



*The Mattliwala-Bux Family*





We dedicate this book to all individuals in "The Matliwala-Bux Family".

## *Introduction*

In the name of Allāh, the beneficent, the merciful. All praise belongs to Allāh, Lord of the universe. May peace and blessings descend upon His beloved Prophet, Muhammad, his companions and all those who follow in their footsteps.

The creation of the human race began with Adam and Hawwa peace be upon them. We are all the children of Adam and Hawwa peace be upon them. From Adam and Hawwa peace be upon them, the human race has multiplied into the millions; into tribes, clans and families.

O mankind, indeed We have created you from one male and female and made you peoples and tribes so that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted. (49:13)

Being from a noble lineage is a gift from Allah; a gift that a person should be grateful to Allah for. Alhamdulillah, our Matliwala-Bux<sup>1</sup> lineage is a noble lineage, one we should be eternally grateful to Allah for. It is for this reason, it is all the important that we document the family tree, so that not only our children, but our progenies are able to relate back to their humble and noble ancestors.

The children of this generation are becoming increasingly less aware of their relatives and wider family. The bond of kinship that existed in the near past amongst relatives, is becoming weaker by the day. This decline needs to be halted. It is therefore important that awareness is created about one's family and relations so that this facilitates maintaining of family ties.

Abu Hurairah Allah be pleased with him narrates, the Prophet peace and blessings be upon him said: "Learn enough about your lineage to facilitate keeping your ties of kinship. For indeed, keeping the ties of kinship encourages affection amongst relatives, increases wealth, and increases the lifespan." (Tirmidhi)

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<sup>1</sup>Historically, the family name was Bagas. The family then assumed the surname Matliwala which it is famous with up until today. When Haji Moosa and Haji Essop migrated to South Africa the family name "Bux" was adopted as a shortened version of Bagas.

This Hadith encourages research into one's lineage so that as a result of it a person is able to maintain ties of kinship. One who is unaware of relatives is unlikely to maintain ties.

Although one of the aims of this compilation is to document the Matliwala-Bux Family of seven generations, up to present day, a wider more important aim is to put into practice this Hadith and attain the virtues mentioned therein.

This compilation is by no means perfect or complete. There is scope for further additions etc, which InshaAllah we will work on in the future. We have already started putting together names of the wider Matliwala-Bux family, which has reached over 500 names already! Hence, this is just the beginning and the first edition. We pray that Allah accepts our humble efforts, forgives any shortcomings and gives us strength to complete and enhance this remarkable and noble work - Amin.

We also pray that the readers from our family enjoy their history, take inspiration from their forefathers and remember them with a prayer for their salvation in the Akhirah.

Your brothers,

*Haji Firoz Ibrahim Vali Bux & Haji Dr Aycoob Moosa Bux*

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## The Matliwala Family: Origins



### *Haji Mohammed Matliwala*

Haji Mohammed Matliwala was a very influential individual in the village of Karmad. After his formative education he worked in the fields as a farmer. This was his main occupation through which he provided for his family. In addition to this, he carried out various welfare projects in Karmad. His sons continued their father's legacy in terms of his commitment to welfare projects.

## *Haji Vali Matliwala*

Haji Vali was born in 1913 in Karmad. After completing his formative education and getting married to his wife Bibi, he moved to Mumbai, where he ran a cattle farm and dairy business in Mumbai central. Thereafter, he moved to Jogayshwari, in west Mumbai where he continued the same business under the name Africawala Stable. He then moved to Karachi for a short while, but then returned back to Mumbai, India. Whilst in Mumbai, he decided to move back to his birthplace of Karmad and so whilst he was still in Mumbai, construction of his house in Karmad started. He was helped immensely in this by Haji Ibrahim Vali Mohammed Margha from Manubar who was a worker for the family but also a close friend of the family. Upon completion of the house, in the 1950's Haji Vali moved back to Karmad with his family.

Haji Vali was a popular figure and had many friends and associates. Although all names cannot be mentioned here, the names of some of his closest associates are: Hakeem Sayyid Waliyullah, Adam Bhailock (father of Ibrahim, Babu and Mubarak Bhailock), Umarji Dadabhai Minawala, Musa Dadabhai Minawala and Abdullah Musa Dhunbhai (Vali's daughter Rashida would later marry Musa's son Ghulam).

After moving back to Karmad, in addition to running a grocery shop, Haji Vali assumed many prominent roles in Karmad, including President of the Masjid and Sarpanch of Karmad. He also embarked on numerous welfare projects to help the people of Karmad such as works to the village Owara, electric lights in the village and installing water facilities for homes.

Hajiyani Bibi was born in 1912. She passed away on 9th December 1972. Vali and Bibi had 14 children. Until and including Abdul Aziz, all children were born in Mumbai. The rest were born in Karmad.



HAJI VALI MOHAMMED MATLIWALA



HAJIYANI BIBI VALI MATLIWALA



LEFT TO RIGHT: HAJIYANI BIBI VALI  
MATLIWALA, HAMIDA  
(BIBI'S DAUGHTER)



HAJI VALI MATLIWALA LEANING -  
IN THE BLACK HAT - WITH HIS  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY





## Vali & Bibi

Ayesha Maryam\* Hawa Bibi Yakub Hanifa Ismail Hasina\* Ibrahim Abdul Aziz Rashida Saida Iqbal Ayyub Hamida

\*Deceased

### The Story of Gangah - The Maid

As per the custom in India, Ganga was the family maid. She was a Hindu, yet she looked after all the siblings as if they were her own.

The Almighty had decreed Iman for her and so one day, Ganga decided to accept Islam at the hands of a scholar who was visiting Matliwala Darul Uloom from Rander - Surat. She accepted Islam and changed her name to Halimah. It was just to be that when she passed away, the same scholar at whose hands she had accepted Islam was visiting Bharuch once again and so he led her funeral prayer - May Allah elevate her status in Jannah.






LEFT TO RIGHT: ABDULLAH MUSA  
DHANBHAI, HAJI IBRAHIM VALI  
MOHAMMED MARGHA,  
HAJI GHULAM MUSA DHANBHAI






HOUSE BUILT BY HAJI MOHAMMED  
VALI MATLIWALA IN KARMAD NAMED  
AIR PALACE - 1950





*O mankind, fear your Lord, who created you from one soul and created from it its mate and dispersed from both of them many men and women. And fear Allah, through whom you ask one another (for your rights), and (fear the violation of the rights of) the womb (relations). Indeed Allah is ever, over you, an Observer.*

*(Quran 4:1)*



## Haji Vali Matliwala: Profiles of Sons

### *Haji Yakub Vali Matliwala (Bux)*

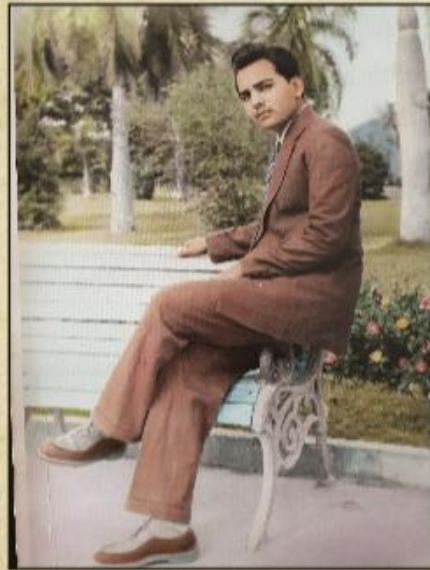
Born on 25th October 1939 in Mumbai, Haji Yakub is the eldest child of Haji Vali and Bibi Matliwala.

After spending his formative years in Mumbai, at the age of nine, he migrated with his father to Karachi, Pakistan, where he worked in a shop. Although the rest of the family joined them, they returned to India. Yakub decided to stay and work. He remained in Karachi until 1988. During his time in Clifton, Karachi, he purchased a plot of land and built a hugely successful supermarket called Buxsons, which employed 15 employees.

