

“Tajuddin is a role model for all Bangladeshi patriots”

Kamrul Ahsan Khan

Shimin Hussain Rimi, daughter of the Late Tajuddin Ahmed, first Prime minister of Bangladesh, came to Canberra last Sunday to speak in the ongoing series titled Itihash Kotha Koy - History Speaks.



Shimin Hussain's speech reminiscing the life and politics of Tajuddin Ahmed provided the perfect role model for a patriot who would inspire a new generation of leadership. She recalled how her father led a simple lifestyle and was willing to commit himself to the cause of liberation and Bangladesh at the cost of spending less time with his family.

It was a great opportunity for the local community to meet Rimi and hear her stories of how her father led the liberation movement to success. It was his unique quality as a great organizer and an inspirational leader which helped the leaders of the interim government in 1971 to lead the liberation forces in the absence of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Local community leaders, who spoke after Rimi, said that visionary leaders like Tajuddin need to come forward to lead the nation. Bangladeshis need to find intelligent and courageous individuals who need the people's encouragement and support to achieve the nation's demand. They also said that it was the responsibility of the state and the public to

research Tajuddin's life which would have helped enlighten generations of Bangladeshis to use his example for their political lives.

The speakers also appreciated Shimin Hussain Rimi's efforts to compile Tajuddin's life story in the form of his interviews, speeches, diaries and important highlights of his illustrious life.

Bangladesh needs courageous, dedicated, sincere and committed leaders like Tajuddin Ahmed and speakers urge all social and political activists in Bangladesh and also non-resident Bangladeshis to uphold and follow Tajuddin Ahmed as role model in our patriotic work.

The discussion was moderated by Kamrul Ahsan Khan and was attended by a large presence from the local Bangladeshi community. Those who participated in the discussion programme were namely Mr Joinal Abedin, Dr Kamaluddin, Anamul Bhuiyan, Dr Nilufar Jahan, Sahadat Hussain Manik, Dr Mainuddin, Nahida Bhuiyan, Dr Ajoy Kar, Dr Parag Das & Mr Mostaque. Special thanks were given to Mr. and Mrs. Parag Das for hosting the event.

The discussion was followed by a screening of a documentary on the life of Tajuddin Ahmed titled "AN UNSUNG HERO" directed by Tanvir Mokammel. Few copies of the DVD were also distributed among the community members courtesy Sahadat Manik of priyoaustralia.com.au