

A K M Abdul Awal Mazumder

A K M Abdul Awal Mazumder, a teacher, veteran civil servant, prolific writer and spokesman of good governance, is widely known as a man of highest integrity. He is a Hubert Humphrey Fellow and an honorary citizen of Dallas of Texas of the United States. He had been an intern of the United Nations headquarter during his Humphrey year. He was CEO of four large organizations and had been secretary to the government for almost seven years. He had been Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate. He also worked in different dignified positions in the field level and as well as in the policy level of the Government of Bangladesh.

Early life

He was born on 1 March 1957 to Moulobi Sayedur Rahman, educated in Dawara in 1924 from Deoband Islamic Madrasa (now university) in India and Saira Begum, a self-educated person, at the village of Basonda in Nangalkot Upazila of Comilla district. Mazumder is the youngest among his 11 brothers and sisters, although two sisters and one brother died before his birth.

Education

His study had begun at home by his father, his first teacher. He was admitted to the Montali Primary School in 1963. He passed SSC from Batisa High School of Chouddagramthana of Comilla district in 1973 and HSC from Comilla Victoria Government College in 1975. He completed BSS Honors in political science from the University of Dhaka in 1979 (held in 1980) and MSS on the same subject in 1980 (held in 1982). In order of merit, he obtained the 4th place in BSS Honors. He stood 1st class second in MSS. He successfully completed a graduate diploma from Johns Hopkins University, in the United States under the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program in 1993-94.

Family life

Mazumder was married to Dr. Nilufar Yasmin, currently a consultant of gynecology at Maternity and Child Health Training Institute in Azimpur, Dhaka, on April 24 in 1987. The couple is blessed with two daughters –Mayeesha Nawar and Monisha Sadia Nawar. Mayeesha Nawar had recently passed the MBBS and Monisha Sadia Nawar is studying medical science.

Participation in the liberation war

Mazumder took part in the liberation war of Bangladesh at the age of 14 in 1971. He was a regular member of the Bangladesh Liberation Front (Force) or Mujib Bahini. He got arms training at Rajnagar BLF camp under Belonia subdivision of Tripura state of India.

Career

He has a very colorful professional career. He started his professional life in 1983 as a lecturer in political science at the University of Rajshahi. He left the university job on October 27 of the same year and joined in the Bangladesh Civil Service as a member of a regular batch of Administration Cadre as “Assistant Commissioner and Magistrate”. He was gradually promoted to the highest rank (Secretary to the Government) of the civil service. He had been the secretary to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for almost 07 years. During 33 years of professional career he held various important positions, such as, Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate of Faridpur District, Joint Secretary in the Cabinet Division and LG Division, Director General/CEO of Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB), Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Food and Disaster and Agriculture, Chairman / CEO, Land Reforms Board (LRB), Director General/CEO of National Academy of Planning and Development (NAPD) and Rector/CEO, Bangladesh Public Administration Training Center (BPATC). He was the secretary in the Ministry of Science and ICT and in the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MOPME).

Foreign training and travel

He visited 38 countries, including America, Russia, England, Australia, China, Germany, Spain, Tunisia, Morocco, Mali, Egypt, Philippines, South Korea, France, Switzerland, Denmark, Senegal, Austria, Iran, India and Japan. He underwent higher training courses at Cambridge University and London University in the United Kingdom and University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and Indiana University in the United States. He was the leader of the Bangladesh state delegations to the general assembly meeting of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) held in Tunis, Tunisia in 2008 and to the general assembly meeting of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) held in Vienna, Austria in 2009.

Recognition and honor

He is a Hubert Humphrey Fellow and an honorary citizen of Dallas of Texas state of the United States.

Writing and research

AKM Abdul Awal Majumder is a prolific writer and researcher. He wrote 11 books on history, politics, good governance, moral education and biography. His best sellers are shishuder chatro APJ Abdul Kalam and Bangladesh Civil Servicer Itihas.

List of published books

1. The history of Bangladesh Civil Service (বাংলাদেশের সিভিল সার্ভিসের ইতিহাস)
2. The roots, saplings and lands (শেকড় লতাপাতা ও ঠিকানা)
3. The Judiciary of Bangladesh and trial of lower courts (বাংলাদেশের বিচার ব্যবস্থা এবং নিম্ন আদালতের বিচার)
4. Corruption, good policy and good governance (দুর্নীতি, সুনীতি, সুশাসন)
5. The History and Politics of America (আমেরিকার ইতিহাস ও রাজনীতি)
6. Life Sketch of APJ Abdul Kalam (শিশুদের ছাত্র এপিজে আব্দুল কালাম)

7. Rights and Recognition of girl children and women
(অপুত্রক মুন্সী তোফায়েল আলী মজুমদারের পুত্রগণ)
8. Life Sketch of Jimmy Carter (শান্তি ও মানবতার দূত জিমি কার্টার)
9. Some history and some memories (কিছু স্মৃতি কিছু ইতিহাস)
10. Good governance (সুশাসন)
11. You can also be the best (আপনিও হতে পারেন সেরার সেরা).

Some other important activities-

He had been senate member of the University of Dhaka and Jahangir Nagar and Syndicate member of Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology (DUET), Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET), Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET), Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (RUET) and Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University.