

Shahid Miah's 2015 Predictions

UK Politics: Who's gonna be the leader?
- Conservatives... David Cameron will remain leader and Prime Minister
- Labour... Ed 'n Ed will be dead, Labour needs to beg David Miliband or Chuka Umanna
- Lib Dems... Vince Cable in the interim, Roland Rat for long term!

Russia Politics: Nope, Russia will not annex new territory in Ukraine or Europe. Mr Putin has more pressing issue of the Rouble losing value and so the focus will be on that and on launching the Eurasian Union (EAU)

Environment: Zero-carbon, zero-waste and fully sustainable cities will be an emerging trend.

The world's first, \$22bn Masdar City just outside Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, will be launched to house around 7,000 residents and 15,000 commuters

Business: Electric car ownership will reach 1 million worldwide, led by Japan, which currently has a 28% market share of globally, followed by the US (26%), China (16%), France (11%), and Norway (7%)

Economy: Given that the Eurozone has performed spectacularly badly, it's surprising that Lithuania officially adopted the Euro as its currency on Jan 1.

Technology: One OS to rule them all!

Windows 10 will completely integrate all your devices. It will automatically detect your device – mobile, tablet, PC and Xbox One, and act accordingly to bring you gaming, entertainment, news and office content. What you see on your tablet will be the same as what you see on your PC and phone.

Windows 10 will be launched around September and will revolutionise how you use your device

Despite calls for it to do so, Greece will not leave the Euro and the family of 19 will remain for the foreseeable future with Angela Merkel singing, "We are family, I've got all my babies with me!" ☺

UK Politics: A year of independents... UKIP will have 5 more MPs in England, whilst the SNP (without the annoying Alex Salmond), will do very well in Scotland hammering Labour

Innovation: The concept has been around but it'll finally go mainstream... digital transmission of smell. Yes, you will be able to smell the perfume you want to buy.

The Japanese are already pioneering in this with a smartphone add-on called 'Scentee', but sadly, no one will take notice until Apple releases the 'iSmell'

Film: Whilst 'Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens' will be the most anticipated film in history, 'Avengers Assemble: Age of Ultron' will be the biggest grossing film of the year followed by Star Wars itself

US Economy: Janet Yellen, the most powerful banker in the world, will act more like a 'hawk' raising interest rates and curbing her boss' (President Barack Obama) \$3 trillion stimulus package

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Politics: Year of Independents... Like UK's UKIP, Germany's Alternativ Deutschland, Finland's True Finns and the Sweden's Democrats of Sweden, will do well thanks to the anger and distrust directed against incumbent politicians and elites

Property: UK house prices will go up by 6%, slower than 2014, but London will boom by 16-18%

Film: Oscars... Best film: 'Birdman' Best Director: Clint Eastwood 'American Sniper' Best Actor: Hopefully, either Britons Eddie Redmayne (The Theory of Everything) or David Oyelowo ('Selma') Best Actress: No Helen Mirren or Meryl Streep, so it'll be Scarlett Johansson ('Under The Skin') and because she's fanciable, and besides, she should've won it for playing Black Widow in 'Avengers Assemble'! ☺

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Sport: Lewis Hamilton will retain his F1 World Championship with Fernando Alonso and Nico Rosberg finishing second and third respectively

Sport: It's the only time my heart thinks rather than my head! ☺
Liverpool will finish 3rd in the English Premier League. The table should look like this in May:
1 Man City
2 Chelsea
3 Liverpool ☺
4 Southampton
5 Arsenal
6 Tottenham
7 Man Utd (#BringBackMoyes)

Sport: Ambitious, but LA Lakers will make it to the play-offs despite a very poor start.

Kobe Bryant has beaten Michael Jordan into 3rd place in the all-time scoring list (32,437 as of Dec 2014), and will be closer to Karl Malone and the great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar who have 36,928 and 38,387 respectively

Innovation: The first advert on the Moon – you thought it would be the Americans, but nope, it's the Japanese!

The Japanese beverage maker Otsuka Pharmaceutical, has already become the first company to do commercial advertising on the moon. And so the space advert race will begin...

