



Mohammad Rafi Khan

Professor MR Khan passes away

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NOTED pediatrician and national Professor Mohammad Rafi Khan, much known as MR Khan, died from old age complications at Central Hospital in Dhaka on Saturday afternoon.

He was 88.

Swadhinata Padak and Ekushe Padak laureate Professor Khan was suffering from cardiac complications for past few months and was admitted to the intensive care unit of the hospital where he died at about 4:25pm, said Farid Uddin Faruqui, assistant director of Central Hospital.

His first namaz-e-janza will be held at 10:00am on Sunday at Central Hospital, he said.

The speaker in the parliament, Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, expressed her deep shock at the death of the national professor.

Born on August 1, 1928 at village Rasulpur in Satkhira, Khan passed MBBS from Calcutta Medical College in 1952. He completed his DCH, MRCP, FCPS and FRCP respectively from London (1957), Edinburgh (1962), Bangladesh (1974) and Edinburgh (1978).

Khan was the pioneer of pediatrics in Bangladesh.

As a professor he worked with different medical col

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leges including Dhaka Medical College and Rajshahi Medical College.

He was made the National Professor in 2011.

He wrote many books on pediatrics, including Practice of Pediatrics Medicine, An Essential Aid on Pediatrics

Medicine, and Essence of Pediatrics.

He was the founding president of Bangladesh Pediatric Association.

Professor Khan introduced the vaccines against Polio, Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus in Bangladesh in 1965.

He was also the founder of Shishu Sasthya Foundation, Bangladesh, Institute of Child Health and Shishu Hospital, Dhaka, Satkhira Shishu Hospital, Shishu Hospital, Jessore and Vocational Training Centre, Satkhira.

He also founded Rasulpur Secondary School in Satkhira,

Women's Medical College, Nebedita Nursing Home and Central Hospital in Dhaka.

With his all pensions and gratuity fund on his retirement from public service, he established Dr MR Khan and Anwara Trust, which makes donation for different social welfare activities.