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Shah Aziz

Shah Md. Azizur Rahman, General Secretary of Bangladesh Muslim League and member of central steering committee of Jatiyatabadi Front was born in 1925 in Kustitia

Presently a senior advocate in the Supreme Court of Bangladesh Shah Azizur Rahman is an elected member of the Bangladesh Bar Council securing highest number of votes.

He was deputy leader of opposition in the National Assembly of erstwhile Pakistan from 1965 to 1969 and leader of Awami League Parliamentary Party during the same period. Earlier in 1964, he was Chairman of East Pakistan Communist Opposition (COP). He was General Secretary of All India Muslim Students' Federation from 1945-47.

Shah Azizur Rahman, who is a member of World Inter-Parliamentary Union visited UK, USA, China, Spain, Australia, Canada, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Egypt, USSR, Iran, Jordan, France and New Zealand as member of Parliamentary delegations.

He can speak and write Arabic, Persian and Urdu besides Bengali and English. Reading is the main hobby.

Abdul Halim Chowdhury

Capt. (Retd) Abdul Halim Chowdhury was born in Manikganj, Dacca on February 1, 1928.

After graduation he joined the Pakistan Army in 1950 and served as Adjutant Quartermaster of the 1st Punjab Regiment and ADC to the GOC 14th Division in the then East Pakistan. He was also the Commanding Officer of 5th Battalion of the VOTC.

He resigned from the army in 1962 and joined the EPIDC where he served in managerial positions. He started his political career in 1966 by joining the National Awami Party.

Capt Chowdhury took an active role during the liberation war and was the Area Commander of Dacca.

Riding and shooting are among the main hobbies of Mr. Chowdhury.

Kazi Zafar

Born in 1940 in Cheora in the district of Comilla, Kazi Zafar Ahmed is the Secretary General of the United People's Party which office he has been holding since the formation of the party in 1974. Earlier 1972-74 he was the General Secretary of the National Awami Party led by late Maulana Bhashani.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed, who started trade union movement in 1966 at Tongi Industrial Area, has been holding the office of the President of Bangla Sramik Federation since 1970. He actively participated in the liberation struggle of Bangladesh. He had voiced the demand for the establishment of independent Bangladesh at a meeting held at Paltan Maidan on February 22, 1970 for which he was sentenced to seven years rigorous imprisonment in absentia by a Martial Law Court in 1970.

During his student life Kazi Zafar Ahmed held a number of important offices including the General Secretary of East Pakistan Students Union Secretary of Dacca University History Association and General Secretary of Dacca University Sanskriti Sangsad.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed led the Bangladesh delegation to the International Seminar on Juche idea (self-reliance) held in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in 1977. He also visited the People's Republic of China and Vietnam and attended the Tokyo semi-

nar on Juche idea recently. Kazi Zafar Ahmed is the Editor of weekly "Nayajug".

Amina Rahman

Dr. Amina Rahman is a scientist of repute and experienced educationist. She received Ph. D. degree in Chemistry from Yale University, U.S.A. in 1950. After receiving her doctorate degree she worked as an associate scientist in Brook Haven National Laboratory, one of the famous atomic laboratories of U.S.A.

In 1951 she joined Dacca University as a senior lecturer in the Chemistry Department. She taught for several years and then resigned to conduct research on her own. Her efforts were crowned with success. She started several schools in Dacca city and she is the chairman of the governing bodies of these schools. One such school is a Bengali medium Kinder Garten School (Little Angels School) first of its kind in Bangladesh and caters to about 600 students of Azimpur Colony and another English medium Kinder Garten School at Dhanmondi named 'Kisholaya'.

Dr. Rahman has served for several years on the academic council of Dacca University. She has been and still is on the managing committees of several schools and colleges including Holy Cross College.

Dr. Amina Rahman has been associated with many social welfare organisations. She is the Chairman of the Bangladesh Jatiya Mahila Sangstha (Bangladesh National Women's Organisation).

Dr. Amina Rahman has ably represented her country on several delegations in the past. She went to China on a Women's delegation during Pakistan days, twice to Ceylon on UNESCO delegation and to Edinburgh to attend a conference of Country Women of the world.

Her husband Mr. Shafiqur Rahman who is an eminent engineer of the country served the government both as Chief Engineer and Secretary Works Department.

Mirza Gholam Hafiz

Mirza Gholam Hafiz was born in Dinapur in 1920. He did M.A. in Economics from University of Calcutta in 1941 and M.L. from Dacca University in 1948.

Mirza Gholam Hafiz took active part in politics from his boyhood. He joined the All India Muslim Federation in 1938. He went to Dibrugarh (Assam) to participate in the Anti Line Movement launched by Maulana Bhashani and was imprisoned. He joined All India Muslim Students' Federation in 1938 and was Naib Salare-Suba of Muslim National Guard from 1945 to 1947.

Mirza Gholam Hafiz who was associated with the East Pakistan Civil Liberties League as its Secretary General from 1948 to 1958, participated in the language movement of 1952 and anti-92A movement in 1954 for which he was jailed on both occasions. He was a member of the Provincial Assembly from 1954 to 1958 and also the founder member and treasurer of Ganatontri Dal.

An eminent lawyer Mirza Gholam Hafiz was the Vice-President of East Pakistan Bar Council and twice Vice-President of All Pakistan Bar Council. He was also the President of Supreme Court Bar Association in 1973.

Mirza Gholam Hafiz is actively associated with a number of social and law organisations. He is now the President of Bangladesh China Maitri Samity and a member of the Dacca University Senate. He was President of Dacca Chamber of Commerce in 1970 and President of Ramna Lions Club in 1976-77.

He was a member of Bangladesh delegation to the UN session of 1975 and attended a

number of law conference held in Tokyo, Manila, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Brussels, Peking, Moscow and other places. He visited China, Soviet Union, Egypt, Malaysia, North Korea and Latin American countries. He participated in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in London in 1958. Later in 1968 he attended the Afro-Asia People's Solidarity Conference at Cairo.

Married to Dr. Mrs. Abeda Hafiz an ADPI in the Education Directorate, Mirza Gholam Hafiz has one son and three daughters.

Habibullah Khan

Mr. Habibullah Khan was born on 31 January 1935 in a well-known zamindar family of Rasullahbad in Comilla district.

Educated at Dacca, Aligarh and London, Mr. Khan started his career in 1958 as an engineer in General Motors Corporation at its Karachi plant and served there till 1963. He was responsible for setting up the Ghandhara Industries in the then East Pakistan, the only automobile industry in the country. He became director of Ghandhara Industries in 1968. Mr. Khan also served as director of Galbraith Ltd and Remington Rand of Pakistan. After the liberation of Bangladesh the branch of Ghandhara Industries Ltd at Chittagong was incorporated as a public limited company named Pragoti Industries Ltd and he became its first Managing Director. In 1976 he joined the Islam Group of Industries as Executive Director of Navana Ltd and was serving there till his appointment as Minister.

Mr. Khan is a widely travelled man and has attended many international seminars and courses on management including Advanced Management Course at the Harvard Business School in 1969. He was the President of the Bangladesh Management Association in 1974.

Mr. Khan takes keen interest in sports and social work. He is an active Rotarian and was President of the Rotary Club of Chittagong and Ramna. He is a good cricketer and was awarded the Dacca University Blue in 1954.

Mr. Habibullah Khan is married to Salma Khan, an economist and has a daughter. (incomplete)