

Principal Ibrahim Khan dead

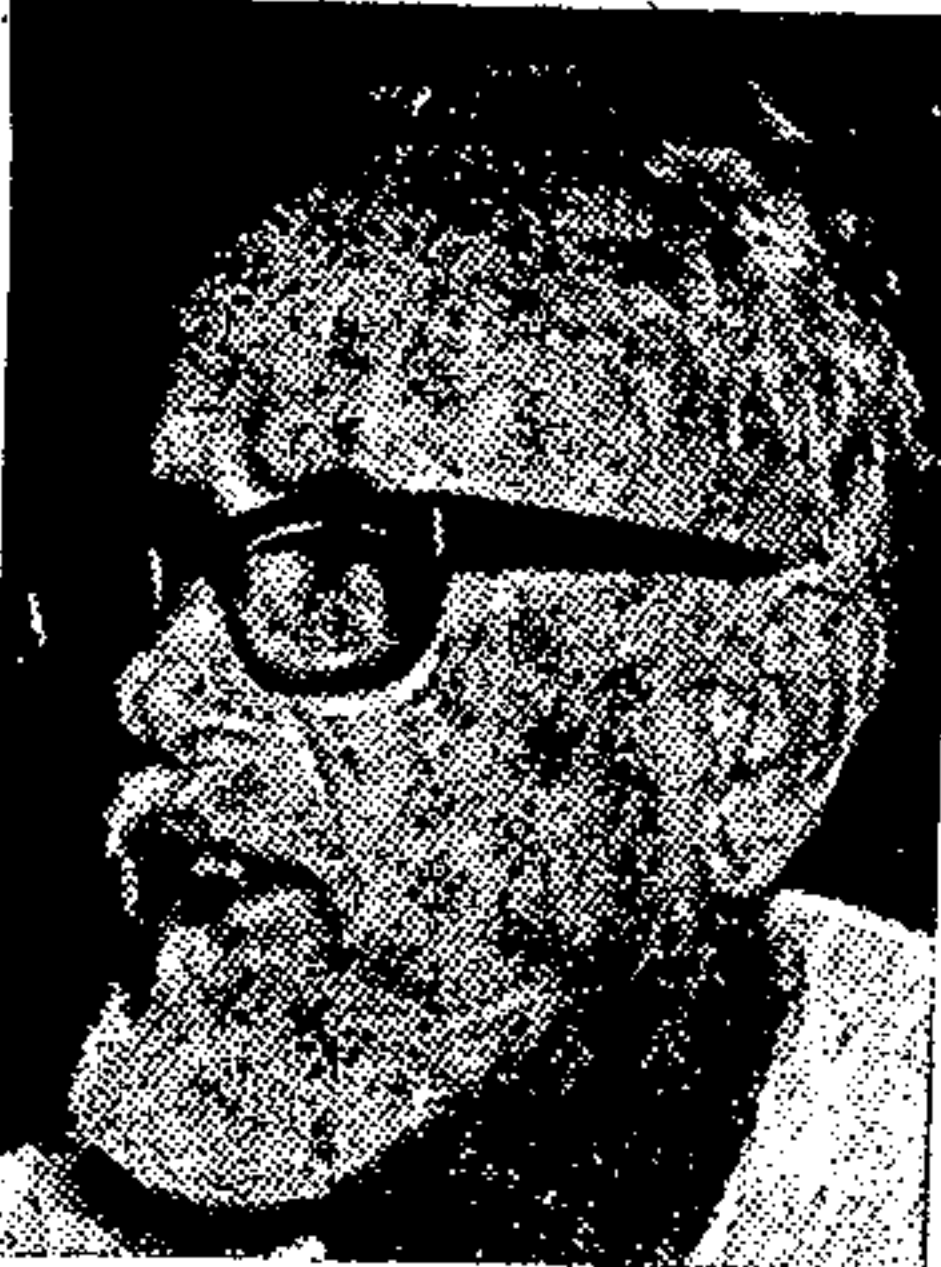
By A Staff Correspondent

Principal Ibrahim Khan, a noted educationist and litterateur died on Wednesday morning at the Dacca Medical College Hospital. He was 88.

