

Life-sketch of Kh. Hamid

Khandakar Abul Hamid was born at Sherpur town in Jamalpur district on March 1, 1931.

Obtaining graduation from Calcutta University in 1940, Khandakar Abul Hamid took up journalism as profession in Calcutta. He was leader writer and editor of different dailies, including daily Ittehad for 34 years. He was Chairman of the Editorial Board of the now-defunct daily Millat from 1953 to 1956 and of the daily Azad in 1969. He was also connected with 'Weekly Chashi' of Mymensingh and started a Bengali weekly 'Bangladesh' in London in 1976.

In 1977, he was awarded the 'Ekushey Padak' for his outstanding contribution to journalism.

Khandakar Abul Hamid worked as Chief Script Writer in the then Radio Pakistan, Dacca for 5 years. He is member of the Management Board of Press Institute of Bangladesh and Press Council.

Khandakar Abul Hamid joined politics in 1953 and was elected member of the then Provincial Assembly in 1954 and again in 1965. He was appointed Political Secretary to the Chief Minister in 1955 but did not join. He was also Secretary of the parliamentary party in the then East Pakistan Assembly from 1958 to 1958.

In 1954, he was detained as a security prisoner under 92-A of the Emergency Rule during the Government of General Iskander Mirza.

Khandakar Hamid was a member of Pakistan delegation to the U.N. General Assembly in 1968. He visited Britain and Scotland in 1976 on the invitation of British government.

He was elected a member of the Jatiya Sangsad from Sherpur in the general elections in February 1979.

Prior to his first appointment as Minister, Khandakar Abul Hamid was the senior leader writer and columnist of daily Ittefaq. He used to write the popular column 'Manchev-Nepathve' under pseudo name 'Spastabhashi'. He also wrote post editorials in daily Azad under the pen-name 'Mard-e Momin'.

Khandakar Hamid represented Bangladesh as one member delegation Asia-Pacific national cultural integration conference on Manila in February-March 1981.

He is Chairman of Board of Directors of the Bangladesh Krishi Bank. He is also chairman of the Parliament's Standing Committee on Public Undertakings in the public sector.

Khandakar Abdul Hamid was appointed Minister for Youth Development in April 1979. He resigned in April 1980.

In February 1982 he was appointed Minister for Health and Population Control, and Labour, Manpower and Social Welfare.

Prior to his joining the Council of Ministers, Khandakar Abul Hamid had returned to journalism. He joined Dainik Desh as Chairman of its editorial Board and wrote post-editorial column under pseudo name 'Spastabhashir Kalam'.

He performed Hajj in 1979. He is married and has one son and five daughters.