On 31st May 1956, Haji Yakub got married to his wife Hajiyani Zubeda in Bharuch. He then returned to Pakistan with his wife. They have six children together; Dr Salim, Iqbal, Yusuf, Siraj, Khairon and Farida.

In 1988, Haji Yakub migrated to the UK and worked as supervisor and quality control manager at the Supreme Laundry, co-owned by his brothers. Thereafter he retired.





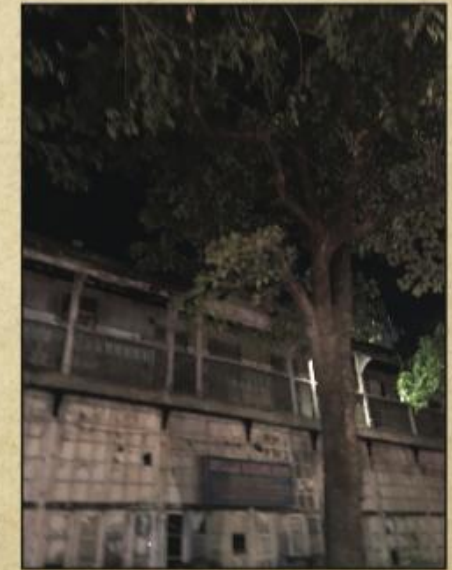
HAJI YAKUB VALI



VALI'S FAMILY LIVED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THIS APARTMENT BLOCK IN MUMBAI CENTRAL



HAJI YAKUB VALI WITH HIS ENTIRE FAMILY.



PETRA HOSPITAL IN MUMBAI CENTRAL, WHERE HAJI VALI'S CHILDREN FROM HAJI YAKUB TO HAJI ABDUL AZIZ WERE BORN.



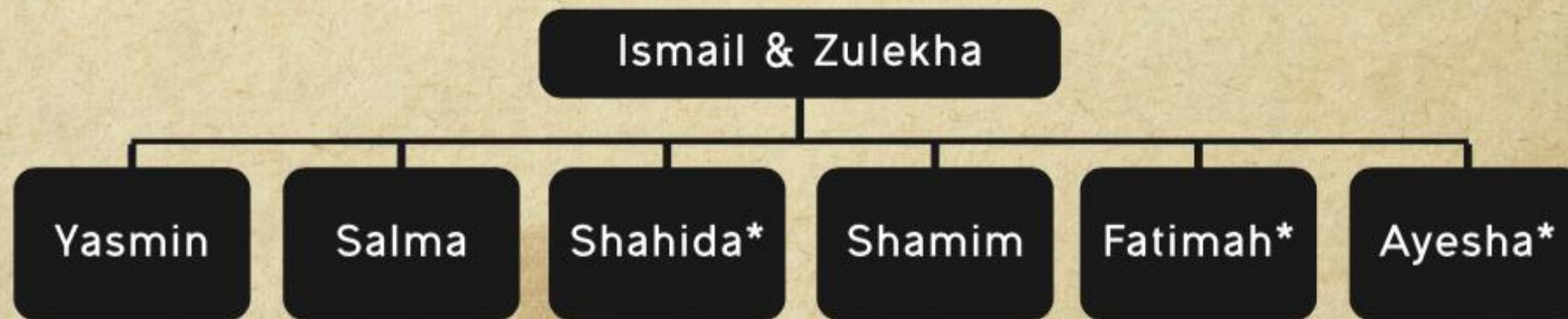
## *Haji Ismail Vali Matliwala (Bux)*

On 5th December 1942, Haji Ismail - also known as Babu - was born in Mumbai.

He spent his childhood years in Mumbai, and completed school etc.

In 1958 at the age of 16, Haji Ismail got married to his wife Hajiyani Zulekha in Nabipur. He then moved to Pakistan with his wife, where he co-owned a supermarket 'Yusuf Brothers'. They have six children together; Yasmin, Salma, Shahida (deceased), Shamim, Fatimah (deceased) and Ayesha (deceased).

In 1989, Haji Ismail migrated to the UK and worked as supervisor at Space Jeans. He has since retired.



\*Deceased



HAJI YAKUB VALI AND HAJI ISMAIL  
(BABU) VALI



ALL OF VALI'S SONS WITH  
THEIR WIVES AT A WEDDING.



## *Haji Ibrahim Vali Matliwala (Bux)*

Haji Ibrahim Matliwala (also known as Minu) was born in Mumbai, India on the 12th January 1942. Ibrahim is one of 14 children born to Haji Vali and Hajiyani Bibi who raised their children with love and compassion and in great luxury. Ibrahim was the favourite child of Gangah, their housekeeper, (whose story has been mentioned earlier). Haji Vali implemented strict discipline to the children's' lives whereas Hajiyani Bibi was the more affectionate and lenient parent.



Ibrahim attended Karmad Qumar Sara school and studied until the age of 13; whilst at school he was always known to be a bright student. Ibrahim took great pride in his religion and was always meticulous in performing his five daily Salah. He took it upon himself to teach his parents the recitation of the Holy Quran as well as how to perform Salah. Growing up, Ibrahim's favourite hobby was playing cricket in which he excelled as both a batsman and a bowler.

At the age of 13 Ibrahim migrated to Pakistan to join his two elder brothers, Ismail and Yakub. However, within 18 months he decided to follow his destiny which brought him to England where he was received by the late Haji Abdullah Musa Dhunbhai. When arriving to the UK, Ibrahim had little money and knew very little English; his first job was working in the cotton mill, Courtaulds.

At first life was difficult for Ibrahim, having no family or friends in England. Therefore, in 1967 he decided to travel back to India where he married his beloved wife Hajiyani Hamida; daughter of Mohammed Member, a well-respected personality in the community in Nabipur. Upon their return to the UK they stayed with the late Haji Ahmed Polli who was married to Ibrahim's sister, Hajiyani Hawa Bibi. Ibrahim worked extremely hard, with long shifts. Ibrahim was blessed with five children; Firoz, Farzana, Asifa, Asif and Rizwan which he was very proud of.

Later on, Ibrahim was able to bring his younger brother, Haji Ayub Matliwala to the UK. This was a very important stage in his life as this was the first member of his family to join him in the UK and they have always had a very close bond.







In 1971, Ibrahim purchased his home on 5 Albatross Street; a famous home also known as "Heathrow Airport" due to the constant flow of guests into and out of the house. It was an extremely lucky home filled with happy memories as all five children were brought up in this house as well as over a dozen weddings hosted in this humble home. Guests would stay for weeks and Hamida was well known for her generosity and hospitality.

Ibrahim has always loved walking and playing cricket and played for the local team in Preston, where he was known as Richie Benaud - the famous Australian cricketer. Ibrahim has followed Liverpool FC from the early 60's ensuring he supports them at the matches both home and away. He was so passionate about the team that he used to collect their magazines and newspaper articles. In fact, he was so passionate about Liverpool FC, he even created the Liverpool fan base within the Asian community in his hometown of Preston. Ibrahim had some great friends when he moved to the UK, the late Haji Bikha Musa, late Haji Abdullah Musa Danbhai, late Haji Ibrahim Minawala, late Haji Ahmed Polli and Haji Mohammed Member. They were all a great support system to one another when they first moved to the UK, they helped each other to settle down and enjoy their new life.

