchester. An area of land that abutted Mr and Mrs Bakhaty's property was previously used by the School as an informal play area but suffered from poor drainage and became unusable during wet weather. In 2021 this area was turned into an all-weather play area which included a small football pitch. The play area was used for formal and informal play throughout the day and after school. It was also rented out to third parties on weekends generating income for the School.

Mr and Mrs Bakhaty claimed that following the construction of the play area their enjoyment of their home had been substantially affected due to the noise of the children and they alleged that, over a 10 month period, 170 footballs had landed in their garden from the play area and this had significantly impacted the use of their garden. They claimed that they were no longer able to hold garden parties, enjoy gardening or use the swimming pool at their home. Mr and Mrs Bakhaty issued proceedings against the Council alleging common law nuisance as well as seeking an injunction prohibiting any use of

the play area. The Council opposed the claim arguing that the play area was a valuable facility for both the School and the wider community and that the School had put mitigating measures in place including a net to try and prevent footballs from landing in Mr and Mrs

Bakhaty's garden

The Judge found that the level of noise and the number of balls going into the Bakhatys' garden (before the School's efforts to mitigate that occurrence) amounted to a substantial interference of Mr and Mrs Bakhaty's use of their land. The Judge considered that it was not unreasonable for the play area to be used by the school children during school hours but he found that use at other times, and for the benefit of others, was only in the interests of the School and did not give proper consideration to the interests of Mr and Mrs Bakhaty, who would be significantly impacted by weekend use of the play area. In the circumstances, the use of the play area by third parties outside of school hours constituted a nuisance.

Mr and Mrs Bakhaty were awarded £1,000 in damages to compensate them for the nuisance that they had suffered during the 10 month period when the play area had been used at weekends. However, the Judge refused to grant Mr and Mrs Bakhaty an injunction and instead the Council gave an undertaking that the School would only use the play area during school hours and that it would keep in place the measures which had been installed to prevent the balls from escaping from the play area.

Although Mr and Mrs Bakhaty were successful in establishing a nuisance, they failed to obtain the real remedy that they were after, namely an injunction to prevent the play area from being used by the School. This case serves as a useful example of the importance of taking mitigating steps when faced with a nuisance claim as the actions of the School prevented the

play area from being closed down by the Bakhatys.

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Mayors accuse government of undermining regional growth as not a single northern institution is chosen



North frozen out

Anger as region's universities miss out on £54m talent fund

Northern leaders, including the Mayor West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin, have criticised the government for breaching its pledge to 'level up' the country after it was revealed that no universities in the North of England will receive a share of the £54m Global Talent Fund.

The scheme, run by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), is designed to attract world-class international researchers to Britain.

Twelve universities and research bodies across all four nations will share the funding, including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College London and Cardiff University - but not a single institution in the North made the cut.

New analysis by the Northern Powerhouse Partnership found that seven northern universities, including Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Sheffield, Durham, York and Lancaster, surpassed the fund's £5m research threshold.

Both Durham and Lancaster also cleared the requirement for at least 35% of academic staff to be international, with Manchester missing by just 0.3 percentage points

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Henri Murison, the partnership's chief executive, said: "The principle behind the Global Talent Fund is absolutely right - attracting

world-class researchers is essential to our future

prosperity.

"But it is deeply disappointing that not a single northern university will benefit, especially when the selection criteria were both arbitrary and inconsistently applied. The North is not pleading – it is simply asking for fairness."

Eight metro mayors, including Andy Burnham, Tracy Brabin and Steve Rotheram, have signed a joint statement warning that the decision "undermines" the North's role as the UK's only credible economic counterweight to London and the South East.

"The North is home to some of the UK's most innovative, high-performing universities," the statement reads.

"Their exclusion from the Global Talent Fund undermines their contribution to the UK's economic success and the government's stated commitment to rebalance our economy."

The mayors have called for urgent reform to ensure research funding is distributed more fairly and transparently, warning that concentrating investment in the south risks stifling growth across other parts of the country.

UKRI defended the process, saying the awards were based on clear criteria. Science minister Lord Vallance insisted that "genius is not bound by geography" and said the UK remained "open to the bold and the brave" in research, wherever they are.

business power

The boy who grew up hunting gold in the carpet... and turned it into a glamorous jewellery empire





For most of us, gold is something you glimpse in a shop window. For Deepak Bagga, it was scattered across the carpet of his childhood home.

As a little boy, he would crouch beneath his father's workbench, combing through the pile for tiny specks of precious off-cuts.

"It felt like a treasure hunt," he laughs. "I was six years old, collecting gold shavings from the carpet while my dad worked above me, turning molten bars into the most exquisite

ewellery."

That father is Surinder Kumar, a skilled craftsman celebrated for his intricate hand engraving. Today, his legacy lives on in DBS Jewellery, the glittering brand Deepak has built in his honour. The initials – DBS – combine both their names, meticulously engraved on every piece.

And what pieces they are – 22-carat gold bridal sets, statement dress rings, stunning pendants, all encrusted with dazzling stones that catch the light with every movement – DBS is fast becoming a name to know.

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But it's not just tradition that sets DBS apart. Deepak has brought 22-carat jewellery roaring into the digital age.

