

Life-sketch of Ministers

Shamsul Huda Chaudhury

Born in 1920. Mr. Shamsul Huda Choudhury obtained Bachelor Degree from the Presidency College, Calcutta, and M.A. and L.L.B. Degree from the Aligarh University in 1944.

While a student, Mr. Shamsul Huda Choudhury was the first Bengalee to be elected as Vice-President of the Aligarh University Students' Union. In 1944 he was also elected President of the Bengal Muslim Student's League.

Mr. Shamsul Huda Choudhury devoted his long career in broadcasting. He joined broadcasting in 1945. He was appointed Director, Staff Training and also Director, Music Radio Pakistan. He was in Dacca Radio for 16 years and also served as its Regional Director. He was in Radio Pakistan till 1967. He is associated with many socio-cultural organisations.

In early 1976 Mr. Shamsul Huda Choudhury was appointed Chairman of the Broadcasting Re-organisation Committee which submitted an exhaustive report in January, 1977 on the present working condition in radio and its future development plans.

Mr. Choudhury visited USA on Leader Exchange Grant in 1957. In 1962 he was with BBC for training. He attended a seminar on Asian Broadcasting in Berlin in 1963. He led cultural delegations to People's Republic of China in 1965 and United Kingdom and Thailand in 1967. During 1977, he also led cultural delegation to Malaysia and the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Shamsul Huda Choudhury joined the President's Council as Adviser for Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in October, 1977 and Minister for Cultural Affairs and Sport in June 1978. He was elected as Member of Parliament from Constituency No. 8 (Muktasaha) Mymensingh in February this year.

Nurul Huq

Born and brought up in the city of Dacca. Capt. (Retd) Nurul Huq joined the Navy in 1953 and received his early and advanced Naval education in Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth and Royal Naval Engineering College Plymouth, England.

After liberation he became the first Chief of Naval Staff of Bangladesh Navy. Concurrently he was appointed as the Chairman of BIWTA, the post he held for five long years. He was also the Chairman, BIWTC for some time.

Capt. Huq was inducted in the President's Council of Advisers in charge of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways in December 1977. He was later sworn in as a Minister in charge of the same Ministry in July 1978. A member of the Central Convening Committee of BNP.

Capt. Huq contested the Parliamentary Election of February 79 and was elected Member of Jatiya Sangsad from Dacca-9 constituency of Sadar Sud division, from where his father late Khan Bahadur Abdul Kalam was elected a member of the Bengal Legislative Assembly in 1946.

Amina Rahman

Dr. Mrs. Amina Rahman is a scientist of repute and an experienced educationist. She received a Ph.D degree in Chemistry from Yale University, USA 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 USA.

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 the Bengali medium Kindergarten School (Little Angels' School), the first of its kind in Bangladesh. Another school is an English medium Kindergarten at Dhanmondi named 'Kisholaya'.

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

Dr. Amina Rahman has been associated with many social welfare organisations. She is 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 visited China on a Women's delegation during Pakistan days. She went to Ceylon on UNESCO delegation and to Edinburgh to attend a conference of Country Women of the world.

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

Dr. Mrs. Amina Rahman was appointed Minister for Women Affairs on June 29, 1978. She was elected a member of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad in the Parliamentary elections of 1979 from a constituency of Dacca district.

Dr. Mrs. Amina Rahman was sworn in as Minister on April 15, 1979 and was allocated the portfolio of Women Affairs.

Abdur Rahman

Mr. Abdur Rahman was born at Chittabari, Tangail on August 1920.

Educated in the Beldubastil High School and the Sadat College at Tangail, Mr. Abdur Rahman actively participated in student politics and was elected

member of the All Bengal Muslim Students Federation in 1938. He later joined the students league.

In 1944, he was elected Joint Secretary of Tangail Sub-Divisional Muslim League and Assistant Secretary of Mymensingh District Muslim League. In 1948, he joined the Awami Muslim League. He actively participated in the historic Language Movement. From 1955 to 1958, he was a member of the Mymensingh District Board.

Mr. Abdur Rahman later joined the National Awami Party founded by late Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhashani and held the offices of the Secretary and President of the Tangail District NAP for a long period. He became the Vice-President of NAP in 1962 and held this office till the merger of NAP with the Bangladesh Nationalist Party in 1978.

Mr. Abdur Rahman was appointed a member of the President's Council of Ministers on June 29, 1978 and held the portfolio of Public Works and Urban Development. He was elected to the Jatiya Sangsad in the recent parliamentary elections from the constituency No. 138-Tangail-5. He was one of the top vote pollers in the election.

A renowned social worker, Mr. Abdur Rahman is the founder of several educational institutions and cultural and social welfare organisations. He takes keen interest in fish cultivation and received the Presidential Award in 1977 for his outstanding success in this field.

Mr. Abdur Rahman is married and has two sons and four daughters.

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