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Rushanara, Rupa also win



Tulip Siddiq



Rushanara Ali



Rupa Huq

STAR REPORT

Three British-Bangladeshis -- including Tulip Siddiq, granddaughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman -- have made it to the House of Commons in the UK general election with Labour Party tickets.

Apart from Tulip, Rushanara Ali and Rupa Huq have also been elected MPs defeating their Tory rivals.

This is the first time the centuries-old British parliament will have three lawmakers with roots in Bangladesh.

Though their party put up a dismal show in Thursday's

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election which saw a bloodbath of party heavyweights and resignation of Labour leader Ed Miliband, Tulip and Rushanara sailed through quite comfortably. Rupa, however, faced a very tight competition from the Conservatives' candidate.

David Cameron stays at the 10 Downing Street for a second term after the much-hyped elections that came up with many surprises, including a single majority victory for the Conservatives.

TULIP SIDDIQ

Eldest daughter of Sheikh Rehana and niece of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Tulip won Hampstead and Kilburn seat defeating Conservatives' Simon Marcus.

She polled 23,977 votes while Marcus bagged 22,839.

Talking to the Bangladeshi reporters in the early hours yesterday, Tulip recalled how indebted she was to her aunt Sheikh Hasina.

"She [Hasina] has taught me how to conduct the electoral campaigns

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corporate social responsibility, working with major British manufacturers and transport companies to strengthen their use of apprenticeship schemes and build on links with local communities and schools.

RUSHANARA ALI

Rushanara Ali has won her second spell in the British parliament from the Bethnal Green & Bow seat with a massive 24,317-vote lead over her Conservatives contender.

She was the first British-Bangladeshi to sit in the House of Commons after beating George Galloway in 2010 election in the same constituency with a majority of 11,574 votes.

On Thursday, Rushanara secured an even more comprehensive win to retain her seat.

She got 32,387 votes, defeating Conservative's Matt Smith, who managed to poll 8,070 votes.

In her victory speech, Rushanara said: "I'm a campaigning politician... The last five years in opposition has been incredibly difficult but one of the highlights has been working

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Ealing Central and Acton seat against sitting MP Angie Bray of the Conservatives.

Labour's Rupa won the seat with a meagre 274-vote margin. She bagged 22,002 votes while her rival Angie Bray got 21,728.

Born in London's Hammersmith area in 1972, Rupa studied Social and Political Sciences and Law at Cambridge University. Her parents came to the UK from Bangladesh in the 1960s.

She joined the Labour Party, working on a successful campaign to win Cambridge for Labour in 1992.

After Cambridge, she earned her doctorate at the University of East London. She researched youth culture, and how young people use pop music to express themselves.

Rupa has published three books in this field as well as writing articles for the Guardian. She did some of her research in northern France, and kept in touch with politics by working at the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

In 1998, she started teaching at

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