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## Condolence messages from across globe for Sir Abed



Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. File photo

### Star Online Report

**People from all over the world shared their memories about Sir Fazle Hasan Abed.**

Here are some of the messages published by Brac remembering Sir Abed.

#### **He is one of my all-time heroes**

Extremely saddened to hear about the passing of Sir Fazle Hassan Abed, a true giant and icon of rural development, and one of my all-time heroes. Someone who dedicated

his life to help the poor, achieving extraordinary impact through his organization – BRAC. I remember the first time I met him in 1992, on my first working experience in Bangladesh. Since then, through many unforgettable interactions, a wonderful partnership between BRAC and IFAD developed, with BRAC acting as an implementation partner for many of IFAD's projects in Bangladesh and other countries. In spite of countless international awards, he remained one of the kindest, most humble and gentle persons I have ever known. My sincere condolences to Tamara and the rest of Abed's extended family.

Nigel Brett

### **A message from former US Ambassador to Bangladesh Dan Mozena**

The world today is much diminished. The death of Sir Fazle has taken away a true hero, one who was a model for me personally and for us all of humility, caring and service to humanity. Sir Fazle believed and practiced that development starts with the individual, that development is about helping people help themselves by providing them access to better education, health and skills training. Although the world no longer has Sir Fazle to show the way, we have his living and growing legacy in BRAC and the millions of people who benefited and continue to benefit from his vision and work. I offer my deepest condolences to Sir Fazle's family, to the BRAC family, to the good people of Bangladesh, and, indeed, to all of humanity. As we grieve our loss, we must recommit ourselves to sustaining and growing his rich legacy with a heavy heart.

Dan Mozena

### **Such was his awareness about development issues**

I am deeply saddened at the news of the death of Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. I once had the privilege of sitting beside him at a dinner event and we were discussing public health and poverty issues. At one point, I remarked that good development ideas in Bangladesh travel fast because of population density and he immediately quipped, "So does diarrhoea." Such was his presence of mind and awareness of development issues! Incidentally, one of his important contributions was to spread the idea of home-made oral saline through BRAC's one of the many effective social campaigns. Today, Bangladesh is a global leader in reducing child mortality, which, to a great extent, is due to the reduction of child deaths from diarrhoea through the widespread adoption of orally consumable saline. This is just one example of many of his innovative ideas for development. May his soul rest in peace.

Professor Wahid Uddin Mahmud

### **May his legacy last forever**

Sir Fazle H Abed, a doer until his last breath, an innovator, a visionary, an iconic development practitioner and a proud Bangladeshi has left us quietly in his private space. May his institutional legacy last forever while his soul rests in peace!

Dr Zahid Hussain

### **Your light will keep guiding us**

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, the esteemed founder of BRAC, was a true visionary. His efforts with BRAC post the liberation war played a key role in eradicating the extreme poverty faced by the rural people of Bangladesh. And he did not just stop at that. His continued efforts gave BRAC a global recognition and made it the Number 1 NGO in the world. Today, we mourn the sad demise of one of Bangladesh's greatest entrepreneurs. Your light will guide our fight against poverty. Thank you Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. You will be dearly missed.

Shakib Al Hasan

### **Our deepest condolences**

Respected Sir, peace be upon you. We would like to express our deepest condolences for the passing of Sir Fazle Hassan Abed, founder and Chair Emeritus of BRAC.

Lubaba Mubashirah

### **A role model for us all**

Sir Fazle was a global leader and a role model for all of us. I pray to almighty Allah for peace of the soul of Sir Fazle Hasan Abed.

Dr Salehuddin Ahmed

### **One of the heroes of modern times**

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, a Bangladeshi who is one of the heroes of modern times, died today at 83. Abed founded BRAC, one of the world's largest aid groups, and targeted the very poor in Asia and Africa. He helped lift Bangladeshis and tens of millions around the globe. RIP, Abed. I can think of few people who have done so much for humanity as Abed. He was a friend and someone I deeply admired and learned from: While US aid efforts in Afghanistan often flopped, his succeeded. Reflecting his humility, no one called him Sir Fazle. He was simply Abed.