Harnessing cutting-edge CAD design software alongside his traditional bench training, he creates styles that blend timeless elegance with contemporary flair – high-end jewellery that no other 22-carat retailer in Britain can match.

And the modern touches don't stop there. Customers can shop for DBS Jewellery online, spread payments with Klarna and Clearpay, and rest assured that every piece is hallmarked and certified with the Birmingham Assay Office and be safe in the knowledge that DBS Jewellery is also a proud member of the National Association of Jewellers.

It's a remarkable journey for a man who only began his formal training in 2013, armed with little more than determination, vision, and the lessons passed down from his father.

"Some competitors are still stuck in the past," he says. "But consumers today expect flawless jewellery and the ease of having it delivered direct to their door. That's where DBS stands out."

The results speak for themselves. Since launching the website at the end of 2023, DBS has won fans across the UK, and even secured the endorsement of a nationally recognised TV personality, a moment Deepak describes as "like stepping into a dream."

For him, DBS is more than a business, it's a family legacy reimagined for a new generation.

"I'm so thankful for everyone who has believed in me," he says. "This brand is about more than jewellery – it's about honouring history, creating beauty, and building something that leasts."

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The journey started when the founder, Ilyas Salim and his brother first stepped into a family business, working in the world of fine perfumery. Surrounded by the heritage of oud and the craft of blending oils,

What came out of those early trials was not meant to be a masterpiece. It was a fragrance he made for himself: clean, fresh and graceful, but with warmth

Over time, it became his quiet companion. Wherever he went, people would pause and ask, "What are you wearing?" He always smiled, knowing it was something unique, something that had not yet been shared with the world.

After seven years of being a private treasure, 'Pink Oud' is ready to step into the light.

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The top ten shortlisted Asian restaurants and takeaways across UK regions have been unveiled for the annual Asian Restaurant and Takeaway Awards (ARTA), the most prestigious celebration of pan Asian cuisine in the UK, taking place this year on Monday 6th October 2025 at the London Hilton Park Lane.

Hosted by BBC journalist and broadcaster, Samantha Simmonds, and magician, Paul Martin, the coveted awards recognise the very best of Asian cuisine across a range of national and regional categories. ARTA 2025 continues to reward excellence, craft, creativity and great taste by bringing together the UK's most celebrated Asian restaurants, chefs and culinary professionals under one roof.

This year, over 1,295 restaurants and takeaways from across the UK were nominated by diners and food lovers, with a significant number of nominations coming through ChefOnline, ARTA's strategic partner and one of the UK's leading platforms connecting diners to Asian restaurants and takeaways.

Leveraging its national customer base of over a million, ChefOnline helped drive strong nationwide participation in the awards. Nominations were also bolstered by strong social media engagement and data insights such as Food Hygiene Ratings.

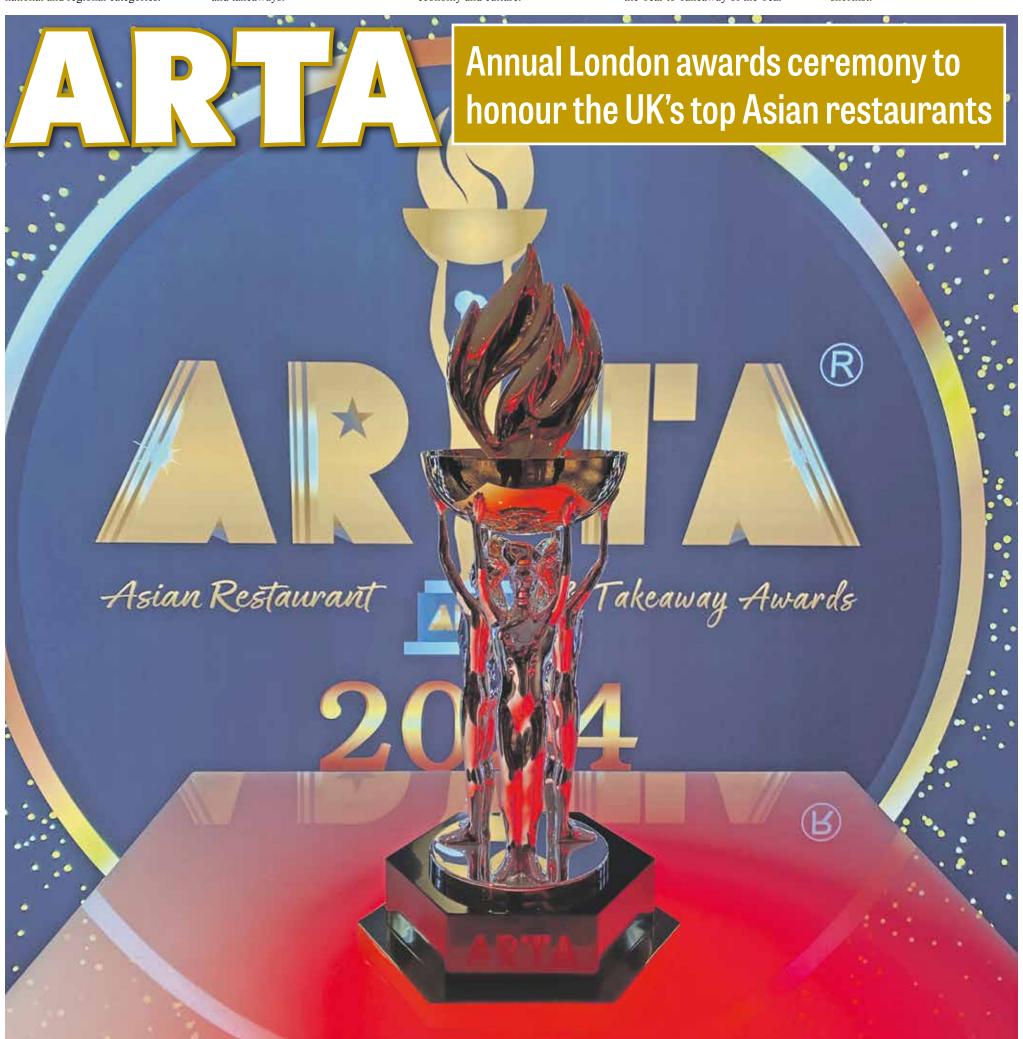
Speaking about the Asian Restaurant & Takeaway Awards 2025, Mohammed Munim, Founder Member and CEO of ARTA, said: "Asian restaurants and takeaways have long played a vital role in the UK's economy and culture. "Their contribution through job creation, community impact, and culinary excellence, deserves to be recognised.

