

Obituary
Major General (R) Zulfiqar Ali Khan
TI (M); T.Bt

Ex-Commandent of AFIC / NIHD; Founder President of
Pakistan National Heart Association (PANAHA) &
Chancellor, Riphah International University, Islamabad

All members of the Editorial team of the '*Journal of Islamic Business and Management*' (JIBM) pay rich tributes to (late) Major General (R) Zulfiqar Ali Khan (1932-2016) for his magnificent services as one of the pioneers of medical profession in 'Armed Forces' of Pakistan and contributions in developing the health and education sector in the Country. He passed away after a prolonged illness at Islamabad on July 6, 2016. His invaluable services for the people of Pakistan, for Armed Forces of Pakistan and for mankind as a whole, particularly in Health and Education sectors, will serve as 'Beacon of Light' for the coming generations.

General Zulfiqar was a visionary who contributed for welfare of the mankind consistently throughout his life. As young professional, he joined the cardiac unit of Military Hospital (MH) Rawalpindi in late 1960s and then established *Armed Forces Institute of Cardiology* (AFIC), a center of excellence in cardiac health in the country. He performed the first open heart surgery in the Indo-Pak sub-continent; established Islamic International medical College Trust (IIMCT) under which the first Medical College in the private sector, was established in the central and northern areas of the country. He was the founder Chancellor of the Riphah International University (2002-2016). He also established 'Hearts International Hospital' in Rawalpindi with over 60 Cardiologists serving the nation. His services will be remembered for long in the history on development of education and health care in the country.



May Allah Almighty bestow endless blessings on his soul and *Jannat al-Firdoūs* be his eternal abode. Ameen! Let us all do our best to maintain and develop the institutions established by him as the symbol of excellence for service to the mankind.