Nicholas Kristof

### **He was a great gift to humanity**

Sir Fazle Abed's life was a great gift to humanity. His nearly 50 years of visionary leadership at BRAC transformed millions of lives in Bangladesh and beyond, and changed the way the world thinks about development. Driven by an unwavering belief in the inherent dignity of all people, he empowered those in extreme poverty to build better futures for themselves and their families. I will always be grateful for the chance to see his life-changing programmes in action in Bangladesh when I was President, for his many years of work with the Clinton Global Initiative, and for the kindness, friendship,

and inspiration he gave Hillary and me - including the grace and courage of the final months of his life. His legacy will live on in all the people whose lives are better, healthier and more secure because of his remarkable service.

Bill Clinton

### **His life is a lesson for us**

The scale and impact of what he has done, and yet the utter humility with which he has done everything, is a lesson for every single one of us.

Jim Yong Kim

### **We will never forget the example he set**

It was with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. Over the course of three decades, under Sir Fazle's inspiring leadership, the humanitarian organization he founded, BRAC, has become one of the world's leading development organizations. From its humble beginnings in Bangladesh – the country he loved so well -- to its expansion to 10 countries across Asia and Africa, BRAC has stood as an inspiring example of how we can gather people together in common cause to improve the lives of the most vulnerable. At UNICEF, we were particularly pleased that Sir Fazle agreed to become a Global Leader of Generation Unlimited, a new global public-private partnership to scale education, skills development and employment opportunities for young people, to prepare them for the world of work. I still remember his inspiring words at the Gen-U launch in September 2018, when he called on world leaders to join our cause, and invest in the next generation of global leaders. All of us at UNICEF will miss his ideas and advice. We will never forget the example he set. On behalf of everyone at UNICEF, please accept our deepest condolences to you, his family, and everyone at BRAC.

Henrietta H Fore

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I am deeply shocked to hear about the sudden demise of Sir Abed who has been an icon of pro-poor non-state development initiatives in Bangladesh and as well as in many parts of the world. I have worked with him closely both as a researcher and also as a regulator. Today, I deeply remember many of those fond memories which I shared with him for decades. The world will certainly remember him as a great innovator of various low-cost development solutions for the wretched and the disadvantaged, particularly the rural women. His leadership in promoting pro-poor education, health and finance has been simply unparalleled. My deepest condolences to the members of his family and all his colleagues from the non-governmental sector. May Allah bless his soul and let it live in peace.

Atiur Rahman

### **Our country will always remember him**

Dear Colleagues in BRAC, I am extremely shocked due to the departure of our Abed Bhai (Sir Fazle Hasan Abed). I pray for the peace of his departed soul and may Allah enable his family members to overcome this great loss. Our country will remember him for long as well as his nearest and dearest. May Allah bless us with patience.

Md. Belayet Hossain Meah

### **He made the world a better place**

He has shown that Bangladesh being a poor country, if the masses can all come together, we can help each other to come out of the darkness and emit light that goes beyond. He will be missed; his work here has given us hope for our future to come. He has made the world a better place even in his absence.

Abdullah Talha

### **An asset for humanity**

Thank you, Abed bhai. You were an asset for humanity and Bangladesh.

Dr Imtiaz Hafiz

### **Condolence**

We are deeply saddened for the sudden death of Sir Fazle Hasan Abed KCMG, founder and chair emeritus of BRAC. We pray for the peace of departed soul & convey our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Grameen Shamogree

### **Condolence**

We express mourn for the sudden death of Sir Fazle Hasan Abed KCMG, founder and chair emeritus of BRAC. Sir Fazle Hasan Abed contributed immeasurably to the country's socio-economic as well as educational development through establishing Brac and other organizations. We also pray for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed profound sympathy to the bereaved family.