"Especially in today's challenging climate, ARTA is proud to champion their achievements and support their continued success. Every nominee is a testament to the industry's resilience and we look forward to celebrating them on 6th October."

From the prestigious National Champion of Champions, Regional Restaurant of the Year, and Chef of the Year to Takeaway of the Year and National Newcomer of the Year, ARTA 2025 will shine a spotlight on the remarkable talent, innovation and dedication that powers the UK's thriving Asian restaurant sector.

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Its name reflects both strength and softness, with a modern twist on tradition. The scent is designed for everyone. It does not lean towards masculine or feminine but exists as a shared experience - an expression of elegance that belongs to all.

Pink Oud opens with a gentle sparkle. Pear brings sweetness, pink pepper adds a subtle edge and orange blossom offers a soft floral grace. A note of Madagascan vanilla lifts the opening with warmth. At its heart, the fragrance surprises with a swirl of coffee, blending smoothly with jasmine and sandalwood. As it settles, the base lingers with oud, patchouli and vanilla, leaving a trail that is sweet, woody and fresh.

What makes Pink Oud more than just another fragrance is the way it carries memory and feeling. It is a scent that moves with you through the day, shifting in mood but always elegant.

To wear it is to carry a story on your skin, a quiet

reminder of how beauty can be both simple and profound. In a world filled with noise and constant distraction, it offers a softer way to stand out.

It is not about announcing yourself but about moving with quiet confidence, leaving behind a trace that others remember.

Scent Salim has built its reputation on combining traditional Middle Eastern oils with modern British style. Based in Leeds, the brand has become a favourite for those seeking perfumes that are rich, distinctive and lasting.

Pink Oud continues this tradition while opening a new chapter. It is at once timeless and contemporary, shaped by history but made for today.

To breathe it in is to step into something rare. It feels both personal and universal, familiar yet enchanting. More than anything, it is a reminder that elegance is not about being seen but about being felt. Pink Oud is that feeling - delicate, modern and unforgettable.

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Ayurveda and Menopause: Balance, Not Battle

By Prity Farooq

Prity Beauty & Aesthetic, Bradford

Too often framed as a medical problem, menopause is seen in Ayurveda as a natural stage of life. By balancing shifting energies - or doshas - the tradition emphasises nourishment, rest and compassion rather than cure.

For many women, menopause is framed in medical terms: a problem to be treated, a phase to "get through". Ayurveda, India's ancient system of health, offers a gentler perspective. Here, menopause is not a disease but a natural transition one marked by shifting energies, or 'doshas'.

According to Ayurveda, menopause is dominated by a rise in 'Vata', the dosha governing movement and change. In balance, Vata fuels creativity and adaptability. Out of balance, it can manifest as anxiety, dryness, poor sleep or mood swings - symptoms familiar to many women in midlife.

Ayurveda views these changes holistically, refusing to separate body from mind. Physical discomforts such as hot flushes or dryness are seen as intertwined with emotional shifts like irritability or low mood. The 'Journal of Ayurveda and Integrated Medical Sciences' notes that disturbances in dosha balance often reveal themselves simultaneously in both body and mind.

A tailored approach

Unlike standardised treatments, Ayurveda offers individualised guidance. Each woman's 'Prakriti' - her unique constitution - is considered, along with her specific imbalances. Remedies might include Ashwagandha to ease anxiety, Brahmi to aid sleep, or coconut oil and aloe vera to relieve vaginal dryness.

Lifestyle changes play an equally central role. A regular sleep routine, grounding yoga practices, warm and nourishing meals, and gentle breathing exercises are all recommended to counter Vata's restlessness. Spices such as turmeric, cumin and ginger are used to support digestion and metabolism, which often slow during this stage of life.

