

"AN IDEAL AND AN ILLUSTRIOUS LAWYER PASSES AWAY"

1. Mr.Lal Muhammad, the illustrious and well prided son of sindh was born about 90 years back from now at Shikarpur, the then well developed town of Sindh, known as 'Paris of Sindh' in history. According to NIC his of date of birth is 23-01-1923.
2. After getting through the stage of Primary education he passed his Matriculation Examination with honors from Shikarpur High School & thereafter got his Higher Secondary School Certificate in Arts Group from C&S College Shikarpur.
3. He was born poet & had great fondness for poetry since his School days. During College days he started composing his own Verses well refined in Language & thoughts. His poems found Place in the renowned magazines of Sindh like the monthly 'Sindhu' etc & his literary taste & poetical skills won him applause from the great poet of the time & the selected audience at the great 'Mushairas'. He tried every form of poetry but was well versified in Ghazal & Nazam (Poem).
4. His career started as a clerk in Government Service (Barrage Department) which helped him establish contacts & won reputation as a poet in many cities of Sindh. Later he joined the service in the same Department in Karachi, where he took out the well known Sindhi Magazine "Aftab" with himself as its Editor. But because of financial constrains & lack of monetary support, the publication of the magazine had to be stopped soon after.
5. In the meantime he also passed his B.A,L.L.B Examination & after resigning from his Government service he re-started his career as an Advocate by joining G. M. Shah & Co., Within no time he won a good name & reputation as a talented lawyer within the Lawyer's circle in Karachi.
6. He was fortunate enough to have established a close relationship with Allama I.I Qazi who appreciated well his talents & poetical skills & always encouraged him on his efforts for the promotion of literature. He was also held in high esteem by Dr. Dawoodpota. Once he was invited at a meeting of scholars & intellectuals with Allama I.I. Qazi & Dr. Dawoodpota among the galaxy. During a friendly talk before the meeting Dr.

Dawoodpota who was well acquainted with Mr. Lal Muhammad, asked him about his activities when told about his law practice, Dr. Dawoodpota ask Mr. Lal Muhammad "if a man like you busies himself with the Law practice who would be there to take care of Sindhi Literature; who would serve for the cause of promotion of Sindhi Literature ?"He further remarked that after partition the efforts for promotion of Sindhi Literature suffered long gap that agonised all the great intellectuals, Philosophers, writers & poets of Sindh & its was for this reason that they had gathered there at the meeting to seek redress for the lapses. In this context Dr. Dawoodpota stressed upon Mr. Lal Muhammad to shun his law practice & revive his efforts for promotion of Sindhi Literature from the point where they had been abandoned. It was on the behest & sincere advice of Dr. Dawoodpota that Mr. Lal Mohammad had to forego his Law practice to start re-publication of magazine 'Aftab' with a fresh Zeal & fervor. The magazine came out with a refreshing performance glaring with literary contributions from the prominent & well known poets & writers of Sindhi Literature.

7. But unfortunately it was the financial burden once again that continued to grow as the days passed by & soon became too heavier to sustain any more; the magazine had to cease its publication for good within a few months of its new life.
8. In order to make both ends meets, Mr. Lal Muhammad joined purely on merit & his talent as a teacher, in the famous Sindh Madarsat-ul-Islam, a seat of learning that produced the most valued an capable politicians. intellectuals & Scholars well renowned the world over. During the very first year of his service there, he passed his B-T-Exam with flying colors. However, his passion to serve Sindhi Literature did not subside with the passage of time Gatherings of poets & men of letters were continued to be held. Many of such grand gatherings were held within the Literary circle around the famous Abdullah Haroon College where the well renowned writers, poets & intellectuals of Sindh like Mr. Grami Abdullah 'Abd' Sarshar Uquaili, Niaz Humayuni, Josh 'Saz' & other men of letters & Literature continued to participate & pay their share for promotion of literature with Zeal & fervor. As for himself, Mr. Lal Muhammad took out the School magazine 'Chronicle' with himself his Chief Editor & Editor Urdu & English Section & it was the only literary & unique achievement in the history of

the School.

9. He left Karachi for good due to ill health of his father & settled at Shikarpur sometimes after the martial law of President Ayub, with a view to serve his native town. He again started his Law practice there & soon got himself enlisted among the prominent lawyers of Shikarpur. His increasing work & talent won him applause from the great Judges of Sindh High Court.
10. He remained the President of Historical Society of Shikarpur till his death. It was solely due to his efforts that great seminars & meetings of the Society continued to be held at Shikarpur where the intellectuals, writers & other men of letters presented their (Valuable) papers that are still on the record of the society.
11. During Zia's era Mr. Lal Muhammad compiled & published a small beautiful treatise "Some Suggestion for Shikarpur" in English. The treatise opened the gates for betterment & uplift of the neglected historical town of Shikarpur. The construction of Shikarpur stadium, Shahi Bagh Park, with sports facilities for the children & construction of paved way around the town providing outlet for the rain water are some of the Schemes which still bear the testimony to the services of Mr. Lal Muhammad for his native town. Mr. Lal Muhammad had a long cherished desire to establish a Law College in Shikarpur. He put in his utmost & un-ceasing efforts, for the purpose. By the grace of Allah, the Almighty, his efforts bore fruit in form of Haji Moula Bux Soomro Govt. Law College which was founded in 1990. He was its founder Principal.
12. In January, 1993 his first volume of poems "Goonj" was published. However, most of his works still remain unpublished.
13. At the close of 1993, he was hospitalized at Liaquat Hospital where he was operated upon for his Prostat Gland trouble. He enjoyed a good health for fairly long time after the operation but in 1996 the trouble recurred & he was again operated upon. He suffered the trouble for the third time in November, 1996. This time he was admitted to Agha Khan Hospital where he remained for a fairly long time. He underwent a third operation by Dr. "Tallati", but it showed no

sign of improvement. Swelling on Liver proved fatal to his life & thus a great poet & lawyer of Sindh, a generous & God-fearing soul breathed his last on 05-05-1997.

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