



Abu Hena dead

Staff Reporter

Dr Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal a renowned educationist and Director General of Bangla Academy breathed his last yesterday afternoon at the Cardio-Vascular Institute of Suhrawardy Hospital. He was 53.

His death was caused by a
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President shocked

President Ershad yesterday expressed deep grief at the premature and sudden death of eminent poet, litterateur and educationist Dr Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal, who was also director general of Bangla Academy, reports BSS.

In a condolence message, President Ershad recalled his contribution to literature, culture and education and said through his creative works Abu Hena had always made efforts to uphold the distinctive quality of our literature and culture.

The President said in the death of Abu Hena the country had lost an illustrious son and
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massive heart attack. With trouble in respiration, he was rushed to the hospital on Tuesday evening where his condition started fast deteriorating in the intensive care unit of the hospital from Friday. He died at around 3-45 p.m yesterday.

Dr. Hena left behind his wife, two sons, three daughters and a host of friends, relatives, admirers and students to mourn his death.

On hearing the news of his death, people from all walks of life including university teachers, litterateurs, students and his friends rushed to his residence.

President Eeshad, Vice President Moudud Ahmed, ministers and other top-level functionaries of the government sent condolence messages after his death. Other personalities who condoled his death and conveyed sympathies

his bereaved family included BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia, Opposition Leader in the parliament A. S. M. Abdur Rab, Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof. Abdul Mannan and BNP Secretary General Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder. Among the organisations which condoled his death were Bangladesh Boudha Juba Parishad, Bangla Academy, Bangladesh Federation of Film Societies, Kranti and Bangladesh Television Journalists Association.

Dr. Hena presided over a condolence meeting of Bangla Academy on the death of Dhaka University teacher Nazma Jesmin Chowdhury on September 18 just one day before he fell sick on September 19.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today after asar prayer at the Dhaka University Mosque, family sources said.

Dr Hena was born on March 12, 1936 at Gobindapur of Pabna. His father was Maulvi Shajahan Ali. He had a brilliant academic career. He secured 13th position in the matriculation examination in 1952, seventh position in IA examination from Dhaka College in 1954, first class first in BA (honours) and MA in Bengali from Dhaka University in 1958 and in 1959 respectively. He did Ph.D in 1969 from London University.

Dr Hena taught Bengali in Pabana Edward College; Chapai Nawabganj College and Rajshahi Government College from 1959-1962. Then he joined as an Assistant Director of Public Relations Directorate in 1962. He joined Dhaka University as a lecturer of the Bengali department on March 16, 1963. Later he served in Rajshahi and Chittagong Universities as well and returned to Dhaka University as professor on November 1, 1978. He was on Leave since September 2, 1984.

He was Director General of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy from September 2 1984 to March 11 1986 and then became Director General of Bangla Academy.

Dr Hena was also a renowned poet and lyricist. Some of his poems have been published in three books. He also conducted several radio and TV programmes. His last programme involving famous Indian singer Hemanta Mukherjee was telecast last week.

He received Alwal Award in 1975 for his book "Apan Jouban Boiree" (a collection of poems), gold medal from the Suhrid Shahitya Goshthi in 1986 and Ekushey Award for his contribution to Bengali literature in 1987.

His works include Shilpir Rupanhar, Katha O Kabita, the Bengal Press and Literary Writing, Apan Jouban Boiree, Jhetu Janminda and Akranta Gazal. The last three books are collections of poems.

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the nation suffered an irreparable loss.

He conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Vice-President Moudud Ahmed yesterday expressed his profound shock at the sudden death of Dr Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal.

In a condolence message the vice president said, "Dr Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal was a teacher of repute, poet of brilliant lyrical grace and a great exponent of Bengali language and culture. His death is an irreparable loss to the nation."

PRIME MINISTER

Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed condoled the death of Prof. Abu Hena.

In a message of condolence, Kazi Zafar said with the untimely demise of Dr Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal the nation had lost one of its brilliant sons who contributed a lot in the field of literature and culture.

SPEAKER

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shamsul Huda Chowdhury expressed his profound shock at the death of Dr Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal. The Speaker said that in his death a void had been created in the arena of literature. His death is an irreparable loss to the nation, he said.

SHEIKH SHAHID

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam expressed his deep grief and sorrow at the death of Dr Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal.

In a condolence message the education minister recalled the great contributions made by Prof Abu Hena towards enriching our literature and culture.