Ritual and renewal

Ayurveda also prescribes therapies designed to restore deeper balance. Abhyanga (oil massage) and Swedana (steam therapy) are thought to nourish tissues and release tension. Shirodhara - the rhythmic pouring of warm oil across the forehead - is used to calm the mind and ease insomnia. More intensive Panchakarma cleansing therapies are offered in Ayurvedic retreats as a way of "resetting" the system.

A reframing of midlife

Critics point out that scientific evidence for many Ayurvedic practices remains limited. Yet for women seeking more than symptom management, the philosophy itself can be liberating. Menopause, in this view, is not a failing body but a new life chapter – one that can be entered with balance, nourishment and care.

As more women explore integrative approaches, Ayurveda's message is simple and resonant: menopause is not a battle to be fought, but a transition to be supported.

Menopause is not a failing body but a new life chapter - one that can be entered with balance, nourishment and care.

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Actors and entertainers vow boycott of Israeli film bodies over Gaza crisis

More than 1,800 actors, producers and entertainers, including several Hollywood stars, have pledged not to collaborate with Israeli film institutions they accuse of enabling Israel's treatment of Palestinians.

The statement, released Monday 8th September, comes amid mounting international outrage over the humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, where Israel's military offensive has triggered widespread starvation and displacement.

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"Following the example of Filmmakers United Against Apartheid, who refused to engage with South African institutions under apartheid, we commit to not screening films, attending festivals, or working with Israeli film bodies - including cinemas, broadcasters and production houses - that are complicit in genocide and apartheid against the Palestinian people," the pledge declared.

The group stressed their stance does not target Israeli individuals, but specifically institutions accused of "whitewashing or justifying" abuses.

It cited the International Court of Justice's ruling deeming Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories unlawful, and legal experts who say Israel's military campaign in Gaza constitutes genocide.

Among those signing were Olivia Colman, Emma Stone, Mark Ruffalo, Tilda Swinton, Riz Ahmed, Javier Bardem, Miriam Margolyes, and Cynthia Nixon.

Israel has dismissed such boycotts as discriminatory, saying its actions

in Gaza are acts of "self-defense" following Hamas's October 2023 assault that killed 1,200 people and saw over 250 taken hostage, according to Israeli figures. The subsequent campaign has killed tens of thousands in Gaza and displaced its entire population.

The pledge coincided with the Venice Film Festival's screening of

The Voice of Hind Rajab - a film about a five-year-old Palestinian girl killed by Israeli forces, which earned a standing ovation. Brad Pitt and Joaquin Phoenix served as executive producers.

View the full list here: https://filmworkersforpalestine.org/#endingcomplicity



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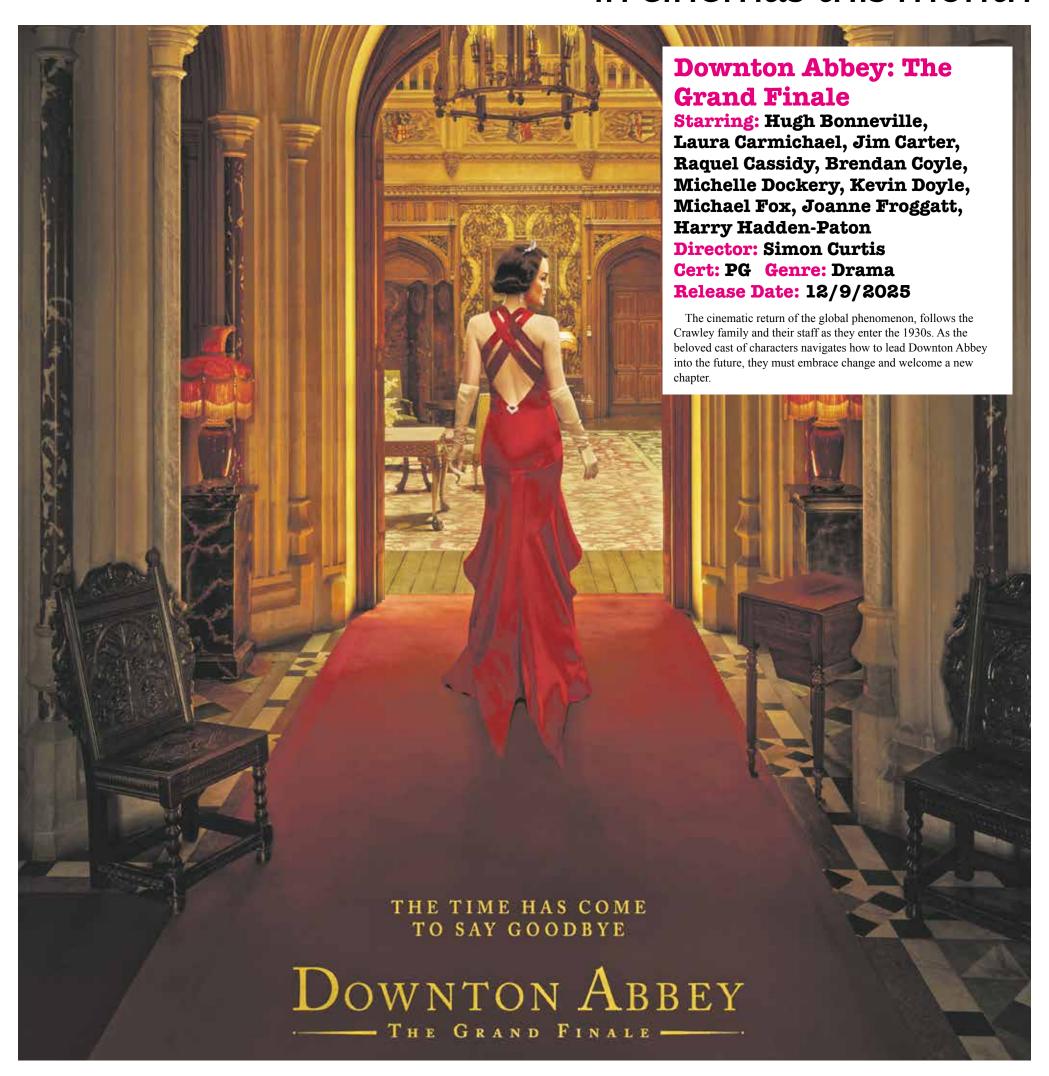
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The Roses