Grameen Distribution Ltd

### **Exposing respect to Sir FH Abed**

Dear Sir, we are grateful to you. Rest in peace. In many times I searched and try to know about him. He was most beautiful minded person and he has bold personality. He always keeps responsibility about Bangladesh, which is found in his outlook on the liberation war in 1971. He worked for Bangladesh, Bangladeshi poor peoples. There has no self-beneficial mentality. He 100% succeed. He totally changed Bangladeshi

rural areas with beautiful sacrifice. Generation never forget Him. (RIP-Sir Fazle Hasan Abed)

Nayeem Rahmann

### **Loss of an extraordinary human being**

Talent Centric family is deeply mourning the loss of an extraordinary human being Sir Fazle Hasan Abed (Founder of BRAC - The biggest NGO in the world). We are grateful for the life of a giant of humanity. May Allah (swt) grant him Jannatul Ferdous.

Talent Centric

### **Legends never dies**

I joined brac because of you. I met you very few times during my tenure but I was mesmerised with your personality and your charisma. You will remain the inspirations for me and for many others. Rest in peace sir.

Sharmin Sultan

### **Thank you for everything you have done, Abed-bhai**

One of my hero's in development and one of the kindest and most gentle souls one could ever meet. That is indeed sad news. A massive loss for BRAC, for Bangladesh and for the many other countries where his work made a difference to the lives of the poorest. Thank you for everything you have done, Abed-bhai

Debasis Chowdhury

### **He was an extraordinary person**

Sir Fazle was an extraordinary person and he created an institution which mirrors his vision, commitment, and values. All of us at Save the children are saddened by the news of his passing, but inspired by his legacy.

Kevin Watkins

### **More than a great leader**

We lost more than a great leader. We lost a symbol of what it means to lead.

Syed Ekram Uddin

### **It was a pleasure to work with Abed Bhai**

Such tragic news, my sincere condolences to the family and entire global BRAC family. I have fond memories of my time with BRAC, it was a pleasure to work with and know Sir Abed Bhai. An inspiration. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Sofeena Lalani

### **Thank you for your service sir**

The true lover of poor people of home and abroad, who worked all of his life bringing happiness and smiles on the sad faces, left us. Thank you for your service sir. Rest in peace.

Shakhawat Chowdhury

### **An inspiration to us all**

He was a tireless fighter against poverty and inequality. He touched the lives of millions over the last 47 years, fuelled by a desire to leave the world a better place than he found it, and did so with characteristic humility and resolve. He is an inspiration to us all. May his soul rest in eternal peace!

Ashirul

### **One of the most inspiring people I met**

Oh what a shocking and sad news. Sir Fazle is one of the most inspiring people I had the privilege to meet. My condolences to his family, to BRAC and to the whole NGO community in Bangladesh.

Martine Billanou

### **We miss you**

Beloved Abed bhai - we miss you already. The love, brilliance, compassion and endless optimism and hope that you brought to our planet lives on in the millions of lives you touched.

Vilupti Christina Lok Corlis

### **A great gift to humanity**

A great soul and a great gift to humanity! He was not a spark but a flame that will keep burning in the hearts of all whom he inspired! May you live forever through the millions of lives that you have touched!

Argha Basu

### **Thanks giving to Mr Fazle**

We the people you have been and you have always helped will remember you as a \*Hero \*Soul doctor \*Rescuer \*the world`s father etcA lot of words to describe your goodness dear Fazle. My sister did have school fees and the option was getting married at 17 years but you chose her and took her to a school which she never dreamt

attending in her entire life. We celebrate the gift of life God has given you and we as well humbly pray for your soul to rest in eternal peace until we meet you again dear.

Nakyeswa Harriet

### **God's gift on earth**

Beautiful, such people are simply God's gift on earth.

Sheikh Taimur Nawaz

### **Carrying your legacy forward**

Thank you Abed Bhai! You were a great source of inspiration not just to us Bangladeshis, but also to the people around the globe. This is an irreparable loss to humanity...you have inspired and changed so many people's lives in so many positive ways...you will be severely missed! Rest in peace...I am sure that your followers and coworkers will carry your legacy forward. Best wishes for BRAC!

