

## Remembering Aatur Rahman Khan

By A Guest Columnist



File photo shows Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Haque, Governor of the then East Pakistan administering the oath to chief minister Aatur Rahman Khan in September, 1956.

The third death anniversary of Aatur Rahman Khan, a former prime minister of Bangladesh, is being observed today, belatedly because of the hartals on Wednesday and Thursday. Khan died on December 7, 1991.

Born in village Balia under Dhamrai thana of Dhaka district in 1905, Aatur Rahman Khan left an indelible mark through his lifelong contribution in the political development of this country, and especially during his two-year tenure as chief minister of the then East Pakistan.

A brilliant student who graduated in Law with record marks and who gave up an otherwise comfortable life of a munisiff to join politics, Aatur Rahman Khan had a chequered political and public life.

In his student days he developed a passion for politics and even became the general secretary of the DUCSU. In a long political career that followed, Aatur Rahman Khan was a leader of the Krishak-Praja Party and the Muslim League in undivided Bengal. After partition of the sub-continent in 1947, he became the founder vice president of the Pakistan Awami Muslim League and participated in most of the popular movements.

He became a close associate of both Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haque and Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy.

Elected leader of the Awami League's parliamentary party in the provincial assembly, Aatur Rahman Khan became the chief minister of the then East Pakistan, holding that post from September 1956 till late 1958.

It was under his two-year Awami League government that most of the major development works had been initiated in the hitherto neglected East Pakistan. Although credit is often given to Field Marshal Ayub Khan for doing the most for the development of this part of the world, it was in fact under the able stewardship of Aatur Rahman Khan that the people of this land began to see some tangible efforts being made to change their lot. And today they are reaping some of the fruits of that ceaseless striving by Aatur Rahman Khan.

Following Ayub Khan's martial law in October 1958 and Aatur Rahman's subsequent disqualification from seeking elective office under the EBD law, his famous Dhanmondi residence became a sanctuary for all progressive forces leading the mass movement against Ayub in 1969 in the glorious war for independence in 1971.

After Liberation, Aatur Rahman Khan became a member of parliament and was elected the leader of the opposition in the first Jatiya Sangsad of the independent country.

After the death of Suhrawardy Aatur Rahman left the Awami League to found the Jatiya League.

In his last days, he worked hard to give democracy a firm footing in this land.

Aatur Rahman Khan was also the president of the World Peace Council and headed different friendship associations. His contribution to literature also bears mention, having authored four books on his political experiences that earned

critical acclaim.

Following are some of Aatur Rahman Khan's achievements: — Five thousand canals were excavated in two years to boost food production in the country. Rice yield jumped by 43 lakh maunds.

— The Jute Marketing Corporation was established to give the producers fair and actual market price.

— A group of international water experts were brought in to plan to combat the recurring flood problem in the country. That team was known as the Krug Mission.

— As advised by the Krug Mission, the Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) was set up and the Inland Water Transport Authority (IWTA) was formed to maintain the navigability of the country's rivers.

— An independent commission was formed to recommend measures on how to fundamentally change the education system of the country and make it more modern and updated.

— The Fenchuganj Fertilizer Factory was established during his tenure.

— The Savar Dairy Farm was established on a 2500-acre plot.

— The Forest Industries Development Corporation was set up and the Ramna Green was renovated.

— On the first day of his assumption of the Chief Minister's office, Aatur Rahman Khan ordered construction of the Dhaka-Aricha highway to link various parts of the country. Besides, different parts of the Grand Truck Road were repaired.

— In the health sector, all medical schools were upgraded to colleges. The Dhaka Engineering School was raised to the status of an engineering college.

## Metropolitan Call to screen films on Liberation War

By Staff Correspondent

The Mujib Adarsha Mullaayan Parishad, a pro-Awami League social organisation, yesterday urged all concerned to arrange screening of the Liberation War-based films released so far during the current month of December when the nation achieved its independence.

The parishad made the request at a discussion held at its Mohammadpur central office on the occasion of the Victory Day.

The meeting resolved that the younger generation would be able to learn the glorious history of the war of independence and that the war was fought under the directive of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Chaired by the parishad president GM Momin, the meeting was also participated by leaders of the organisation and a good number of people.

