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Grassroots Power Fuels Zohran Mamdani Surge

Mamdani's Rising Revolution

Staff Reporter



Photo: NYC Mayoral Candidate Zohran Mamdani
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Alexandar Sullivan

In a historic turn for New York City politics, Zohran Mamdani, a 34-year-old Muslim state assemblyman, is on the verge of becoming the city's next mayor — and potentially reshaping

the national Democratic conversation. Once a housing counselor and artist, Mamdani has galvanized grassroots momentum by focusing on the everyday struggles of working-class New Yorkers: rent, transit, and childcare.

On the trail, Mamdani is greeted with enthusiasm rarely seen in modern campaigns. But alongside admiration, he faces relentless opposition. Former Governor Andrew Cuomo, running as an independent after losing

the Democratic primary to Mamdani, accuses him of promoting an anti-business agenda. Republican candidate Curtis Sliwa mocks his inexperience, while President Donald Trump and Senator JD Vance have openly attacked Mamdani, with Trump threatening to cut federal funding should a "communist" win City Hall. The rhetoric has escalated into Islamophobic smears from media outlets like the New York Post and even violent threats, leading to Mamdani receiving police protection. Despite this, his lead in polls has only grown, bolstered by massive support from the Muslim community, immigrants, and disaffected young voters. Mamdani has pledged

bold reforms — rent freezes, free buses, and taxes on the wealthy to fund social services — proposals that excite supporters and unsettle Wall Street. Yet many in business circles have softened after face-to-face meetings with the candidate, acknowledging his thoughtfulness and willingness to listen. While Mamdani's policies have ignited internal tensions within the Democratic Party, his movement is seen by many as a demand for leadership grounded in equity, justice, and authenticity. As one voter said, "He's not just running to win — he's running to change how politics works in this city." Come Tuesday, New Yorkers will decide not just who runs their city — but what kind of future they want to build.

Zohran Mamdani's path to City Hall is driven by grassroots momentum, authenticity, and a bold progressive vision that resonates with millions of struggling New Yorkers. His focus on housing affordability, transit justice, and fair wages directly addresses the city's deepest economic pains. Unlike establishment candidates, Mamdani built trust through years of community organizing in Queens, representing the working class and immigrant families. His ability to inspire young voters, unite diverse communities, and speak truth to power has made him the symbol of a new political era. If elected, Mamdani is expected to usher in a people-centered government — transforming New York into a model of fairness, sustainability, and inclusive leadership.

Trump's Tariff Gamble

High Court Weighs Presidential Trade Authority

Lily Anderson

The Supreme Court this week is weighing a case that could reshape how President Donald Trump exercises one of his most aggressive foreign policy tools: tariffs. At the center of the dispute is whether Trump exceeded his authority under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) by imposing tariffs without congressional approval. Trump has frequently deployed tariffs not only to address trade but as a means of pressuring allies and adversaries on unrelated issues — from halting migration to punishing political moves abroad. His administration argues these actions fall under presidential control of foreign affairs and

national security. However, two lower courts previously ruled that Trump's use of the IEEPA to impose such tariffs violated constitutional separation of powers, which grants Congress the authority over trade. The Justice Department maintains that the president acted lawfully in safeguarding national interests. Legal experts suggest the court's ruling could limit Trump's swift tariff maneuvering, forcing future administrations to revert to lengthier procedures. "Presidents have typically treated tariffs as a scalpel, not a sledgehammer," said former Obama aide Josh Lipsky. If the Court rules against him, it may have widespread implications for both global diplomacy and American consumers, as tariffs have led to higher prices and retaliatory measures abroad. The outcome could redefine the balance between executive power and economic policy.

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Building Peaceful Societies Through Justice and Strong Institutions

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Elhaam Academy's October Newsletter Highlights Global Learning

NYN Desk

Elhaam Academy, based in Jamaica, New York, is an educational institution where knowledge meets faith. Guided by Islamic principles of compassion, integrity, and excellence, the Academy nurtures students to become thoughtful global citizens. Each month, Elhaam publishes a newsletter that captures its vibrant community spirit and celebrates meaningful learning beyond the classroom. In October 2025, Elhaam's

students embarked on an inspiring series of activities that reflected the school's holistic approach to education. The highlight of the month was their visit to the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, where students commemorated the UN's 80th Anniversary and engaged in a lively Q&A session with diplomats on peacekeeping, international relations, and technology's role in solving global challenges. Students also explored the Turkish House to experience cultural exchange, celebrated

World Space Week by building imaginative space models, and marked World Mental Health Day with sessions led by counselor Saudia Rahim, emphasizing empathy and kindness through Islamic values. From visits to the Queens Zoo to creative S.T.E.A.M. activities, October at Elhaam Academy was a month of curiosity, compassion, and connection — living proof that education, when guided by faith and purpose, can truly illuminate young minds.

Photo: Elhaam Academy October Newsletter
Image Source: Elhaam Academy Website

Tragedy in Crown Heights, Teen Dies in Shooting

Staff Reporter

A 16-year-old boy, identified as Tyson Harps of the Bronx, was fatally shot in the head Saturday night in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, according to the NYPD. Officers from the 71st Precinct responded to a 911 call reporting an assault outside 1196 Eastern Parkway at approximately 8:47 p.m. on November 1. Upon arrival, they discovered Harps unconscious, bleeding from a gunshot wound to the head. Emergency responders pronounced him dead at the scene. The shooter or shooters had already fled by the time police arrived, and no suspects have yet been identified. Authorities have not disclosed a possible motive, and the investigation remains active. The incident adds to the tally of violent



Photo: Police are investigating the fatal shooting of a teenage boy in Brooklyn on Saturday night.
Image Source: Lloyd Mitchell / amny

crime in the precinct, which had recorded four homicides each in 2024 and 2025 year-to-date, per NYPD data through October 26. Anyone

with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 800-577-TIPS or submit tips online. All information is kept confidential.

Staten Island Hosts Special Education Fair

Community Desk

Community members gathered on Thursday at the Michael J. Petrides Campus in Sunnyside for the Include D31 Special Education Family Resource Fair, a borough-wide event aimed at strengthening support for Staten Island students with learning differences. Hosted by District 31, the fair offered information, resources, and inspiration

to families navigating Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). Over 13,300 students in the borough have IEPs, with many addressing speech, learning disabilities, or autism. "We want every child to have a pathway toward being the most successful and most independent they can be," said Dr. Roderick Palton, superintendent of District 31. A standout moment came from Zoe Zborowski, a senior

at Staten Island Technical High School, who shared her journey from early interventions to academic and personal success. "A label or disability doesn't define my capabilities," she said. Families also met with vendors and enjoyed performances by local school bands, all reinforcing the message that inclusion, support, and high expectations can transform lives.



