

Prof. Kamaluddin laid to rest

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Professor AFM Kamaluddin, fifth Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, who died Wednesday night of cardiac failure at the Diabetic Hospital, was laid to rest on Thursday at the university premises near the central mosque.

Prof. Kamaluddin was admitted to the hospital on Monday with liver ailment. He was 50.

His Namaz-e-Janaza was first held at the Dhanmondi residence of his father-in-law in the morning. The



second was held at Baitul Mukarram Mosque after Zohr prayer and the last on the University campus after Asar prayer. He left behind his wife, three daughters and a son.

When the body of Prof. Kamaluddin was brought on the campus, thousands of people rushed to his official residence to pay their last tribute.

Prof. Kamaluddin was President of Bangladesh National Geography Association and he also associated himself with many other national and international organisations. He took over the office of the Vice-Chancellor on May 1, 1984 and his term as the Vice-chancellor was to be expired on April 30 this year.

During his term four new departments were opened.

Professor Kamaluddin had his early education at Feni, Rangpur and Rajshahi. He graduated with honours in

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Geography from Dhaka University in 1959 and did M. A. in Geography from the same university in 1960. From 1961 to 1964 Professor Kamaluddin taught at Dhaka College. In January 1966, he joined the University of Aberdeen in U.K. from where he completed Ph.D. working on the problems of transport in the then East Pakistan. On his return from abroad in January 1968, Professor Kamaluddin joined Chittagong Government College as Head of the Department of Geography. During 1968-70, he served at Chittagong Government College, Titumir College and Dhaka College as Professor of Geography.

In December 1970 he joined Jahangirnagar University as founder Head of the Department of Geography. In July 1972 he was also appointed the Provost of the only hall of residence of the university. In late 1974 Professor Kamaluddin joined the University of Hull in the U.K. on a Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship for one year. On his return from the U.K. he got himself seriously engaged in an action research project on rural development of the country. Though the project concerned itself primarily with the objective of exposing the students community to the rural problems, it was also intended to deliver benefit to the under-privileged and deprived class of the society through the research for an appropriate strategy for rural development. The centre for Rural Development Service (RDS) testifies strong conviction of this principle. Professor Kamaluddin worked as a consultant to ESCAP/FAO and UNICEF on rural problems of Bangladesh.

Professor Kamaluddin who was a leading Geographer of Bangladesh has publications on a wide range of geographical problems in Bangladesh.