

Moulana Azhari dead

By A Staff Reporter

Moulana Muhammad A'aud-din Al-Azhari, renowned Islamic scholar, researcher and thinker, died in Dacca at the Institute of Post-graduate Medicine and Research, on Monday morning at seven. He was 50.

Moulana Azhari had been suffering from 'enaplastic carcinoma' for more than three months, before he was admitted into the IPGM on March 7. He was operated upon on March 16.

A Professor of Adab and head of the Department of Arabic language and literature of the Government Madrassah-i-Aliyah until his death, Moulana Azhari is survived by his wife, a daughter, son-in-law, a brother and a sister. He was also working as a teacher in Arabic Institute of Modern Languages, University of Dacca.

He was buried near the mosque adjacent to his Bara Maghbazar residence later in the afternoon. Earlier his Namaz-e-Janaza was held at the

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Baitul Mukarram Mosque, which was attended by Mr. Justice M. A. Mahmud Hossain, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and a number of heads of mission of the Muslim countries among others.

A condolence meeting was held at the Directorate of Radio Bangladesh. The meeting prayed for the salvation of the soul of Moulana Azhari, who was a staff artist of the Radio Bangladesh (external service).

Moulana Azhari studied at the Al-Azhar University of Cairo, from where he obtained two "alamyah" degrees (from faculty of theology and the faculty of shariah law) and at the American University, Cairo, from where he got his Masters degree in Arabic language and literature.

A widely travelled man, he had visited Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon; Iran, Jordan, Libya, Saudi Arabia and the Soviet Union. He had command over several languages including Bangla, Arabic, English, Urdu and Persian.

Moulana Azhari's research and compilations include: (a) the theory and sources of Islamic law, (b) Quran Bigyan, (c) Al-Insanul Asry, (d) Arabic-Bangla dictionary, (e) Tafseer-e-Azhari (commentary of the Holy Quran), (f) Islamiat, (g) Niti-o-Durniti (vice and virtue), (h) Urdu-Bangla dictionary, (i) history of Islam, (j) As-Saqafah (the culture), and (k) Al-Azharer Itihash (history of the Al-Azhar University).

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