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National Professor Dr. M. Innas Ali
(1916-2010)

With a sad heart we are to realize that Prof. Dr. M. Innas Ali is no more. He breathed his last on the 3rd May, 2010. Before we say anything about his great soul, let us first seek the Blessings of our Lord for the peace of his departed soul. Death is an unambiguous truth ordained by the Lord of the Worlds. What remain after death are achievements, beneficial to the family and to the society at large. Late National Prof. Innas Ali had had numerous such achievements. He was a self - made man and rose to great heights from very humble beginnings. Many of us have known him as a teacher, administrator and colleague. If we look back to the days of the partition of India in 1947, we have to be struck with awe and applause noticing that it was Prof. Innas Ali who with his knowledge, hard work and dedication tried to revamp the Physics Department of the Dhaka University at a time when many teachers went away from the Dhaka University following the partition. This task was a colossal one. But he proved equal to it, because of his sincerity, wisdom and leadership.

Prof. Innas Ali had to play the role of a builder in many other nation building tasks also. He had been Vice-Chancellor of the Chittagong University, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission and he was also appointed as Science Advisor to the President of Bangladesh. In building up the Atomic Energy Commission, shortly after the independence of Bangladesh, Prof. Innas Ali again showed his wisdom and vision.

His efforts for the use of Nuclear Power in an energy hungry country like Bangladesh are yet to be realized, but he never failed to do what had to be done.

Prof. Dr. M. Innas Ali had a great love for teaching and even at a late age he taught at the Jeddah University. It is heartening to note that he donated a significant part of his

foreign earnings to the Physics Department of Dhaka University for staff welfare. Following his great tradition, Husne Ara Ali daughter of Prof. M. Innas Ali, and his family members also donated a reasonable amount of money to the Bangladesh Academy of Sciences for the promotion of talent and achievements in scientific researches. This act of charity as well as his teaching and nation building task will make M Innas Ali a name to be remembered in the history of Science in Bangladesh.

We all miss Prof. Innas Ali so much. May the members of his bereaved family bear this great national loss with courage and fortitude and also with a sense of pride for his glorious achievements.

We all pray for the eternal peace of this great educationist and scientist of Bangladesh.

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