

## Mashiur made Senior Minister

# 28-man Cabinet, 2 State Ministers sworn in

A 28 Member Cabinet including one Senior Minister was sworn in Thursday morning at a simple ceremony at Bangladesh in Dacca, reports BSS.

Two State Ministers were also sworn in at the ceremony which was attended by political leaders high civil and military officials and members of diplomatic corps.

President Ziaur Rahman administered the oath of office and secrecy of the new Ministers which include 11 politicians, 16 former Advisers and one technocrat.

Vice-President Mr. Justice Abdus Sattar was present at the ceremony.

Mr. Mashiur Rahman (Jadu Miah) of the National Awami Party (Bhashani) took oath as the lone Senior Minister of the Cabinet. Dr. Fashiuddin Mahtab and Dr. M.A. Matin, both Deputy Advisers in outgoing Council of Advisers to the President, were sworn in as State Ministers.

The new Ministers are: former Planning Adviser, Dr. M.N. Huda the General Secretary of Muslim League Shah Mohammad Azizur Rahman, former Local Government Adviser Kazi Anwarul Haq former Foreign Adviser Prof. M. Shamsul Haq, former Agriculture Adviser Mr. Azizul Haq, former Jute Adviser Mr. S.M. Shafiul Azam, former Food Adviser Mr. Abdul Momen Khan, former Communication Adviser, Maj-Gen. (Retd) Majedul Haq President of United People's Party Captain (Retd) Abdul Halim Chowdhury, former Flood Control Adviser, Mr. B.M. Abbas A.T. former Deputy Home Adviser, Lt. Col. (Retd) A.S.M. Mustafizur Rahman President of Tafshili Federation Mr. Rasharaj Mandal former Commerce Adviser, Mr. M. Saifur Rahman former Industries Adviser, Mr. Jamaluddin Ahmed former Health Adviser, Prof. A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury General Secretary of the United People's Party, Kazi Zafar Ahmed former Information Adviser Mr. Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, former Shipping Adviser, Capt. (Retd) Nurul Haq former Land Revenue Adviser, Mr. A.Z.M. Enayetullah Khan, former T and T Adviser Mr. Maquud Ahmed, Secretary-General of NAP Mr. S.A. Bari A.T. Dr. Mrs. Amina Rahman Mirza Golam Hafiz and Mr. K.M. Obaidur Rahman of the Jago-

dal, Mr. Abdul Alim of the Muslim League Mr. Habibullah Khan a business executive and Mr. Abdur Rahman of the NAP.

All the Ministers excepting Mr. Azizur Haq took the oath on Thursday morning. Mr. Azizul Haq who is now away on an official tour abroad will be sworn-in later according to an official announcement.

The Cabinet Ministers and State Ministers were appointed by the President in accordance with Section (3) of Article 58 of the Constitution.

Among the members of the President's outgoing Council of Advisers who are not included in the Cabinet are Dr. Mohammad Abdur Rashid Mrs. Benita Roy, Prof. Syed Ali Ahsan, Dr. Muzaffar Ahmed Mr. Ashfaq Hussain Khan, Retired Air-Vice-Marshal A.G. Mahmud, Mr. Zakaria Chowdhury and Mr. M.R. Khan.

Earlier the President dissolved his council of Advisers.

## Life-sketches

By A Staff Correspondent

The 28-member Cabinet which was sworn in on Thursday included 12 new Ministers. They are: Mr. Mashiur Rahman, Shah Azizur Rahman Capt (Retd) Abdul Halim Chowdhury Mr. Rasharaj Mondal Kazi Zafar Ahmed Mr. S.A. Bari A.T. Dr. Mrs. Amina Rahman Mirza Gholam Hafiz K.M. Obaidur Rahman Abdul Halim Mr. Habibulla Khan and Abdur Rahman.

Life-sketches of seven of the Ministers are given below:

### Mashiur Rahman

Mr. Mashiur Rahman a senior politician of the country, was born on July 9 1924 at village Khaga Khari Bari P.S. Dimla in the district of Rangpur. He was elected chairman of Rangpur Zilla Board at an early age of 29 and held the office till 1960.

He was one of the founder members of Pakistan National Awami Party, formed in 1957. Before that he was one of the central committee members of the erstwhile Pakistan Muslim League.

In 1962 he was elected a member of the Pakistan National Assembly and was deputy leader

of the opposition in the Assembly. While working in this capacity Mr. Mashiur Rahman was arrested in 1963 by the Ayub regime. Mr. Mashiur Rahman was re-elected to the National Assembly in 1965 but resigned from the Assembly at the call of Moulana Bhashani in 1969 during the mass movement against Ayub regime. He was arrested again in April 1970 in Tobateksing in the Punjab during the Yahya regime and was tried at Lyallpur and was sentenced to seven years R.L.

He was elected General Secretary of the then Pakistan National Awami Party in July 1970 and also the General Secretary of East Pakistan National Awami Party in September same year.

On March 23 1971 at a public meeting in Paltan Maidan he declared that there was only one point demand of the NAP that East Pakistan should be an independent and sovereign country.

After the crackdown of the Pakistan occupation army he went to India where he was persecuted by the then Indian regime and had to flee from there to his home village from where he was arrested by the Pakistan army.

He contributed largely to the war of liberation by keeping up the morale of the people.

After liberation he was arrested by Mujib regime in April 1972 and was released in March 1974 under a Supreme Court verdict in his favour. He was rearrested in June 1974 and was released on 24 August 1975.

Mr. Mashiur Rahman was elected chairman of the Bangladesh National Awami Party in 1977 after the death of Moulana Bhashani.

Mr. Mashiur Rahman a nationalist politician has a long record of sufferings for over last 24 years for the cause of the people and the country and he was always played a vital role in the progressive democratic movements.

Mr. Mashiur Rahman is the son of late Osman Ghani and Al-Haji A Begum. Mr. Rahman is married to Mrs. Sabera Khatun and has five sons and six daughters.

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