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Born in 1945, Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, Bir Bikram studied Economics at the University of Dhaka and Punjab and joined the Civil Service of Pakistan (CSP) in 1968 after a twoyear stint as Lecturer in Economics in the Dhaka University. He was decorated for gallantry as Bir Bikram and was one

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