



Vice-President Mr. Justice A K M Nurul Islam was born in 1925 in an illustrious, educated and cultured family in the village Khajipur within the then sub-division of Manikganj, district Dhaka.

With a brilliant academic career to his credit he was enrolled as an Advocate of Dhaka High Court on August 27,



1951 after spending about two years of his articulated pupillage in the Calcutta High Court. He was also enrolled as an Advocate of the then Supreme Court in 1956. He was sworn in as an Additional Judge of the Dhaka High Court on October 21, 1968, and was made permanent as a Judge in 1970.

Mr Justice Islam was sworn in as the Chief Election Commissioner of Bangladesh on July 8, 1977. He was appointed Chief Election Commissioner of Bangladesh for the second term in 1982. He successfully conducted several national elections earning fame both in and outside the country. He was member of the Commonwealth Observer Group for the famous election held in 1980 in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) as leader of the Bangladesh delegation.

Mr Justice Islam was a brilliant Advocate of repute. He picked up commendable experience in all branches of law, particularly, in civil, commercial and constitutional laws. In the Bar he had the fortune to work with Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Haq as his Junior and with late Hossain Shahed Suhrawardy and he was also actively associated with them in their political activities. He was one of the founders and a senior Professor of City Law College, Dhaka. He was Senior Vice-President of the then High Court Bar Association. He has made some contributions in the domain of Bengali literature and translated in English the book of verse named as 'Blood Smear-ed Alphabets' ('Shanitakia Akhar')—Sanibachita Ekush-er Kabita—written by Mrs Jahanara Arzoo. He was actively connected with the Language Movement of 1952 and independence movement of 1971. He also took active part in the independence movement of the Muslims before partition.

Mr Justice Islam is of amiable disposition and is loved by all who have come in contact with him. Since his school days he has been an ardent social worker. While studying in Calcutta he organised several humanitarian institutions including a night school. At present also he is connected with many such organisations. He was President of the Governing Board of the Holy Family Red Cross Hospital, Dhaka.

Dhaka and Vice-Chairman of Nazrul Academy, Dhaka. He is Honorary Life Member of Nazrul Academy and connected with many other humanitarian and socio-cultural organizations.

He travelled far and wide in many countries, namely U. K., U. S. A., Sweden, Switzerland, France, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and China.

In his personal life his wife Mrs. Jahanara Arzoo, is a reputed poetess of Bangladesh. His eldest daughter Mrs. Marina Jahan, is a Lecturer of Bengali in a Government College and is a litterateur and a reputed radio.T.V. artiste. His second daughter Mrs. Lubna Jahan is also a litterateur and reputed Radio.T.V. artiste. His eldest son Md. Ashfaul Islam is an Advocate of the Supreme Court and the youngest son Md. Zahinul Islam is a B.Sc. (Honours) student in the University and a radio artiste. His residence 'Kabitangan' is really a centre of art and culture.