Shahidul Islam

### **We will forever draw inspiration from his work**

In 1972, after Bangladesh's war of liberation had left many homeless, Fazle Abed left his job as a London oil executive and returned to his home country with £16,000 in his pocket - and the ambitious goal of building 10,400 houses. He ended up raising enough money to build 16,000 houses for some of the poorest people in Bangladesh and still had enough left over to start his next project. That's who Sir Fazle was as a humanitarian, and that's what he helped us learn about development work: How to build a big, efficient organization, while never forgetting who you were doing it for. We were saddened to hear of his passing and will forever draw inspiration from his work, as will the rest of the world, which he left so much better than he found.

Melinda Gates

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### **It's pity!**

The world has lost a truly remarkable human being and one who has changed the world and my life in an amazing way. He will be remembered forever as the man who touched a valuable thing and an imagination only limited by our thoughts. Condolences go to his family and friends and BRAC family at large. He may be gone but will never be forgotten!! May Good Lord put at his right hand. May your Soul Rest in Peace.

Wafula Moses Musia

### **Rest in Peace Sir Fazle Hasan Abed**

His enormous contribution to make a better world will always be remembered. Such loss of intellectual and dedicated person to humanity is irrecoverable. May Allah rest his soul in peace.

Rasel Azam

### **Soul touch**

We will miss the man of all forms of integrity, good hearted, innovator, employer and everything imagine a just 4 months in the organisation but my life changed immediately so God may his soul rest in peace we shall miss him for centuries.

Tuhairwe Fredrick

### **Our hearts grieve**

On behalf of the BRAC USA team, I'd like to express our profound sadness and condolences to Abed bhai's family. Abed left a mark on all of those who had the privilege of working with him, and even those who never met him, who were inspired to join BRAC because of him. His works affected millions of other people's lives, far and wide, yet despite this and his many achievements and accolades, he always insisted that it was the poor and marginalized who deserved the real credit for ending poverty. The role of people like him -- and people like us, and others working in development -- is simply to create the enabling conditions for them to do so. In the days to come, as we celebrate his life, we find solace in one of Rabindranath Tagore's more memorable notes: "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy. "We also remember Abed Bhai's own remark: "I have spent my life watching optimism triumph over despair when the light of self-belief is sparked in people. As a team, I want us to keep lighting these sparks." Our hearts

grieve, yet I also know that Abed Bhai would not wish us to lament his loss too long, but to honor his remarkable legacy by continuing the work he started.

Donella Rapier

### **The most important standard bearers of development for our generation**

I would like to convey my heartfelt condolences for the departure of Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. One of the reasons why I have been long wanting to work in Bangladesh was because of him who had been one of the most important standard bearers of development for our generation. It is a great loss to Bangladesh as well as to the world. I pray for his soul rest in eternal peace.

Tomoo Hozumi

### **He left footprints on our hearts**

Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same. Death is an inevitable state of transition. Not all lives can be celebrated. Let us celebrate the life of Sir Fazle and take the mourning behind us. Salute au grand homme!

Dr Chanchal Khan

### **He was a legend**

I am so sad today! Sir Fazle Hasan Abed was a legend, a man who always inspired me. Bangladesh will remember you forever, sir! My heartfelt condolences to his family, to BRAC and the whole non-profit sector in Bangladesh.

Shyda Rashid

### **Remembering Sir Fazle**

Sir Fazle Abed is the most respected person in my life next to my late Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew. I spent many meetings learning his humility and simple wisdom. Death is a given. We all die eventually. Abed reminds us that service to humanity is the highest value for our time on this planet. On my last day, I want to say, "It was a useful journey and I did not waste the opportunity to serve."

Jack Sim

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Atiur Rahman

### **May Allah bless his soul**

The man who founded the largest NGO in the whole world and consolidated the name of Bangladesh in international arena... we will definitely miss the most successful person ever in the history of Bangladesh. May Allah bless his soul.

Iftekhar Ahmed Sakib

### **He made Bangladesh proud**

May Allah provide best peace and rest to our brother Sir Fazle Hasan Abed who has brought unlimited success for the people who are in need in Bangladesh and in the world. He made Bangladesh proud and contributed to changing the life of the people and contributed to improving Bangladesh's status. Abed Bhai we missed you, but we have very good memory about you that you build.

