Life sketches of 3 ministers

Mahmudul Hassan

Maj. Gen. Mahmudul Hassan was born in a respectable Muslim family in the district of Tangail. On March 1, 1936, after obtaining Bachelor Degree in Science from Dhaka University he joined Officers' Training School, Kohat and was commissioned on June 13, 1958. He did his B.Sc. (Civil Engineering) from Military College of Engineering, Rasulpur. During his long tenure of services in Pakistan and Bangladesh Army he held various key command and staff appointments. In Pakistan he took active part in the Indo-Pak war in 1965 in Kashmir sector.

Before his present assignment as Engineer-in-Chief, Bangladesh Army, he held coveted appointments like Station Commander, Logistic Area Commander, and Commander 14 Independent Engineer Brigade, Dhaka Cantt. Being a graduate in engineering, he served in Military Engineering Services in various capacities and remained actively engaged in engineering projects. As Engineer-in-Chief, he was promoted to the rank of Maj. Gen. on August 23, 1982. In addition he was appointed by the Government as Administrator, Dhaka Municipal Corporation on May 1, 1982 and has been holding dual appointments till now.

After Gen. Mahmudul Hasan has taken over as Administrator, a great change has been experienced by the inhabitants of Dhaka with the construction of roads, remodelling of old shops and public places. Childrens' parks have also been constructed.

He visited a number of countries in Asia and Europe in various capacities.

Gen. Mahmudul Hasan is fond of sports and games. As a proficient golfer he participated in many national and international golf tournament and won many trophies.

The General is married and has two sons and a daughter.

Fazlay Rabbi

Born in 1934 at Palashbari of Gaibandha district, Dr. T. I. M. Fazlay Rabbi Chowdhury graduated in 1957 from erstwhile East Pakistan College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry and obtained Ph D in Virology Immunology from Texas A and M University.

Dr. Chowdhury began his profession as a hospital Surgeon in 1958 at Dhaka Government Veterinary Hospital. During 1959 to 1961 he was a Lecturer in Microbiology at the College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Mymensingh. He served as Professor in the department of Micro-biology and Hygiene at Bangladesh Agricultural University in 1973. During 1973-74 Dr. Cowdhury had been a visiting Professor of Animal Pathology to Cambridge University. He was nominated a Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge University. Dr. Chowdhury has been working as Head of the Department of Microbiology and Hygiene at Bangladesh Agricultural University since 1973.

Dr. Chowdhury was Proctor, Director of Students Affairs Division, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Member of the Planning and Development Committee, Member of the Syndicate, Member of the Finance Committee and Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the Agricultural University. He was also Member of the Association of Universities of Bangladesh, the Executive Committee of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, the University Grants Commission and the Executive Committee of the Bangladesh Medical Research Council.

He is Member of American Society of Avian Pathologists (USA), International Society of Biological Standardisation (UK) and Bangladesh Association for Advancement of Science. He is Vice-President of Bangladesh Veterinary Association and Member of the Editorial Boards of Bangladesh Veterinary Journal and Bangladesh Society of Microbiologists.

Dr. Chowdhury is a widely travelled man Apart from study tours he visited many institutions and attended seminars and conferences in USA, UK, India and Sri Lanka on several occasions.

He has number of research works and publications to his credit. He takes keen interest in extracurricular activities including games and sports. He is married and has five children.

Dr. Chowdhury was appointed a Member of the Council of Ministers on December 19, 1984.

Anisul Islam

Barrister Anisul Islam Mahmud, was born in a respectable Muslim family of Chittagong in 1947. His father was a well-known industrialist in the then East Pakistan and his grandfather was a renowned social worker. His maternal grandfather late Dr Sanaullah, Ph.D. (London), Barrister-at-Law was a Member of the Bengal Legislative Assembly and Chairman of Chittagong District Board.

Barrister Mahmud passed his SSC from Faujderhat Cadet College in the First Division in 1963 and HSC in 1965 securing 4th place in the Science group. He obtained his BA (Hons) Degree in Economics from the Dhaka University in 1968 and M.Sc. in Economics from Islamabad University and was placed First Class Second. In 1970 he did M.A. in Economics from Essex University, UK under Commonwealth Scholarship. In 1975 he was called to the Bar from Lincoln's Inn, London.

Barrister Anis was Debating Secretary of Chittagong College Students' Union in 1963-64 and later was the Member of the Economic Association of Dhaka University. He was the Founder President of Old Faujian Association in 1969-70.

During 1969-70, he was Lecturer of Economics in Dhaka University. In 1972-73, he was Senior Research Associate in Economics at Anglia University (UK) and was Lecturer in Economics in Hatfield College (UK) from 1973-77.

In 1979, he was elected Member of Jatiya Sangsad as a BNP candidate. As an MP he was a Member of the Public Accounts Committee and Standing Committe on Education.

In 1981, he attended the 36th session of the United Nations General Assembly as a Member of the Bangladesh delegation. In 1980, he visited the United States on invitation from the US Government to see the presidential elections and study the political process. He visited Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Greece in 1979 under the auspices of ILO to study the small cottage industries and agriculture in those countries.

He also visited France, Italy, West Germany, India, Canada, South Korea and Thailand.

He is married and has one son and one daughter. He takes interest in photography, cricket and travelling.