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Director: Jay Roach

Cert: 15

Genre: Comedy

Release Date: 29/8/2025

Life seems easy for picture-perfect couple Ivy (Olivia Colman) and Theo (Benedict Cumberbatch): successful careers, a loving marriage, great kids. But beneath the façade of their supposed ideal life, a storm is brewing – as Theo's career nosedives while Ivy's own ambitions take off, a tinderbox of fierce competition and hidden resentment ignites. The Roses is a reimagining of the 1989 classic film The War of the Roses, based on the novel by Warren Adler.

The Conjuring: Last Rites

Starring: Vera Farmiga,
Patrick Wilson, Mia
Tomlinson, Ben Hardy,
Rebecca Calder, Elliot Cowan
Director: Michael Chaves
Cert: 15 Genre: Horror
Release Date: 5/9/2025

The Conjuring: Last Rites delivers another thrilling chapter of the iconic Conjuring cinematic universe, based on real events. Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson return as Lorraine and Ed Warren in a powerful and spine-chilling addition to the global box office-breaking franchise.





The Long Walk

Starring: Charlie
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Hoffman, Josh Hamilton,
Ben Wang, David
Thor Jonsson, Garrett
Wareing, Tut Nyuot,
Jordan Gonzalez, Joshua
Odjick, Judy Greer,
Roman Griffin Davis
Director: Francis

Lawrence

Cert: 15 Genre: Horror Release Date: 12/9/2025

From the legendary author, Stephen King. A group of teenage boys compete in an annual contest known as "The Long Walk," where they must maintain a certain walking speed or get shot. In the near future, where America has become a police state, one hundred boys are selected to enter an annual contest where the winner will be awarded whatever he wants for the rest of his life. The game is simple - maintain a steady walking pace of four miles per hour without stopping. Three warnings, and you're out - permanently.



A Big Bold Beautiful Journey

Starring: Margot Robbie, Colin Farrell, Kevin Kline, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Billy Magnussen, Hamish Linklater, Lily Rabe

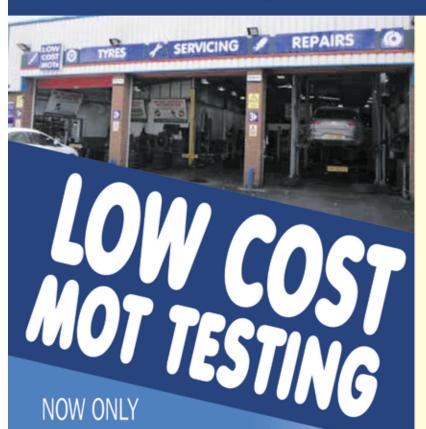
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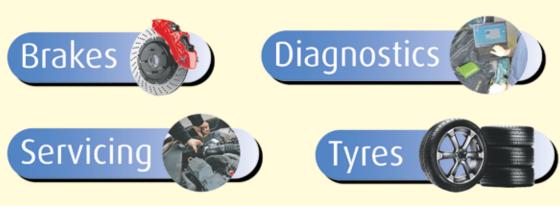
What if you could open a doorway and walk through it to re-live a defining moment from your past? Sarah (Margot Robbie) and David (Colin Farrell) are single strangers who meet at a mutual friend's wedding and soon, through a surprising twist of fate, find themselves on A Big Bold Beautiful Journey – a funny, fantastical, sweeping adventure together where they get to re-live important moments from their respective pasts, illuminating how they got to where they are in the present...and possibly getting a chance to alter their futures.

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That makes it the most powerful V8 spider Ferrari has ever produced - and a machine capable of sending shivers down the spine before you've even thumbed the iconic red start button.

It's faster, smarter and louder than the SF90 Spider it replaces, yet also cleaner, thanks to its plug-in hybrid heart. Drop the roof, floor the accelerator, and you've got a car that doesn't just turn heads, it practically snaps necks.

