



**Kalinga prize
for Dr. Al-Muti**

Dr. Abdullah Al-Muti Sharafuddin, a renowned educationist and science writer, was awarded the international Kalinga prize of the UNESCO for 1983 for his outstanding contribution to the popularisation of science, reports BSS. The prize was introduced by the UNESCO in 1951 for

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science, technology and scientific researches and their impact on society. Every year this award is generally given to an eminent scientist.

Dr. Sharafuddin, who is also the Additional Secretary in-Charge of Science and Technology Division, is the first Bangladeshi to receive such an international award.

The award was announced on the recommendations of a 4-member international jury appointed by the UNESCO.

Kalinga prize is an annual international award of one thousand pounds sterling, based on a grant to UNESCO from Mr. B. Patnaik, of the state of Orissa, India. Founder and President of the Kalinga Foundation Trust.

The prizes for 1982 and 1983 will be given to the recipients by the Director, General of UNESCO in an official ceremony scheduled to be held in Paris on February 22, 1984.

Under the terms of the award the recipients will be invited to visit Indian universities and attend meetings of Indian scientific societies and familiarise themselves with Indian research and educational institutions.

Dr. Sharafuddin has been writing on different aspects of science for a long time. So far he has authored 13 original books and published 10 translations. He has also edited a number of books on science, technology and education.

Besides participation in various programmes on radio and television he is a regular contributor of articles to newspapers, periodicals and journals.

The notable aspect of his contribution is that he presented the various scientific subjects to the readers of all categories in lucid and palatable Bengali for about four decades which has helped popularisation of science in the country.