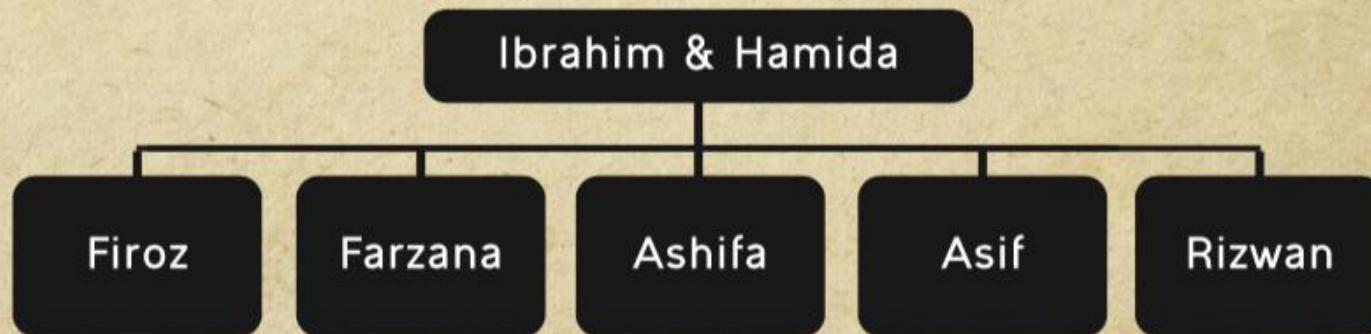
Ibrahim started his business selling fruit and vegetables to the local shops with his very close friend Haji Ibrahim Minawala. There are many humorous stories about their partnerships as they didn't always go according to plan. In 1982 Ibrahim started his own frozen food business, Rose Foods, and won a contract to supply schools in the area frozen Halal kebabs which led him to open his own frozen food store called Elden Food. He also began to develop properties with his brother Haji Iqbal Matliwala.

His beloved wife, Hamida has been his pillar of support throughout his life. They have always made a great team and he has always loved her unconditionally; Ibrahim was always very caring and lenient towards his children as opposed to his wife who was always the disciplinarian in the household. One sincere regret Ibrahim has to this day is not being able to bring his parents over to see how he had settled in the UK.



The big breakthrough in business was in 1984 when the denim laundry was started with his partners Haji Ayub Matliwala, Haji Iqbal Matliwala and Haji Usman Salya. This was the start of the denim rush. This business venture was very profitable Alhamdulillah it was a life changing moment for the whole family. This was the means of travelling the world, including numerous trips to Saudi Arabia for Hajj and Umrah on a yearly basis. In 1996, Ibrahim bought a plot of land and built 3 dream homes, which he could never have dreamed of possessing when he first arrived in the UK.

Ibrahim has always been a humble man who has never been attracted to worldly possessions. He remembers the hardships he faced which truly make him appreciate the life he has now. He has an extremely soft heart and one of his greatest qualities is that he would rather spend his time and money on others than himself. He has always given back to the community and so he played a huge part in setting up Rhodi Charitable Trust, donating to people all around the world. He has been a trustee of Rhodi Charitable Trust since its inception. He also sits as a director of the Rhodi Group of companies and a trustee of Matliwala Darul Uloom in India.





1. HAJI IBRAHIM VALI IN HIS EARLY YEARS  
IN PRESTON WITH HIS FAMOUS RADIO  
2. HAJI IBRAHIM VALI ON BRIXTON  
ROAD, PRESTON



YOUNG COUPLE: HAJI IBRAHIM  
VALI & HAMIDA IBRAHIM



HAJI MOHAMMED MEMBER; FATHER OF  
HAJIYANI HAMIDA IBRAHIM,  
IN THE WHITE HAT.







HAJI FIROZ & HAJIYANI NASIMA'S  
WEDDING; PHOTO WITH  
THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY



Grandchildren of Haji Ibrahim Vali:





*But those who break their pledge with Allah after contracting it and sever those relationships which Allah has ordered to be joined and spread corruption on earth – for them is the curse, and they will have the worst abode.  
(Quran 13:25)*

## *Haji Abdul Aziz Vali Matliwala (Bux)*

Haji Abdul Aziz was born on 2nd October 1948 in Mumbai. He attended school until 16 years of age. In his youth he was a keen cricketer.

Immediately after leaving school, he got married to his wife Zarina at a very early age as he was the eldest son remaining in India from his family and thus had to provide for his siblings and family. They have four children; Naseema, Muhammad, Nazrin and Farhana.

At the age of just 18 years, he became the youngest ever "Sarpanch" of Karmad. Whilst holding this post he led many local projects including embarking on a fund raising trip to Zambia, Mauritius etc in 1971 to raise funds for the local Masjid that had been destroyed due to an earthquake.

1972, he started an ice factory which operated for 8 years. In 1980, he set up a tour operator business and thereafter a lentil reprocessing mill until 1992.

It was only in 1992 that he migrated to the UK - the last of the brothers to migrate - where he became supervisor of the Supreme Laundry and thereafter ran a denim factory. In 2004 he retired.

Post-retirement he has immersed himself into his life-long passion of helping the disadvantaged. He carries out various welfare and relief projects across India helping orphans, widows and the general disadvantaged in addition to building Madrasahs and Masjids. To date he has built over 500 Masjids, 76 Madrasahs, over 300 water wells and numerous eye camps etc; a truly impressive feat. He is also a trustee of the Matliwala Darul Uloom. Haji Abdul Aziz is truly the embodiment of the legacy of his Matliwala forefathers of empowering the disadvantaged and serving Islam.



\*Deceased



HAJI ABDUL AZIZ VALI WITH HIS FAMILY



HAJI ABDUL AZIZ VALI & HIS WIFE  
HAJIYANI ZARINA ON THEIR WEDDING



## *Haji Iqbal Vali Mattiwala (Bux)*

Haji Iqbal was born on 16th March 1954 in Karmad. After completing school in Karmad, he attended college in Bharuch. Thereafter he embarked on various business ventures with his elder sibling Haji Abdul Aziz.

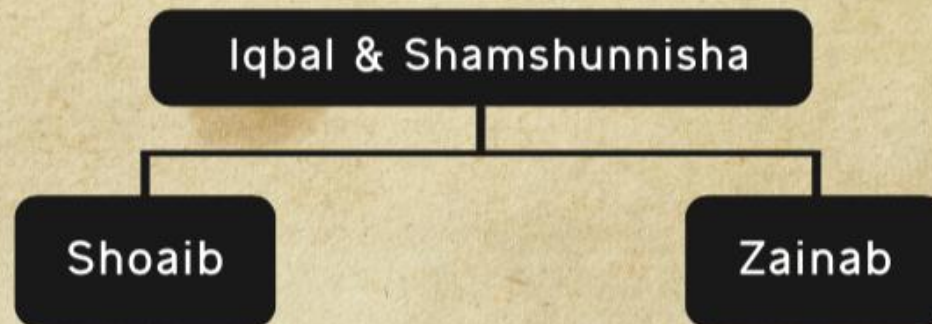
After the passing away of his mother, he then moved to Zambia with his younger sibling Haji Ayyub. Here they stayed and worked with their maternal uncles. Haji Iqbal considers this as the most influential period in his life where he learnt the most.

In 1975, he moved back to India and continued with various business projects.

In 1979, he moved to London, England and worked there in a clothing factory for one year. Thereafter, he moved to Preston and married his wife Shamsunnisha in 1980. He fondly recalls late Haji Abdullah Musa Dhanbhai as the chaperone! They have two children; Shoab and Zainab.

In Preston, he worked in the meat industry, co-owned a sweetshop and ventured into the building trade (with Haji Ayyub). He was also a partner of the Supreme Laundry and invested his money in properties. Since 2004 he has retired.

