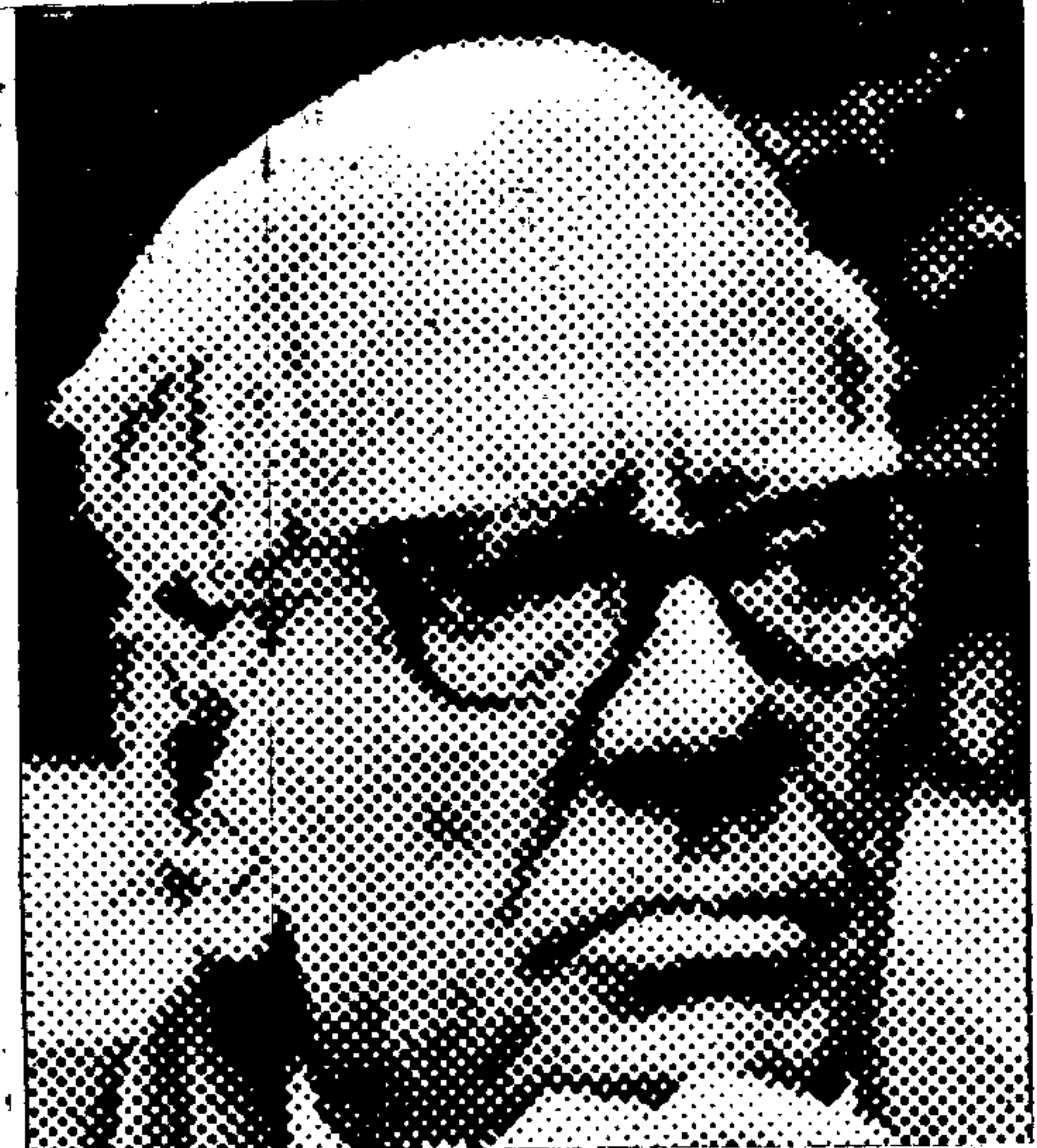


Abul Mansur Ahmed dead



By A Staff Reporter

Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed, elder politician, renowned litterateur and eminent journalist passed away on Sunday noon at Dacca Medical College Hospital after prolonged illness. He was 81.

Mr. Ahmed was admitted to the hospital on Saturday night with respiratory trouble and a sudden attack of pneumonia. He had been suffering for a long time from diabetes. Doctors also suspected tumor in the skull. Lately he was under the treatment of a Medical Board.

Wife of the late leader Begum Akikunessa Ahmed and four of his sons were present at the bedside when he breathed his last at 12-05 p.m. on Sunday at the hospital cabin. The body was later taken to his Dhanmoudi residence.

Mr. Ahmed will be buried at the National Cemetery at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar this afternoon (Monday). His funeral Janaza will be held at the Baitul Mukarram after Zohar prayer today (Monday).

Vice-President Mr. Justice Abdus Sattar members of the Cabinet, political leaders and a large number of people from all walks of life visited his house to pay their respect and consoled the members of the bereaved family.

