



Ibrahim Khan dead

By A Staff Reporter

Principal Ibrahim Khan, renowned educationist and litterateur, died on Wednesday morning at the Dacca Medical College Hospital (DMCH) at the age of 84.

Principal Khan was admitted to the DMCH on Saturday night following a massive stroke. Already suffering from diabetes and high blood pressure, the condition of the octogenarian scholar deteriorated fast since Tuesday night when he became unconscious with the left side of the body paralysed. The end came at 10.47 a.m. on Wednesday.

Present at the bed side were his eldest son Mr Asaduzzaman Khan alias Suja Mia, daughter Khaleda Habib and grandchildren. The youngest of his two sons, Mr Aminuzzaman Khan, was in London.

The body of the deceased was taken to his Dhanmondi residence where a large number of people went to pay their last respect. Among those who visited his house were Dr M. N.

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Huda, Presidential Adviser for Planning, Dr. Ashraf Siddiqui, Director General of the Bangla Academy, Mr Md. Nasiruridin, a renowned litterateur of the country and Mr Abdul Mannan, former Health Minister.

NAMAZ-E-JANAZA

The Namaz-e-Janaza of Principal Ibrahim Khan was held at the Baitul Mukarram Mosque after the Asar prayer. It was attended by a large number of people including political leaders, university teachers, litterateurs and students.

The body of the deceased was kept at his residence "Dakkin Hawa" on Wednesday night. It will be taken to his village home Bhuapur in Tangail district this morning (Thursday).

According to a family source, Namaz-e-Janaza of Principal Khan will also be held at the Karatia Sadat College premises at 7.30 a.m. and at Bhuapur College premises at 10.30 a.m. today (Thursday). He will be laid to rest at the Bhuapur College compound.

It may be mentioned here that Principal Ibrahim Khan was the Founder-Principal of Karatia Sadat College and founder of Bhuapur College.

LIFE SKETCH

Born in 1894 at village Birandi (at present Shahbaznagar) under Bhuapur police station of Tangail district, Principal Ibrahim Khan had his early education at his village home. He was one of the six sons of his father, Shahbaz Khan, a renowned figure of the locality.

Principal Khan passed his matriculation examination from Pigna High School in 1912. He got his Masters degree in English from Calcutta University as a private candidate in 1919 and did graduation in law in 1923.

Principal Ibrahim Khan had earned respect for his dedication to and sacrifice for the cause of the Muslims in the field of education. During his long association with the Karatia Sadat College, which was established in 1926, for about 26 years as Principal, Mr. Khan earned reputation as an outstanding educationist and the prefix 'Principal' became a part of his name. He also founded Bhuapur Boys and Girls High School.

After his retirement from the Karatia College, Principal Ibrahim Khan was elected member of the then Provincial Legislative Assembly in 1946. He also discharged the responsibility of the Chairman of the Secondary Education Board of erstwhile East Pakistan from 1948 to 1958. He became member of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly in 1953 and was again elected a member of Parliament in 1952.

Principal Ibrahim Khan was associated with a number of educational, political and socio-cultural organisations. The organisations included the Calcutta University Senate, Executive Council of Tangail sub-division Muslim League Bangla Academy, Bang-

a College Mymensingh District Students Association in Calcutta Tangail Mehfil in Dacca, Tangail Rayat Samity and Mahajan Birodhi Samity. He was the President of Provincial Primary Teachers Association for eight years. A widely travelled man, Principal Ibrahim Khan was a close associate of such important personalities as Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Huq, Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy, Moulana Bhashani Mohammad Ali Jinanah, Mahatma Gandhi, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Deshbandu Chittaranjan Das, R. P. Saha

Siv Prafulla Chandra Roy, Mdilana Akram Khan, Kavi Kaikobad and Mrs. Anne Beasant.

A great educationist, Principal Ibrahim Khan had dedicated the major part of his life to literary work, which made him a well known figure in the literary circles of the sub-continent.

Of his over 80 literary works 64 have been published. Many of his pieces were included in the curricula for secondary and higher secondary education of the country. One of his books, Anecdotes from Islam, has been translated into different foreign languages and selected as curricula in Indonesia. A versatile writer, he wrote

short juvenile literature, drama, travelogue, translations and novels. Some of his popular works are Kamal Pasha, Anwar Pasha, Islamer Marm Katha, Istanbul Jatri, Patra, Naya Chine Ek Chakkar Aloo, Bokhara, Surji Mamar Rath, Chheleder Shahnama, Mahanabi Omar Faruq Mayer Bui, Jangi Jiban Kafela and Banglaye Chhotoder Miladu-un-nabi.

Principal Ibrahim Khan was awarded "Ekushey Padak" in 1977 for his contribution to the field of education.

He has left behind two sons Asaduzzaman Khan and Aminuzzaman Khan, a daughter Mrs Khaleda Habib a former Parliamentary Secretary and a number of grand children.

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