



Qazi Motahar Hossain dead

By A Staff Correspondent

National Professor and eminent litterateur Dr Qazi Motahar Hussain died at P.G. Hospital on Friday morning. He was laid to rest at Banani graveyard on the same day.

Dr Qazi Motahar Hussain 85 was a scientist statistician, an litterateur and a renowned sportsman. His fame as a noted chess player was recognised both at home and abroad. An amiable personality Dr Qazi Motahar Hussain was respected by all irrespective of caste and creed for his outstanding contribution in the field of education, scientific research and social work.

His Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Baitul Mukarram Mosque after Asr prayer. Again his Namaz-e-Janaza was held at the University Mosque. A large number of people, including politicians, litterateurs, artistes and educationists attended the Janaza. Dr Qazi Motahar Hussain left behind two sons, six daughters and a host of relations to mourn his death. The Qul Khwani of late

Qazi Motahar Hussain will be held today (Monday) after Asr prayer at his Segun Bagicha house. The Acting President Mr Justice Abdus Sattar, other government leaders, political parties socio-cultural organisations condoled the death of Dr Qazi Motahar Hussain. After his death Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh Television put up special programme on him.

Dr Qazi Motahar Hussain was in coma since September 26 last and was suffering from acute cerebrovascular problems.

Life-sketch

National Professor Kazi Motahar Hussain, a noted scientist, educationist and litterateur was born at village Laxmipur under Kumarkhali thana of Kushtia district in 1897. He was the son of late Kazi Gauhar Uddin Ahmed and late Mrs Tasirunnesa. His father lived in Pangsha thana of Faridpur. He was an Inspector of Surveyors.

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ed his education at the village school. He passed the Matriculation examination from Kushtia High School in 1915. He also studied for some time at Presidency School of Calcutta. Later, he passed the Intermediate examination from Rishahi College and obtained his B.A. degree from Dacca College with honours in physics. He had his M.A. degree from Calcutta Presidency College in physics in 1921.

He had his diploma in statistics in 1939 from Indian Institute of Statistics and at the same year he obtained his M.A. degree from the Calcutta University in mathematics.

He was awarded Ph.D. from the Dacca University for his thesis in 'design of experiments'.

He joined as Demonstrator in the Physics Department of Dacca University in 1921 and was promoted as a Lecturer after some time. He served as a Reader in the same department before he was appointed as Supernumerary Professor. He was appointed an Emeritus Professor in 1951. He was appointed as National Professor in 1975.

His contributions in the field of literature include writing of books and essays, etc. Some of his books are "Shai Pathey", "Nazrul Kabbya Parichiti", "Ganit Shasrar Itihash".

Some of his essays written on social and scientific matters are included in the syllabus for degree students. He was associated with a number of national and international organisations. He was the first member of the Institute of Statistics in Hague from Bangladesh. He was also member of erstwhile Pakistan Science Association, Union of Mathematics in Rome, American Statistical Association, Indian Statistical Association Council etc. He also represented Bangladesh in different conference on statistics in different countries.

He was a member of the Cultural Investigation Committee. He was also closely connected with Bangla Academy, Music College and made his contributions in various ways. He was awarded Sitaray Imtiaz in 1960.

He married Sajeda Khatun in 1920 who hails from Hooghly. One daughter died earlier. He left behind two sons and six daughters. He had altogether eleven children. Two of his sons and one daughter died earlier. Sanjida Khatun and Fahmida Khatun, two noted exponents of Tagore songs are his daughters. He was a widely travelled man. He travelled United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, Italy, Argentina, China, Japan, Korea, United States, Canada, Mexico, etc. He was a noted chess player. He won the All India Chess Championship in 1925. He earned fame as a chess player in Europe and America.

Dr. M.O. Ghani

Dr. M.O. Ghani M.P. & President of Bangladesh Academy of Sciences has condoled the death of National Professor Dr. Qazi Motahar Hossain. Describing the late scholar as a genius of rare versatility, Dr. Ghani said that as a man of simple habits, an unostentatious life style and as a free thinker, Dr. Hossain had won love and admiration of all who came into his contact. In his death, the nation has lost an intellectual of rare calibre, he added.