

# Enamul Huq dead

by A Staff Correspondent

Dr Enamul Huq, an eminent scholar and educationist died of bronchitis at the Institute of Post-Graduate Medicine and Research (IPGMR) on Tuesday noon.

He was 76.

The naima-e-janaza of the late scholar was held at the Dacca University Mosque after Asar prayer on the day.

The body of Dr. Huq was flown to his village home Bakhtpur, under Fatikchari police station in Chittagong district for burial.

He was under the treatment at P.G. Hospital since January 20 last.

Dr. Huq is survived by his three sons, four daughters and a host of friends, relatives and students to mourn his death.

University teachers and students gathered at the P.G. Hospital. The body was first taken to the Jikatala residence of Dr. Huq from P.G. Hospital.

Dr Enamul Huq was born in 1906 at Bakhtpur, under Fatikchari Police Station of Chittagong district.

Dr. Enamul Huq joined the non-violence and non-cooperation movement in 1921 when he was a school student. His first book which was a collection of patriotic songs was published during the same period and was banned by the then British Government.

He passed the Entrance Examination with Mohsin scholarship in 1923. He had his B.A. (Hons) in Arabic from Chittagong Government College and obtained M.A. in Indian language with record marks from Calcutta University. He was the first Bengali Muslim to get "Jagattarin Padak".

He got Ph. D for his thesis on "Bange Sufibader Itihas" (the history of Sufism in Bengal) in 1924 from the Calcutta University.

Dr Huq joined the then Bengal Education Service and served in different colleges in various capacities. He was the Principal of Jagannath College, Dacca and Daulatpur College, Khulna. He joined the Rajshahi University in 1948 and became Head of the Department of Bengali in 1960.

He was the first Chairman of the then East Pakistan School Text-book Board and also Director of Bangla Academy. He was also a member of University Grants Commission.

He was also Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University which was his last assignment.

He was given President's Award in 1976 for his contribution to the development of Ben-

gali language and literature. He also got Bangla Academy award in 1967 but the same money was donated to introduce an award "Enamul Huq Padak" for eminent literatures.

He visited China and Bulgaria.

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## An irreparable loss: Sattar

President Abdus Sattar on Tuesday expressed his deep grief at the death of eminent educationist and litterateur Dr. Enamul Huq, reports BSS.

In a condolence message, the President said that the nation would always remember his contributions in the fields of literature and education.

Describing Dr. Huq's death as an irreparable loss for the nation, he said, "In his (Dr. Huq) death the nation has lost a great son of the soil."

The President conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

### Shamsul Huq

Foreign Minister Prof. M. Shamsul Huq on Tuesday expressed "deep grief" at the death of Dr. Enamul Huq, an eminent educationist, scholar and litterateur.

In a message of condolence the Foreign Minister described the death as "an irreparable loss" for the nation.

He said, by his

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to the successful handling of Pakistan's foreign policy.

The Press Release said Mr. Shahi served as the Foreign Minister during a difficult time of Pakistan's history and discharged his onerous responsibilities with great dedication and utmost devotion."

"The President wishes Mr. Agha Shahi fast and full recovery and hopes that his experience and wise counsel will continue to be available to the country" the re added.