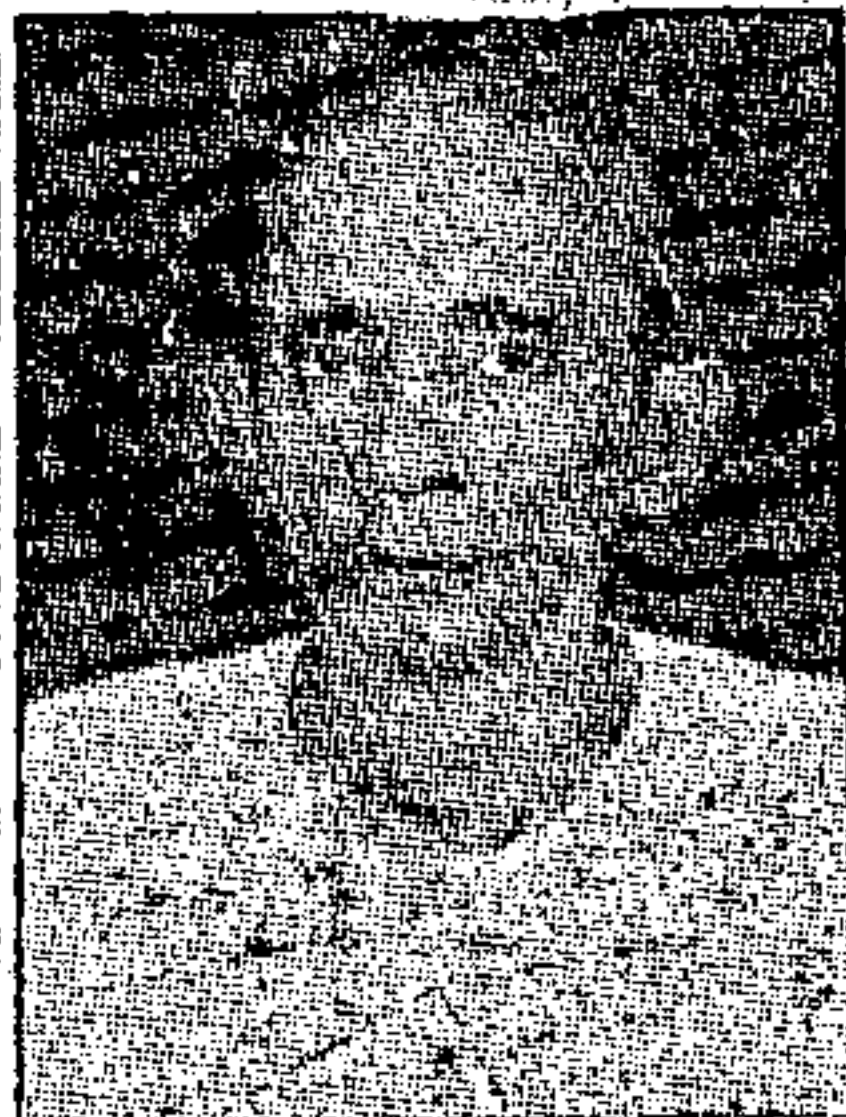




Zainul Abedin passes away

By A Staff Reporter

Mr. Zainul Abedin Chowdhury, General Secretary of Bangladesh Teachers' Association, died in Dacca at the Post-Graduate Hospital in the early hours of Tuesday. He was 59.

Mr. Chowdhury was an asthmatic patient. He was admitted to Dacca Medical College Hospital on June 5 and subsequently transferred to P.G. Hospital on June 7.

He leaves behind his widow, one son and two daughters.

Born in 1924 at a village under Matlab thana of Comilla district, Mr. Zainul Abedin Chowdhury passed his Matriculation Examination from Chittagong Collegiate School.

He appeared at the Intermediate Examination from Jagannath College in 1940 and joined the British Air Force before the publication of the results. He was dismissed from service in 1941 due to political reasons. He passed his B. A. examination from Haraganga College in 1944.

Mr. Chowdhury joined the teaching profession in 1954 and served in different secondary schools as a teacher and also as a headmaster.

He was the Headmaster of Nazneen High School, Dacca, till his death.

Mr. Chowdhury joined the Association as the Superintendent of its Central Office in 1962 and was the Editor of "the Education", a spokesman of the Association till 1971 when he was elected to the post of General Secretary of the Association. He was re-

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elected to the post in 1974 and continued in that position till his death.

He was arrested in January 1975 for leading a movement of secondary teachers and was released in August the same year.

Mr. Chowdhury took an active part in politics since 1941 and participated in the independence and language movements. He was the President of Bangladesh Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) Friendship Society.

The body of Mr. Chowdhury was taken to his village home at Kalakanda under Matlab thana of Comilla district for burial.

Earlier, his Namaj-e-Janaja was held at Baitul Mukarram after Zohr prayer. The Namaj-e-Janaja was attended by teachers and political leaders including Kazi Zafar Ahmed, General Secretary of United Peoples Party.