Technology: Android has the marketshare that Windows Phone would love. Windows Phone has the slick, stable and fast Operating System that Android would love.

Windows Phone will integrate Android if Windows 10 for the mobile doesn't work out

UK Politics: Conservatives will form a loose coalition with UKIP in England, whilst Labour will form a loose coalition with SNP in Scotland with the sole purpose of opposing the Conservatives in England. The Lib Dems will be left out on the limb!

Business: Walmart will become one of the largest insurers in the US. With a store within five miles of 95% of all Americans, it's a no-brainer

Royalty: On 10 September 2015, Elizabeth II will become the longest reigning monarch in British history surpassing the record held by her great-great grandmother, Victoria.

During her 63 years and 217 days, she has seen all sorts of games being played but she still sits on the throne...
- Dismantling of the British Empire
- Civil rights movement
- Empowerment of women in society, particularly Margaret Thatcher
- Space Age
- Fall of communism in Europe
- End of the Cold War
- Rise of China and India
- Liverpool winning 5 European championships (okay, maybe she was washing her hair and drinking a cuppa during those times)

Now, will she abdicate her throne or go on to reach the next milestone in 2022?

Nope, she will in September or Prince Charlie will employ the Hound to deploy some 'Game of Thrones' antics on his mother!

UK Politics: A new 'Online' political party will emerge offering all kinds of radical policies and the heavy use of the Internet.

It will be similar to Five Star in Italy, Democracy OS in Argentina, Podemos in Spain and the Pirate Parties in Iceland, Germany and Sweden

Banking: Personal biometric scanners will be introduced for online banking in the UK.

Other countries have used this in banks and cash machines, but the UK will be the first to offer it for homes and remote offices globally

US Economy: Will grow 3% for the first time in 10 years. It added nearly 3 million jobs in 2014 and that trend is going to continue fuelled by consumer spending

UK Economy: Despite Lefties saying it's doom 'n gloom, unemployment will continue to fall, rate of inflation will come down (0.5% currently) and the standard of living will get better!

UK Economy: The UK will enjoy a 1.8% growth in GDP.

Chancellor George Osborne will be feeling quite chuffed given his austerity policy has worked

NEC, Intel and Microsoft have been in partnership since 2010 to develop 'Next Generation Digital Signage' electronic posters, which use facial-recognition technology to identify the gender and approximate age of viewers in order to display more appropriate content.

'Minority Report' is here... ☺

Technology: Responsive billboards will be on their way in a big way!

Russia Economy: Vladimir Putin has a plan... the Eurasian Union (EAU) will be formed.

The EAU will be a political and economic union consisting of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia and Kyrgyzstan. It will create a single economic market of 171 million people and a GDP of \$3 trillion

Technology: Not sure why you would need a watch other than to tell the time, after all you can just pull out your smartphone. But 'global innovators' at Apple will make you believe that you need their watch more than you need to eat, and so iBuyAnythingAppleTellsMeTo fans will flog to buy them!

In fact, everyone will launch one... even Microsoft.

I actually have the Apple Watch... first to wear, first to innovate, first to tell the time! ☺



Economy: With the Eurozone tumbling to 0.2% and entering deflation, the European Central Bank will adopt full-scale quantitative easing... maybe €1 trillion.

Ouch, wonder what Angela Merkel would say... um, perhaps avoid being in the same room!

India Economy: Growth rate will accelerate under Narendra Modi. It rose by 0.8% to 5.7% shortly after he took over, but he can't take credit for it. He has a world-class central bank Governor in Raghuram Rajan, so he shouldn't have any problems reaching 7-9%

US Politics: No surprise that Hilary Clinton will be the Democratic nominee for the 2016 Presidency, but who will be the Republican?

Should be NJ Governor Chris Christie, but sadly GOP will think they'll need a heavyweight so it'll be Jeb Bush... yes, the brother of George W. Bush and son of George Bush Snr.

Clinton vs Bush... let the fight begin!

“I will be talking about these issues on Social Media throughout 2015.

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