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## OBITUARY

Dr. S. A. Rahman

The Editorial Committee of the *Hamdard Islamicus* deeply regrets to announce the death of heart failure of Dr. S.A. Rahman, former Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Pakistan and a member of the Advisory Council of this journal, in Lahore on February 11, 1979, while presiding over a session of the National Seerat Conference held under the auspices of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Government of Pakistan.

Dr. S.A. Rahman was born at Wazirabad, District Gujranwala, on June 4, 1903. He did his M.A. from the Punjab University and B.A. (Hons) from the University of Oxford. He joined the Indian Civil Service (I.C.S.) in 1928 as Sub-Divisional Officer and Assistant Commissioner. He elected to serve in the Judicial Branch as District and Sessions Judge and continued in that position till 1945. He served as Legal Rememberancer and Secretary, Legislative Department, Government of Punjab, till May 1946, when he was appointed as a Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Lahore. He also served as a Member of the Bengal Boundary Commission at the time of the Partition of India in 1947.

He was Vice-Chancellor, Punjab University, in 1950-51, and in addition to his duties as Judge of the High Court, Lahore, also served as Custodian of Evacuee Property in 1947-51. He was appointed Chief Justice, Lahore High Court, in 1954 and took over as Chief Justice, High Court of West Pakistan in 1955. In 1958, he was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and later Chief Justice of Pakistan in 1968. He finally retired in June, 1968.

He was Chairman, Board for the Advancement of Literature, Punjab; Vice-Chairman, Bazm-i-Iqbal, Lahore; and Director, Institute of Islamic Culture, Lahore.

He was conferred the degree of D.Litt. (*Honoris Causa*) by the University of the Punjab, Lahore, and the Cairo University.

His publications include: '*Tarjumān-i Asrār*' (translation into Urdu verse of Iqbal's *Asrār-i Khudī*, 1952; '*Ḥadīth-i Dil*' collection of speeches and addresses (Urdu), 1963; '*Safar*' (original Urdu poems), 1964; '*Punishment of Apostasy in Islam*', (1972, 1978).