Heritage meets horsepower The name alone tugs at the heartstrings. "Testarossa" is one of Ferrari's most evocative badges, first appearing in the 1950s on scarlet-cam racing machines before becoming an '80s poster icon. Now Maranello has resurrected it for a new age, infusing heritage with hybrid muscle.

Its 4.0-litre V8, completely

re-engineered, churns out 830 cv on its own. Add the three electric motors, and you're dealing with the most powerful V8 spider Ferrari has ever built. Acceleration is savage, while the top speed sails beyond 210mph.

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The Ferrari 849 Testarossa Spider roars back into the future

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Yet it can also tiptoe through the city in full-electric mode for 25km - a Jekyll-and-Hyde act few rivals can match.

Roof down, senses heightened

The retractable hard top folds away in just 14 seconds, even on the move, turning the Spider from coupe to roadster with a flick. Ferrari engineers even devised a clever wind-catcher behind the seats to smooth airflow, making top-down blasts less blustery and more exhilarating.

Beneath the drama lies serious science. A Formula 1-inspired ABS Evo system makes braking more precise, while Ferrari's FIVE "digital twin" predicts how the car will behave in real time and adjusts accordingly.

Active aerodynamics, including a rear spoiler capable of switching

modes in less than a second, keep the Spider planted, generating a mighty 415kg of downforce at speed.

Design that commands attention From every angle, the 849 Spider oozes theatre. Styled under Flavio Manzoni, its sharp, sculpted lines nod to 1970s prototypes, while the doubletail rear echoes the legendary 512 S.

Even the doors are aerodynamic channels, feeding cool air to the beast behind your head.

Inside, it's part fighter jet, part luxury lounge. A digital driver display, passenger screen and mechanical start button add to the drama. Seats range from plush comfort to lightweight carbon-fibre racing shells.

Opt for the Assetto Fiorano pack and you'll save 30kg thanks to carbon wheels and Alcantara seats, while bespoke paint shades like Rosso Fiammante and Giallo Ambra add extra

The verdict? With its fusion of heritage, high-tech wizardry and hair-raising performance, the 849 Testarossa Spider is more than just a new Ferrari. It's a legend reborn - and proof that open-air motoring has never felt so electrifying.



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BMW has lifted the curtain on the next-generation iX3 – an all-electric SUV that doesn't just update the brand's popular X3 formula, but reimagines it for a future built around the company's Neue Klasse platform.

Arriving in the UK in March 2026, priced from £58,755, the new iX3 marks the beginning of a bold new chapter for BMW's electric ambitions.

At first glance, the iX3 is unmistakably a BMW Sports Activity Vehicle (SAV). Its proportions echo the brand's family DNA - upright, muscular, and confident - but with sleeker surfacing and crisp lines that emphasise aerodynamics.

Measuring 4,782 mm long and 1,895 mm wide, the car sits on a stretched wheelbase of 2,897 mm, giving it both presence and practicality. A drag coefficient of just 0.24 underlines how much attention has been paid to airflow.

The front end carries new sculpted kidney grilles, inspired by BMW's heritage, flanked by slim headlights with vertical daytime running lights. Customers can add the optional Iconic Glow lighting package, which gives the grille a dramatic illuminated outline.

Flush-fitting door handles, bold wheel arches, and a tapered roofline sharpen the profile, while the rear is dominated by striking L-shaped LED light clusters and a neatly integrated roof spoiler.

Practicality hasn't been sacrificed for style. The boot offers 520 litres

of luggage space, expanding to 1,750 litres with the seats folded, plus a useful 58-litre "frunk" under the bonnet. Towing capacity for the xDrive 50 model is rated at 2,000 kg, thanks to the strengthened electric powertrain.

A digital-first interior

Step inside, and the new iX3 feels distinctly different from any BMW before it. Minimalist in layout but rich in technology, the cabin is designed entirely around the electric platform, maximising space and comfort for all five passengers.

The "floating" dashboard wraps around into the door panels, while the use of fabric surfaces with backlighting gives the interior a warmer, more lounge-like feel.

A full-length panoramic sunroof floods the cabin with natural light, while redesigned seats - heated and electrically adjustable as standard - balance elegance with everyday support.

The centre console has been completely rethought, with twin wireless charging pads, multiple USB-C ports, and physical switches for core functions. Subtle details, such as new haptic door openers and illuminated trim elements, reinforce the sense of modernity.

Panoramic iDrive – BMW's digital leap

The iX3 debuts BMW's Panoramic iDrive, a revolutionary infotainment platform designed to blend physical, touch, and voice controls.

A key highlight is the Panoramic Vision display, which projects

information across the entire windscreen, keeping vital data in the driver's eyeline while allowing customisable content for passengers.

Alongside it sits a free-floating central display with QuickSelect widgets, complemented by a 3D Head-Up Display option. The system is powered by BMW Operating System X, offering streaming apps like Spotify and Disney+, in-car gaming through AirConsole, and even built-in video conferencing via Zoom.

The Intelligent Personal Assistant has also been upgraded with new voices and AI-driven routines. BMW says future over-the-air updates will enable even more intuitive Large Language Model voice commands.

