

ADVOCATE ZIA HABIB AHASAN

Advocate A. M. Zia Habib Ahasan was born on 26 November in 1963 in a renowned Muslim family of Chittagong. He is the eldest and only son of prominent lawyer late Al-haj Abu Mohammad Yahya, Advocate and Mohiowshi Nari (great woman) Late Al-haj Jaitun Ara Begum. His maternal grandfather was advocate Ejahar Hossain B.L (Bachelor of Law). His wife, Principal Ashfah Khanum, is the eldest daughter of Barrister Aminul Hoque. Advocate Zia Habib successfully completed secondary school exam from Chittagong Muslim Education Society High School on 1980 and higher secondary from Chittagong College in 1982. From his boyhood he was actively involved with human rights & social welfare activities through Boys' Scout. He completed Honours in 1986 and Masters in 1987 on sociology from Chittagong University and also completed LL.B. in 1990 from the same university. He achieved the Bar council certificate in 1993 and started his practice in Chittagong District Bar. He completed LL.M. in 2009. He achieved practicing sanad (licence) of the High Court in 1996 and got membership of Bar association of Bangladesh Supreme Court in 2000.

In 1996 he became the member of Income tax Bar Association Chittagong. In his practicing life, he served as an assistant public prosecutor for a long time. Apart from this, he performed an active role as an additional public prosecutor in evidence concealment of Seema-rape case. He served & has been serving as a legal adviser and panel lawyer of a number of companies which are Chittagong WASA, Chittagong Development Authority (CDA), UCBL, IBBL, FSIBL, Rupali bank Ltd, Eastern Bank Ltd- EBL, ICB Bank Ltd (Former Oriental Bank Ltd.), Bank Asia Ltd, IFIL, Jamuna Bank Ltd. British American Tobacco Bangladesh, SGS Bangladesh, International Islamic University Chittagong (IIUC), University of Science and Technology Chittagong (UITS), Bangladesh Co-operative Book Society Ltd, Chittagong District Legal Aid Committee, Chittagong Divisional Paper Merchant Association Chattalar Mati etc. In his glorious professional life, he conducted several sensational cases of both civil and criminal nature such as writ to release 39 foreign prisoners in the Cox's Bazar jail without trial, case of concealing evidence of Sheema rape case under police custody, compensation suit for damages caused to people of Bandartilla in Chittagong etc.

At the very early stage of his career, Advocate Zia Habib was the elected member of Chittagong District Bar Association in 1994. For the last two era he has contributed tremendously in the human rights arena and has become a well known & devoted

BSEHR. He was also played a role as a co-ordinator in Chittagong of SGGHR (Strengthening Good Governance through Human Rights) project supported by Manusher Jonno Foundation. He is the vice chairman of CDC (Centre for Disabled's Concern), a leading organization of special persons (disabled), founder director of Chittagong Victory National School (CVNS), an English Medium School, secretary of Hathazari Somiti in Chittagong and Life time member of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, Muslim Education Society (MES), Kodom Mubarak Orphan Centre, Chittagong Diabetic Association, Chittagong Ma-O-Shishu Hospital, Chittagong College Alumni, Ex-student Association of Department of Sociology of Chittagong University. Chittagong central Eid Jamat Committee, Roujan Club etc.

He is also serving as a regular column writer in different local and national newspapers including electronics media. The main theme of his writings are related to Law & Human Rights, he has done research works on these aspects too. His several books on law & rights have been published already and some are yet to come. He has attended different training and seminars at home & abroad and represented key note paper in some of the seminars. As a lawyer and a human rights activist, he attended a one month training program on "Human Rights and U.S judicial system" in 2008 by the invitation of US government in U.S.A. He also attended Cross Learning Sharing Visit Programme in 2006 in Nepal. He visited Singapore Police Head Quarter by the invitation of Singapore Police in 2005 too. He visited Thailand, India, and Saudi Arab etc. He also attended different seminars organized by Law Commission and Law Ministry of People's Republic of Bangladesh including seminar on Refugee law organized by Bangladesh Bar Council in association with UNHCR. Being a Human Rights activist, he has also served as an election observer for monitoring in National Election of 2001, Union Porishod Election of 1997 & 2003 and Chittagong City Corporation Election of 2005. He is the founder secretary general of "Jaitun-Yahya Welfare Trust" which was established by his father for the welfare of mankind. At present he is the trustee board member and President of Chittagong branch of Bangladesh Human Rights Foundation (BHRF) lead by the prominent human rights leader advocate Alena Khan. He has proved himself confidently and bravely as a human rights activist through his ceaseless effort towards the human rights activities for all classes of distressed and deprived people and take position in their heart.

