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Akbar Hossain new Petroleum Minister

Lt. Col. (Retd) Akbar Hossain was sworn in as the Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources at a simple ceremony at Bangobhavan on Thursday evening, reports BSS.

The swearing-in ceremony was conducted by President Ziaur Rahman.

The ceremony was attended by Vice-President Mr. Justice Abdu. Satta and other members of the Cabinet.

Born in Comilla in 1941 and a

graduate of the Dacca University Lt. Col. (Retd) Akbar Hossain joined the army in 1965 and was commissioned the following year.

He played an active role in the War of Liberation in 1971 and was awarded "Bir-Protik" for his gallantry in the war in various fronts.

Col Akbar Hossain resigned from the Army in 1974 and joined active politics. Till recently he was the Vice-President of the United People's Party (UPP). During his political career he has actively participated in labour movements.

Col Akbar Hossain represented Bangladesh last month in the 33rd General Assembly session of the United Nations. He is married and has three sons.

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