Photo: Brooklyn and Manhattan neighborhoods devastated by deadly flash floods
Image Source: Online

Brooklyn Flood Tragedy, Two Dead in Sudden Storm

Senior Reporter

A sudden and intense flash flood on Thursday, Nov. 1, left two people dead and communities reeling across Brooklyn and Manhattan. In East Flatbush, a 39-year-old man drowned in a flooded basement after saving one of his two dogs. His body was recovered by an FDNY dive team. In Washington Heights, Juan Carlos Montoya Hernandez, 43, died of electrocution while trying to manage flooding in his building's boiler room. Residents are now questioning the city's infrastructure readiness. Flood sensors like the one installed at Throop Avenue

and Halsey Street were unable to prevent damage to nearby businesses. "Without a doubt, it's gonna happen again," warned local resident Massimo Pileggi. The NYC Department of Environmental Protection attributed the flooding to record-setting rainfall, blocked drains from fallen leaves, and increasingly intense storms — patterns they say are becoming more frequent with climate change. As cleanup continues, grief and frustration grow in neighborhoods unprepared for disasters that many now fear are becoming the new normal.

Prayer Time IN New York

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OPINION

Zohran Mamdani Is Our Hero

— Imam Shamsi Ali

For the Muslim community who experienced the 9/11 events in 2001 and the days that followed, we are certainly reminded of how difficult and terrifying those times were. Not only is the Muslim community an integral part of New York City, that an attack and suffering experienced by this city are also attack and suffering experienced by us, the Muslim community. We are not separated from the city we love and consider New York City our own home. But more than that, what hurts and saddens us the most is when the religion we love, a religion that promotes peace and respect for human life, is accused of inspiring those terrorist attacks. The perpetrators were identified as Muslims led by a former fighter who was once facilitated and supported by America, named Osama bin Laden, with the Al-Qaeda terrorist organization becoming the most popular in the world. Because the perpetrators were Muslims and Islam itself was accused of inspiring the attacks, the world instantly viewed Muslims with suspicion and fear. It's not just suspicion and fear; it's as if all Muslims around the world have become terrorist collaborators or even terrorists themselves. The war commanded by President George W. Bush at that time was called the "war on terror," but it was essentially interpreted as a "war on Islam," although it was seasoned with the term "extremist Islam." New York City, as the epicenter of the so-called "terror attack" or more popularly known as the "9/11 terror attack," also became the center of the war on terror. Almost everything

Islamic was suppressed and suspected of being part of terrorism. Even names that are closely associated with Islam, such as Muhammad, Omar, Ali, and so on, became names suspected of being collaborators, if not terrorists themselves. This situation puts the Muslim community in a profound test, which becomes a distinguishing factor between those who are strong and sincere in their faith and those who are weak and insincere. Some members of the Muslim community in New York and America remained steadfast and unshakable. However, not a few were shaken, changed their names, and hid out of fear of being known as Muslims. Zohran Mamdani, the Game Changer This situation has lasted for a long time with varying frequencies until now. The ongoing fear experienced by the Muslim community allows anti-Islam and Muslim parties, including opportunistic politicians, to use the 9/11 tragedy as a tool to attack Islam and the Muslim community. Often, the Muslim community becomes defensive, even silently accepting it as if it were destiny that Allah has ordained. About six years ago, a young man bravely ran for a seat in the New York State Assembly, unapologetically identifying himself as a proud Muslim. This young politician, Zohran Mamdani, an immigrant who came to the United States at the age of 7 from Uganda with South Asian descent, won the seat, defeating the incumbent



— Imam Shamsi Ali :
Director of Jamaica
Muslim Center

representative. Mamdani's success didn't stop there. About a year ago, he started his campaign for New York City Mayor, despite having less than 2% popularity. However, his strong determination, hard work, and organizational experience paid off when he won the Democratic primary election last June. Mamdani is known for being bold, honest, and unwavering in the face of challenges. From the start of his campaign, he proudly declared himself as "the first Muslim candidate for NYC Mayor." Unfortunately, his Muslim identity and stance against the Israeli genocide Gaza and Zionism became a liability for him. His opponents accused him of being anti-Semitic. A prominent Jewish rabbi, whom I know personally, in New York City even claimed that Mamdani poses a threat to the safety of the Jewish community. Over 650 Jewish Rabbis signed a petition rejecting Mamdani, which was seized upon by his opponent, Andrew Cuomo, as a campaign ammunition. What's more shameful, Cuomo infamously linked Mamdani's candidacy to the 9/11 attacks, implying that Mamdani would be unable to handle terrorist attacks and might even celebrate if such an attack occurred in New York City again. This rhetoric was not only divisive but also an attempt to discredit Mamdani based on his faith and background. Beyond that, it's a blatant bigotry and Islamophobia. Cuomo's ignorance was compounded by incumbent Mayor Eric

Adams' support, saying that if Zohran becomes mayor, New York will be like Europe, implying it would be filled with radical and terrorist immigrants. This stance from Eric is a stark display of hypocrisy, given his recent efforts to welcome numerous new immigrants to New York City. After being saved by Donald Trump from legal troubles related to corruption scandals, Eric has now shifted to support Trump's anti-immigrant policies. This situation has only strengthened Zohran's resolve to proudly present himself as a Muslim candidate who stands for universal values and justice. He boldly declared that the time has come for the Muslim community to step out of the shadows and proudly assert their identity in New York City. It's time to emerge from hiding, showcase their contributions, and play a significant role in building a better New York City for all its citizens. For the Muslim community, Zohran Mamdani's presence at the forefront of politics and public life is a great blessing from Allah, given to the Muslim community in New York, America, and even the world. He breaks down walls of ignorance and hatred, challenging those who want to see Muslims as weak, marginalized, and victims of different types of evil manipulation. Mamdani's journey is seen as a symbol of hope for many, especially in the context of his potential to become the first Muslim mayor of New York City. The Muslim community owe Zohran and must appreciate him by ensuring he gets elected on November 4th, and be inaugurated as first Muslim Mayor of New York City on January 1st 2026. Zohran is our hero!

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“He breaks down walls of ignorance and hatred, challenging those who want to see Muslims as weak and marginalized.”