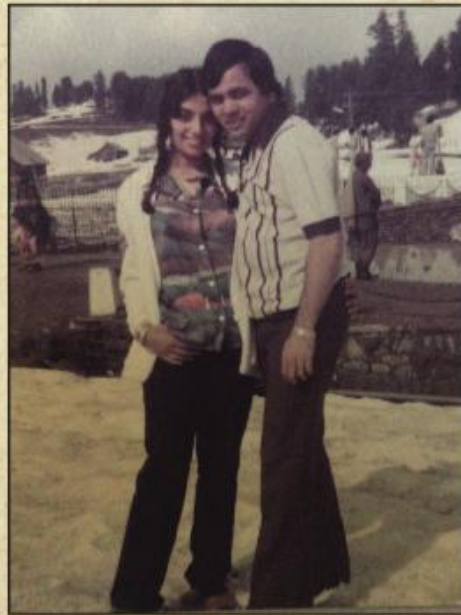
He is also a trustee of Masjid e Salaam, Preston.







HAJI IQBAL VALI



HAJI IQBAL VALI WITH HIS WIFE,  
HAJIYANI SHAMSUNNISHA



HAJI IQBAL VALI WITH HIS ENTIRE FAMILY



## *Haji Ayyub Vali Matliwala (Bux)*




On Saturday 19th November 1955, in the small village of Karmad, a baby boy was born to proud parents Bibi & Valli Matliwala, named Ayyub, the youngest of 14 children, whom they lavished with love and devotion.

He was a confident child, often naughty, cheeky and mischievous. Some would say he was spoilt rotten, but his mum's love overlooked his faults. She had a soft spot for him and when no-one was allowed anywhere near her bed, she had a special bed made for him and placed it next to hers, right until he was 15. He couldn't bear to be away from his mum so ran back from school many times. So, you could say, he didn't really get much of an education. He loved sports and played whatever was in season. He enjoyed cricket & cycling but flying kites was his utmost passion. He was a child that everyone in the village, including the servants, loved to provoke and get a reaction through his verbal abuse. He was popular amongst all and touched their hearts.

Sadly, at the tender age of 8, on 4th July 1964, his father passed away and left him and his siblings as orphans. This made the bond between the siblings increase and his brothers became his best friends and still are to this day. As a teenager Ayyub loved driving tractors and working the fields and earning money from a young age. Then at the age of 17, on 9th December 1972 his beloved mother passed away too.

Many of his siblings were still in India and began emigrating to UK mainly in the 70s and 80s. He himself left India in 1973 to train for trading and business under the tutelage of his wealthy maternal uncles in Zambia. His brother Iqbal and he spent two years there primarily with their Valli mama.

When Ayyub was 18, he came to the UK to visit his brother Ibrahim and a few of his sisters. He arrived on 6th September 1975 and through Abdullah Musa Dhanbhai, he met Hasina, a beautiful young girl. It was love at first sight and they made a stunning couple. They were registered as married on September 25th and officially Islamically married on 28th December 1975.






Once married they lived a few weeks with his brother Ibrahim and soon after rented a place on 37 Castleton Road. They became parents for the first time on Thursday 4th November 1976 to their daughter Fatima. He was still only 20 and his wife a mere 17. They were children themselves and were now given the responsibility of parents. Financially, times were tough, and they continued to rent until they bought their first home; 54 Castleton Road. It wasn't much but it was a start on building a loving home for their family. Soon after they were gifted with their second daughter, Shehla. They gave them the best of all they could afford.

He first worked for 6 weeks with a company called A.S. ORR in Bamber Bridge, and then long hard hours in the Courtaulds during the day and as a taxi driver at night. She worked hard and entertained the many guests they had and looked after their children and household. His ambition and dreams were always in sight and she was always by his side as his quiet supportive cheerleader.

They later moved to live in and start a business of a sweet shop. It was here that they were blessed with their son; Yousuf, finally someone to carry on his family name and fulfil his dreams and aspirations for him. He started, with his wife's help, a building contracting business and began making additional money from refurbishing terraced houses. When their son Yousuf was about 18 months old they sold the shop business and moved into 111 Holmrook Road.

In April 1984, with the financial help of the UK and South African family he bought an Industrial Estate in Campbell Street, Preston. In 1985 he started denim processing (washing, dyeing, sandblast), from a small unit at Campbell Street and the other units were rented out. He first went into 50% partnership with Usman Salya (mama) and later his brothers also joined him in partnership. The business was known as Supreme Laundry and later Unique Denim Masters. The Matliwala family's surname was 'Patel' on official documents, due to being landowners for generations and then from the 1960s onwards, they all adopted the surname 'Bux'. Ayyub changed his in 1978.

Ayyub struggled until his youngest daughter Fawziyah was born on the 23rd December 1986, and true to the meaning of her name his 'rizq' changed. Within a week of her birth, Ayyub's fortunes changed 100-fold. The accidental use of an incorrect batch of a chemical created a 'frost wash' look which became highly fashionable and sought after. Their Denim business became very fruitful and this gave Ayyub and his family a strong position in the Denim Trade. They maintained the position of the second largest Denim processor in the UK and one of the top five in Europe for the next 20 years.



Since the 1980s Ayyub brought most of his remaining family from India and Pakistan to the UK and they all have settled in Preston and enjoyed the wealth created by the Denim trade. Ayyub has been the advisor of the wider and immediate family now since the early 90s. The families have now expanded to more than 500 members but still keep close links with each other through all their charity work, their proximity of location and pure kinship.

For years Ayyub searched for a plot of land to build his family, a dream home, and finally the home was built in a plot at Redrow homes and the family moved in on 31st March 1994. What a beautiful home with a beautiful family and many happy fond times were spent there.

During the boom years, he visited Prince Charles at his Palace and in 1997, Prince Charles came to visit his Horrocks's Mill to include as a part of his Heritage Trust project. Later in the summer of 1998 he and his family attended as guests to the Queen's Garden Party.

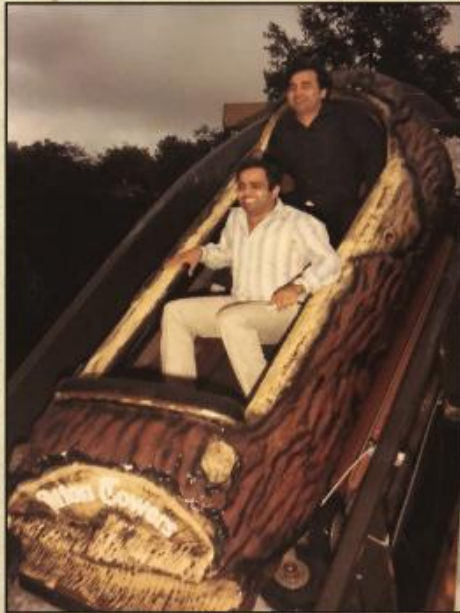
In 1998 Ayyub set up a successful Joint Venture with Colin Hutchinson (Fundamental Fashions Limited) until 2005, when due to high labour costs the Laundry closed. However, a Denim Manufacturing Plant was started in Morocco in 2006 but due to poor management in Morocco the Plant was sold in 2011. Since then the garments are sourced from abroad and supplied to big High Street shops.

Ayyub has extended the legacy of his ancestors and continued the philanthropy work. He has been involved deeply with the Matliwala Darul Uloom and he has built homes for the poor in Gujrat and provided clean water. During his Hajj Pilgrimage in the 80's he made Dua to Allah for advice of how to give his first £5000 pounds to charity and upon his return he bought 5% shares of the supreme laundry for the charity trust he then opened. Ayyub's surplus wealth goes into charitable institute's setup in UK and India, and Commercial property. He set up two UK charities; Matliwala Darul Uloom Charitable Trust and The Matliwala Family Charitable Trust which help Muslims and non-Muslims in the UK and abroad. In 2000 he started Matliwala Public School in India, in the memory of his father, started by taking in more than 200 children affected by the Bhuj earthquake, with a new building inaugurated in December 2010. It has grown from strength to strength and now boasts as one of the top schools in the Bharuch district with 2800 children and CBSE board. He has been pivotal in the development of Masjid e Salaam in Preston, where he is the chairman of the committee.

