

Staff Reporter

The Cabinet on Monday adopted a condolence motion at the death of Independence Award-recipient eminent educationist Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui and Syed Mainul Hossain, the architect of the National Monument in Savar.

The condolence motion was adopted at the regular weekly meeting of the Cabinet held at Bangladesh Secretariat with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan briefed reporters after the meeting.

Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, also an ex-vice chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, died here on November 11 at the age of 86.

Prof Zillur Rahman was in charge of the Ministry of Education when he served as an adviser to the caretaker government under Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed during 1990-91.

He has authored many books both in Bangla and English. He edited Purbamegha, a quarterly journal, and monthly Dipankar. He was the Editor of Bangla Academy English-Bengali Dictionary.

He has been honoured with 'Alaol Sahitya Purashkar' in 1977, 'Bangla Academy Padak' in 1979, 'Kazi Mahbub Ullah Begum Zebunnisa Trust Award' in 1990, 'Alokto Sahitya Purashkar' in 1998 and 'MA Haque Swarna Padak' in 2003.

On November 10, Syed Mainul Hossain, the architect of the National Monument in Savar, died of brain stroke at National Heart Foundation Hospital in Dhaka.

Mainul Hossain won Sheltech Award in 2008.

Ministers and State Ministers attended the meeting while concerned Secretaries were present.