Photo: Zohran Mamdani
Image Source: Online

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Building Peaceful Societies Through Justice and Strong Institutions

— Imam Muhammad Shahidullah



Peace is not merely the absence of war—it is the presence of justice, fairness, and strong institutions that protect human dignity. Sustainable Development Goal 16—Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions—calls on nations to build inclusive societies where everyone's rights are protected and every voice is heard. In a world scarred by conflict, corruption, and inequality, this goal represents humanity's collective

yearning for a just and peaceful global order. True peace cannot thrive in the shadow of injustice. Across the world, millions of people still suffer from violence, discrimination, and political oppression. In many countries, weak governance and corruption erode public trust, while marginalized communities are left voiceless. The persistence of injustice and social division creates fertile ground for conflict and extremism. To achieve lasting peace, societies must prioritize fairness, accountability, and the rule of law. Justice is the cornerstone of peace—without it, no nation can truly prosper.



— Imam Muhammad
Shahidullah
Vice President, United
Nations Association
of the USA (UNA-
USA), Queens Chapter

Strong institutions play a central role in shaping peaceful societies. They uphold the law, safeguard rights, and ensure that power is exercised responsibly. Governments must remain transparent and accountable, ensuring that public resources serve the common good rather than private interests. Likewise, the judiciary, media, and civil society must remain free and independent, acting as guardians of truth and justice. Peace is not imposed—it is built through trust, participation, and good governance. At the community level, peace begins in the hearts of individuals. It grows through dialogue,

empathy, and the willingness to forgive and reconcile. Faith-based institutions, such as mosques, churches, and temples, have a vital role in nurturing moral values that promote coexistence and compassion. In Islam, justice (adl) is a divine command and peace (salam) is a sacred aspiration. Both are inseparable and essential for a harmonious society. In today's complex world, where conflicts are increasingly global and interconnected, SDG 16 reminds us that peace and justice are shared responsibilities. Every citizen has a role in demanding integrity from leaders, promoting tolerance, and standing up for the oppressed. Building a peaceful world requires courage—the courage to speak truth to power, to forgive when hatred divides, and to act with integrity even when it is difficult.

EDUCATION

Hands of Hope Club Inspires Interfaith Harmony at Elhaam Academy

Students explore compassion, respect, and community through faith

James Anderson

At Elhaam Academy, the message of unity and understanding took creative form as students in the Hands of Hope Club came together to explore connections between different faith traditions. The event, organized in partnership with Save the People USA, encouraged young learners to appreciate the shared values that unite communities of faith across the world. During the session, Ms. Naurene led a thoughtful discussion on the essence of Islam, highlighting that being a good Muslim involves kindness, respect, and understanding toward people of all faiths. The conversation inspired students to reflect on how small acts of empathy can strengthen bonds within their communities. As part of the STEAM



club initiative, participants created architectural models

representing various houses of worship — including mosques,

synagogues, churches, and temples. The activity blended creativity with

education, encouraging students to see how art and science can come together to express harmony and unity. The event also welcomed Fatima Niass, Office Manager at Save the People USA, who joined students in their learning activities and commended their efforts. Her presence reflected the organization's ongoing collaboration with the

through meaningful projects. Throughout the day, students engaged in open discussion, teamwork, and design — all centered on the theme of mutual respect. Their finished projects, colorful and imaginative, symbolized the strength that comes from understanding and cooperation among people of different backgrounds. By the end of the event, participants gained not only hands-on experience in creativity and design but also a deeper appreciation for diversity and the power of shared values. The Hands of Hope Club continues to embody Elhaam Academy's mission to nurture empathy, leadership, and global citizenship — proving that even at a young age, students can play a vital role in building a more peaceful and united world.



academy to promote youth development and social awareness



PHILANTHROPY

Zakat Foundation of America Supports Students at Darul Uloom New York

Hundreds of children receive essential school supplies through community partnership



orphans, refugee students, children of single mothers, and families of new reverts — received school supplies that will support



USA added a strong community-driven touch to the event, with local volunteers helping organize and distribute the supplies efficiently. Fatima Niass, Office Manager of Save the People USA, was also present and played an active role in coordinating the activities and assisting in the distribution process. Her involvement reflected the shared mission of both organizations — promoting education, equity, and kindness within the community — while highlighting how unity among faith-based institutions can lead to real, lasting impact. For the Zakat Foundation of America, education remains one of its strongest pillars of global outreach. The organization continues to fund and sponsor projects that remove barriers to learning — from rebuilding schools and

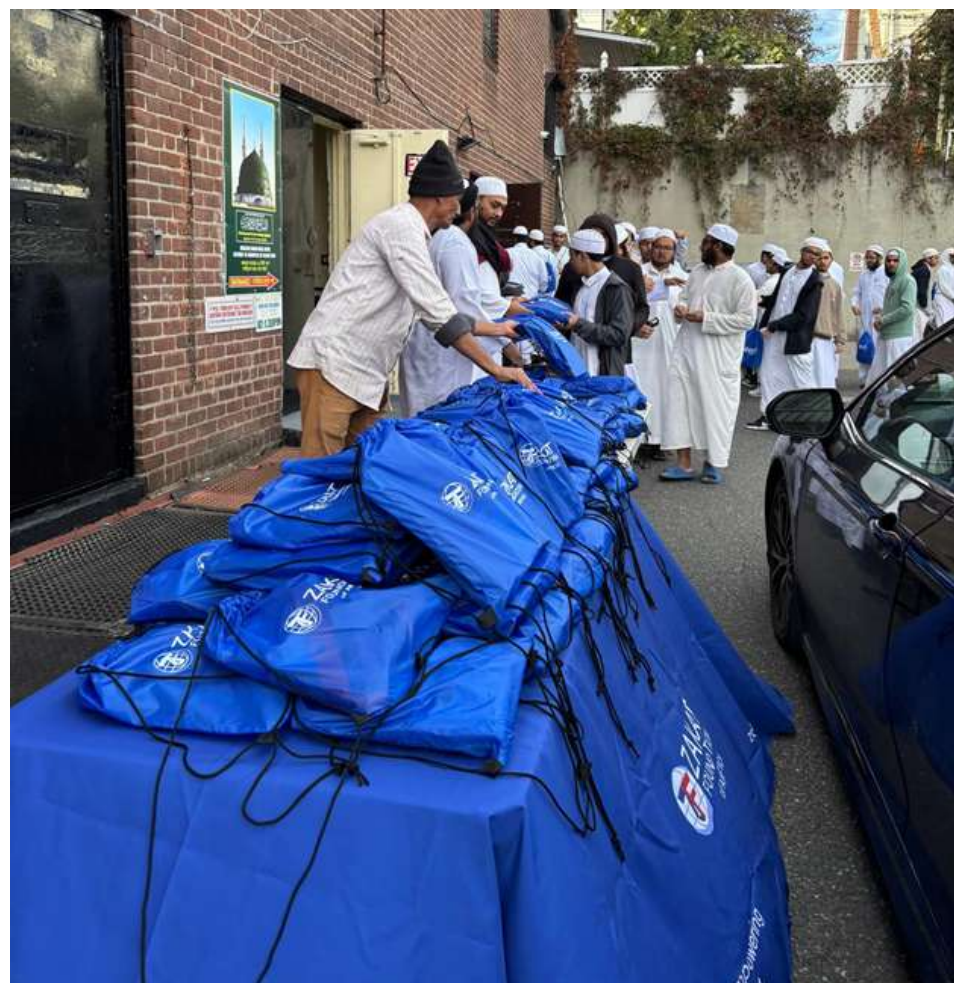
distributing materials to supporting teachers and sponsoring students worldwide. Its presence at Darul Uloom New York reflected not just a one-time act of charity, but a sustained effort to nurture opportunity and dignity through education. As the children walked away smiling, their new notebooks and backpacks in hand, the atmosphere was one of hope and gratitude. For many, the supplies represented more than just school essentials — they symbolized encouragement and the belief that every child deserves a chance to learn and dream. Through ongoing programs like these, the Zakat Foundation of America continues to illuminate pathways of opportunity, ensuring that education remains a right, not a privilege — and that compassion remains at the heart of community progress.