The condition of Mr. Ahmed deteriorated suddenly on Saturday. Prof. Badruddoza Choudhury, Minister for Health, Prof. Ali Afzal Khan and Prof. Muniruddin Ahmed examined him at his residence that afternoon. They suggested hospitalisation. He was removed to the hospital at 10-30 p.m. on Saturday.

He passed a restless night on Saturday but was fully conscious. His condition showed signs of further deterioration on Sunday morning and artificial respiration and cardiac massage were applied to Mr. Ahmed before the end came. He has left behind his

widow and five sons. Immediately after the body was brought back to his residence, Land Revenue and Land Administration Minister Mirza Golam Haq, Health Minister Prof. Badruddoza Choudhury and State Minister for Health Dr. A. Matin visited the house.

Other members of the Cabinet who came to pay their respect to the late politician and litterateur in the evening included Labour Minister Shah Azizur Rahman, Relief Minister Mr. Rasaraj Mondal, Food Minister Mr. A M Khan and Fisheries Minister Mr. Obaidur Rahman.

Prominent among the political leaders who visited the residence were Mr. Ataur Rahman Khan, President of Bangladesh Jatiya League and Mr. Abdul Mafek Uki, President of Bangladesh Awami League (Maleki).

Mr. Ataur Rahman Khan with whom Mr. Ahmed had long political association broke into tears when he saw the body. The late leader was an Education Minister in the Cabinet of Mr. Khan in 1954. Both of them were also founder members of Awami Muslim League which later became Awami League.

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President, leaders condole death

President Ziaur Rahman on Sunday night expressed his deep shock at the sad demise of Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed and said in his death the nation had lost a talented son, reports BSS.

In a condolence message the President said Mr. Mansur Ahmed was not only a pioneer in journalism but also a major architect of the concept and ideals of our nationalism. He always upheld the political, economic and cultural aspirations of our country and nation through his creative writings.

The President said his death created vacuum in a number of fields in our national life which would be difficult to fill. President Zia expressed his sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Our Staff Reporter adds: Leaders of different political parties, socio-cultural, literary and students organisations condole the death of Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed, an elderly politician, journalist and litterateur.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) in a meeting presided over by its Chairman, President Ziaur Rahman at the Hamna Green on Sunday observed one-minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Vice-President Mr. Justice A. Sattar on Sunday expressed his profound shock at the death of Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed. In a condolence message, the

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Life-sketch

Eminent politician, litterateur and journalist late Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed was born on September 3, 1898, at Dhanikhola village under Trishal Thana of Mymensingh District.

Son of late Mr. Abdur Rahim Farazi, he had three brothers and one sister. He started his education from his village school and had his matriculation in 1917. Mr. Ahmed graduated in 1921 from Dacca College.

He obtained his degree in law in 1929 but took up journalism instead of joining the Bar.

The journalistic life of Mr. Abul Mansur was very shining. Contd. on page 8 col. 3

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A large number of MP-elect and other political workers and associates of Mr. Ahmed also came to pay their respect on learning the news of death.

Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed had a long and chequered political career which spanned over half a century. He was active initially in the politics of the sub-continent since his youth when he had worked under the leadership of personalities like Mr. C. R. Das, Subash Bose and Maulana Bhasani.

He worked for a long time in the rural front and helped establish the Krishak Proja Party. He had long association with Sher-e-Fangla A. K. Fazlul Fug, Mr. Muhammad Ali Jinnah and later Mr. Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy.

He was a champion of democracy and suffered imprisonment during the Ayub Khan regime.

More known for his literary works Mr. Ahmed enriched the Bengali literature with a unique style of prose writing of his own. His works also provided valuable informations relating to the political, social and economic life of the nation.

Mr. Ahmed proved himself to be the most able satire writer. Two of his books, "Food Conference" and "Aina" are included among the best political satire writings.

He was active in journalism for about 30 years and was associated with a large number of newspapers and periodicals. He was the Editor of "Daily Ittehad" and "Daily Krishak".

The latest work of Mr. Abul

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ing. He worked in different capacities including Editor, Assistant Editor, and Sub-Editor in The Sultan, The Mohammadi, The Mussalman, The Khadem, Dainik Krishak, Dainik Nayajug and Dainik Ittehad.

A celebrated columnist and essayist Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed also became very popular for his political satire.

Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed got involved with active politics while he was working in Calcutta as a journalist. His association with the Indian National Congress, particularly with Krishak Samik Dal, was very close.

Mr. Ahmed lent support to the Pakistan movement in 1914 and was elected to the Provincial Assembly on Muslim League ticket in 1946. He was also the Publicity Secretary of the then Provincial Muslim League.

He was elected President of Awami League in 1950. On 1954, he was made Provincial Health Minister in the Jukta Front Cabinet. He was Education Minister in the Cabinet of Mr. Ataur Rahman Khan in 1956. He also performed the responsibility of the ministries of Commerce and Industries as a Senior Minister in the Central Cabinet headed by Mr. Suhrawardy in the same year.

He suffered imprisonments in 1958 and 1962.

Mr. Ahmed was married in 1926 and left behind his widow and five sons. His eldest son Mr. Mahbub Anam was a journalist and is now working in Jamuna National Oil Company. His another son Mr. Mahfuz Anam, also a former journalist, is serving with UNESCO, Paris.