Abdus Sattar Dulal

### **Your guidance will be followed**

Your guidance and inspiration will not let us miss You. We will win the war against social injustices that You started so that You can rest in peace.

Zahidul Alam

### **May Holy Trinity grant peace for his noble Soul**

In my career, I have taken interviews of so many people of different arenas. And of course, meeting with Sir Fazle Hasan Abed at the evening of Bangla Academy premises in 2016 was a great experience for me. It's a 15-minute session. Amidst enjoying a Lalon song, 'Jekhaney Sair Baramkhana', performed by Shikhor, he gave that interview. He said..." Once I was walking by a poor villager's house. I saw a malnourished woman was taking care of many ducks. I asked her about the initiative to become self-reliant. The poor woman said she had no way to earn money. Finally, rearing ducks with minimum capital had become a solution to solve her financial crisis" .... He kept saying...The main objective of development is the changing of culture. When a girl becomes educated, she must bring changes to her surroundings. May Holy Trinity grand peace for his noble Soul.

Bipul K Debnath

### **Legends never die**

Legend has no death for them. The human heart is immortalized for action.

Jewel Hossain Gazi

In remembering of our sir

It is a very sad day for us. We have lost a great visionary, leader and a true hero....as an ex-student of BRAC University i feel heartbroken...let us learn from the life of this great soul that life is not only about making your own life better but to enhance the lives of people around you.... sir we will always remember u. because legends never die....

TAPOSHI MOSHARRAF

### **His ideology will remain in our hearts**

I am deeply saddened to hear that Abed Bhai passed away last night. I pray for eternal peace of his departed soul. I was associated with BRAC for about 30 years. He influenced me to learn more, work hard and inspire others to work diligently to realise the organisational vision. I learned from him how to expand organisation in other countries, how to handle management and leadership crisis in difficult situations, scale up programs and managing scale effectively. When we scaled up BRAC in Uganda once he told me "If you cannot manage time to read every report, you should not forget to read program monitoring and internal audit reports. You will get all the information you need to manage large scale operations". When I was a junior level staff he included me in the list of senior managers to attend meetings during national crisis like floods, cyclone, although I could not contribute anything in decision making processes but

learned how to make decision to work during humanitarian crisis, post crisis rehabilitation phase and take up long term development programmes. I got appreciation, recognition and guidance from him that inspired me even when I work with other organisations. After leaving BRAC I met him in several occasions. He always asked how I am doing, how is my family and many more. I will miss his guidance and affection. It was not possible to see him when he was in hospital due to restrictions from the doctors and the hospital procedures. I know we will not get him back physically but his ideology will remain in our hearts to serve humanity in and outside of Bangladesh. Abed Bhai, we will miss you.

Ariful Islam

### **A great leader and a true patriot**

Sir, you were a great leader, a true patriot and spent your whole life in doing good for the country and its people. You have shown that a war-torn country can raise itself simply by focusing on its countrymen and taking steps for their well-being. I can still remember your words, "Be the best you can! "Hats off to you for your contributions to Bangladesh.

Msum Sharif

### **Goodbye to a great Briton**

As a British Bangladeshi I am immensely proud of what you've done and what you have achieved. Your legacy will live on and we should be proud to actually call you one of our own as well as well Bangladesh

Sueb Jabbar

### **A true global leader**

Our country has lost one of its very best sons! He has left this world leaving a huge legacy for all of us! A truly global leader! May his soul rest in peace in heaven!

Alamgir Shohag

### **A legacy of gravitas, courage and humility**

We are deeply saddened by the sudden demise of Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. No words of consolation can take away the pain of losing him. We hope the whole nation will remember Sir Fazle Hasan Abed`s legacy with the same gravitas, courage and humility that he has instilled in us.

Half Stop Down

### **It is a great loss for the world**

The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) family mourns the passing away of its Board Member Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. We are deeply shocked by the passing away of one of the greatest social innovators Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, founder of BRAC and member of CPD`s Board of Trustees. The CPD family gratefully acknowledges the contribution of Sir Fazle in lifting millions of people out of poverty and backwardness in Bangladesh, and in many other less developed countries. The visionary leader guided CPD since its establishment through his profound wisdom and beyond the box ideas. It is a great loss for BRAC, CPD, Bangladesh and the world. May his soul rest in peace.