Ashley Reed

The Zakat Foundation of America once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to education and humanitarian service through a large-scale school supply

distribution at Darul Uloom New York. The initiative, supported by volunteers from Save the People (STPUSA), brought joy and relief to hundreds of students and families who rely on such programs to access essential

learning materials. The event served as a reminder of the Foundation's mission to empower underserved communities through acts of compassion rooted in faith. More than a few hundred children — including





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HEALTH

Faith and Healing Intersect at Healthfirst Forum

Experts and clergy collaborate to combat mental health stigma

William Henry

In an inspiring step toward addressing mental health challenges through faith and collaboration, Healthfirst hosted the Faith Leaders Mental Health Forum on October 30, 2025, bringing together religious leaders, community advocates, and mental health professionals for a day of dialogue and shared learning. The event underscored the importance of uniting healthcare initiatives with faith-based outreach to promote well-being across diverse communities. The forum served as a platform to openly discuss the growing concern surrounding mental health and illness, emphasizing the critical role faith leaders play in offering support, compassion, and resources to those in need. Participants explored strategies to bridge the gap between mental health services and community care,



particularly within cultural and faith-based contexts where stigma often prevents individuals from seeking help. Mental health experts representing various cultural and traditional backgrounds provided valuable insights into the complexities of mental illness

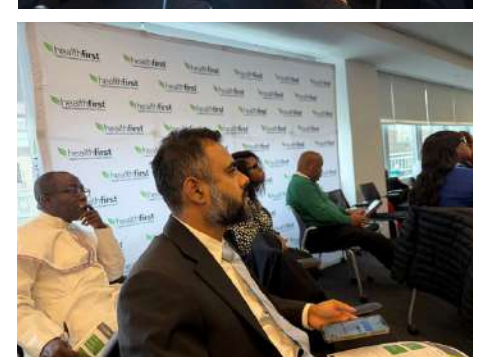
and wellness. Their presentations explored practical approaches to supporting families and individuals struggling with depression, anxiety, and trauma—issues that have seen a notable rise in recent years. Rev. Phillip T. Falayi, Manager of CE Faith-Based & Strategic Health Initiatives at



Healthfirst, expressed deep gratitude to all who attended, emphasizing the significance of such partnerships in building healthier and more resilient communities. He highlighted that the questions and concerns raised during the forum

reflected the dedication of faith leaders to addressing mental wellness not just within their congregations but throughout the broader community. Attendees engaged in meaningful discussions about the intersection of spirituality and mental health, recognizing that holistic healing

requires both emotional support and practical solutions. Many faith leaders shared their experiences counseling individuals facing mental health challenges and expressed the need for more training, resources, and continued collaboration with organizations like Healthfirst. The event concluded with a collective commitment to sustain the momentum. In response to the overwhelming enthusiasm, Healthfirst announced plans for a follow-up session aimed at further supporting faith leaders and their communities in promoting mental health and wellness. Through initiatives like this, Healthfirst continues to lead with compassion and purpose—strengthening partnerships that place mental health at the forefront of community care, while honoring the essential role of faith in healing hearts and minds.



REMEMBRANCE

Farewell to NYPD's Spiritual Heart

Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass remembered for six decades of faith, service, and compassion

Jessica Morgan

The New York City Police Department bid a heartfelt farewell to one of its most beloved figures, Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass, who passed away at the age of 89. Widely regarded as the spiritual heart of the NYPD, Rabbi Kass served as the department's Chief Chaplain for nearly sixty years, offering faith, guidance, and compassion to countless officers and families across generations. His death was confirmed on October 29, 2025, by Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch, who described Rabbi Kass as "the spiritual heart of the NYPD for more than six decades." Tisch emphasized that his leadership and faith anchored the department through times of crisis, including his immediate response following the September 11 attacks, when he comforted the families of the 23 NYPD officers who tragically lost their lives that day. Kass joined the department in 1966, at just 30 years old,



becoming the youngest chaplain in NYPD history. Over the decades, he provided comfort to grieving families, offered counsel to those in need, and instilled a sense of moral purpose and unity among officers. His wisdom and humility made him an

enduring presence in the department, bridging generations of service members through his steadfast compassion. In 2016, Rabbi Kass reached an unprecedented milestone in his career when he was promoted to three-star chief, making him

the highest-ranking chaplain in NYPD history. Colleagues and city officials alike viewed the honor as a fitting tribute to a lifetime of service defined by faith, empathy, and dedication. Beyond his NYPD duties, Rabbi Kass served as Senior Rabbi

of the East Midwood Jewish Center for 36 years and earned multiple academic degrees, including a doctorate of divinity and a Ph.D. from New York University. His career intertwined scholarship, spiritual leadership, and civic responsibility, and he also served as

the NYPD's advisor on Jewish affairs, fostering interfaith understanding throughout the city. Mayor Eric Adams, along with members of law enforcement and clergy, expressed deep condolences, describing Rabbi Kass as a steadfast moral compass for the NYPD and a source of strength for the entire city. His lifelong service, the mayor noted, represented the very best of public faith leadership — compassion grounded in action. As officers rendered a final salute to their Chief Chaplain, the NYPD honored not only a man of faith but also a guardian of humanity who spent six decades reminding others of their shared purpose. Rabbi Kass is survived by his three children and three grandchildren. His late wife, Miryom Kass, passed away in 2017. His legacy, as acknowledged by both city officials and the NYPD, continues to inspire and uplift — a timeless reminder that true service begins with the heart.



