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### **OBITUARY**

We deeply mourn the sad demise of Professor Dr. M.A. Wadud Mian who died in 19.06.2016 (Innalillahi.... rajiun.). Professor Dr. M.A. Wadud Mian, son of Mr. Mofiz uddin Ahmad was born in a respectable family in 01.05.1932 in the village: Batazor, Upazilla: Gournadi, District: Barishal. He was married with Momotz Wadud. He was a father of two sons (Sayeed Wadud and Muyeed Wadud) and a daughter (Anita Wadud). He was graduated in 1955 in Botany from the University of Dhaka and also obtained M.Sc. in Mycology and Plant Pathology from the same University in 1956. Later on he earned Ph.D degree in Plant Pathology from the University of Texas A & M, USA.



Prof. Mian started his service life at the beginning of 1957 as a Research Assistant of Bangladesh Jute Research Institute, Dhaka. On 20.10.1957 he joined as a Lecturer in the Department of Botany, University of Dhaka. Thereafter, Prof. Mian joined to Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), the then East Pakistan Agricultural University on 01.07.1962 as a Senior lecturer of the Department of Plant Pathology. In 1973 he was appointed as a Professor of Plant Pathology at BAU. During his service life at BAU he extended his brilliant service in different important academic and administrative positions including Head of Department of Plant Pathology, Dean of Faculty of Agriculture, Coordinator of Advanced Studies and Research, Advisor of Students Affairs, Member of Syndicate, Provost of students Hall. After 22 years of prolonged service at BAU he joined as a Professor in the Department of Crop Science in January 1984 at the University of Maidugury (UNIMAID), Nigeria. There, he hold good number of important positions viz. Head, Department of Crop Science, Dean of Faculty of Agriculture, Dean of School of Postgraduate Studies, Member of Senate, Member of Senate Business Committee, Chairman of Governing Council of College of Agriculture, Chairman of Human Resource and Development. In 1999 he returned to Bangladesh.

He was President of Executive Committee of Bangladesh Phytopathological Society in 2009 – 2011. With earnest request of Chairman he served as a Team Leader of Evaluation Committee of Wheat and Maize Improvement Project of Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council (BARC) and Pest management Project of Bangladesh Cotton Development Board. Moreover, in 2001 in honour of BARC and Bangladesh Academy of Agriculture Professor Mian compiled and edited "Agricultural Research in Bangladesh in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" that has been considered as a Mile Stone in the history of agriculture in the country. He published good number of research articles in national and International journals.

We remember Professor Dr. M. A. Wadud Mian, the Great scholar, academician and administrator who left the present world for ever on 19.06.2016. May Allah keep his departed soul in heaven for the eternal peace.

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