

Biswas, Khaleda pay last respects

## Yunus Khan dead

BARISAL, Nov 22:— Principal Md. Yunus Khan, State Minister for Education, died of lung cancer here at his own residence at Kaunia of Barisal town at 12-10 a.m. today (Tuesday). He was 51, reports BSS. Late Mr. Khan hailed from the



Village Sonapura under Faridpur Union of Bakerganj Thana of this district. He left behind his parents, three brothers, six sisters, his wife, one daughter, three sons, friends and a large number of well wishers to mourn his death. Late Mr. Yunus Khan was a Vice President of the Central BNP Committee and State Minister for Education till his death.

His father Md. Mobarak Ali Khan (85) and mother Ms Sakhina Begum (70) are still alive. Late Mr. Yunus Khan was the second son of his parents. In his student life, Mr. Yunus was an active leader of the students' union. In his political career, he was a member of Bhasani NAP. In 1978 he joined BNP.

He was M.Sc. in Chemistry. In his professional life, he was a Professor of Barisal College, Barisal Women's College, and Syed Hatem Ali Col-

lege. He was also Founder-Principal of Barisal Islamia College at Amanatgonj of the town. Principal Mohammad Yunus Khan was laid to his eternal rest this evening at the Islamia College Premises here as per his own desire, reports BSS.

Two janazas were also held later at Bakerganj Government College Ground and Islamia College Ground.

Principal Yunus Khan came to Barisal only few hours before he died at midnight last night on a three-day visit.

Before the burial the body was taken to Bakerganj Thana Headquarters and was returned to Barisal town in the evening.

He was buried after the Magreb Prayer.

UNB adds: President Abdur Rahman Biswas on Tuesday flew to Barisal and attended the Namaj-e-Janaza of State Minister for Education Mohammad Yunus Khan who passed away Monday night.

Speaker Sheikh Razzaque Ali, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, State Minister for Water Resources Musharraf Hussain Shahjahan and State Minister for Science and Technology Prof MA Mannan, who also accompanied the President, attended the Janaza.

Among others, Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, Syed Shahidul Huq Jamal MP, Musharraf Hussain Mongu MP, Mujibur Rahman Sarwar MP, local political leaders and people from all walks of life attended the Janaza.

President Biswas, accompanied by Begum Husne Ara, later, visited the residence of late Principal Yunus and met his wife and children.

Other ministers and MPs were also present.

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Meanwhile, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tuesday joined thousands of mourners in Barisal town to pay last respect to her long-time political associate Principal Mohammad Yunus Khan, the State Minister for Education.

Begum Zia, came on receipt of the death news of Yunus Khan, and paid tribute to the late leader before his journey to eternity.

The Prime Minister stood in solemn silence for some time beside the body of Yunus Khan, kept in front of his Kaunia Road residence in the town.

Begum Zia placed wreaths at the coffin of late Yunus Khan as a mark of respect and offered munajat praying for eternal peace of the departed soul.

The Prime Minister spent some time and consoled the wife of Yunus Khan and the members of the bereaved family.

The Prime Minister solemnly sat beside the grief-stricken wife of late Yunus Khan who fainted more than once.