

Abu Hena dead

By Our DU Correspondent

Noted educationist, researcher, poet and lyricist Dr Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal, Director General of Bangla Academy, died of heart attack at the Suhrawardy Hospital at 3.45 p.m. on Saturday. He was 53.

Dr Abu Hena was admitted to the hospital with pain in the chest on Tuesday evening. His condition deteriorated on Friday and remained unchanged till his death. He was in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

He left behind his widow, two sons, three daughters, a large number of students, friends, well-wishers and admirers to mourn his death.

His Namaj-e-Janaza will be held at the Dhaka University Central Mosque after Asr pray er today (Sunday).

Dr Abu Hena began his profession as a lecturer in Bangla in Pabna Edward College in 1959. He also served the same department in Chapainawabganj College and Rajshahi Government College.

Dr Abu Hena joined the Dhaka University Bangla Department as a lecturer in 1963. He joined the Rajshahi University Bangla Department as an



assistant professor in 1965 and was promoted to the position of associate professor in 1970. He joined the Chittagong University Bangla Department as an associate professor in 1970 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1976. Finally he returned to the Dhaka University Bangla Department as a full fledged professor in 1978.

Dr Abu Hena joined Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy as its

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Director General in 1984. He joined Bangla Academy as its Director General in 1986 and continued in the post till his death.

Dr Abu Hena received the "Bangla Academy Award," "Suhrid Shahitya Gosthi gold medal and "Alawol Award" for his contribution to the country's literary arena.

He is author of many books including "Shilpir Rupantar", "Apon Jouban Boiry", "Jehetu Janmandha" and "Akranta Ghazals".

Dr Abu Hena visited the UK, France, USA and Japan and attended many conferences in those countries.

Late Dr Abu Hena was also a popular TV compere.

The body of the deceased was preserved in the BIRDEM cold room till the arrival of his eldest son Sujit Mostafa from Delhi.

Hailed from village Gobinda of Pabna district late Dr Abu Hena stood 13th in the entrance examination from Pabna Zila School in 1952. He also stood 7th in the HSC examination from Dhaka College in 1954 in humanities group.

Dr Abu Hena stood first class first in the B.A. Honours examination in 1958 from Dhaka University Bangla Department. He also stood first class first in the M.A. examination in 1959 from the same department. Then he completed his Ph.D. in 1969 from London University on "the Bengali press and literary writing".

A good number of Dhaka University teachers, journalists, students, Bangla Academy officials and cultural activists rushed to late Dr Abu Hena's residence on Dhaka University campus to bid him good-bye.

Among others the Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof. Abdul Mannan, Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed, Treasurer Prof. Abdullah Farook, Awami League leader Abdus Samad Azad, scientist Abdullah al-Muti Sarfuddin, Secretary in charge of Cultural Division Mr Hamed Saiful Islam and Drama artiste Ranendu Majumder visited the deceased's residence on Saturday evening.

Ershad grieved

DHAKA, Sept. 23 (BSS): President Hussain Muhammad Ershad today expressed deep grief at the premature and sudden death of eminent poet, litterateur and educationist Dr Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal, who was also Director General of Bangla Academy.

In a condolence message, President Ershad recalled his contribution to literature culture and education and said through his creative works Abu Hena had always made efforts to uphold the distinctive quality of our literature and culture.

The President said in the death of Abu Hena the country had lost an illustrious son and the nation suffered an irreparable loss.

He conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

Moudud, Zafar mourn death

DHAKA, Sept. 23 (BSS): Vice-President Moudud Ahmed today expressed his profound shock at the sudden death of the Director General of Bangla Academy and a renowned educationist, poet and litterateur Dr Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal.

In a condolence message the Vice President said, "Dr Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal was a teacher of repute, poet of brilliant lyrical grace and a great exponent of Bengali language and culture. His death is an irreparable loss to the nation.

Mr Moudud prayed for the peace of the departed soul and conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

SPEAKER

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shamsul Huda Chowdhury in his message said that in Dr Abu Hena's death a void had been created in the arena of literature. His death is an irreparable loss to the nation, the speaker said.

Mr Chowdhury expressed his sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

KAZI ZAFAR

Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed, in a message of condolence, said with the untimely demise of Dr Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal the nation had lost one of its brilliant sons who contributed a lot in the field of literature and culture.

The Prime Minister prayed

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Death mourned

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for the peace of the departed soul and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

SHEIKH SHAHID

Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam in a condolence message recalled the great contributions made by Prof. Abu Hena towards enriching our literature and culture.

The Minister prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

ZIAUDDIN

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Ziauddin Ahmed in message said, Dr Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal was a star in the fields of journalism, culture and literature.

The Minister prayed for the peace of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

DEEDAR

State Minister for Information Syed Deedar Bakht in his message of condolence recalled the outstanding contributions

of Dr Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal in the field of culture and Bengali literature and said the country had lost a great son and litterateur and a poet at his death.

KHALEDA

Our Staff Reporter adds: Several political leaders and socio-cultural organisations issued statements on Saturday expressing their grief at the sudden death of Prof. Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal.

BNP Chairman Begum Khaleda Zia mourned the death of Prof. Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal, prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

BNP Secretary General Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder in a condolence message said the nation will remember the contribution of Prof. Abu Hena in the field of literature and culture.

Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament Mr A S M Abdur Rab said the death of Prof. Abu Hena is an irreparable loss to the nation.

DU VC

The Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University, Prof. Abdul Mannan recalled Dr Hena's association with the university of Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi and said his death had created an irreparable loss in the field of education.

He said the nation would remember his contribution to Bengali language and literature and in other fields with gratitude.