### **Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)**

#### **An icon of international development**

Sir Fazle has been an icon of international development whom we have closely worked with, through the MasterCard Foundation. May his soul Rest in Peace.

Barnabas Nawangwe

#### **The legendary Sir Fazle Hasan Abed**

You will keep on shining forever in them millions of hearts of poor and needy - thank you, the legendary Sir Fazle Hasan Abed!

Razik Fazle

#### **A legend gone...but the legacy remains**

Sir Fazle Abed gone too soon. You leave behind a legacy for millions to follow. Dearest Abed bhai you will be missed more than you will ever know. Deepest condolences to the entire family, friends and colleagues.

Naila Husain Chowdhury

#### **Legends never die**

Legends never die, they live within their great deeds! Rest in peace, Sir.

Dr Zarin Tasnim Maliha

#### **A man with a golden heart**

We deeply mourn the passing away of Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. He was the legend of the nation and a man with a golden heart. His persistency and devotion changed the lives of millions across the world. May his soul Rest in Peace.

#### **One of the world's greatest luminaries**

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, the Founder of BRAC and one of the world's greatest luminaries, is reunited today with his dear friend and SAJIDA's Founder Syed Humayun Kabir. As we struggle to bear the immense loss of his passing, we are comforted by the

knowledge that our dearest Abed bhai's spirit is eternally immortalised in the very foundation of the country which he dedicated his life to protect and build, and the hearts of millions in which he will continue to live on forever. He was a second father to the SAJIDA family and we are all united in our grief and in our prayers for him and his family.

Sajida Foundation

### **Most remarkable person**

Demise of a most remarkable person in Bangladesh history. May Allah grant him in Jannat.

Salah Uddin Ahmmed Tuhin

### **Goodbye Sir Fazle**

A brightest star of Bangladesh! Goodbye!

S. Chayon Barm

### **A Legendary Person**

A Legendary person of all time. He will remain with us through his great and noble work. Praying for the great soul.

Shaheen Hasnat

### **He will always live in my heart**

The man who inspired Steve Jobs, Bill Gates, and created the world's biggest not for profit organization BRAC, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed today leaves us! He was from Bangladesh- BRAC started as Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee to rehabilitate the refugees from East Pakistan to India when they were coming back to newly made a Bangladesh. He was a sweet and energetic man, I wished to spend more time with him in Bangladesh which he agreed to but we never got to materialize this! He will live in my heart always as a Happy content man!

Rehan Allahwala

### **Memorial**

Nothing is everlasting in this transient world. We don't live for the infinity, but our deeds do. In this mundane world, what you have achieved, will surely invoke many others to do at least something good for the destitute, and you will remain as a glowing star in the history of mankind, always. Because heroes never die...

Digonto Gomes

## **Mourn**

May your soul rest in peace Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. You helped so many people to live in peace. ♥

Saugat Bosu

## **Thank you abed bhai**

"A living legend who innovated path for others to be followed. We lost him."

Md Musfikur Rahman

## **Sir Abed**

On behalf of the KPMG the Netherlands team, I'd like to express our condolences and sincere sadness to the BRAC organisation and ofcourse to Abed bhai's family. It was a privilege to meet him and to work for him. He was truly an inspiring person with a huge positive impact for the people in Bangladesh and other countries where BRAC is operating. He was really a visionary person when he started the BRAC organization and with his intentions to help other people, who needed this help.

Arjan van Opzeeland

## **SFHA**

It is very interesting to see how he became a world leading person from a third world country, how a man empowers himself and his native people, how God blessed him with lots of successes? World needs people like him very much.

Muhammad Anowar Saadat

## **Mourn**

Nobody exists in the world for fulfilling his lost. His loss is irreparable. He was the changemaker for the nation. He thought always about the development of poor people. Today we are speechless, shocked and morn to lose him. May Allah grant him superior Jannat.

