



A torchbearer of sports.

competition, including Russia, Japan, China, India Australia, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Qazi Abdul Alim of Bangladesh won it. Asked what won him this award, he answered that most participants were athletes or players only. I was the only one who was a physical trainer as well as a writer besides being a player. Here I was different from others." His being a physical education trainer and a successful athlete and his contribution to athletics and physical education in the entire sports sector of Bangladesh were the key factors for the jury to select him for the award. Alim received a medal and diploma.

"It has been a long journey from 1945-2004," says Alim. "It has come late but it has come at last."

Alim in 1971 played the role of a different type of freedom fighter. From NSC he trained the "Bicchu Bahini". After training he would give

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them arms and ask them to "Go fight for the country". Alim was fluent in Urdu and the Pak army never suspected him.

Alim has a very cool, quiet and calm personality. He is a little on the reserved side. Before retiring in 1989, he had been transferred to Rajshahi Physical Education College, perhaps for being too principled and strict about rules and regulations.

But the ever youthful Alim still has a lot to contribute in the field of sports. In terms of developing a sports culture in this country, people like Alim are invaluable. Recognising him for his achievements and honouring his vision is our duty. Whether he gets what is due him or not, there is no denying the fact that Qazi Abdul Alim will always be a distinguished figure for his outstanding performance and contribution to sports.