On behalf of the Muslim community and NYSCTF chaplains, I extend our deepest condolences on the passing of NYPD Chief Chaplain Rabbi Dr. Alvin Kass.

I had the honor of working with Rabbi Kass. His humility, compassion, and steadfast faith were an inspiration to all of us who served alongside him. He embodied the true spirit of service—offering comfort, unity, and wisdom to officers and communities across New York City.

May the Almighty grant peace to his soul and strength to his family, friends, and the entire NYPD family during this difficult time. His legacy of faith and humanity will continue to guide us all.
— Imam Muhammad Shahidullah



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CEC and Save the People USA promote multilingual voter awareness in the Bronx

Emily Parker

As Election Day draws near, the Civic Engagement Commission (CEC) and Save the People USA (STPUSA) have intensified their collaborative efforts to make civic participation more inclusive, launching a two-day voter engagement initiative in the Bronx that focused on language access and community outreach. The first event, held on Friday, October 31, 2025, at the Parkchester Islamic Center, invited residents to learn about Voting Rights and CEC's Voter Interpretation Services under the theme "Vote in Your Language." The evening combined education and community spirit, offering free



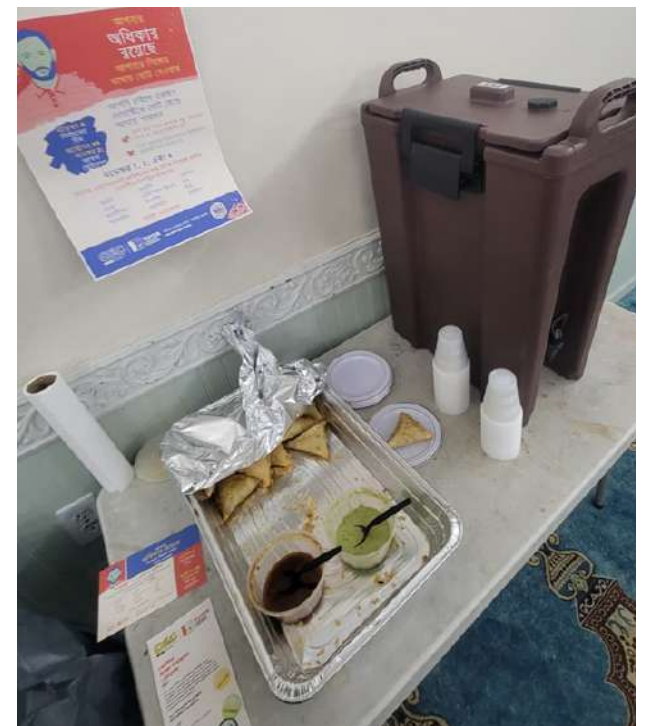
samosas and chai for early attendees. Representatives from both organizations guided participants through the voter language assistance program, which ensures that New Yorkers who speak languages other than English can receive

interpretation support at polling sites. The event underscored how language access plays a critical role in empowering immigrants and first-generation voters to participate fully in the democratic process. The following day,



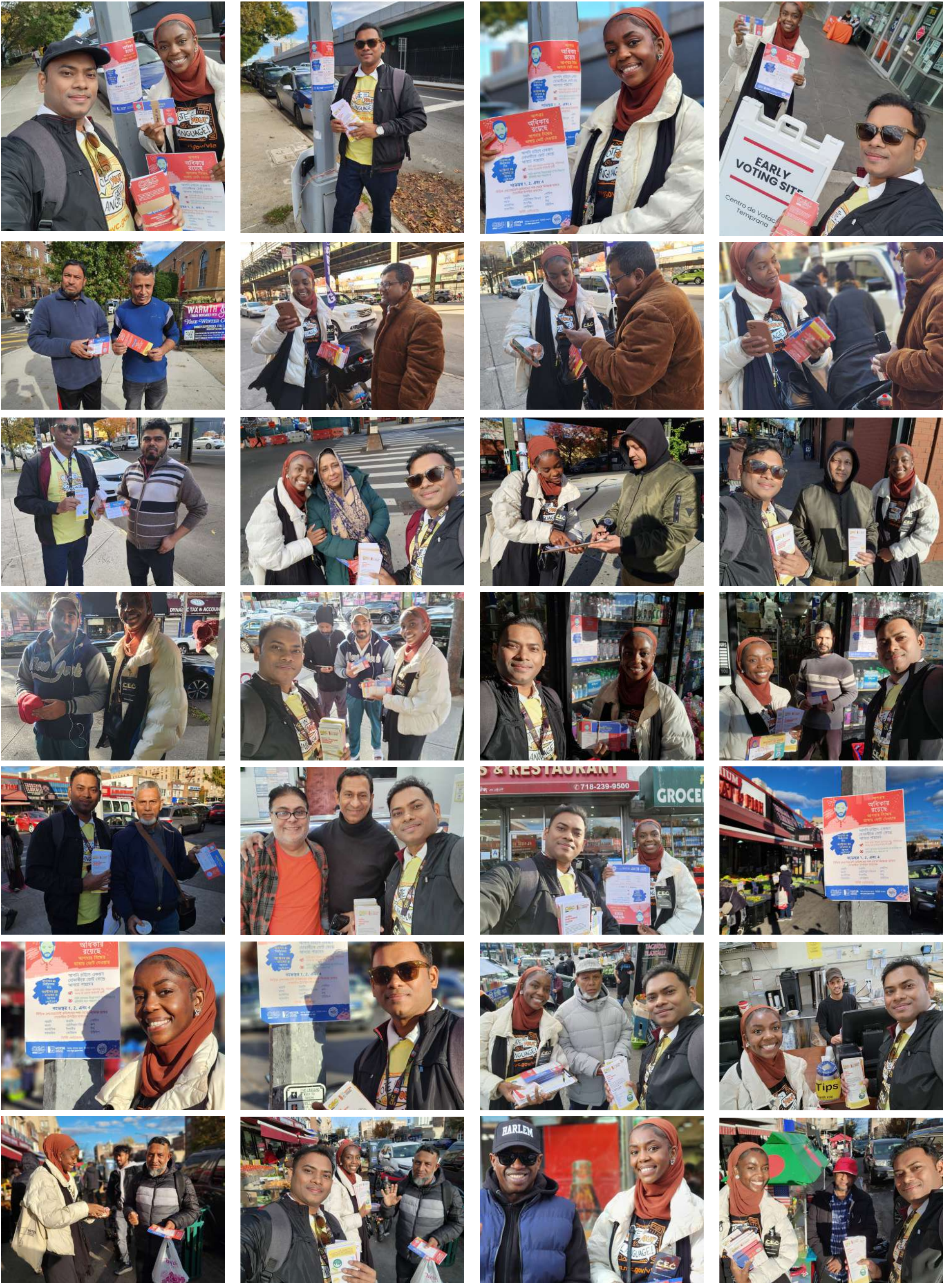
Saturday, November 1, the focus shifted to hands-on community engagement. Fatima Niass, Office Manager at Save the People USA, and volunteer Abdullah Masud joined the CEC's citywide voter outreach initiative, beginning their day at the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community Center, one of the polling locations offering Bengali interpreters. From there, the pair canvassed the Parkchester and Soundview neighborhoods, speaking directly with residents about early voting and local polling locations. "Every conversation mattered; even a quick exchange could make someone pause and remember that their voice counts," said Fatima Niass, reflecting on the day's