Principal Khan was admitted to hospital on Friday evening following a massive stroke, that left the right side of his body paralysed. He was in coma since Monday and the end came around 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

The Namaz-e-Janaza of late Ibrahim Khan was held after Asar prayer at the Baitul Mukarram. The body will be taken to his village home Biromdi under Bhuapur P.S. in Tangail for burial today (Thursday).

Principal Ibrahim Khan was a widely respected man. He is remembered for his rôle in upholding the cause of Muslim education. He was the found-



er-Principal of Karatia Sadat College established by Mr. Wazed Ali Khan Panni a local zaminder. He was associated with the same college for about 26 years and earned the reputation as an outstanding educationist.

Principal Ibrahim Khan was elected a Member of the then Provincial Legislative Assembly in 1946. He was Chairman of the Secondary Education Board of erstwhile East Pakistan from 1948 to 1956. He became a Member of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly in 1953 and was again elected a Member of the Pakistan National Assembly in 1962.

A number of educational institutions, political parties and prominent personalities on Wednesday condoled the death of Principal Khan.

Condolence messages were sent by Bangladesh Teachers

Association Bangladesh Awami League (Malek Ukil faction), Bangladeshi Jatiyo Dal, Krishak Sramik Party, Sheikh Burhanuddin College and Mosque Society of Dacca.

BSS adds: Born in 1894 at the village Biramdi under Bhuapur Police Station of Tangail district (previously Mymensingh district). Principal Ibrahim Khan, the eminent educationist and litterateur of the country had his early education at the village home.

He passed his Matriculation examination from Pingla High School in 912 and got himself admitted into St Paul C.M. College of Calcutta in English Honours class. He got his M.A. from Calcutta University as a private student in 1919 and did graduation in Law in 1923.

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the six sons of his father Shaibaj Khan, a renowned figure of the locality.

Principal Ibrahim Khan was associated with a number of educational political and socio-cultural organisations. The organisations, among others are Calcutta University Senate, Dacca University Senate Executive Council of Tangail Subdivision Muslim League, Bangla Academy, Bangla College Mymensingh District Students Association in Calcutta, Tangail Mahfil in Dacca, Tangail Ravet Samity and Mahajan Birodhi Samity. Ibrahim Khan was also President of Provincial Primary Teachers Association for eight years.

A widely travelled man, Principal Ibrahim Khan was a close associate of many important personalities of the subcontinent and foreign countries. They were, among others, were Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Sher-e-Bangla A.K. Fazlul Huq, Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan, Bhashani, Ranadaprashad Saha, Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardy, Sir Prafulla Chandra Roy, Poet Kaikobad, Maulana Akram Khan and Mrs. Anie Besant.

Although a great educationist Principal Ibrahim Khan had spent a considerable time of his life in literary work. He became a well-known figure in literary circle of the subcontinent since the early days of his working life and continued his work till his death.

As many as 80 literary works were written by the devoted litterateur. Among his works, 30 have been published and many of his writings were selected for the curricula of secondary and higher secondary boards of the country. One of his books Anecdotes from Islam, has been translated into different foreign languages and selected as curricula in Indonesia. A versatile writer he wrote short stories, juvenile literature, drama, travelogue translations and novels. Some of his popular works are Kamal Pasha, Anwar Pasha, Islam er-Marma Katha, Istanbul Jattrir Patra, Nava Chin-e-ak, Chakkar, Aloo, Bekhara, Baravan and Suries Mamar Røthe.

Principal Ibrahim left behind two sons, Shaduzzaman Khan and Aminuzzaman Khan and a daughter Mrs. Khalida Habib, a former Parliamentary Secretary.