



## Murtaza Ali dead

By A Staff Correspondent

Syed Murtaza Ali an eminent litterateur and former Chairman of Bangladesh Press Institute died at the Combined Military Hospital in the small hours of Sunday. He was 78.

He was laid to rest at the Banani graveyard the same day.

Syed Murtaza Ali was removed to the CMH on Tuesday following a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife four sons five daughters and a host of friends and relatives.

About two weeks ago he suffered stroke and on August 4 last he lost consciousness while in sleep. He was removed to the CMH on the same night and was given artificial respiration. He did not regain his consciousness till he breathed his last in the small hours of Sunday.

Syed Murtaza Ali was born in Sylhet in 1903 and had a chequered career as a civil servant litterateur and social worker.

He held different responsible posts when in civil service and has written a number of books.

Syed Murtaza Ali was one of the three sons of late Khan Bahadur Sikander Ali. His elder brother Syed Mustafa Ali and younger brother Syed Muztaba (Continued on page 8 Col. 1)

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Ali who died earlier were also famous litterateurs.

Some of the noted works of Syed Murtaza Ali included "Amader Kaler Katha" Muztaba Katha O Onnana Proshanga" "Hazrat Shah Jalal and History of Sylhet" "The History of Joyontiya" and "Sa'nth of Bangladesh and History."

Late Mr. Ali prior to his joining the Bangladesh Press Institute as its first Chairman was President of Bangla Academy and Treasurer of Dacca University.

He was also associated with the Asiatic Society and the District Gazetter Committee. He was also the Founder Director of Gazetted Officers Academy.

He had his Honours degree in Chemistry from The Calcutta Presidency College. Before partition he joined the then Assam Civil Service.

Mr. Ahmed Humeayun and Mr. Reazuddin Ahmed President and Secretary General respectively of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Mr. Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and Mr. Amanullah Kabir President and Secretary-General respectively of Dacca Union of Journalists (DUJ) in a joint statement condoled the death of Syed Murtaza Ali. They also recalled the contributions towards the development of Bangladesh Press Institute and in the development of journalism and literary activities.

Bangladesh National Awami Party (Muzaffar) also condoled the death of Syed Murtaza Ali.

The Qul khwani of the deceased will be held at his Dhanmondi Residence at 5-30 P.M. on August 12 (Wednesday).