



## In Memoriam of Dr. Mirza Nazim Uddin

Dr. Mirza Nazim Uddin was an esteemed pioneer in the development of critical care in Bangladesh and a cornerstone in the growth of healthcare services in the country. He was one of the founding members of the Critical Care Society of Bangladesh, where he played an instrumental role in the advancement of the discipline. Dr. Mirza's contributions were particularly significant in the establishment and enhancement of critical care units at Square Hospital, where his leadership and expertise set a standard of excellence in the ICU.

Graduating from Dhaka Medical College, Dr. Mirza completed his internship before joining the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases and Research (NICVD) in Dhaka as a Registrar. His international journey in healthcare began with a position in the Department of Critical Care Medicine at King Fahad Hospital in Medina, Saudi Arabia. There, he honed his skills and knowledge in a global healthcare setting. Dr. Mirza further advanced his expertise by obtaining his MRCP from the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and undertaking higher training in various capacities within the field of critical care.

As the Director of Medical Services at Square Hospitals Ltd., Dr. Mirza was the heart and soul of the institution's medical team. His leadership was most evident during the COVID-19 pandemic. He foresaw the challenges ahead and led the creation of an entirely separate, isolated unit dedicated to COVID patients. With his guidance, the entire team of doctors, nurses, and other staffs worked together to ensure the safety and care of patients, despite the unprecedented circumstances. It was his unwavering dedication and support that inspired the team to give their best during such a difficult time. Sadly, it was Dr. Mirza who ultimately gave his own life in service to humanity, paying the highest price during the pandemic.

Beyond his work in critical care, Dr. Mirza was deeply passionate about the future of medicine. He took a special interest in Acute Medicine and was a strong advocate for establishing it as a recognized specialty in Bangladesh, pushing the boundaries of what was possible for the country's healthcare system.

Dr. Mirza's impact is immeasurable, and his loss is deeply felt by all who knew him. His contributions to critical care, his leadership, and his tireless dedication to improving healthcare will never be forgotten. He leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire generations of doctors and healthcare workers, and he will always be remembered as a true pioneer and a devoted servant of humanity.

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