Electric performance, redefined Underneath, the iX3 50 xDrive launches with BMW's sixth-generation eDrive technology. Twin motors, one at each axle, deliver a combined 469 hp and 645 Nm of torque. That translates

to 0-62 mph in just 4.9 seconds, with an electronically capped top speed of 130 mph.

Efficiency has been given equal

priority. Thanks to a new 108.7 kWh battery pack with cylindrical cells, the iX3 can achieve up to 500 miles of range (WLTP). Weight is kept down by integrating the pack into the structure of the car, reducing complexity and boosting rigidity.

Charging is equally impressive. At a 400 kW DC fast charger, the iX3 can add 231 miles in just 10 minutes, with a 10–80% top-up taking 21 minutes. The new model also debuts

bidirectional charging for BMW, meaning the car can feed power back to a home system or external devices – perfect for powering a campsite or stabilising energy at home.

Smarter electronics, safer drive BMW calls the iX3's new electronics setup a "digital nervous system".

Four powerful onboard computers – nicknamed "superbrains" – control everything from drive dynamics to infotainment and safety. This allows for faster processing, smoother energy management, and more advanced driver-assistance features.

The "Heart of Joy" superbrain manages power delivery and braking, allowing 98% of braking to be handled through energy recuperation alone – making the friction brakes almost redundant in everyday driving. The result is sharper response, smoother stops, and greater efficiency.

Meanwhile, BMW's Symbiotic Drive fuses automated assistance with human control. Adaptive cruise control, traffic-light recognition, and city-driving aids feel more intuitive, while AI helps the car anticipate driver behaviour.

Choice and customisation

At launch, UK buyers will have three trim levels to choose from: iX3, iX3 M Sport, and iX3 M Sport Pro. Even the entry-level version comes well-equipped with heated seats, dual-zone climate, and wireless phone integration. M Sport models add sportier styling, larger alloy wheels, and upgraded interior trims, while

the Pro specification brings Adaptive LED headlights, premium audio, and additional driver aids.

Personalisation extends to paintwork too, with six colours at launch — including two exclusives, Polarised Grey and Ocean Wave Blue — and more options arriving in 2026. Wheels range from 20 to 22 inches, with lightweight aero-optimised designs available through BMW Individual.

Sustainability built in

BMW is also keen to stress the iX3's green credentials. Around a third of the car is made from secondary raw materials, from recycled plastics in the seat fabrics and underbonnet lining to 70% recycled aluminium in the wheels. Production takes place at BMW's new Debrecen plant in Hungary, powered entirely without fossil fuels.

The result is a model with a lifecycle carbon footprint 34% smaller than its predecessor, meaning the iX3 reaches carbon parity with a petrol equivalent after just 13,000 miles if charged on Europe's standard grid – or even sooner with renewable electricity.

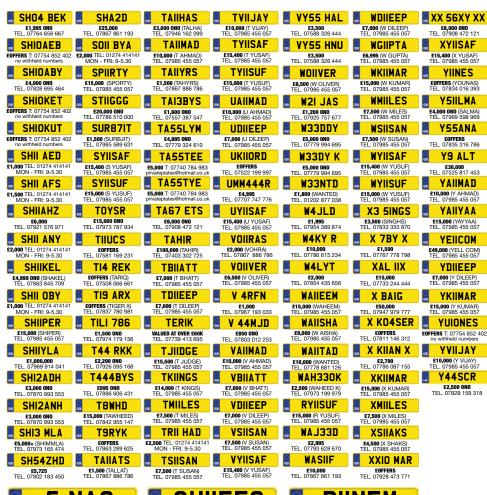
The new benchmark

When it arrives in March 2026, the BMW iX3 will set the tone for a generation of Neue Klasse vehicles. With its blend of long-range capability, cutting-edge tech, and trademark BMW driving feel, it's more than just a new X3 – it's a statement of intent.

For those looking for the sweet spot between family practicality and forward-thinking electric performance, the new iX3 could well be the beginning of a very bright era.

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When football speaks louder than words

The atmosphere was part carnival, part cup final. In the second half, Pakistan finally broke the deadlock - a crisp finish that sent their fans into

Bangladesh threw everything forward, hitting the post late on, but Pakistan held their nerve to lift the

The celebrations were loud, proud, and respectful - a reminder that in football, rivalry and unity can live side by side.

But the day wasn't just about silverware. Away from the touchline, the Sports Campaign Against Racism (SCAR)hosted a panel that hit just as hard as the tackles on the pitch.

Voices from across sport - former Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe, Desiballers' Zohaib Rashid, martial arts mentor Sensei Mumtaz Khan, Halifax Panthers' Kara Colvin, Chapeltown FC's Ahmed Elturabi, and Northern Premier League's Umar Ahmed, all spoke with honesty about racism, representation, and the urgent need for change.

When we come together through sport, we

can challenge racism, empower underrepresented voices, and strengthen community ties," said Sutcliffe, to nods and applause.

Matt Everett, Director of the Bradford Park Avenue Sports Foundation, looked out over the packed stands and summed it up: "Sport is more than just a game. It's a vehicle for opportunity, inclusion, and connection. Today showed the real power of football in our communities."

