



Dr Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury dead

By A Staff Reporter
Professor Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury, a noted educationist and an authority on published administrative system in the subcontinent, died at the P.G. Hospital on Tuesday evening. He was 56.

Professor Chowdhury was admitted to the hospital with complaints of 'haematemesis' (blood vomiting) around 12 noon on Tuesday and the end came at 7 p.m.

According to hospital sources, Prof Chowdhury was suffering from diabetes, hypertension, bilateral pulmonary tuberculosis and occult peptic ulcer for the last few years. He also suffered a stroke last year.

He was under the treatment of Prof Nurul Islam, Director of Post Graduate Medicine and Research. He was given blood transfusion on Tuesday afternoon.

Recently serving as a Professor in the Department of Political Science, Dr. Chowdhury, popularly known as MAC, had served the Dacca University as the Head of the Department and a Vice-Chancellor. He was also a Minister for Education for some time.

A pall of gloom cast over the campus as the news of his death reached the Dacca University. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Fazlul Halim Chowdhury and a large number of colleagues and students of the deceased rushed to the hospital. The cultural function being held at the TSC under the auspices of the history association on the occasion of its annual conference was immediately stopped and many of the delegate rushed to the residence of the deceased at 34/F University, ubnglow near the centre Shahid Minar where his body was removed from the hospital.

The Namaj-e-janaja of Professor Chowdhury will be held at the Dacca University Mosque after johan prayer today (Wednesday). He will be laid to eternal rest at the Bahani graveyard.

Meanwhile, the Dacca University authorities announced on Tuesday night that the offices and classes of the university will remain closed to.

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day (Wednesday) as a mark of respect to the departed soul. A condolence meeting of the teachers, staffs and students of the Dacca University will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 12-30 p.m. at the Teacher-Student Centre to mourn the death of the outstanding teacher and scholar who served the Dacca University in various capacities for the last 33 years.

Prof. Chowdhury has left behind his wife, two sons, three daughters and a host of friends, students and admirers to mourn his death.

BSS adds: Dr. Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury who died at the Institute of Post-Graduate Medicine in Dacca on Tuesday evening was one of the most dedicated teachers and an outstanding scholar of the Dacca University.

Born at village Birahimpur in Noakhali district in 1923, Dr. Chowdhury was a brilliant student althrough. He secured first class first in M.A. in Political Science from the Dacca University in 1940 and obtained Ph.D. from London School of Economics and Political Science in 1960. He joined the Dacca University in 1945 as a lecturer.

Dr. Chowdhury was Adviser to the East Pakistan members of the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan during 1955-56 and a member of the delegation to the United Nations in 1958 and 1957. In 1972, he was appointed Vice-Chancellor of Dacca University. The following year he was appointed Chairman of the University Grants Commission. He was also Chairman of Services Reorganisation Committee set up by the Government in 1972.

Dr. Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury joined the Council of Ministers in early 1975 and continue with the office till November same year. He returned to Dacca University as Professor and served the university as an outstanding scholar and teacher till death.

An eminent educationists, Dr. Chowdhury had to his credit a number of publications.

Dr. Chowdhury visited India, United Kingdom and Soviet Union.

He left behind his widow, two sons and three daughters.