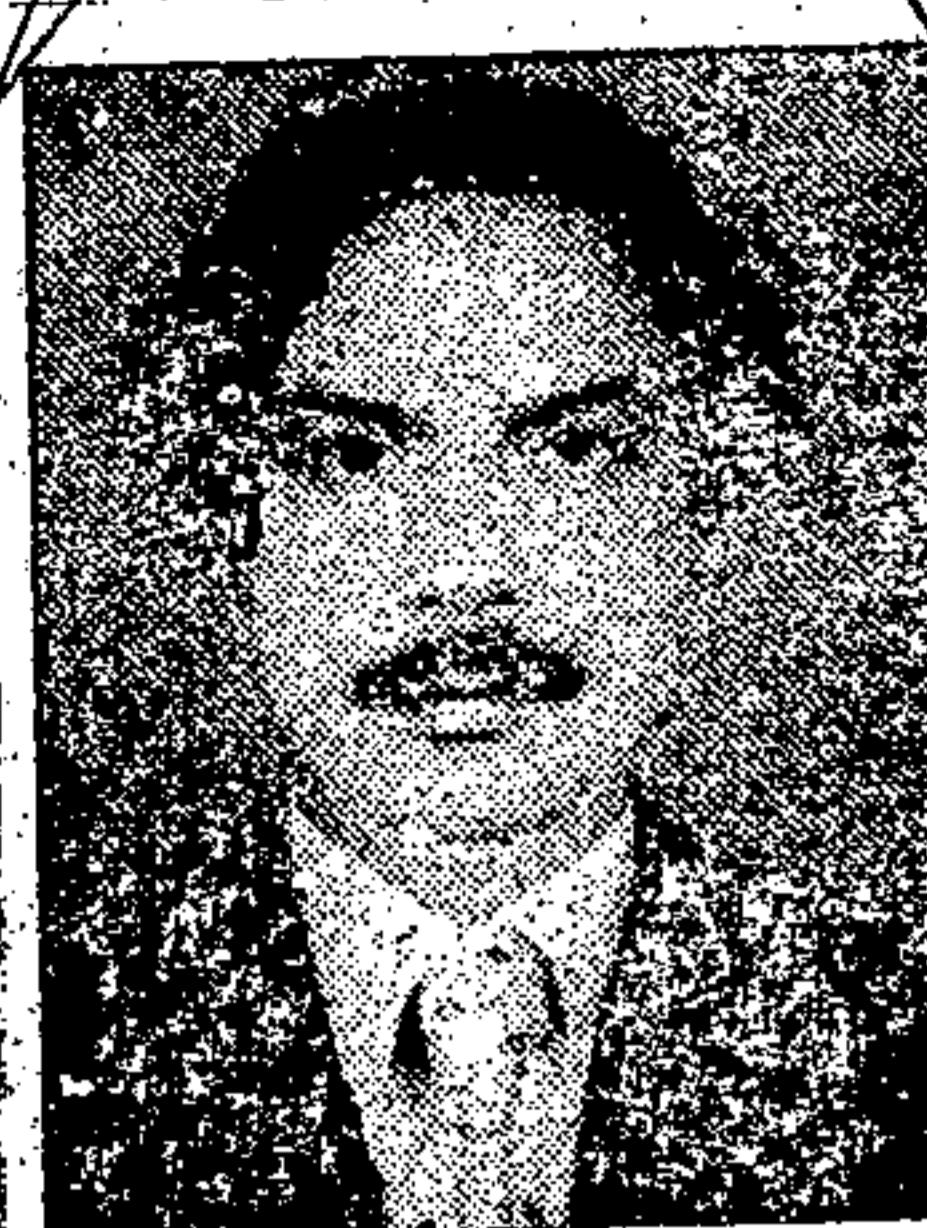


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Life-sketch of Haroon-ar-Rashid

Mr Haroon-ar-Rashid who was made Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad was born in 1940 in Brahmanbaria subdivision under Comilla district. He obtained his Masters degree in Political Science from the University of Dacca in 1961. He also took his LL.B degree from the same university in 1963. He joined the bar in Brahmanbaria in 1964 and established himself as a leading practitioner in the subdivisional bar.

He was active in politics since his early life. He took active part in the language movement in 1952. He was also active in the students movement in 1962 against the Ayub regime when he suffered imprisonment for sometime.

He joined the Jagodal when the party was formed under the leadership of Justice Abdus Sattar in 1978 and was made the Convener of the party in Brahmanbaria. After the Bangladesh Nationalist Party was formed he joined the party. He was made the District Convener of BNP unit in Brahmanbaria.

Mr Haroon-ar-Rashid was elected a member of the Jatiya Sangsad in the 1979 Parliamentary elections and was made the Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad in May, 1979. He continued his responsibilities as the Whip until he was made the Chief Whip recently.

He was associated with different sports and cultural organisations. He was twice elected General Secretary of Brahmanbaria Advocates' Bar Association in 1978 and 1979.

He is married and has two sons and one daughter.