



**KHALID MAHMUD MITHU**

**1960 – MARCH 7, 2016**

A celebrated filmmaker, cinematographer, scriptwriter and artist, Khalid Mahmud was presented the National Film Award for Best Director for his debut movie Gohine Shobdo in 2010.

**RAFIQ AZAD**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 1941 – MARCH 12, 2016**

One of the most prolific poets of modern Bangla literature, and a well-known freedom fighter, Rafiq Azad's notable works include Prokriti O Premer Kotha, and Sahashra Sundar, among many others. He was awarded the Bangla Academy Award in 1981 and the Ekushey Padak in 2013.



**PROFESSOR RASHIDUDDIN AHMED**  
**JANUARY 3, 1939 – MARCH 19, 2016**

The pioneering neurosurgeon of Bangladesh, Professor Rashid became the founder president of Bangladesh Society of Neurosurgeons in 1998. He also helped established the Institute of Neurosciences in Dhaka.

**PARVEEN SULTANA DITI**  
**MARCH 31, 1965 – MARCH 20, 2016**

One of the most recognisable faces of Bangladeshi television and cinema, Diti bagged the National Film Award for the 1987 film Shami Stree. She also enthralled audiences with her roles in films like Usila, Lady Inspector and Shesh Upohar.



**JOHN CRUYFF**  
**APRIL 25, 1947 – MARCH 24, 2016**

Widely regarded as one of the greatest football players ever, John Cruyff was an attacking midfielder and a forward player in the 1970s. The Dutch legend also led his team to the final of the 1974 FIFA World Cup.

**ZAHA HADID**  
**OCTOBER 31, 1950 – MARCH 31, 2016**

Popularly known as the "queen of the curve" for her distinct design style, architect Zaha Hadid was the first woman to win the prestigious Pritzker Architecture Prize in 2015, and was appointed a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire for her contributions in the field of architecture in 2012.



**PRINCE**  
**JUNE 7, 1958 – APRIL 21, 2016**

The musician known as Prince was a major influential figure in popular music since the 1970s. The dynamic stage presence of this innovative performer, who combined many musical genres on his albums like 1999, Purple Rain, Sign O' the Times, and many others, made him a concert legend.

**SADEQ KHAN**  
**1936 – MAY 16, 2016**

Ekushey Padak winner, eminent journalist and columnist Sadeq Khan played a key role in developing the country's film industry, directing and producing the acclaimed film Nodi O Nari.



**NURJAHAN BEGUM**  
**JUNE 4, 1925 – MAY 23, 2016**

A pioneer of women in journalism, Nurjahan Begum had created a space for women writers and journalists with Begum, the first illustrated Bangla magazine for women. She was honoured with the Rokeya Padak in 1997 and the Ekushey Padak in 2011.

**SYED FAHIM MUNAIM**  
**1953 – JUNE 1, 2016**

Chief Executive Officer and Chief Editor at Maasranga Television, Fahim Munaim was involved in the media industry for over three decades, contributing to the development of professional and ethical journalism in Bangladesh. He was also a former Managing Editor of The Daily Star.

