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Special Olympics Bangladesh Mourns the Passing of Its Founding Chairman Mr. Ashraf Dowla

Chairman and all members of the Board of Special Olympics Bangladesh express their shock and sorrow at the sad demise of the Founding Chairman, Mr. Ashraf Dowla, who breathed his last on 10 April 2025 in the United States at the age of 89.

Mr. Dowla, a visionary leader and a dedicated advocate for persons with intellectual disabilities, laid the foundation of Special Olympics Bangladesh in 1993 with a mission to empower, include, and uplift the lives of countless athletes through the power of sports. His unwavering commitment to the cause of inclusion and his lifelong service to the nation earned him the prestigious National Sports Award in 1996.

Mr. Dowla's legacy will forever be etched in the heart of the Special Olympics movement in Bangladesh. He was not only a pioneer in establishing a platform for athletes with intellectual disabilities but also a symbol of hope, compassion, and relentless pursuit of equality in sports.

Special Olympics Bangladesh family extends heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family members and loved ones. May his departed soul rest in eternal peace.

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