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Prof. Saidur Rahman dead

By A Staff Reporter

Prof. Saidur Rahman, a noted philosopher, breathed his last on Friday morning at Holy Family Hospital. He was 81 and had been suffering from hypertension.

Late Prof. Saidur Rahman was born at village Rasullahbad under Nabinagar upazila of

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Comilla district in the year 1906. He obtained his B.A. (Hons) and M.A. degrees, obtaining first class, in Philosophy from Dhaka University and started his teaching career in 1932 at Rajshahi College. He taught at Calcutta Islamia College and worked in Baker Hostel as its Superintendent before partition of the sub-continent.

Late Prof. Rahman taught at various colleges including Dhaka College, Sylhet Murari-chand College, Eden College and served Jagannath College as its Principal.

After retirement from government service, late Prof. Rahman joined Dhaka University in the Department of Philosophy as a part-time Professor. He established "Saidur Rahman Foundation" in Dhaka University to give scholarships to meritorious students.

He was the President of Philosophical congress and was associated with boy scouts movements. He was the author of several books.

Prof. Rahman's Namaj-e-Janaza was held on Friday after Juma prayer at Dhaka University mosque premises and his mortal remains was sent to his village home for burial.

A number of politicians and leaders in social welfare field of Pakistan and Bangladesh in-

cluding Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was his students. After serving several colleges including Dhaka College and Chittagong College, Mr. Rahman joined Jagannath College as its Principal. The Jagannath College attained commendable development and also expanded in a big way during his tenure.

Author of a book titled "An Introduction to Islamic Philosophy", Principal Saidur Rahman visited a number of countries of west in fifties and seventies. He was a guest of the Soviet government in 1975 and spent quite some time there.

Principal Saidur Rahman who propagated progressive ideas, had actively cooperated with the democratic movement and suffered for that. Human welfare was his philosophy and to do good to people was his motto.

BANGLADESH PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

The Executive Council of Bangladesh Philosophical Association in an emergency meeting on Friday expressed its deep sorrow and grief at the death of Prof. Saidur Rahman who was the chief patron and former President of the Association.

The Executive Council of the Association recalled the glorious contributions made by late Prof. Rahman in the field of philosophy. It also expressed its sympathy to the bereaved members of his family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

BSS adds: Shah Moazzem Hossain, Secretary General, Jatiya Party and Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives on Friday expressed his shock at the death of veteran educationist and philosopher, Principal Saidur Rahman. He expressed his condolence to the members of bereaved family.