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### Dr MA Bari passes away

Professor Dr MA Bari, former Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University and National University, died at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital in the early hours on Wednesday. He was 73, says UNB.

Prof Bari left behind two sons, two daughters and a host of students, colleagues and relatives to mourn his death.

An eminent scholar, Prof Bari served as the VC of Rajshahi University twice in 1970s, the first VC of National University during 1992-96, and the Chairman of University Grants Commission for eight years from 1981.

In his chequered academic career, Prof Bari was also the founder/chairman of Islamic History department of Rajshahi University, and head or member of 23 committees of government and non-government educational institutions.

He played important role in establishing Islamic University and Shahjalal University of Science and Technology. Until death, he was a member of the government expert committee on education reforms, said a press release.

Prof. Bari established National University. Prior to his appointment as the Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University at the age of 40, he served Dhaka Government College and Rajshahi Government College as the faculty member.

Prof. Bari completed his D. Phil from Oxford University when he was only 24. He did his Masters from Dhaka University in 1950 with the first class first position.

#### President, PM condole death

BSS adds:—In separate messages on Wednesday, President Prof. Dr Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia condoled the death of Prof Bari.

In his message, President Prof. Dr Iajuddin Ahmed expressed his deep shock at the death of Prof. Bari. "The country has lost an honest and brave educationist," he said.