outreach efforts. One local resident expressed appreciation, noting, "It means a lot to see organizations from other boroughs coming out to support our community. Sometimes all we need is that reminder." Through their joint efforts, CEC and Save the People USA demonstrated the power of grassroots engagement in strengthening democracy. Their collaboration not only helped reduce language barriers but also fostered a sense of belonging and civic responsibility among Bronx residents. As the city prepares for the upcoming election, their message remains clear: every vote, in every language, has the power to shape New York's future.



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FOOD

A New Taste of Bangladesh Arrives in Jamaica

Nabanno expands its culinary legacy with second branch opening

Noah Presley

The aroma of authentic Bangladeshi spices and the sound of celebration filled the air in Jamaica, New York, as Nabanno Restaurant — one of New York’s most renowned Bangladeshi dining establishments — officially inaugurated its second branch on November 1, 2025, at 169-22 Hillside Avenue. The grand opening marked a significant milestone for the Bangladeshi American community, expanding Nabanno’s presence beyond its first and highly popular location in Jackson Heights, the vibrant enclave known as “Little Bangladesh.” The ceremony opened with prayers led by Imam Khalid Saifullah, who recited verses from the Holy Quran and prayed for the restaurant’s success. Owner Muhammad Kader, CIP, delivered an inspiring welcome speech, thanking members of the print, digital, and electronic media for their continued support. A recipient of America’s “40 Under 40” Young Business Leaders recognition, Kader expressed pride in how



Nabanno has become “a true Bangladeshi restaurant brand in North America,” built on authenticity, quality, and teamwork. The event drew distinguished guests and public figures from across New York. The ribbon cutting was led by Bangladeshi film legend Moushumi (Priyodorshini), who

inaugurated the new branch alongside Kader. Also in attendance were Bangladesh Society Trustee Board Chairman Mr. Shahnewaz, Trustee Board Member Mr. Fakrul Islam (Delaware), community activists Mr. Ahsan Habib and Mr. Kamrul Islam Sony, Jamaica Bangladeshi Friend Society Chief Advisor Mr. Osman



Goni, Mr. Khairul Islam Khokon, and veteran actor Mr. Ahmed Sharif. Kader introduced his managerial team,

including Mohammed Anisur Rahman, Kazi Minhaz Shubo, and Mr. Dulal from the Jackson Heights branch, as well as Mr. Jahangir Joy, who will lead operations at the new Jamaica location. He also acknowledged the contributions of prominent guests such as singer Badsha Bulbul, community

leader and political figure Mary Jobaida, and professionals from All County Home Care and All County Social Adult Day Care. Media representatives from local and international outlets covered the event, highlighting it as both a business success and a celebration of Bangladeshi identity in New York. In his closing remarks, Kader reaffirmed Nabanno’s dedication to maintaining high standards of freshness, taste, and service. He announced plans to open three additional branches by 2027 in The Bronx, Brooklyn, and Manhattan, with the goal of bringing Bangladeshi flavors to every corner of the city. With a capacity to serve over 5,000 guests in a single day and a menu featuring everything from Old Dhaka-style biryani and Cumilla roshmalai to Bangladeshi-Chinese fusion dishes, Nabanno continues to serve as a proud culinary ambassador for Bangladesh in the heart of New York.



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Polls Show Mamdani Dominating NYC Mayoral Race Over Cuomo

With less than a week left, Mamdani expands his coalition across key voter demographics

Daniel Matthew

With just days remaining before New York City's mayoral election on November 4, three new polls released within the past 24 hours show Democratic frontrunner Zohran Mamdani holding a commanding lead over Andrew Cuomo and Curtis Sliwa, solidifying his position as the favorite heading into Election Day. An Emerson College poll released Thursday placed Mamdani at 50%, followed by Cuomo at 25% and Sliwa at 21%, with about 4% of voters undecided. The results suggest that Mamdani's coalition has strengthened across key voter groups in the race's final stretch. "Mamdani appears to have built a coalition across key demographics, increasing his margin



Photo: Zohran Mamdani



Photo: Andrew Cuomo



Photo: Curtis Sliwa

among Black voters since last month from 50% to 71%, whereas Cuomo dropped ten points among Black voters since September," said Spencer Kimball, executive director of Emerson College Polling. Mamdani's advantage among younger voters remains particularly striking—69% of voters under 50 support him, compared with just 37% of voters over 50.



Cuomo and Sliwa split much of the older vote, with 31% and 28%, respectively. A Marist poll released overnight echoed these

results, giving Mamdani a 16-point lead over Cuomo, 48% to 32%, with Sliwa trailing at 16%. Meanwhile, a Quinnipiac poll showed a slightly narrower race, with Mamdani up 43% to 33%, while an earlier Suffolk University poll found a similar 10-point margin. Despite the favorable numbers, Mamdani's campaign emphasized caution. Speaking during

a "Sip and Paint" event with seniors in Brooklyn, Mamdani told reporters that while the polls were promising, "we're not taking anything for granted." Cuomo, meanwhile, appeared alongside Muslim faith leaders and Mayor Eric Adams in a show of unity Thursday, as he continues to court moderate and religious voters. Sliwa held a news conference at the 57th Street subway

station, urging Cuomo to "spend less time in closed meetings and actually get out there and press the flesh." With more than 372,000 early ballots already cast, voter enthusiasm remains high across the city. As the campaigns enter their final weekend, all three candidates are ramping up their outreach efforts in what has been one of the most closely watched and dynamic mayoral contests in recent New York history. For now, the polls suggest that Zohran Mamdani's message of affordability, inclusion, and reform continues to resonate strongly with voters citywide—positioning him as the candidate to beat when New Yorkers head to the polls on Tuesday, November 4.

