



Hafizuddin dead

By A Staff Correspondent

Mr A.K.M. Hafizuddin, former Adviser to the President, died of a heart attack at the P.G. Hospital on Monday morning. He was 71.

Mr Hafizuddin was laid to rest at Banani graveyard. His namaz-e-janaza was held at Baitul Mukarram after Zohr prayer.

Mr Hafizuddin complained of a pain in his chest and was rushed to the P.G. Hospital where he breathed his last around 2.15 a.m.

The qul khwai of late Mr Hafizuddin will be held at his Siddeshwari residence on Wednesday after Zohr prayer.

Mr A.K.M. Hafizuddin, son of late Maulvi Abdul Qudus, was born in 1909 at Mishbari of village Ralpur under Dacca district. He had a distinguished academic career.

He stood fourth in the Intermediate Arts Examination from Dacca Inter College in 1927. He graduated from the University of Dacca in 1930 with honours in history, standing first in the First Class.

On completion of his studies, Mr Hafizuddin joined the Indian Police service in 1933. He became Deputy Inspector General in 1949 and Inspector General of Police in 1958. While in police service (Continued on page 12 col. 6)

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vice he was elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Interpol in 1960 and became its Vice President the following year.

Mr Hafizuddin was awarded the highest police medal for distinguished service. He had also to his credit high civil awards, including one from Iran and another from Jordan.

In 1962 Mr Hafizuddin became the first Chairman of the then EPIDC (East Pakistan Industries Development Corporation) and was primarily responsible in building up that organisation.

As Chairman of the Corporation he visited West European countries as well as the USA and the Far East.

In 1966 Mr Hafizuddin was appointed Ambassador in Switzerland with concurrent accreditation to the Vatican and Malta. He was appointed Minister for Industries and Natural Resources in 1969 and relinquished his post in February 1971. He represented the country in Expo 70 in Japan.

Mr Hafizuddin had been connected with various welfare organisations. He started the Polwel Enterprises and the Police Co-operative Society for the welfare of the police force. He was closely associated with the Lions movement in Bangladesh.

Mr Hafizuddin had widely travelled abroad and his hobbies were reading, books, gardening, farming and social service.

Married in 1934, Mr Hafizuddin is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren and a host of relations and admirers.