



Principal Abul Kashem dead

Principal Abul Kashem, founder of Tamuddun Majlis and a pioneer of the movement for recognition of Bangla as one of the state languages of Pakistan, died this morning at the Suhrawardy Hospital in Dhaka, says BSS.

He was 71.

He left behind his wife, six sons, four daughters and a host of admirers at home and abroad.

He began his career as a lecturer of physics at the Dhaka University in 1946 and later made outstanding contribution in the movement for recognition of Bangla as one of the state languages of Pakistan soon after the independence in 1947.

Principal Kashem founded the Tamuddun Majlis on September 1, 1947 to pioneer the movement for rights of Bengali language and set up the Bangla College in 1962. He was the founder principal of the college.

He was elected a member of the then East Pakistan Legislative Assembly in 1954 as a candidate of the United Front and as a Nominee of Khilafat-e-Rabbani Party.

He was recipient of the Ekushey Padak in 1987, Bangla Academy Award in 1982, Islamic Foundation Medal in 1988, Gold Medal of Chittagong Association in 1988 and Gold Medal in a National Reception in 1989.

He authored nearly 100 books including text books on science for post-graduate students and on education. (See Page 8 Col. 6)