

Muslim election campaign group calls for united alliance in future UK elections



Independent pro-Gaza candidate Vaz Shabir stood in the Keighley and Ilkley constituency (AFP/Oli Scarff)

F
r
o
m
M
i
d
d
l
e
E
a
s
t
E

ye

A Muslim [election campaign group](#) has called for a political alliance between left-wing parties such as [the Green Party](#) and independent groups in order to challenge the [Labour government](#) in future elections.

There were [five independent candidates](#) backed by TMV who won seats in the [British](#) parliament during the general election held on 4 July.

The group, however, identified six seats in which vote splitting between candidates with similar platforms allowed Labour to win seats: Ilford North, Bethnal Green and Bow,

Birmingham Yardley, Birmingham Ladywood, Birmingham Hodge Hill, and Birmingham Hall Green and Moseley.

The most dramatic of these was the Ilford North race, where independent British-[Palestinian](#) candidate Leanne Mohamad came within 528 votes of costing Labour's Wes Streeting his seat. Streeting is now health minister.

In Bethnal Green and Stepney, independent candidate Ajmal Masroor came second, just 1,689 votes short of winning.

TMV's main aim appears to be the inclusion of the Green Party of England and Wales in a possible electoral alliance.

"If we look at the rise of the Green Party for example – we can see that in the 40 constituencies where they came second – 22 of those constituencies have a population of over 10 percent Muslims. Muslim voters will be vital to the Greens," TMV posted on X.