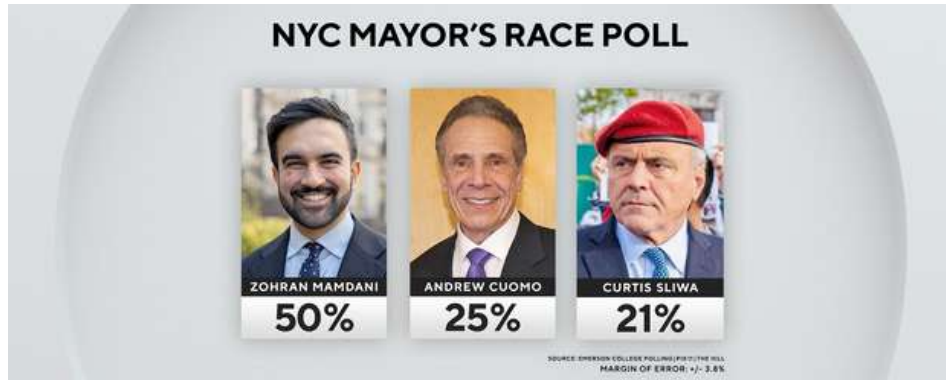


Photo: A new Emerson College poll shows Mamdani leading with 50% of likely voters. Image Source: CBS News New York



Photo: A new Marist poll shows Mamdani with a 16-point lead over Cuomo, while Sliwa trails behind. Image Source: CBS News New York

Young Voters Rally Behind Zohran Mamdani

NYC's youth see hope for affordability and equality in his campaign

Alan Price

As New York City's mayoral election approaches on November 4, 2025, a new wave of young voters is shaping the political conversation — and their rallying cry is clear: affordability. Across boroughs like Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx, young New Yorkers are coalescing behind Zohran Kwame Mamdani, the 33-year-old Democratic Socialist whose campaign has captured the imagination of a generation struggling to make ends meet. For voters like Allison Rossetto, 36,

the issue is personal. "I just voted for Zohran. A lot of it had to do with affordability. New York is extremely expensive — a lot of our neighbors can hardly afford to eat, let alone pay rent," she said, describing how even those with good jobs are finding the city increasingly out of reach. That sentiment is echoed by Hannah Rigoglioso, 24, a nonprofit worker from Bushwick who canvassed for Mamdani. "Seeing the momentum and energy around this election has been genuinely special," she said. "I'm hoping he can



Photo: Young NYC voters rally behind Zohran Mamdani on affordability. Image Source: Online

help lower the cost of living, make childcare and healthcare more accessible — all the things we desperately need as a society." Beyond economic stress, frustration with

the city's infrastructure has also driven support. Rossetto, a computer scientist, pointed to the state of public transportation: "Our public transit here sucks for no reason. We spend

so much money, and it's less reliable than in other countries. I believe Mamdani will help fix that." Others, like Tony Yarema, 30, owner of Bakery by Textbook in Bed-Stuy, said Mamdani's candidacy feels different. "He's the closest thing to a real populist candidate — actually, really working class," Yarema said. "I hope it brings real change to a messed-up system." For Charlotte Crane, 35, a writer from Bushwick, the decision was both political and deeply personal. "I voted for Zohran Mamdani on the

Working Families Party line," she explained. "As a Jewish New Yorker, I feel seen and represented in his commitment to safety for all New Yorkers — Jews, Muslims, and everyone else together. He gives me hope in a dark time." As early voting continues, the surge of enthusiasm from young New Yorkers could prove decisive. For many, Mamdani's campaign has become more than just a political movement — it represents a generational demand for fairness, stability, and dignity in a city they still dream of calling home.



Photo: Allison Rossetto is hopeful that Mamdani will be able to lower New York's cost of living. Image Source: Online



Photo: Rigoglioso hopes Mamdani lowers costs, improves health and child care. Image Source: Online



Photo: Yarema backs working-class, populist Mamdani. Image Source: Online

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Thousands Rally in Jamaica for Zohran Mamdani

Final pre-election gathering energizes voters ahead of November 4 vote

Alex Mason

In a show of unity and excitement that underscored the growing momentum of his campaign, Zohran Kwame Mamdani, the Democratic nominee for New York City Mayor, held his final rally and canvassing event on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at Major Mark Park in Jamaica, Queens. The event — organized by Muslim and South Asian community groups — drew a massive crowd just three days before voters head to the polls on November 4. The rally was attended by a diverse group of supporters, from community leaders to families with children waving signs and wearing campaign colors. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm and optimism, reflecting the deep community engagement Mamdani's campaign has inspired throughout the city.



dignity, and opportunity — and urged supporters to turn their enthusiasm into action at the ballot box. The crowd's chants of "Vote for Zohran!" echoed across Hillside Avenue, capturing the spirit of the afternoon. Saturday's rally also served as a cultural celebration, with music, speeches, and volunteers distributing campaign materials as families shared moments of pride and solidarity. As the sun set over Jamaica, the energy remained high — a testament to the sense of collective purpose driving Mamdani's movement. With the November 4 election fast approaching, the message from the rally was clear: a new chapter for New York City may be within reach. Supporters left with one unifying call — to vote for Zohran Mamdani and help build a city that is truly affordable, inclusive, and just for all.