Ayyub made sure he educated all his children in both school and Madrasah and was delighted that all his four children had graduated universities with honours degrees and this fulfilled his aspirations to educate his children despite his own inadequate education. Now by the grace of Almighty Allah they are all married, with careers and have children of their own. Grandchildren are the dots that connect the lines from generation to generation and Alhamdulillah, Allah has blessed Ayyub and his wife with 15 beautiful grandchildren and still counting!

Ayyub is a generous, kind, loving, sensitive man. Family means the world to him and he always puts them before himself. All who know describe him as genuine, respectable and caring. His siblings are his friends foremost and their bond is second to none. They adore him and look up to him for advice and support despite him being the youngest brother. For a man who was not adequately educated and lost his parents so young, he has been blessed with the Almighty's blessing and has been very successful and respected in the Indian Muslim community in UK since last 40 years. Ayyub says that true happiness is not in how much you make, nor how many degrees you have. It is not about how big your house is or how fancy your car is. It is about having good health, family and unconditional love around you. It is about finding peace, joy and serenity in your life which can only be achieved by pleasing your Lord, reading your Salah & helping humanity with humility. Ayyub means a lot to many people but one phrase that describes him the best is 'Perfect Role model'.

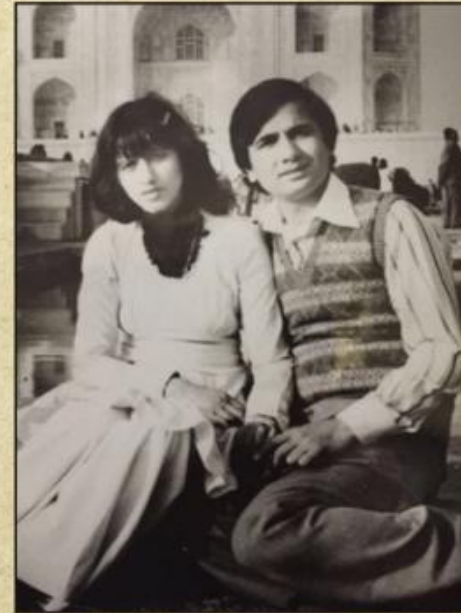




HAJI IBRAHIM VALI & HAJI AYYUB  
VALI ENJOYING THE LOG FLUME!






HAJI AYYUB VALI





HAJI AYYUB WITH WIFE HAJIYANI HASINA





*And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and that you treat parents with good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach old age in your care, say not to them [so much as], "uff," and do not reproach them, rather speak to them a reverent speech. And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, "My Lord, have mercy upon them just as they brought me up [when I was] small."  
(Quran 17:23-24)*



## *Haji Moosa Vali Bux (Matliwala) & Haji Essop Vali Bux (Matliwala) – A Profile*

The late Haji Mohammed Suleman Bagas arrived in South Africa in 1921. He was accompanied by the late Haji Essop Bux who was only 13 years old at the time. Haji Moosa Bux arrived the following year from India as a stowaway on a ship via Lorenzo Marques in Mozambique, today called Maputo.

Haji Mohammed Suleman Bagas worked for a company called M.M. Amod in Dundee while Haji Moosa and Haji Essop Bux schooled in Dundee. After spending 5 years in Dundee, the two brothers and their father moved to Pietermaritzburg, where they all worked for the Bhayat family business. Thereafter, Haji Moosa Bux went back to India and later returned with his wife Amina.

In the meantime, Haji Essop Bux had married into the Theba Family from Maputo. Unfortunately, his wife and two year old son passed away in Harding and are also buried there. Later, Haji Essop Bux went back to India where he married Ayesha Gorwala Patel, and they later returned to South Africa to settle with the family. Haji Essop Bux had six children with Ayesha Gorwala. They are Ahmed (Amos), Hawa Bibi, Zubeida (deceased at the age of 6 years), Suleman (Solly), Fathima, Zohra (Choti), Zuleikha and Zeibunisa (Nullibhen).

All of the Bux family moved to Creighton, where they opened a 'Shack Shop' on a farm called "Underbush Farm", owned by the Hodson Family. Haji Mohammed Suleman Bagus then returned to India where he passed away in 1939.

Haji Moosa and Haji Essop Bux then moved from Creighton to Ixopo, where the MB Bazaar store was established. It became a very popular store and was the largest department store in the area. This was the beginning of the family's long journey in the retail industry. Haji Essop Bux subsequently managed the M.B. Bazaar store with his sons Solly and Amos.

They were considered a more affluent family, but this success did not come easily. Essop Bux, applied his bartering skills in order to trade with the 'Bantu people'. He travelled on horseback to villages as far as Colenso and Dundee in the Natal Midlands. Salt was bartered for animal hide, which was then sold to the tanneries in Pietermaritzburg. This was the beginning of an empire.

Haji Essop Bux passed away in Bombay, India, on the 13 July 1966. He was only 58 years old at the time.



In 1932, after M B Bazaar was established, Haji Moosa Bux moved from Ixopo and bought a business in Harding called the 'Harding Trading Company'. After trading in Harding for a while, he finally moved to Port Shepstone. Haji Moosa Bux set up the Moosa Bux store in Port Shepstone, which became the largest department store on the south coast of Natal. He was assisted by his two eldest sons, Ismail and Ahmed (Gora) Bux. The other children of Haji Moosa Bux included the following late Bibi Bhen, late Ayesha Bhen and Mariam Bhen.

The Moosa Bux store was very popular, both with the local population and those from other parts of South Africa. The visitors usually came to the south coast for their vacations. Today, the Moosa Bux building still stands as a landmark in Port Shepstone.

Haji Moosa Bux returned to India in 1950 and married his second wife Ayesha. He had 4 children from Ayesha - Hazra, Ayoob, Yusuf and Zuleikha.

On 1st August 1965, Haji Moosa Bux established the Matliwala Darul Uloom in Bharuch, India. This came with its own trials and tribulations including an earthquake and floods in Bharuch that destroyed the Darul Uloom building soon after it was first built. The Matliwala Darul Uloom was one of the highlights in the life of Haji Moosa Bux in particular and the Matliwala Family in general. The first Jalsa of the Darul Uloom was held on 29th October 1968. Haji Moosa Bux was very happy to attend the first Jalsa of the Matliwala Darul Uloom. It was the decree of the Almighty, he was fortunate to pass away in the Masjid immediately after the first Jalsa of the Matliwala Darul Uloom. He is buried in Karmad, Bharuch, India.

The Matliwala Darul Uloom was subsequently managed by Gora Bux and well supported by the rest of the Matliwala family. The Matliwala Darul Uloom has over 700 students today and has already produced more than 1100 Huffaaz and more than 1065 Aalims. During this time, many scholars in various other specialties in the field of Deen also studied and completed their studies at the Darul Uloom. Some of the qualified Ulema have since gone on to manage and establish institutions in various parts of the world. Haji Moosa initiated a truly remarkable legacy and Sadaqah Jariyah.