The meeting also planned to celebrate the forth-coming Victory Day on December 16

through garlanding the portrait of Sheikh Mujib at the organisation's office at 7 am, placing wreaths at the Savar monument at 9 am and holding *mitad* for the salvation of the souls of the martyrs after Asr prayers.

Meanwhile, the Coordinating Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh will hold a discussion meeting on "Human resources development, democracy and human rights" at the women Voluntary Association office in Dhanmondi at 3 pm of December 11 in connection with the observance of the Victory Day. Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, a researcher of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, will present the keynote paper on the topic while Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqi, Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly, Habibur Rahman Milon, Dr FR Mahmud Hassan and Mahfuz Ullah will discuss on it.

## Biswas, Khalecla greet President, PM of Tanzania

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khalecla Zia have felicitated President Ali Hassan Mwinyi and Prime Minister John Malecela of Tanzania on the eve of its independence day today, reports UNB.

In separate messages to their Tanzanian counterparts yesterday, they hoped that the friendly relations that so happily exist between the two countries would be further strengthened in the years ahead.

## QULKHWANI

The qulkhvani of Mrs Bilquis Begum, wife of late Khan Bahadur Nurul Haq, retired IGR, who expired on 6 December, 1994 will be held today at 7, Wyer Street, Wari after Asr prayers.

Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to kindly attend and pray for her departed soul.

Sons and daughters

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY

A leading international bank wishes to recruit young Bangladeshis of high calibre and outstanding ability for service with its branch network in Bangladesh in the following position:

### MANAGEMENT TRAINEE

The candidates must possess at least a higher second class graduation degree (preferably Masters in Business Administration or equivalent degree in Finance or Management) with at least two first divisions/Classes.

The applicants must have good command over both spoken and written Bangla and English. The maximum age limit for the position is 27 years as at December 1, 1994.

The selected candidates will go through a 9-12 months probation during which they will undergo extensive banking training.

The above position provide excellent prospects for personal development and career advancement. The organisation offers a remuneration package commensurate to the demanding environment.

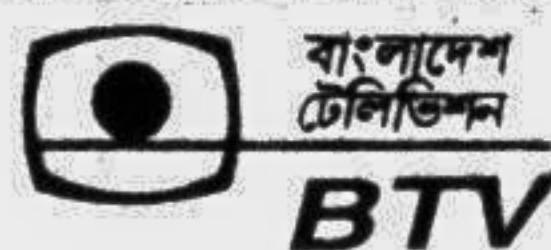
Candidates who are interested in a banking career and have the drive to work in a competitive environment should apply with a curriculum vitae, a recent passport size photograph, copies of educational certificates and names and addresses of two referees to G.P.O. Box No. 502, Dhaka 1000 by December 29, 1994 with the envelopes addressed to the Manager Human Resources and marked with the name of the position applied for.

Candidates selected for a preliminary interview, on the basis of initial screening of the CVs will be notified in writing of the venue, date and time of the same. The Bank will not bear any expenses for attending the interviews/tests.

The Bank will only advise successful candidates, those who do not qualify for subsequent stages of the recruitment process will not receive any notification.

The Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any application without advising any reason whatsoever.

All applications made to the Bank will be treated in the strictest confidence.



Friday

### Morning Session

- 8:00 Opening announcement
- 8:15 Religious programme: Alor Dishari
- 8:40 Film show: Wind in the Willows
- 9:00 El Prithibi
- 9:30 Cartoon show: Batman
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:05 Moner Mukure
- 11:15 Film show: Tarzan
- 11:40 Health programme: Prescription
- 11:55 Musical programme: Marami
- 12:30 Closing

### Evening Session

- 3:00 Opening announcement
- 3:15 Cartoon film: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 3:40 Movie of the week: Je Phul Pholeni a dubbed version of an Iranian film
- 5:10 News in Bangla
- 6:00 Open University
- 7:25 Musical programme: Malancha
- 8:00 News in Bangla
- 8:25 Jannabhum
- 8:30 Comedy series: Perfect Strangers
- 9:00 Programme on human rights: Manobadhikar
- 10:00 News in English
- 10:30 Drama series: Law and Order
- 11:30 Khabar/ The News
- 11:45 Closing



## Syed Amirul Islam dead

Syed Amirul Islam, Hamdu, a retired deputy secretary and former diplomat died of cardiac failure at his Shahjahanpur residence here Wednesday night. He was 58, says a press release.