The contribution of Mr. Abul Mansur in the field of literature is also outstanding. He had a free hand in juvenile literature, novel and religious, political and fiction writings. The number of books published by him on these subjects is more than 21. Prominent among these are "Aina", "food conference", "tasmani", "pardah", "rajniti", "ponchash bachhar" and "Pak-Bangla culture".

Mansur Ahmed 'Ainmakatha' was published recently. The book, an autobiography of the late leader is considered as a vivid description of our society's political, social and cultural history.

Condolences

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Vice-President said in the death of Mr. Ahmed the nation lost an illustrious son and added, the void would be difficult to fill in for long.

Justice Sattar conveyed his deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

FOOD MINISTER

The Food Minister, Mr. Abdul Momen Khan expressed his profound sense of sorrow and grief over the death of Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed.

In condolence message, the Minister said that during his long and eventful life Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed made notable contributions in the field of literature, journalism and politics.

The Food Minister also said Mr. Ahmed would be remembered by the people for a long time for his service to the nation in various capacities. In his death, the nation has lost an illustrious son, he added. He prayed to Almighty Allah for the salvation of the departed soul.

HEALTH MINISTER

Health and Population Control Minister Mr. Badruddoza Choudhury on Sunday expressed his profound shock at the sudden death of Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed.

In a condolence message, the Minister recalled the contributions of late Abul Mansur as a litterateur, journalist and statesman and said his contribution would remain invaluable asset for the nation.

The Minister also said his death is an irreparable loss to the nation and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

ATAUR RAHMAN

The Jatiyo League Chief, Mr. Ataur Rahman Khan on Sunday

day night expressed his profound bereavement at the demise of Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed saying that in his death the nation has lost a gifted son.

In a condolence message Mr. Khan recalled his closeness with Mr. Ahmed over the past forty (40) years and his great contributions spreading over the fields of literature, politics and other social and cultural sectors.

Mr. Khan said the death of this great personality marked the end of an era, enriched with Abul Mansur Ahmed's contributions to our language, literature and politics.

He (Mansur Ahmed) was our elderly statesman, counsellor for every political leader and party in the country, Mr. Khan said adding, I cannot imagine a replacement.

JSD

Mirza Sultan Raja and Mr. Shahjahan Sirej, Executive President and Executive General Secretary respectively of the Jatiya Samajtatrik Dal (JSD) in a message expressed their profound grief at the demise of Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed.

The JSD leaders said that the contributions of Mr. Ahmed in the fields of literature, journalism and social progress would remain immortal in our national history.

They prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and expressed their sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

BPL

Dr. Ali-el-Razee, and two others of Bangladesh People's League in a condolence message on Sunday said, 'we are deeply shocked at the death. Mr. Ahmed was closely connected with country's politics for half of a century. The contributions made by him in the fields of literature and journalism along with politics are without examples.'

IDL

Maulana Muhammad Abdur Rahim and Maulana Muhammad Abdus Sathan, President and Secretary General of Bangladesh Islamic Democratic League expressed their profound

shock at the death of Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed.

In a condolence message they said, 'Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed has left valuable contributions towards social and cultural development of the Muslims of Bangladesh. The Muslims of Bangladesh have lost in him a leader and a well-wisher.'

LABOUR PARTY

Maulana Abdul Matin and Dr. A. B. M. Kabil Ahmed, President and Vice-President of Bangladesh Labour Party (Matin) in a condolence message said, 'the death of Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed will be an irreparable loss to the nation in the fields of literature and journalism'.

DL

Shah Moazzem Hussain, General Secretary of the Democratic League in his condolence message said, 'the vacuum created by the death of

Abul Mansur Ahmed can never be filled in. His political wisdom and his contributions towards journalism and literature will always be source of inspiration'.

BFUJ & DUJ

Leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dacca Union of Journalists (DUJ) on Sunday expressed their deep shock at the death of Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed, an eminent journalist, litterateur and politician of the country.

In a joint condolence message, the BFUJ President and Secretary-General, Mr. Ahmed Humayun and Mr. Reazuddin Ahmed and DUJ President and General Secretary, Mr. Anwar Zahid and Mr. Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury respectively recalled the contribution of the deceased in the fields of journalism, literature and politics in the country.

Paying tributes to the late Abul Mansur, the union leaders said that the deceased had always upheld the cause of journalism and was an advocate of free press. He (Mansur) was more a journalist than a politician they observed. They said Mr. Abul Mansur had enriched the Bengali literature through his mighty pen.

They expressed their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

NAP (N-Z)

The central organising committee of National Awami Party (Nurur-Zahid) has condole the death of Mr. Abul Mansur Ahmed at a meeting in Dacca.

The committee in a resolution described Abul Mansur Ahmed as a great journalist, litterateur and a politician. The party also recalled his contributions in the struggle for freedom, democratic rights and against injustices.

The party expressed its deep sympathy for members of the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace for his soul. The meeting also observed one minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul.