

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Sculpture in remembrance: a contradiction

I have read the interview article captioned 'Sculpture in Remembrance' which came out in your daily on November 10, 1979. It seems that Syed Abdullah Khalid through this interview has destroyed facts by skilfully evading the actual back-ground. He has 'turn-shed certain information which are not based on facts and are also misleading.

The people who worked on the project, he has mentioned that in 1974, he produced a model which was submitted to the Dacca University authority and was "readily approved with a budget of Tk. 30,000. This is not true.

The work started under the supervision of a three-member committee—the members were Dr. Belayetullah and Mr. M. Hamid.

Although he mentioned the names of some members of the subsequent committee, he did not mention any name of the first committee.

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those who were employed to do the sculpturing. But Mr. Khalid has sung his own

praise and tried to hide the

role of those who deserve

credit for the project, parti-

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cultural secretary of DUCSU

who is the pioneer and with-

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ject would not have seen the

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Why did he avoid the name of Mr. M. Hamid? Was it for the reason that mention of Mr. Hamid's name and his contribution would overshadow Mr. S. A. Khalid's role although he is the sculptor. Isn't it true that Mr. M. Hamid's role has not only helped establish the sculpture but the sculptor too which he is afraid to recognise, may be overwhelmed by apparent. It is all the more surprising that although a three-member committee was working together on the sculpture out of some complex fact, facts cannot be kept concealed and will come out as they light on its own.

I want to mention the name of Mr. M. Hamid. It may be noted in this connection that number of members of the committee was never 12. Previously it was 11 and now it is 13. The work stopped in August, 1975 Mr. Khalid did not say anything about how the work started again in January this year although it is very important and significant factor as far as the project is concerned, because in this case also Mr. M. Hamid's role becomes overwhelming apparent.

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