MD JAYNAL ABEDIN

## **Condolence from Bangladesh Community Media Sector & Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication**

Fazle Hasan Abed, KCMG founder of BRAC & Chair Emeritus, passed away on 20th December, 2019. We mourn his depart and offer our deepest condolences to his family & affiliated with BRAC. His achievements are outstanding and will continue to make an impact on the lives of many. There is only little we can say when an important person in our lives suddenly passes away. No words can make you feel better. Bangladesh's

economy was ruined in 1972 after the war and Abed identified the needs of the poor. Particularly, the refugees returning from India after seeking shelter during the war inspired him to found BRAC. Enabling them to develop their own capacity to better manage their lives was his main objective. The same can be said about the later 2010 BRAC facilitated community radio Pallikantho 99.2. Therefore, community radio Pallikantho 99.2 broadcasting altogether 12 hours' program per day on information, education, local entertainment and development motivation activities. Around 40 youth women & youth are now working with those stations as community broadcaster in line with giving voices to the rural people. We, Bangladesh Community Media Sector & Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC) extend our deepest sympathies to his family members and staff members of BRAC. Bangladesh Community Media Sector & Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC) will always cherish the wonderful memories made with Fazle Hasan Abed. Fazle Hasan Abed will always be remembered. His legacy will live on. AHM Bazlur Rahman Chief Executive Officer Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC)[www.bnnrc.net](http://www.bnnrc.net)

AHM Bazlur Bazlur

### **Condolences**

He was great philanthropist, job Creator and born from the development of human beings. Deepest condolences from me and my family. We will never forget you SIR.

Swapan Saha

### **Sir Fazle is Bangladesh!**

Bangladesh would never become what it has become today without your dreams, hard work, spirit and achievements! An eternal lighthouse for the have nots in Bangladesh and outside. You have proved many times that one's vision and perseverance are bigger than challenges, be it in health, education, nutrition, employment, governance and everything. Demise of the second tallest son of this soil after Sheikh Mujib!

Syed Khaled Ahsan

### **Remembering Sir Abed**

I learned for your work, try to flow way you work. Can't forget you!!

Apu Chandra Roy

### **Remembering Sir Fazle Abed**

The greatest way in which the youth can show respect to Sir Fazle Hasan Abed is to emulate at least one of his great qualities and adopt it as a way of life. I sincerely hope through his work and legacy, Sir Abed has sown the seeds of future leaders like him in today's youth of Bangladesh. In each of us, there is a Abed and hence he cannot die!

Ashfaque Kabir

### **Tribute to Sir Abed**

A greatest Bengali person who did everything for his country, people and the liberation war. I remember profoundly his sacrifice, devotion and works. Respect, Love and Prayer for you Mr. Knight Bengal.

Ashif Rezwan

### **Lost a person of advancing Bangladesh**

He will be remembered for his noble works that make a person`s life meaningful and he will be remembered for his extra-ordinary deeds that made him stand out from others.

Biplob Kanti Banik FCA

### **Respect and forever love**

BRAC means Sir Fazle Hasan Abed. Even if we lose him, we will find all his biographies in the works of our BRAC. Rest in peace...

Rakibur Rahaman Chowdhury

### **Flag Bearer**

We have lost national asset who changed our socio-economy. He had played his role in many social sector for minimizing our poverty. We are committed to you, yes, we will carry your dream and bear your works.

Mintu Kabir

### **Thank you Sir Fazle**

He was a knight who led the charge in a very different kind of war. A war to uplift people in suffering. A war to end discrimination in all its forms. He will remain immortalised in the hearts of the millions reached during and after his time. Thank you for giving a damn sir.

Ali Iqbal Murshed

### **The Entrepreneur of Soul ...of the Poorest**

Abid Bhai, you are the Entrepreneurs of Poorest and you have believed and inspired millions of poor in Bangladesh and around the world that they are the most daring entrepreneurs, who can change their destiny and lead the world. Abid bhai you can know take rest and we should work until the last poor in planet is not touched to realise that their potential of entrepreneurship.

Muzaffar Uddin