Syed Islam had a distinguished record in service, notably the outstanding role he played in the country's War of Liberation in 1971.

As a representative of the Mujibnagar Government in Algiers and Tunis, he was instrumental in getting the message of the 75 million struggling Bengalees across the people of the northern African region.

His qulkhvani will be held after Asr prayers today at his B-1, E-3, Shahjahanpur Income Tax Colony residence.

His namaz-e-Janaza was held at Shahjahanpur mosque.

## CAREER OPPORTUNITY IN RESEARCH

One of the largest research agencies in the country has the following vacancies for immediate recruitment:

- a. Market Research Executive (Male/Female):**  
An MBA with high numerical aptitude and good communication skill.
- b. Social Research Executive:**  
Preferably female with background in Sociology, Anthropology, Demography or Psychology and having some experience in Social/Qualitative Research.

Applications are invited from only those interested in building a career in research.

Apply with resume, passport size photograph and contact telephone number in GPO Box # 3931, Dhaka not later than December 31, 94.



## শাহজালাল বিজ্ঞান ও প্রযুক্তি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সিলেট দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

- ০১) দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং : নং প্রকৌ/০৬৮/১৫/৯৪-৯৫ তারিখঃ ০১-১২-৯৪ইং
- ০২) কাজের নাম : রাসায়নিক প্রযুক্তি ও পরিমাপ সয়েল শাখা-এর আসবাবপত্র সরবরাহ।
- ০৩) প্রাকল্পিত ব্যয় : উদ্ধৃত দর অনুযায়ী।
- ০৪) বায়নার টার্ক : উদ্ধৃত দর অনুযায়ী সাময়িক মূল্যের ২% (আড়াই শতাংশ)।
- ০৫) দরপত্র : দলিল : সোনালী ব্যাংক, শাহজালাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সিলেট শাখা, তারিখ ২০-১২-৯৪ইং মূল্য ১.০০ টা পর্যন্ত।
- ০৬) দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান : কোম্পানির কক্ষ, শাহজালাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, সিলেট, তারিখ ২১-১২-৯৪ইং মূল্য ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
- ০৭) দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময় : ২১.১২.৯৪ইং মূল্য ১২.১০ ঘটিকা।
- ০৮) কাজ শেষ করার সময়সীমা : কার্যসম্পন্নতার তারিখ থেকে ৪০ (চল্লিশ) দিন।
- ০৯) টিকাদারের যোগ্যতা : প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/ টিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী।
- ১০) সিডিউলের মূল্য : ৩০০.০০ (তিনশত) টাকা। হিসাব নং এস-২, সোনালী ব্যাংক, শাহিবদি সিলেট শাখাতে জমা দিতে হবে।
- ১১) হালনাগাদ মূল টেন্ডার লাইসেন্স, ৯৪-৯৫ অর্থ বছরের জন্য নিম্নলিখিত কর্মসম্পন্ন করার ও কব পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেট এবং বিপদ পাঁচ বৎসরের মধ্যে একক কার্যসম্পন্ন কমপক্ষে ২ (দুই) লক্ষ টাকার উপর কাজের আসবাবপত্র সরবরাহের মূল কার্যসম্পন্ন ও কার্যসম্পন্ন ইস্যুকালী কর্মকর্তার নিকট হতে সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্মসম্পন্নতার সনদপত্র প্রদর্শন পূর্বক প্রিন্টেড নিজস্ব সেটার হেড প্যাডে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় প্রকৌশলী দরপত্র সিডিউল জমাের পূর্বে অনুমতি গ্রহণের নিমিত্তে জারিদরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে। উল্লেখিত চাহিদা মোতাবেক কাগজপত্র ও দলিল প্রদর্শনে বাধা হলে বা যথাযথ না হলে কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে না। কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বনিম্ন দরপত্র গ্রহণে বাধ্য নহেন একে কোন প্রকার কারণ প্রদর্শন বাস্তবায়নকেই যে কোন দরপত্র আর্থিক বা পরিকল্পনামূলক গ্রহণ কিংবা বাস্তবায়ন করতে পারেন।

আল-নাসির খালেদ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় প্রকৌশলী

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