*Abu Hurairah (R) narrates, a man came to the Messenger of Allah (S) and asked: "Who from amongst the people is the most deserving of my good treatment?" He (S) replied: "Your mother." The man asked: "Who after that?" He (S) replied: "Your mother." The man asked (again): "Who after that?" He (S) replied (the third time): "Your mother." The man asked: "Who after that?"*

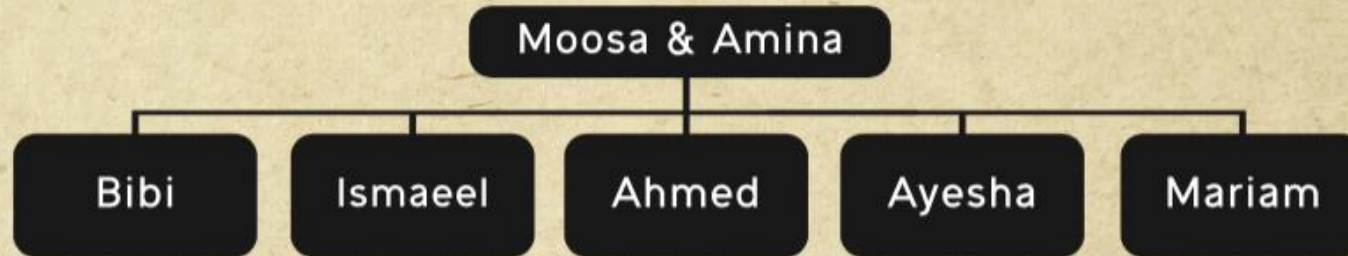
*He (S) replied: "Your father."*

*Bukhari*

*Abdullah Ibn Amr (R) narrates that the Prophet (S) said: "The happiness of the Lord is in the happiness of the father and the displeasure of the Lord is in the displeasure of the father."*

*Mustadrak Ala al-Sahihayn*

## Haji Moosa Bux (Matliwala)



<b>Bibi Ahmed Amin</b>	<b>Ismail Bux</b>	<b>Ahmed Bux</b>	<b>Ayesha Moosa (Kunzaan)</b>	<b>Mariam Moosa (Laliwala)</b>
Zulekha Ismail Valli Aziza Ebrahim Valli Zubeda Dawood Polli* Nazma Noor Mohammed* Mubarak Amin Haroon Amin Zabir Amin	First wife: Bibi Bhen Suleiman Bux Ebrahim Bux Khatija Patel Iqbal Bux Zarina Ismail  Second wife: Zohra Shamim Bagus Yacoob Bux	Khairon Nisha Muhammed Bux Sharifa Fathima Zubeida	Osman Ismail Muhammed Yunus Feroza Ismail	Fathima Hawa Moosa Hajra

\*Deceased

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**Hazra Moola**

**Ayoob**

**Yusuf**

**Zuleikha Patel**

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Zuber  
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Patel**

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HAJI MOOSA MOHAMMED BUX: FOUNDER  
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## Haji Moosa Bux (Matliwala): Profiles of Sons

### *Haji Ismail Bux*

Late Haji Ismail Bux (Matliwala), who was the eldest son of Moosa Bux (Matliwala), was born on 4th of August 1928, in Creighton, Northern KZN. Haji Ismail Bux was born with a twin sibling, a sister, who unfortunately passed away shortly after birth.

Ismail Bux's childhood was spent in Harding and Ixopo with his siblings. During Ismail's childhood, his father Moosa, and uncle Essop, traded as MB Bazaar, which was a large departmental store selling goods to the public in Ixopo. Thereafter, Ismail Bux relocated to Port Shepstone, with his father Moosa. He was an astute mathematician, a skill that proved useful in his business endeavours. Ismail worked hard from an early age to prioritize the welfare of his siblings, above his own. He was forced out of higher education, and his father insisted that he work in the store, to ensure his siblings could attain their academic dreams.

Alongside his brother Ahmed, and father Moosa, Ismail assisted in running Port Shepstone Wholesalers, and Moosa Bux & Co, which at the time, was the largest and most successful departmental store on the South Coast. Business activities of Moosa Bux & Co included the sale of groceries, home ware, clothing, imported goods, furniture, appliances, and school wear.

Thereafter, Moosa Bux & Co separated from Ahmed, who had started his own business, trading under Buxsons. After the death of Moosa Bux (3rd November 1968), Ismail continued trading under Moosa Bux & Co, until his sons' Suleiman and Ebrahim took over ownership of the business from 1984. However, owing to large debts, Moosa Bux & Co officially closed in 1996. Ismail continued running, and expanding his curtain shop, alongside his sons Yakub, and Mohammed Iqbal (Mufti Bux), until his death in March, 2000.

Ismail was a councillor of the Marburg Town Board, who worked within the Tricameral Parliament system in South Africa, in the hope of dismantling Apartheid, from within this faction, between 1983-1984. He was also a member of the Port Shepstone Chamber of Commerce, and was well respected as a businessman in the town of Port Shepstone. Ismail was also a keen entrepreneur, and often invested capital into small businesses and provided business development advice to young

businessmen. He never expected any returns on his investment, and invested only to give young businessmen an opportunity to be successful.

Ismail was generous in his philanthropic contributions. He supported the Moosa Bux Memorial School in Louisiana, on the South Coast of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. His contributions extended to financing the building and maintenance of the school, providing school supplies, as well as a daily feeding scheme, alongside his brother Ahmed. Subsequent to the fall of Apartheid, the school was acquired by the South African Government, and continues to run as a Louisiana Primary School.



Additionally, Ismail was involved as a Trustee of the Port Shepstone Jummah Masjid (Town Mosque). Alongside Mr Cassim Peer, and Dr Gabriel, Ismail was a member of the Port Shepstone Child Welfare Organization. Along with Dr. M. Khan, he was a founding member of the Port Shepstone Muslim Association.

Ismail was also involved in the running and expansion of Matliwala Darul Uloom, in Baruch, Gujarat, India, and was the Chairman of the Darul-Uloom, later handing the reins over to his brother Ahmed Bux during the 1980s. Ismail was a deeply religious individual, and could often be found communicating with people on the street, about Islam. He strived to pray his five daily Salahs, as well as his Tahajjud and Ishraq Salahs. He sat for his last Itikaf during Ramadan of 1994.

Ismail led a healthy, and active lifestyle. He enjoyed Rooibos tea, and fresh avocado on toast, and played cricket as a member of the Young Commercial Cricket Club. He was an avid reader, and travelled to many countries around the world, although his family home in Baruch held a special place in his heart.

Ismail and his first wife Bibi had 5 children, Suleiman, Ebrahim, Khatija, Zarina, and Mohammed Iqbal. His second marriage was to Zohra (Bhen) Bux (Chohan) of Harding in 1965. Ismail and Zohra, had two children, Shamim Banu, born in 1966 and Yakub, born in 1968.

Shortly after contracting Tuberculosis (TB), and a 3-month stint in the TB Hospital, in KZN, Ismail was diagnosed with Psoriasis. After recovering from TB, Ismail joined Friends of the Sick Association, an organization dedicated to providing information and care for TB patients. His diagnosis of Psoriasis coupled with Rheumatoid Arthritis, affected his lifestyle profoundly, as he was no longer able to move his hands and legs effectively.



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Despite his challenging health conditions, Ismail worked very closely with the Late Sheik Ahmed Deedat of the Islamic Propagation Centre International (IPCI), an organization which aimed to present Islam in its pristine and original form to individuals of all faiths. Late Haji Ismail also travelled extensively with the Late Sheikh Ahmed Deedat and dedicated the remainder of his life to Dawah work.

During mid-1998, Ismail suffered his first stroke, which affected his speech as well as his ability to move. Subsequent strokes during 1999, and 2000 left him confined to the bed. Ismail passed away peacefully on 12th March 2000. He was succeeded by his second wife, Zohra, his 7 children, and 17 grandchildren.





HAJI ISMAIL BUX: IN HIS YOUNG DAYS



HAJI ISMAIL BUX: IN HIS LATER YEARS



## *Haji Ahmed 'Gora' Bux*



Ahmed Bux (fondly known as "Gora" Bux) was born in South Africa on 20th January 1931. He later married Ayesha Bux, daughter of late Haji Vali Bux and together they had 5 children. His children were Khairon nisha, Sharifa, Mohammed, Fatima and Zubeida. He also played a big part in the lives of all his grandchildren especially Faheem, Yusuf, Nazima and Nafisa. While he stayed with his extended family at the "big house" in Port Shepstone, he was instrumental in making sure that all the children performed their Salaah regularly and read the Quraan daily after Fajr Salaah. He also placed great emphasis on formal and Islamic education.

