

## Abul Fazal laid to rest

CHITTAGONG, May 5: Prof Abdul Fazal, eminent litterateur and educationist of the country, who died here last night was laid to rest at the Kazir Dewri Mosque graveyard here this afternoon, reports BSS.

Earlier, Namaze-e-Janaza of Prof Fazal was held at Circuit House Maidan. A large number of people from all walks of life attended the Janaza. Zonal Martial Law Administrator Maj Gen. Abdul Mannaf, Chittagong University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Abdul Aziz Khan, high officials, educationists and students were present at the Janaza.

Since early morning large number of people had started pouring in at the Kazir Dewri residence of Prof Abul Fazal to pay their last respect to the departed soul.

### CONDOLENCE

Our Staff Reporter adds: Different socio-cultural, political and students organisations on Thursday condoled the death of Prof. Abul Fazal, an eminent litterateur and educationist and expressed their sympathy to members of the bereaved family.

Bangladesh Press Commission on Thursday in a meeting con-

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## Ershad shocked

The Chief Martial Law Administrator, Lt Gen H M Ershad, on Thursday expressed his profound shock at the death of eminent educationist, litterateur and thinker Prof Abul Fazal, reports BSS.

In a condolence message Gen Ershad said that the bold and creative contributions of the late Professor in the fields of literature and education would eternise his memory.

Praying for the peace of the departed soul, the CMLA conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

### MAJEED KHAN

The Education Minister Dr. A Majeed Khan expressed his deep shock at the death of Prof. Abul Fazal and said he had taken up his pen against injustices in the society to re-

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doled the death of Prof. Abul Fazal and extended its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family. Mr Ataur Rahman Khan, Chairman, Bangladesh Press Commission was in the chair.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy arranged a meeting on Thursday to condole the death of the eminent educationist. The meeting presided over by Mr Azad Rahman, Director General of the Academy, paid tributes to the late litterateur and extended deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Bangladesh Academy in a press release on Thursday expressed its deep shock at the death of Bangla Academy award winner Prof Abul Fazal and extended its sympathy to the members of the bereaved family. The Bangla Academy will organise a memorial meeting tomorrow (Saturday) at its premises at 5 p.m.

The National Book Centre of Bangladesh on Thursday organised condolence meeting and paid tributes to the late litterateur.

Mr Haider Akbar Khan Rana and Mr Rashed Khan Menon, General Secretary and member of the secretariat respectively of Bangladesh Workers Party in a joint statement expressed their profound shock at the death of Prof. Abul Fazal and extended deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Serajuddin Ahmed President of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Thursday expressed his profound shock and sorrow at the demise of Prof Abul Fazal.

The Chamber President prayed for the salvation and eternal peace of the departed soul and expressed his sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury and Mr Nur-e-Alam Siddiqui, President and General

Secretary respectively of Bangladesh Awami League (Mzan) in a joint statement condoled the death of the late educationist and extended their sympathy to the bereaved family.

Others who sent messages of condolence included: Mr Kalim Sharafi, President Udichi Shilpi Ghosh, Chowdhury Harunur Rashid and Mr Pankaj Bhattacharya, President and General Secretary of NAP (Harun), Mr Azad Sultan, Convener, Jatiya Palli Mangal Samity, Khandakar Manzura-Mowla, Convener, Jatiya Juba Andolan, Mr Md

Mari Kamal Khan Sohel, former student leader, Prof Nur Mohammad Mia and Mr Md Hasan Ali, President and Secretary-General respectively of Bangladesh Public Administration ex-Students' Association, Khandakar Mohd Faruk and Mr Anwarul Haq, President and General Secretary respectively of Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Mr Anisur Rahman, Joint Convener of Jatiya Ganatantrik Party, Mr Mahabuddin, General Secretary of Engineering University Central Students Union (EUCSU) Central Pathak Pathika Chhatra Sangsad, Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association.

General M A G Curary, Chief of Jatiya Janata Party, Mr Moni Singh, President, and Mr Mohammad Farhad, General Secretary, the Communist Party of Bangladesh, Mr A S M Abdul Rab, General Secretary Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, Moulana M A Matin, Chief of Bangladesh Labour Party (Matin), Prof Muzaffar Ahmed, President and P Habbur Rahman, General Secretary, Bangladesh National Awami Party (M), and Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Convener, Jatiya Krishak Samity.

### BFUJ, DUJ

The four leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists and Dhaka Union of Journalists have expressed their deep shock at the death of Prof Abul Fazal and paid rich tributes to his memory.

The leaders—Messrs Ahmed Humayun, Reazuddin Ahmed, Anwar Zahid and Amanullah Kabir—said in a joint statement that in his death the country lost an outstanding litterateur, an outspoken man who stood by truth and justice.

They said his death was an irreparable loss and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.

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move those by his writings.

In a condolence message the Minister said Prof. Abul Fazal had a leading role in the movement for freedom of thought and referred to his association with the group called 'Shikha' in this connection.

Prof. Fazal, he said, made an outstanding contribution to the field of education both as the Education Minister and an eminent educationist. He was active participant all through his life in the field of education.