

## **Prof Piash Karim laid to rest**

BNP mourns his death

BRAC University professor Piash Karim who passed away Monday was laid to eternal rest at Banani Graveyard in the city Friday, reports UNB.

Piash Karim, also a political analyst and TV talk-show panelist, was buried around 3pm after two namaz-e-janazas.

The second and final namaz-e-janaza for the deceased was held at Baitul Mukarram National Mosque after Jum'a prayers, which was attended by people from all walks of life, including politicians, journalists, teachers and students.

Senior leaders of the BNP-lead 20-party alliance, including BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, standing committee members MK Anwar, Mirza Abbas, joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, former Bangladesh Bank Governor Salehuddin Ahmed, ex-caretaker government adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman, journalists Mahfuz Ullah, Ruhul Amin Gazi, Syed Abdal Ahmed and business leader Aftab Ahmed, among others, attended the janaza.

After the janaza, different political parties, organisations and persons showed their last homage to Piash Karim by placing wreaths on his coffin at the South Plaza of the national mosque.

His first Janaza was held at Baitul Aman Jam-e-Mosque at Dhanmondi in the city around 11:20am.

Besides, BNP observed 'mourning day' Friday across the country to condole the death of the right-leaning political analyst.

Piash Karim, a professor of BRAC University's Economics and Social Sciences Department, died of cardiac arrest early Monday at the age of 56.

His body had been kept at the mortuary of Square Hospital for waiting for his close relatives, including sisters, to return home from abroad to accomplish his burial.

Hailing from Comilla, Piash Karim obtained his PhD in Sociology from Kansas State University, USA. He often took part in talk-shows on different TV channels and seminars as a resource person.

He came under fire by different quarters for his comments against Sahahbagh Gonojagoron Mancha and the trial procedure of the International War Crimes Tribunals.

Though there was a plan to bring his body to the Central Shaheed Minar for enabling people from all strata to pay their last tributes to him, his family members shelved it as the Dhaka University authorities denied permission to bring his body to the Shaheed Minar amid objection to the move by some student and cultural organisations.

As per the changed decision of his family members, the body of Piash Karim was finally taken to his Dhanmondi residence around 10am on Friday instead of Central Shaheed Minar from the mortuary.

Later, the mortal remains were brought to the Baitul Aman Jam-e-Mosque premises where his family members, colleagues, students and well-wishers paid their tributes to him.

Ex-VC of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, ex-DU Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury, columnist Farhad Mazhar, New Age editor Nurul Kabir, DU teachers Prof Sadrul Amin, Dr Akhter Hossain, Prof Asif Nazrul, Prof Salimullah Khan, lawyer Tuhin Malik and journalist Mahfuz Ullah, among others, paid homage to him.

Meanwhile, BNP observed 'mourning day' Friday across the country condoling the death of BRAC University professor and right-leaning political analyst Dr Piash Karim.

It hoisted black flags and kept the party flags at half-mast at all its offices across the country, including Nayapaltan central office, marking the day.

Besides, the party leaders and activists wore black badges in observance of the day.

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