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## Syed Murtaza Ali dead

By A Staff Reporter

Syed Murtaza Ali, former chairman of the Press Institute of Bangladesh, died of heart attack at the Combined Military Hospital on Sunday morning at 2.40 (Innalillahe... Rajeyn).

He was 78. Syed Murtaza Ali happened to be the Chairman of the Press Institute of Bangladesh till March, 1981.

Mr Ali suffered a stroke about a couple of weeks ago and fell into a coma, while still asleep on August 4. He was removed to the CMH and was given artificial respiration. Mr Ali never regained his consciousness before joining the Press Institute. Mr Ali had served as the chairman of the Bangla Academy and before that as the treasurer of the Dacca University. He was also closely associated with the Asiatic Society and the District Gazetteer Committee.

Mr Murtaza Ali was born in Sylhet in 1903. After passing I.Sc. from the Sylhet M.C. College, he did his B.Sc. (honours) in Chemistry from Calcutta Presidency College. Mr Ali was in the Assam Civil Service be-

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fore the partition of India. He was appointed A.D.C., Sylhet, in 1948. He served as DC, Kushtia, in 1948, DC, Bogra, in 1949, and A.D.C. Chittagong, in 1950.

He was appointed Deputy Secretary, Commerce, at Karachi in 1951, after this, he became the chief controller of export-import for sometime. He returned to Dacca in 1953 and became the Revenue Secretary.

He was Commissioner, Rajshahi, before retirement from government service in December, 1958. Apart from these, Mr Ali happened to be the founder-director of the Gazetted Officers' Academy.

BSS adds: Syed Murtaza Ali, an eminent litterateur and former Chairman of Bangladesh Press Institute, who died late last night was laid to eternal rest at Banani Graveyard in Dacca on Sunday, afternoon.

Earlier, the Namaz-e-Janaza of the deceased was held at the Dhanmondi Mosque on Road number seven. The Namaz-e-Janaza was attended among others by political leaders, litterateurs, journalists and his relatives.

Syed Murtaza Ali was admitted into Combined Military Hospital on Tuesday night in an unconscious state following a heart attack till his death he never regained consciousness.

He left behind his wife four sons, five daughters a large number of friends and admirers.