



Akbar sworn-in as Petroleum Minister

Lt. Col. (Retd) Akbar Hossain was sworn in as the Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources at a simple ceremony at Bangabhavan on Thursday evening reports BSS.

The swearing-in ceremony was conducted by President Ziaur Rahman.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by the Vice President, Mr. Justice Abdus Sattar, and other members of the Cabinet.

The Cabinet post fell vacant

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when Mr. A. Z. M. Enayetullah Khan submitted his resignation on Thursday morning and which was accepted by the President.

LIFE-SKETCH

Born in Comilla in 1941, and a graduate of the Dacca University, Lt. Col. (Retd) Akbar Hossain joined the Army in 1965 and was commissioned following year.

He played an active role in the War of Liberation in 1971 and was awarded 'Bir-Protik' for his gallantry in the war in various fronts.

Col. Akbar Hossain resigned from the Army in 1974 and joined active politics. Till recently, he was the Vice-President of United People's Party (UPP). During his political career, he has actively participated in labour movements.

Col. Akbar Hossain, represented Bangladesh last month in the 33rd General Assembly session of the United Nations. He is married and has three sons.