Humayun Islam BEM, founder of ISSE Ltd, added: "From the Kick Back youth sessions to the Champions Cup Final, every moment reinforced the message that sport can break down barriers and bring people together."

For Dr Ikram Butt, Executive Director of SCAR, the day marked a watershed: "This was a powerful example of what can be achieved when we centre inclusion and equity in sport. Seeing people from all walks of life come together in Bradford to listen, learn, and lead was deeply inspiring. We look forward to building on this momentum."



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Q&A | Harris Akbar: "I want to put Bradford on the map"

Mohammed Harris Akbar – professional boxer, former Team GB star and 2022 European Champion – is gearing up for his second professional bout in Sheffield on September 27. The Bradford-born fighter spoke to Asian Express about life in camp, the pressures of staying unbeaten, and why he wants to be a role model for the next generation.

How's camp been ahead of September 27?

Camp's been going great – actually ahead of schedule. It's only my second professional camp, so being in this environment has been a blessing. Every day I'm learning, and I honestly can't wait to show everyone what I'm capable of.

What's different in your prep this time?

A lot is the same, but there are small tweaks to my boxing style. Settling into the professional world is still tricky because I come from such a high-level amateur background. The rhythm is very different, and it's about adjusting.

Walk us through a typical training day.

To most people, it would look boring! I'm up at 8am, and thanks to my nutritionist, every meal is planned out for me. After a good breakfast, it's my first boxing session of the day. Then lunch and some rest – though "rest" usually means PlayStation for me. In the evening I'll get my second session in, usually a steady 60-minute run, followed by dinner. Sometimes I'll throw in a coffee pick-meup mid-afternoon, but that's about it. Nothing glamorous, just consistent hard work.

Any new skills or tactics you're focusing on?

The biggest adjustment is slowing down. As an amateur, I was used to fighting at 100 miles an hour, but in the pros you need patience and control. That's been the real challenge – breaking old habits and learning to settle.

How key have nutrition and recovery been?

Massive. Nutrition is everything in this sport. Thankfully, my team at Prime Health & Performance have me covered. It's those little one-percent details that make a big difference when you're in the ring.

How are you handling the pressure of staying unbeaten?

Honestly, I don't see it as pressure. It excites me. I'm hungry to win titles, to



fight on big stages, and to show people what I'm about. Being unbeaten is nice, but for me it's about the journey to the top.

What drives you most when you step into the ring?

My family. They've backed me through everything, gone out of their way to support me, and shown me so much love. I never want to disappoint them. They're my biggest motivation.

What kind of test are you expecting from your opponent?

I expect him to come and try to win – and I love that. I'm at my best when there's a real challenge in front of me.

What strengths will you look to showcase in Sheffield?

I'll keep those cards close to my chest. People will have to come and watch. What I can promise is that I won't disappoint.

How much does Bradford's support mean to you?

It means everything. Nothing compares to having your hometown behind you. Bradford's support pushes me, and I want to put the city on the map.

Do you see yourself as a role model for young British Asians?

Yes, 100%. It's something I wanted even as a kid. Growing up, I didn't see many role models who looked like me – just examples of people I didn't want to be like. Now I want to show young kids that people like us, from where we come from, can do it and can have it all.

Where do you want to be in 12 months' time?

I want more fights under my belt, a higher ranking, talk of bigger bouts, and to be edging close to a title shot.

And the ultimate goal?

To become a household name. I want to be a champion in the ring – but also a champion to the people. That's what drives me every single day.

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"Hurricane" Harris Akbar set for Sheffield showdown

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The 26-year-old European gold medallist and rising British Asian star vows to make a statement at his next fight as he looks to keep his unbeaten record alive

Boxing star Harris Akbar is ready to unleash another storm in the ring.

The 26-year-old "Hurricane", fresh from a glittering amateur career crowned by European gold, is charging through the professional ranks - and his next test comes on Friday, September 27th in

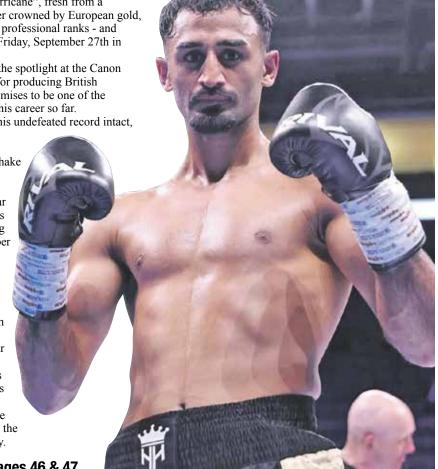
Akbar will step into the spotlight at the Canon Arena, a venue famed for producing British champions, in what promises to be one of the toughest challenges of his career so far. Determined to keep his undefeated record intact.

the Bradford sensation has vowed to put on a performance that will shake up the division.

'I've been training harder than ever," Akbar declared. "Every fight is a step toward something bigger, and on September 27th, I plan to make a statement. I'm proud to represent Bradford, and I'm bringing that hunger to Sheffield."

A proud British Asian athlete, Akbar has become a role model far beyond his home city. From Bradford's streets to the national stage, his rise has inspired fans across Yorkshire and the UK, particularly within the South Asian community.

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