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## Prof Yusuf Ali, dead

Prof Yusuf Ali, first Education Minister of Bangladesh, died at Ibn-e-Sina Clinic in Dhaka on Thursday at 6:30 a.m. He was 75, reports UNB.

The veteran politician was suffering from kidney and heart ailments. He left behind his wife, two sons and five daughters.

Prof. Yusuf Ali, who was an important member of the post-independent Awami League cabinet, later shifted his allegiance to dissidents after the assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

On April 17, 1971, he read out the declaration of independence at Mujibnagar in Meherpur district when the Mujibnagar government was formed.

His first Namaj-e-Janaza was held at the Baitul Mukarram national mosque after Zohr prayer on Thursday.

Later, Prof Yusuf Ali's body was taken to Dinajpur town, where a second Namaj-e-Janaza was held.

He was buried at the family graveyard at Farakkabad in Birol thana of Dinajpur district.