From an early age he worked with his father and brother Ismail in their family business known as Moosa Bux. Later on in his life, he opened his own store known as Buxson, where he spent his days trading. He was a passionate business person and interacted well with the indigenous people of South Africa. His wife Ayesha Bhen was a pillar of strength and also played an important role in the business. He shared his business skills with his children too. His son Muhammed later joined him in the business.

Gora Bux was known, not just for his business success, but for his philanthropic work as well. He often pursued many projects with passion and dedication, putting the needs of others above his own. His noteworthy contribution was the running and expansion of the prestigious Matliwala Darul Uloom in India that his father Moosa Bux had started. Amongst others, he pursued projects in child welfare as well as assisting in running the Port Shepstone Jumma Masjid ("Town Mosque"). He was also one of the founders of the Port Shepstone Islamic School that started with only 12 learners and now has over 330 learners. This is remarkable for a person who had little formal education himself. He also built a bore hole for the local Masjid and in various other needy areas.

His caring nature was felt by all those who came across him, especially by his family where he raised not just five amazing children, but also extended his love to all his family members in need. His family fondly remember his passion for fishing, sports and games, which he played, with his children and grandchildren.

He fondly talks about his Tiger fishing trip to Zambia. He made this trip with the Late Moosa Kunzaan and Solly Bux. The three were inseparable and spent most of their weekends together. They also travelled the world together.



Ahmed Gora Bux was a remarkable man and constantly felt the need to invite people of other religions to see the beauty of Islam. He was passionate about Dawah and always searched for ways to educate himself further in this field.

It was always Gora Bux's wish that he performed his Salaah in the Masjid. If he could not make it to the Masjid then he would rather not live! On 3rd September 2006, he suffered a massive stroke after Esha Salaah and passed away the following morning.

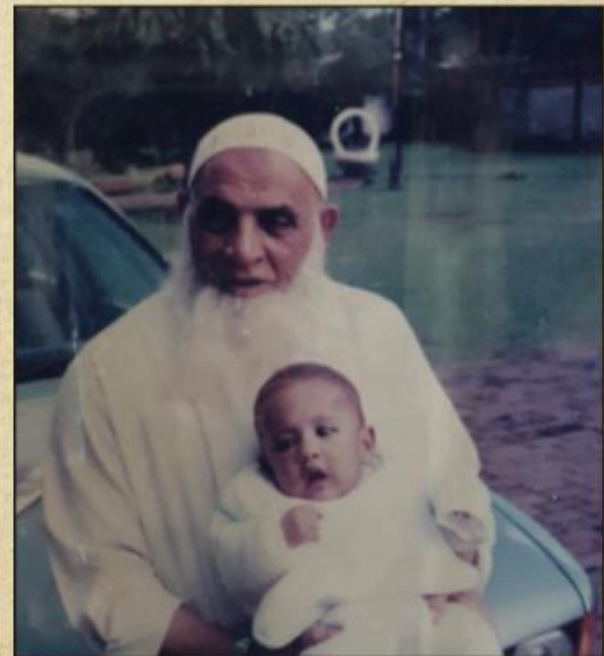
One of his friends, late Mr. Paruk, passed away a while earlier. A few days before Gora Bux passed away, Mr. Paruk's wife called Ayesha Bhen to tell her that she had seen a dream about her late husband Mr. Paruk. The dream was about her late husband who was in the gardens of Jannah and was asking for Gora Bux to join him. Interestingly, a week before Gora Bux's passing, he was busy making sure that all his affairs were in order. He also made a request with the burial committee as to where he wished to be buried.



HAJI AHMED GORA BUX



LEFT TO RIGHT: HAJIYANI AYESHA MOOSA BUX & HAJIYANI AYESHA GORA BUX



HAJI AHMED GORA BUX



## *Haji Dr Ayoob Bux:*

Dr Ayoob was born in Port Shepstone, South Africa on 22nd February 1960 as the second of four children born to Hajee Moosa and Ayesha Bux.

Throughout his schooling, he was well supported by his family and late brothers Ismail Bux and Gora Bux and their families too. He holds very fond memories of growing up in an extended family home with over 35 people living together with guests visiting the communal home regularly. It was a harmonious time, seldom seen today. The elders at home always made sure children performed Salaah regularly at the Masjid and recited the Quran daily after Fajr Salaah. Good quality education was always emphasized, so attending and school and Madrasah was always encouraged.

After completing schooling, Dr Ayoob went to Manipal in South India to study Medicine. It was the first time living abroad and, at the age of 17, it was both an exciting and frightening experience. The time in India was invaluable as it taught Dr Ayoob how to deal with the challenges that life occasionally throws at one.

After completing his medical studies, he returned to South Africa and worked at Umtata General Hospital and Murchison Hospital before going into full time private medical practice. He remains a family practitioner in Port Shepstone till today.

Dr Ayoob married Fauzia and they have 4 beautiful sons. They are Moosa, Muhammed, Altaaf and Bilal. They are also blessed with three delightful grandchildren, Tasmia, Daanyaal and Yumna. Dr Ayoob expresses his indebtedness to his wife Fauzia, who always supported him during his career.

Dr Ayoob enjoys reading, travelling and playing golf. In fact, he was the world amateur golf champion in his division in 2002.

Dr Ayooob has had the opportunity to serve on various committees throughout his life including the following:

- 1) Chairman of Port Shepstone Islamic School.
- 2) Trustee of the Matliwala Darul Uloom - Bharuch.
- 3) Trustee of the Matliwala Public School - Bharuch.
- 4) Chairman of the HIBISCUS HOSPITAL GROUP which includes the Hibiscus Private hospital (Port Shepstone), Scottsburgh Private Hospital and the Cato Ridge Private Hospital (Durban).
- 5) Director of the Ahmed Al Kadi Private Hospital. Durban.
- 6) Chairman of the Port Shepstone Business Forum.
- 7) Chairman of the local IPA [Independent Practitioners Association].



HAJI DR AYOOB BUX &  
HAJIYANI AISA BHEN KUNZAAN



HAJI DR AYOOB BUX



HAJI DR AYOOB BUX; HIS YOUNGER  
DAYS!



DR AYOOB MOOSA WITH HIS  
WIFE HAJIYANI FAUZIYA



*Abu Hurairah (R) says, the Prophet (S) said: "When a man dies, his deeds come to an end except for three things: Sadaqah Jariyah (ceaseless charity); knowledge which is beneficial; or a virtuous descendant who prays for him (the deceased)."*

*Muslim*

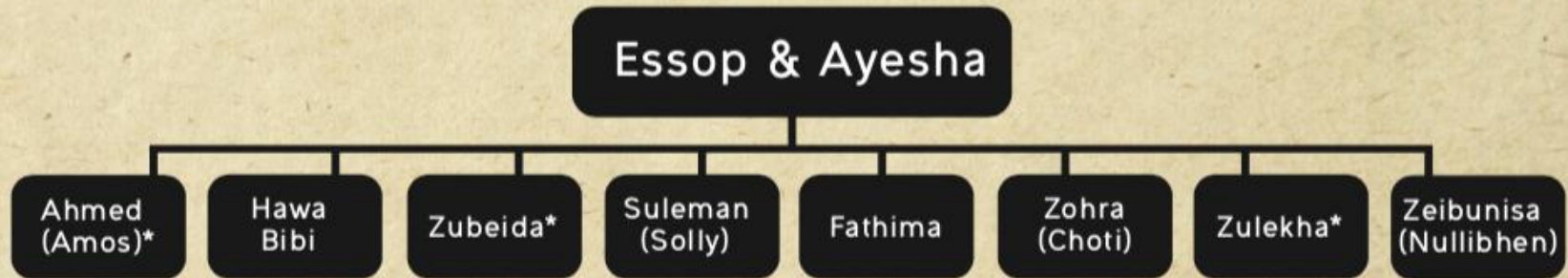
*Sa'id Ibn Al-Aas (R) narrates, the Messenger of Allāh (S) said: "The right of the elder brother over the younger brothers is [the same as] the right of the father over his children."*

