Life Sketch
of
DR. MOHIUDDIN FAROOQUE

Date & Place of Birth : 25 June 1954, Gopalgong, Bangladesh

Father’s Name : Late Hemayet Ahmed

Mother’s Name : Mrs. Anwara Ahmed

Wife’s Name : Salima Farooque (Rita)

Children : Son: Issa Farooque
           Daughter: Hema Mashiat Farooque

Occupation till Death : a) Advocate, Supreme Court
                         b) Founder and Secretary General, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA)

Education :

Degree/Diploma Institute Year Awarded Class/Division

LL.B (Honours) Dhaka University 1977 2nd Class

LL.M Dhaka University 1979 1st Class 1st

Dip. in Constitutional Law Institute of Constitutional Studies (New Delhi) 1981 1st Division

Thesis: Rule of Law and Its Ascendancy Over the Constitutions of India

Dip. in -Do- Parliamentary Institutions and 1981 1st Division

Institutions and
Procedure


Parliamentary Fellowship -Do- 1981 Not Applicable

**Thesis:** Suspension of Fundamental Rights During Emergency (with special reference to right to life and personal liberty).

Dip. in Manchester 1985 Not Applicable
International University Law

**Thesis:** The Unacceptable Diplomat.

Ph.D (International Law) Manchester 1988 Not Applicable
International University

**Thesis:** Non-navigational Uses of the Waters of International Rivers: Rights of Riparian States-Extent & Limits.

**PUBLICATIONS/MIMEOGRAPHS:**


33. Der Flood Action Plan hat keine Rechtsgrundlage”, in *SODASIEA, Germany*, 5-6/93.


62. Regular Contributor, State of Human Rights in Bangladesh, Publication of Coordinating Council for Human Rights in Bangladesh (CCHRB)

63. Regular Contributor, Year Book of International Environmental Law Published from USA.

RESEARCH / EXPERIENCES / PARTICIPATION:


2. Voluntarily worked as a researcher in Bangladesh Jails Reform Commission 1978, to assist the Chairman of the Commission Dr. Justice F.K.M.A. Munim, 1979-1980, the former Chief Justice of Bangladesh.


5. Rapporteur, Disaster Preparedness, Brainstorming Sessions, organized by UNDP & Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation, Bangladesh, February 1990, Dhaka.


7. Member, Editorial Board, Bangladesh Quest, a quarterly journal of Bangladesh Research Bureau.


10. Guest speaker on International Law on Shared Rivers, Bangladesh Civil Service Institute, (Foreign Service), Dhaka.


12. Editor, BELA Newsletter, Dhaka.

13. Member, Coordination Committee, Environment Curricula, the Bangladesh Open University.


15. Member, Editorial Board, Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law, Australian Centre for Environmental Law, University of Sydney.

**PRIZES & AWARD:**

1. Dhaka University Prizeman.

2. Received an award from the Institute of Constitutional & Parliamentary Studies, New Delhi for the Parliamentary Fellowship Programme.

3. Received C.R. Allen Research Scholarship in Law from the University of Manchester for the Doctoral Programme.

4. Received ORS awards from the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the UK to cover the tuition fees for Ph.D.

5. Received Kingsley Bursary funds to cover maintenance expenses during the stay at UK for the Ph.D oral examination.

6. Distinguished Jexca Member, awarded by Jhenidah Ex-Cadets Association (Jexca), Bangladesh.
7. Received fellowship from the UN International Law Commission to participate in the International Law Seminar, 05-22 June, 1990, Geneva.

8. Received EEC fellowship to participate in the course on International Water Law and Management, IHE, Delft, the Netherlands, 12-30 Nov. 1990.

9. Participated in the course on Conflict Resolution, Uppsala University, Sweden 22 April-31 May 1991, with Swedish Fellowship.


11. Received ADHUNIK Award form the President of the Republic for outstanding contribution in the Anti-Tobacco movement in Bangladesh.

12. Special award from the Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) and the Coalition of Environmental NGOs (CEN) for winning the court case against Flood Action Plan (Compartmentalized Pilot Project).


PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP (Private and Government):

1. Member of the Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association.

2. Life Member, Tangail Bar Association.

3. Life Member, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society.
4. Served as a Member (4 terms), Law Faculty Board, Manchester University.
5. Life member and member, Executive Committee, International Studies Association, Bangladesh.
6. Member, Society for Rule of Law, Dhaka.
7. Member, Executive Committee, Bangladesh Society of International Studies.
8. Member, Bangladesh Research Bureau, Dhaka.
9. Member, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh.
10. Member, Manchester University Alumni.
11. Member, East-West Centre Alumni, Hawaii.
12. Member, International Association for Water Law, Rome, Italy.
13. Member, Executive Committee, Asian Forum of Environmental Lawyers, Kathmandu.
14. Member, Like-minded Environmental Activists Group, Dhaka.
17. Member, Nitrogen Fixing Tree Association (Hawaii).
18. Member, Commonwealth Human Ecology Council, Bangladesh.
19. Member, All Asia Public Interest Environmental Group.
20. Member, Editorial Board, Asia Pacific Journal on Environmental Law (APJEL).

