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diqui. He was laid to rest at Azimpur graveyard in the evening.

He is survived by his wife two sons five daughters and a host of friends, relations and admirers. His second son-in-law Mr. Mahfuzullah is a noted poet and an Assistant Editor of the Dainik Bangla.

Late Abul Kalam Shamsuddin was born in November 1897 at village Dhanikhola under Trisal police station of Myensingh district.

He passed Matriculation examination from Dacca Collegiate School in 1917, I.A. from Dacca College in 1919 and B.A. from Ripon College, Calcutta in 1921.

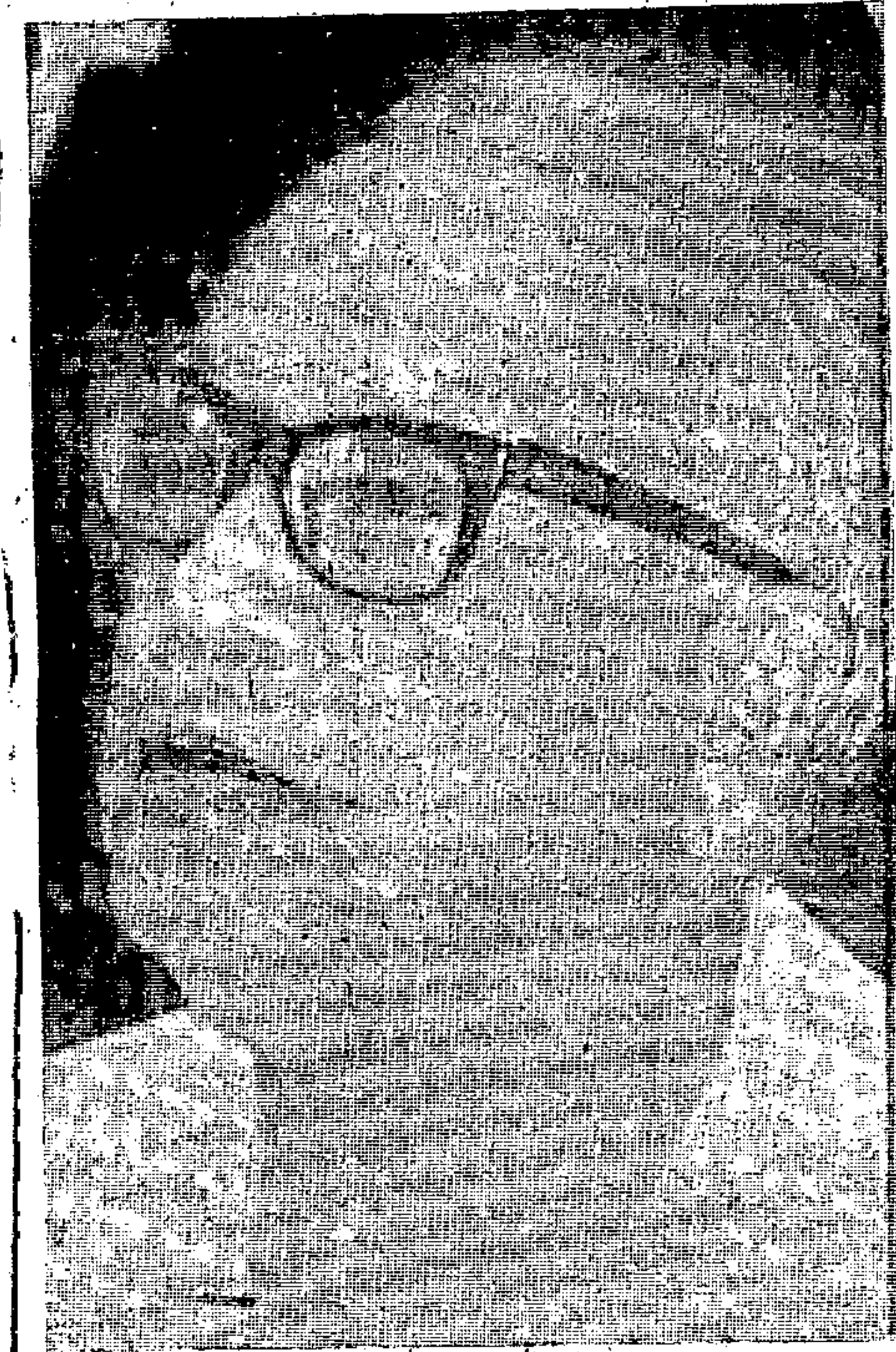
Late Shamsuddin joined the Daily Mohammadi in 1922 and after working there for some time he joined the weekly Mus Jim Jagat. In 1925, he joined the Musalman and worked there for three years. He worked two years in the Daily Sultan. During 32 years from 1930 to 1962, he held various responsible positions in the weekly and daily Mohammadi and the Daily Azad. In 1963 he became the Editor of Daily Zehad. In 1964, he was appointed Editor of the then Dainik Pakistan and he continued in and this post till 1971.

In 1946, Mr. Shamsuddin was elected member of the then East Pakistan Legislative Assembly on Muslim League ticket. But he resigned from the Legislative Assembly in protest against the police firing during the historic Language Movement on February 21, 1952 and also due to his difference of opinion with the Government over language issue.

Mr. Shamsuddin renounced the "Sitara-e-Quaid-e-Azam" award during the Mass Uprising of 1969 to protest the repressive policy of General Ayub.

His enlightened speech while inaugurating a course of the Press Institute "on development journalism" spoke eloquently of his depth of knowledge in this field.

Besides journalism, he had made his mark in the field of literature. His books "Nutan Chin Nutan Desh" translation of Turgenev's "Virgin Soil" and Homer's "Iliad" earned fame for him as an author. Mr. Shamsuddin visited China, Egypt, Iran and Indonesia. He was intimately known to Subash Bose, Dr. Bidhan Roy, J.N. Sengupta, M.N. Roy and late President Sukarno.



Shamsuddin dead

By A Staff Correspondent

Mr. Abul Kalam Shamsuddin, a celebrated journalist of the country, died at the P.G. Hospital at 12-40 p.m. on Saturday. He was 81.

A noted litterateur, late Abul Kalam Shamsuddin was admitted to the P.G. Hospital on February 27 last following an attack of pneumonia. He had also been suffering from heart disease. His wife was beside him when he breathed his last.

The news of his death cast a pall of gloom among journalists, educationists and litterateurs. Scores of people visited the hospital after the news of his death was broken.

Mr. Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, Member of the President's Advisory Council in charge of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, went to the residence of the late journalist to pay respect to the departed soul. Editors of the national dailies, members of the journa-

lists' community and educationists also went to pay respect to the deceased.

The Namaz-e-Janaja of Mr. Abul Kalam Shamsuddin was held at Baitul Mukarram after Maghreb prayer. The Janaja prayer was attended among others, by Mr. Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, Member President's Advisory Council, Mr. Ataur Rahman Khan, Dr. Ashraf Sid. (Continued on page 12 Col. 4)