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Dr. Matin Chowdhury dead

By A Staff Reporter

Bose Professor Abdul Matin Chowdhury, a former Vice-Chancellor of the Dacca University, died of heart failure at the Dhanmondi residence of former Inspector General of Police Taslimuddin Ahmed at 8-30 p.m. on Wednesday. He was 61.

Prof. Chowdhury, who went to visit his friend's residence on a courtesy call suffered a heart stroke at 9-20 p.m. Doctor pronounced him dead after 10 minutes.

Prof. Chowdhury, who was also the founder-Chairman of the Bangabandhu Parishad, left behind his wife, three sons and a daughter. The time and venue of his Namaz-e-Janaza will be announced later after the arrival of his eldest son who is a Chartered Accountant in London.

Prof Abdul Matin Chowdhury was born on May 1, 1921 at village Nandanpur under Luxmipur police station of Noakhali district. He passed the matriculation examination in 1937 and secured fourth position in the Calcutta University. He obtained honours de-

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gree in physics in 1942 securing first place in first class. He also obtained masters degree in 1943 and was placed first in first class.

Before he joined the Dacca University, he worked in Meteorological Department for several years. He was Provost of Iqbal Hall in 1964 and served as the Head of the Department of Physics between 1964 and 1967.

Prof Matin Chowdhury was member (research) Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission. He also worked as an adviser in the Ministry of Defence under Pakistan Government.

He again joined the Dacca University and served as its Vice Chancellor since 1973 till he resigned the post in 1975.

He was selected by the Swedish Academy of Science for Nobel Prize Selection Committee as a member from Asia.

In 1975, he was arrested on charge of corruption and remained in jail for 17 months.

Mrs Sheikh Hasina Wazed and Mr Abdur Razzak, President and General Secretary respectively of Bangladesh Awami League (H) condoled the death of Prof. Matin Chowdhury.