22. Member, Executive Committee, Society for Environment and Human Development.

23. Head of Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide, Bangladesh (E-Law, Bangladesh)


25. Member, National Road Safety Council, Government of Bangladesh.

26. Member, Dhaka Urban Transport Committee, Ministry of Communications.

**CONSULTANCY AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**

1. Former UNDP Consultant on Environmental Legislation for the Ministry of Environment and Forests, worked under the National Environmental Management Action Plan, Govt. of Bangladesh: Preparation of various projects on environmentally Sensitive Area and National Environment Management Action Program.

2. Former Principal Executive, International Institute of Environmental Studies & Disaster Management, Dhaka: Preparation of about 10 project proposals on various research and training course; since 1989 worked on negotiating donors for fund raising for the Institute and its project.

3. Edited the *Bangladesh National Conservation Strategy* (draft), as IUCN consultant/GoB and was reviewer of the paper on International Dimension.


5. Principal Investigator on Water Rights and Institutions in the Joint Project of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and the Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden, on

6. Principal Investigator, Ford Foundation/IIESDM project on “Law and Custom on Forest Land: A Study of Sal Forest” (Developed and negotiated the studies).


8. Team Leader, Socio-Economic Survey, Thana Afforestation and Nursery Development Project, FAO/UNDP Project No. BGD/84/054.


12. Was a member of the Drafting Committee of the IUCN International Environmental Law Commission which produced the *International Covenant on Environment and Development* which has been placed before the UN.

13. Worked as a member of the Review Committee in drafting the Environment Conservation Act, 1995 and subsequently prepared amendments and commentaries on the Bill for BELA which circulated to the policy and law-makers.

14. Providing voluntary legal and advisory services on behalf of BELA in getting the proposed industrial effluent discharge under NEMAP and with the Department of Environment adopted by the stakeholder.
15. IUCN consultant to draft the Guidelines for Environment Impact Assessment under the Act of 1995.


17. Worked as Consultant of IUCN Environmental Law Centre, Bonn to prepare Legal Profile for Implementation of the Biodiversity Convention

18. Member, committee for formulating traffic laws in Bangladesh under the Ministry of Communications.


20. Executive Director, Development Studies Centre, since 1991.

21. Worked as Consultant to prepare a Study on Freshwater Fisheries Regime in Bangladesh for ICLARM, Manila.

SPECIAL COURSES & TRAINING

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<td>c) Conflict Resolution</td>
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OTHER SEMINARS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED:


f) Regional Workshop on Policy & Legislation on Community Forestry, Bangkok, 1993

g) Fourth Drafting Committee Meeting of the International Commission on Environmental Law on Covenant on Environment and Development, Sept., 1993, Bonn.


j) Second All Asia Public Interest Conference, 27 Jan.-3 Feb., 1994, Baguio City, the Philippines.


m) Workshop on Wetland Legislation, 26-28 February, Calcutta, India, Sponsored by the IUCN.


q) Meeting of the Editorial Board on Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law to finalize the format and publication details, 17 December, Singapore, 1995.


s) Consultative Meeting to Frame Guidelines for Country Legal Profile on Biodiversity, 23-24 March, Bonn, IUCN Environmental Law Centre.


v) Attended the IUCN General Assembly and Congress, October, 1996 in Montreal.

x) Attended the conference on Public Interest Litigation in cases of Disaster Mitigation as a Resource person, Kathmandu, 7-9 August, 1997.

y) Attended about 50 national, regional international conferences, seminars and workshops as a resource person held in Bangladesh.

INTERVIEWS PUBLISHED:

1. TIEMPO, published by CRU, East Anglia University, UK.
2. Bhorer Kagoj, Dhaka.
4. BBC World Service (Bengali & English), UK.
5. Finland, (local newspaper)
6. Germany, (Magazine on South Asia)
7. Sweden, (local newspaper)
8. Panos on FAP
9. Ajker Kagoj (local newspaper)
10. The Daily Star
11. Weekly Bichitra
12. Weekly Purnima
13. Radio Australia
14. Many Times in Bangladesh Television
15. German Radio
16. The Hundu, India
17. Channel 4, UK

Publications:

69 Publications including 7 Books

Credits and Awards:

1. Founder and Secretary General, BELA
2. Internationally known Environmental Lawyer
3. Member of International Environmental Law Commission
4. Member of International Water Law Association
5. Member of about 15 High Powered Government Committees
6. Dhaka University Prizeman
8. Received Adhunik Award from the Hon’ble President in 1997 for significant contribution in Anti-smoking Campaign promoting
9. Received Special Award from Association of Development Agencies of Bangladesh and Coalition of Environmental NGOs for acquiring landmark judgement against development scheme in the name of FAP-20
10. Distinguished resource person award from Bangladesh Bar Council
11. Distinguished Member and Vice-President of the Jhenidha Ex-Cadets Association
12. Pioneered environmental cases and Public Interest Environmental Litigation (PIEL) in Bangladesh

**Last Days:** Dr. Farooque was admitted to the BIRDEM Hospital on 17 November '97 for breathing complication. Later on, he was taken to Singapore on 19 November and passes away on 2 December '97 at the National University Hospital at 3:51 p.m. Bangladesh time. His cause of death was identified as Fungal Infection of Lungs. The remains of Dr. Farooque were brought to Bangladesh on 3 December '97. Diseased’s Namaj-e-Janaja was at the premises of BELA, Supreme Court and his Dhanmondi residence.

On 4 December '97 he was buried at the Martyred intellectual graveyard at Mirpur.

He has left behind mother, wife, one son, one daughter, two brothers four sisters and many devoted workers and well-wishers.