



Dr. Rashid passes away

By A Staff Correspondent

Dr. M. A. Rashid, former Presidential Adviser and first Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Technology, died in Dacca on Friday at the P.G. Hospital. He was 63.

Dr. Rashid was admitted to the Hospital on October 28 with severe head injury in a road accident. Since then, he was unconscious.

A Medical Board was constituted to examine him with Prof. Ahsanullah, Prof. M. T. Hossain and Prof. Rashiduddin Ahmed as members.

Dr. P.M. Tandon Professor
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of Neuro-surgery, All India Institute of Medical Science, New Delhi also examined him and viewed that no surgical intervention was required at that stage.

Dr. Rashid did not regain his consciousness and the end came at 4 p.m. on the day.

Dr. Rashid is survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter.

Born in January 1, 1919, at Bogadubi under Chunarughat Police Station in Sylhet, he had his schooling in Sylhet and did the Bachelor of Engineering course in the Bangla Engineering College at Shibpur before graduating in civil engineering from the Calcutta University in 1942. He went to the USA in 1945 and studied at the Carnegie Institute of Technology. He was awarded the Master of Science Degree in 1947 and Doctor of Science in 1948.

Dr. Rashid joined the Ahsanullah Engineering College as an Assistant Professor in 1948. He was appointed Principal of the College in 1954 and when the college was turned into a University in 1962, he was appointed its Vice-Chancellor.

He was the Chairman of the erstwhile East Pakistan Public Service Commission in 1970. He was appointed a member of the National Pay Commission in 1972 and then a member of the Industrial Workers' Wages and Productivity Commission in 1973.

Besides, Dr. Rashid was a part-time member of the Commission on National Commission in 1959, National Commission on Manpower and Education in 1963 and also Chairman of the National Committee on Examinations in 1970.

He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Asian Institute of Technology at Bangkok. At the recent Commonwealth summit in Melbourne, he was elected President of the Commonwealth Foundation.

He was the first President of the Bangladesh Bridge Federation.

As a former member of the President's Advisory Council, he was in charge of the Ministry of Public Works and Urban Development.

Sattar grieved

Acting President Mr. Justice Abdus Sattar on Friday expressed profound grief and shock at the tragic death of Dr. Abdur Rashid, former Presidential Adviser saying it was an irreparable loss to the nation re. BSS.

In a condolence message the Acting President said the nation would always remember with gratitude his tireless efforts to free the educational institutions from corruption and his invaluable contributions as a member of the advisory council of the late President Ziaur Rahman.

Justice Sattar expressed his sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Death condoled

Dr. Mofizuddin Ahmed President of Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science (BAAS) on Friday mourned the tragic death of Dr. M.A. Rashid.

Dr. Ahmed recalled the invaluable service of Dr. Rashid who was also a former president of BAAS, in the field of science and technology and termed his death as an irreparable loss to the nation.

Dr. Ahmed offered heartfelt condolence and sympathy to the members of the bereaved family on behalf of the scientists of BAAS.

Vice-President and General Secretary of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology condoled the death of Dr. Rashid on Friday. They prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to members of the bereaved family.