

**BRITISH ASIANS**



**FROM UGANDA**

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Private Secretary to HM The King  
Buckingham Palace  
London  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to request that you convey to His Majesty The King our deepest sadness at the news of the passing of his Mother, HM Queen Elizabeth II, and our sincere condolences to His Majesty and all the Royal Family.

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Expulsion of the Ugandan Asians by Idi Amin in 1972. The India Overseas Trust has been marking this milestone through its year-long programme 'British Ugandan Asians at 50'. For the remainder of the project Her Late Majesty will be close to our hearts and always in our thoughts. Over 28,000 Ugandan Asians received a warm welcome to Britain, through a collective public act of service and hospitality which fully reflected Her Majesty's own record of selfless service. At a time when newcomers to Britain were often subject to prejudice and hostility, Her Majesty took every opportunity to emphasise her commitment to solidarity and mutual respect between people of different backgrounds. The India Overseas Trust's messages of Loyal Greeting for the 40th and 50th anniversary signified our gratitude for Her Majesty's good example, and our ongoing love and loyalty.

We know that HM The King shares his Mother's commitment to community cohesion and her abhorrence of racism. The British Ugandan Asian community takes this opportunity to assure His Majesty of its warmest support and loyalty.

God save the King. ભગવાન રાજા બચાવો (Gujarati). Mungu akulinde Mfalme (Swahili).

Yours faithfully,

*Praful RC Patel*

*Alan Critchley*

Praful Patel, Chair, India Overseas Trust  
Alan Critchley JP, Chair, British Ugandan Asians at 50