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## Modabber dead

Mohammad Modabber, an eminent journalist and litterateur of the country, died in Dhaka on Saturday after a prolonged illness. He was 76, reports BSS.

After namaz-e-Janaza at the Jatiya Press Club and Mohammadpur mosque the body of the late journalist was buried at the Mohammadpur graveyard.

Mr Modabber left behind his widow, four sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

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ceased will be held at his Gaznavi Road residence in Mohammadpur on April 24 after Asr prayer.

ENA adds: Mohammad Modabber was born in the village Haora under Bashirhat subdivision in 1908. His father, Mohammad Modasser was a zamindar. Mohammad Modabber passed the matriculation examination from Aoren Mukharji High School in 1922 and was placed in the first division.

He was imprisoned several times in his student life. He was arrested first in 1928 for non-cooperation movement then in 1932 at Delhi under "Terror Suppression Act" held again in 1934 for "inter-province conspiracy case". His uncle Moulavi Majibur Rahman was a journalist of repute and the editor of newspaper "The Muslim".

Mr Modabber started journalism in his student life. He joined the Daily Forward. In late 1933 he joined weekly Mohammadi and in 1936, joined the daily Azad as news editor. He was a journalist at daily Ittehad in 1948. He came to East Pakistan in 1948 and published a bi-weekly.

He joined as chief editor of Dainik Millat in 1951.

He started writing under pseudonym "Bagban". He was also one of the pioneers of the Mukul Fouz movement.

Among his various literary works are, Hirer Ful, Duman, Kissha Sono Galpo Sono Danpiter Dal, Sandhani Alo, Anlojarajiban Kathi, Jatra Holo Suru, Ek-Tholi Natok.