*Shu'ab Al-Īmān*



## Haji Essop Bux (Matliwala)

### Essop & Ayesha



Ahmed (& Rabia)	Hawa Bibi (& Moham-med Patel*)	Zubeda	Suleman (& Fatima Bibi Bux)	Fathima (& Essop Ebrahim)	Zohra (& Adam Patel)	Zulekha (& Valli Moosa)	Zeibunnisa (& Suliman Amanjee)
Yusuf* Osman Yasmin	Iqbal* Musaddiq Saleem Hanif Firoza	No children	Nasima Anisa Hasina Rabia Mohamed	Faizel Farouk Nazeer Imran	Yasmin Nafesa Ebrahim Mohammed	Sumaiyyah	Imran Rehana Nadia

\*Deceased




HAJI ESSOP BUX



HAJI ESSOP BUX





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## Haji Essop Bux (Matliwala): Profiles of Sons

### *Haji Ahmed (Amos) Bux:*

Ahmed "Amos" Bux, was the eldest child born to Essop and Ayesha Bux, in 1936. He grew up in the Apartheid era and didn't take lightly to the Apartheid Government. He was a member of "Umkhonto We Sizwe", the 'Black Underground Movement'. Prior to the imprisonment of Nelson Mandela, in the mid 1960's, Amos Bux was forced to leave South Africa and hurriedly moved to the UK as he was being sought by the security branch of the South African apartheid government. This was due to his involvement in political activism during the apartheid period in South Africa. He fought passionately for the equal rights, freedom and liberation of the indigenous Africans of South Africa even while in exile.

After settling in Rochdale - Manchester in the UK, he married Rabia (Diane) in 1970. They had had three children; Yusuf (late), Osman and Yasmin together. They also have 10 grandchildren. Despite this political exile, He did manage to keep in touch with the family in South Africa. His brother Suleman (Solly) also visited him often.

He passed away in October 1982. He was in South Africa and passed away in an accident in Highflats (on the road that goes from ixopo to Umzinto). This was a sad loss to the family.



HAJI AHMED (AMOS) BUX



## *Haji Suleman (Solly) Bux:*

Haji Suleman was born on 17th November 1941 in Alfred County, currently known as Harding. The cries of an innocent new born baby boy were heard amidst the cries of thousands of oppressed Black, Coloured and Indian South Africans.

For Suleman, having been born into the Apartheid era, made such segregation and discriminatory laws feel quite normal and acceptable during childhood. However, as he grew older and gained more understanding and maturity, it became significantly difficult to accept the discrimination.

Suleman Bux, had schooled at the Port Shepstone Primary School, and completed Standard 4. The Reservation of Separate Amenities Act reinforced the ideology of separate education based on race.



At age 14, he was thrown into the deep end of running M.B. Bazaar, the family business in Ixopo, due to his father becoming ill. MB Bazaar, known to the locals as 'Kwa Moosa' was considered a General Merchant store and stocked retail and wholesale goods from haberdashery, groceries, fruit, vegetable, hardware to clothing. They mainly serviced the underprivileged 'Black communities, yet were well-known by people of all races for their keen prices. Solly Bux continued to manage the MB Bazaar and, the business grew from strength to strength in the years to come.

He got married to Fatima Bibi Ahmed Moosa on 6th September 1964. They had five children; four daughters and one son. They also had ten grandsons, three granddaughters and one great grandson.

He took responsibility for the care of his siblings and mother after his father's demise in 1966.

Suleman (Solly) Bux helped as many young students as he could, by giving them stationery packages for school. Many students were helped because education would help their upliftment.

Despite the Apartheid, Suleman made friends of all races and was well liked amongst all. "I see people for their character and not their race" he once commented. Many people of all races with whom he had traded with, kept strong ties with the family and continue to this day.



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He retired and moved from Ixopo to Uvongo on the South Coast 18 years ago. He couldn't stay in retirement so opened a small hardware store in Port Shepstone, called MB Hardware. He has since closed the store.

He has travelled the world, extensively throughout his life. He has a very generous and kind nature. He is very sociable and has friends from all walks of life. He is the pillar in his family.

On a more contemporary note, Solly Bux was recently featured prominently in the South African media due to an act of kindness he performed many years ago in sponsoring a 17 year old learner from the local school. That young man grew up to be our present Deputy Minister for Justice, Mr Raymond Zondo. The Zondo family have gratefully and emotionally acknowledged the assistance rendered by Solly nearly half a century ago. (See article)



HAJI ABDULLAH MUSA DHANBHAI & HAJI SULEMAN  
(SOLLY) BUX



LEFT TO RIGHT: HAJI SULEMAN BUX, HAJI ISMAIL BUX, HAJI AHMED GORA BUX



## *The Mercury Newspaper – 5 July 2017, Kamcilla Pillay*

Decades after their chance encounter - which altered the course of the then law student's life - wholesaler Suleman "Solly" Bux and Constitutional Court Justice Raymond Zondo finally got to shake hands. And the meeting at the judge's Durban home on Monday, Bux told *The Mercury*, felt in many ways like one between old friends.

"It was very exciting for both of us, and our families. There was no awkwardness at all. His family is very down to earth so we felt very comfortable there."

The *Mercury* reported last month that more than 40 years ago, Bux - then based in Ixopo - made a deal with a young Zondo to provide groceries for his family so he would have an opportunity to further his education and study law. But when Zondo returned to settle his debt after graduating from university, Bux refused to take the money and instead asked him to pay the kindness forward.

Zondo, who was appointed the deputy chief justice, during his JSC interview for the post earlier this year, tearfully recounted the story. "We felt welcomed in their home and we shared many interests."

Bux said: "It was also very emotional for us. "He came from hard beginnings so it made it even more special."

Bux was joined by his wife, cousins and nephews. "Everyone wanted to come along to meet the family." The families also exchanged gifts. "He gave me a very nice watch, which was very generous. I was moved by the gesture."

He said he had not expected the story to have received as much attention as it did. "You know, I helped him because it was the right thing to do.

"As a Muslim, helping others is important. "But you do it because you want to, not because you want recognition and for everyone to know." He said that he and Zondo intended maintaining their friendship. "But the next time we meet, there'll be no cameras," he joked.





LEFT TO RIGHT: HAJI YAKUB VALI. SEATED HAJI VALI, IN FRONT IBRAHIM VALI. SEATED NEXT: HAJI ESSOP BUX WITH HAJI ISMAIL (BABU) VALI, THEN HAJI ESSOP DESAI GORIYE. EXTREME RIGHT: SULEMAN (SOLLY) BUX. STANDING BACK: AHMED AMOS BUX. 1947



HAJI FIROZ & HAJIYANI NASIMA'S WEDDING; PHOTO WITH THE EXTENDED FAMILY



*Abū Hurairah (R) narrates that the Prophet (S) said: "Whoever believes in Allāh and the final day should honour his guest. Whoever believes in Allāh and the final day, should maintain family ties. Whoever believes in Allāh and the final day should speak good or remain silent."*

*Bukharī*

*Anas Ibn Mālik (R) narrates, I heard the Prophet (S) saying: "Whoever wants his sustenance and lifespan to be increased should maintain family ties."*

*Bukharī*

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May Allah pardon all the deceased of the Matliwala-Bux family, fill their graves with light, grant them the highest stages in Jannah, and bless them for all their contributions made during their life time.

May he also grant the future generations the wisdom and courage of their fathers and forefathers, so the tremendous work they initiated may continue unabated with even greater strength and enthusiasm.  
Ameen.

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