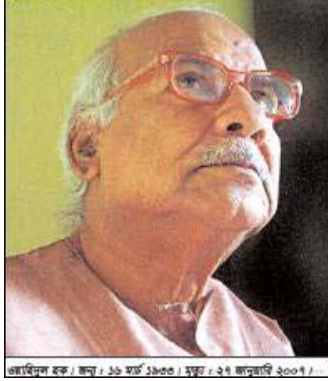




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MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE

AT THE PASSING AWAY OF WAHIDUL HAQ

SHUROLOK, a music appreciation and performance group, based in Melbourne joins the Bangla music fraternity in expressing its condolences to family, friends, students and fans on the passing away of the legend Wahidul Haq. The world of Rabindro Shongheet education, journalism, and secular practice has become a less nice place following Wahidul Haq's passing. A number of members of SHUROLOK have directly benefited from Wahidul Haq's teaching and have had the opportunity to work alongside him in the formation of Jatiyo Robindro Shongheet Shommilon Porishod in 1980.

A person of deep commitment to secularism and non-communal nationalism, Wahidul Haq's regular writings in the Bangladesh national dailies have inspired all of us in contributing for a Bangladesh that values creativity, non-communal heritage, humanity, and binding people through music. We remember with deepest gratitude Wahidul Haq's contribution in the promotion of Bangla music, arts, and societal change based on honesty, creativity and secularism. In his words: "*we were trampled over and over, but we always rose with our heads up.... Let us rise.*" The Bengali community as a whole, and Bangladesh in particular has lost one of her most talented artiste, a compassionate guru and a fighter for social progress.

We dip our banners in homage.

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