

## New State Minister for Education

Mr. Abdul Baten, a member of the University Grants Commission, has been appointed Minister of State for Education reports BSS.

President Ziaur Rahman ad-



Mr. Abdul Baten, State Minister for Education.

ministered the oath of office to the State Minister at Bangabhaban on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Abdul Baten an educationist was born in 1926 in village Dashmina in the district of Patuakhali. He took his edu (Continued on page 12 col 6)

## Kazi Zafar resigns

By A Staff Correspondent

Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Minister for Education resigned from the Cabinet on Wednesday. Announcing this at a hurriedly called Press conference at the central office of United People's Party (UPP) Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that he submitted his resignation to the President at Bangobhaban at 12-55 p.m. on Wednesday. The President accepted the resignation of Education Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed. The 38-year old General Secretary of the UPP Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that he decided to resign from the Cabinet because of what he said his differences with the President over the dissolution of the Jatiyatabadi Front. He stated that he joined the Council of Ministers within the (Continued on page 12 col 8)

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education from Armanitola Government High School Dacca College and the University of Dacca. Later he studied in the Michigan State University and Indiana University in the United States and also in London.

Mr Abdul Baten at the beginning of his career served as a lecturer for a few years in the University of Dacca. Besides he was a professor and principal of different Government and non-Government colleges in different times in the then Pakistan. He joined as the Registrar of Islamabad University in 1969. He was also the Secretary of the then Pakistan Inter-University Board.

After liberation of the country Mr Baten organised the Bangladesh Inter-University Board as its first Secretary.

Prior to joining the Council of Ministers he was in a highly responsible position on the Bangladesh University Grants Commission.

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framework of the Jatiyatabadi Front and with the dissolution of the Front he could not stay in the Cabinet.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed felt that the dissolution of the Jatiyatabadi Front would weaken the national unity and retard the transition to democracy.

In a written four-page resignation letter (addressed to the President) circulated to the newsmen Kazi Zafar further accused that the manifesto of the Jatiyatabadi Front which got the sanction of the people on June 3 election had not been implemented. The election pledges of the front included release of political prisoners, withdrawal of Martial Law and PPR etc. which had not been implemented so far, he added.

Kazi Zafar said that the Jatiyatabadi Dal which had been formed with heterogeneous political parties and workers, could not achieve the desired objectives. He felt that the parties with different ideas and philosophy could work together on a minimum programme but cannot work in a party.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that during his tenure as Minister he tried to do his best to remove some of the pressing problems of in the field of education and worked for framing the interim education policy.

Replying to a question what will be his party's relation with Bangladesh Nationalist Party Kazi Zafar Ahmed said that party Council would decide the future course of action. He, however, added that the relationship would be determined on the basis of the implementation of the programmes of the Jatiyatabadi Front.