Standing alongside Mamdani were Congressman Ro Khanna, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Councilwoman Shahana Hanif, and Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, along with several local leaders and representatives of

partner organizations. Together, they emphasized the historic nature of Mamdani's candidacy — as the first Muslim and one of the youngest candidates ever to make it this far in a New York City mayoral race — and his focus on building a more affordable and equitable

city for all. The rally followed weeks of grassroots mobilization across all five boroughs, including vigorous voter outreach in Bangladeshi and South Asian communities. Local groups such as Jamaica Bangladesh Friend Society, Muslim Action

Coalition, and Muslims Vote Project played key roles in organizing volunteers who worked tirelessly to encourage early voting and community participation. In his address, Mamdani reaffirmed his central campaign message — that every New Yorker deserves stability,



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Golden Jubilee Celebration of Bangladesh Society Inc. – 2025

Alan Price

The Bangladeshi community in New York is set to celebrate a historic milestone — the 50th Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) of the Bangladesh Society Inc. The grand celebration will take place on Sunday, November 2, 2025, at the prestigious Terrace on the Park, located at 59-11/111th Street, New York, USA. The Bangladesh Society Inc., one of the oldest and largest Bangladeshi community organizations in the United States, has



played a vital role for five decades in uniting the diaspora, promoting

Bangladeshi culture, heritage, and community development. The

Golden Jubilee event will reflect on the Society's remarkable journey

since its founding, honoring its leaders, volunteers, and partners who have contributed to the welfare of the Bangladeshi-American community. The program will

cultural performances, special recognitions, and a festive dinner celebrating five decades of unity, service, and pride. Dignitaries from Bangladesh, U.S. officials, and community leaders are expected to attend this landmark occasion. The celebration aims to inspire the next generation to carry forward the Society's legacy and strengthen the bond among Bangladeshis living in America while promoting cultural harmony and progress



feature speeches by distinguished guests,



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Honoring Dedication

NYPD Leaders Celebrate Promotions

Amkel Nourush

The department proudly celebrated the promotion of Lt. Ali Hammutoglu to 1st Vice President, along with several other officers honored for their exceptional service and commitment to public safety. The promotions recognize years of dedication, professionalism, and

sacrifice that define the department's mission to protect and serve. "Your devotion to this noble calling sets the highest standard," leadership said in a statement. Members praised the honorees for consistently going above and beyond in their duties, often putting their lives on the line to ensure communities remain safe and supported.

The organization expressed deep pride in its "brothers and sisters in blue," acknowledging their unwavering loyalty to both their profession and the people they serve. These promotions stand as a testament to the integrity and resilience that continue to uphold the department's long-standing tradition of excellence.



Photo: Photos from the ceremony honoring Lt. Ali Hammutoglu's promotion to 1st Vice President and fellow officers for exceptional service. Image Source: NYPD Muslim Officers Society's Facebook Post

Tragic Avalanche in the Alps

Five German Climbers, Including Father and Daughter, Killed

Julian Alvez

A tragic avalanche struck Cima Vertana in the Ortler mountain range on Saturday, killing five German climbers. The group was heading toward the summit when the avalanche hit, sweeping away two rope teams. Two victims, a man and a woman, were found on Saturday, while the bodies of a father and his 17-year-old daughter were recovered on Sunday.

The avalanche occurred at around 16:00 local time, with two climbers surviving and alerting authorities. Rescuers, hampered by fog and



Photo: The avalanche occurred on Cima Vertana mountain in the Ortler Alps. Image Source: Soccorso Alpino e Speleologico

fading light, could not immediately reach the site, but efforts resumed on Sunday morning. Olaf Reinstadler from the Sulden Mountain

HIGHLIGHT

•Cima Vertana avalanche struck on Saturday near Solda

•Father and daughter among victims

•Two climbers survived, triggering rescue operation

•Rescue efforts hampered by low visibility and poor weather conditions

Rescue Service speculated that recent snow drifts may have triggered the avalanche. Despite good weather conditions, the group's late-afternoon climb led to a challenging descent. The tragedy has shaken the local climbing community, raising questions about timing and safety on the slopes.



Photo: Prince Andrew in naval uniform at Royal Hospital Chelsea, Founders' Day, June 2015. Image Source: Mark Cuthbert/UK Press/Getty Images

Royal Fallout Deepens

Andrew to Lose Last Military Honor

John Paul

Prince Andrew, now Andrew Mountbatten Windsor, is set to lose his final honorary military title after King Charles requested the removal of his Vice-Admiral rank, according to UK Defense Secretary John Healey. Speaking on Sunday, November 2, Healey confirmed the government is working to enact the King's wishes. Andrew, who served in the Royal Navy for over two decades and

HIGHLIGHT

•King Charles moves to strip Prince Andrew of his Vice-Admiral title

•UK Defense Secretary John Healey confirms government is acting on royal request

fought in the Falklands War, retained the Vice-Admiral title after relinquishing other military honors in 2022. The latest move comes after the former Duke of York was stripped of his

royal title and residence at Royal Lodge, amid ongoing scrutiny over his connection to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. The decision, seen as part of a broader effort by King Charles to distance the monarchy from scandal, marks a significant public rebuke. Royal commentator Valentine Low described it as a "blow" to Andrew, emphasizing the symbolic weight of losing military recognition within the royal family.

Hurricane Havoc in Jamaica

Communities Struggle Days After Storm

Adrian Smith

Five days after Hurricane Melissa slammed into western Jamaica with 185 mph winds, devastated communities remain stranded with little aid, no power, and dwindling hope. The death toll has climbed to 28, with fears it may rise as rescuers reach isolated areas. Westmoreland and St

Elizabeth parishes bore the brunt, with some towns reporting 90% destruction. Roads remain impassable under fallen trees and debris. In Whitehouse, residents like Gary Williams and Robert Morris sit beside wrecked homes, waiting for relief that hasn't come. "We have no food, no water," Morris said. Frustration grows



Photo: A town just outside of Whitehouse in Westmoreland Parish sits in ruins. Image Source: Brandon Drenon / BBC. "We don't know what lies ahead," one officer

admitted. Despite overwhelming loss, many Jamaicans cling to faith. Farmer Oreth Jones, injured before the storm, continues to sell what's left of his crop. "We have to give God thanks we're alive," he said. International aid, including U.S. support, is arriving, but for many, recovery feels painfully out of reach.

Train Terror in Cambridgeshire

11 Injured in Stabbing Rampage



Photos: The incident prompted a huge response by the emergency services. Image Source: PA/BBC

Nassr Al Shams

A mass stabbing aboard a London North Eastern Railway (LNER) train near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, on the evening of November 2 left 11 people hospitalized, including two in life-threatening condition, in what authorities have described as a "major incident." The attack unfolded shortly after the train departed Peterborough en route to London King's Cross. Chaos erupted as passengers fled through carriages, with many hiding in toilets and the buffet car. "I looked at my hand and it was covered in blood," recalled passenger Olly Foster, describing efforts to defend themselves

with a bottle of whiskey. Two British-born men in their 30s were arrested within minutes after the train made an emergency stop. Police say there is no indication of terrorism, though a motive has not been determined. Witnesses described the horror: blood-covered seats, terrified passengers running, and people trying to stem bleeding with clothing. Prime Minister Keir Starmer, King Charles, and other officials expressed their sympathies. The train, part of the East Coast Main Line, remained at the station as investigators continued their work into one of the UK's most shocking train incidents in years.