

Short Biography of Muhammad Qamaruzzaman

Abul Hasnat Muhammad Qamruzzaman (1926- November 3, 1975) was a Bangladeshi politician, senior government Minister, and a leading member of the Awami League.

A loyalist of Bangladesh's founding leader Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was murdered along with Syed Nazrul Islam, Muhammad Mansur Ali, and Tajuddin Ahmed in the infamous "jail killing" in Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975.

Qamaruzzaman joined the Awami League of Huseyn Shaheed Suhrawardy and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1956. He was elected to the National Assembly of Pakistan in 1962, 1965 and again in 1970. He rose to national party leadership posts in the late 1960s, becoming a close ally of Mujib. During the Bangladesh Liberation War, he served as the relief and rehabilitation in the provisional government of Bangladesh formed at Mujibnagar after the creation of Bangladesh, he won an election to the national parliament from Rajshahi in 1973. A Minister in Mujib's cabinet, he resigned on January 18, 1974 to serve as president of the Awami League. In 1975, Qamaruzzaman was appointed minister of industries and a member of the executive committee of BAKSAL. He continued to support Mujib despite his assumption of dictatorial power and a ban on all political parties except BAKSAL.