Professor Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam

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Ph.D. (Arabic) | 21+ Years in Higher Education | Quranic Aesthetics & Arabic Linguistics



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PROFILE

Professor of Arabic Language and Literature with over 21+ years of service in higher education (over 6 years as full Professor). Combines active research in Quranic aesthetics and Arabic linguistics with extensive academic administration, student mentorship, and leadership in university and civic organizations. Published 20 peer-reviewed research articles in Arabic, Bengali, and English, and contributed 3 op-ed articles to national dailies. Currently serving as Member of the Academic Council, Board of Advanced Studies, and Faculty of Arts at Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia.

Date of Joining: 29 May 2005	**Total Service:** 21+ Years	**Professor since:** 29 Jun 2019
2nd Grade: 29 Jun 2023	**Service as Professor:** 06 Years 08 Months	

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Jun 2019 – Present **Professor** — Dept. of Arabic Language & Literature, Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia

Sep 2013 – Jun 2019 **Associate Professor** — Dept. of Arabic Language & Literature, Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia

May 2008 – Sep 2013 **Assistant Professor** — Dept. of Arabic Language & Literature, Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia

May 2005 – May 2008 **Lecturer** — Dept. of Arabic Language & Literature, Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia

Feb 2003 – May 2005 **Lecturer** — Pabna Islamia College

EDUCATION

2026 **Ph.D. in Arabic** — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia
Thesis: موقف القرآن من علم الجمال *(Script in Arabic)*

2008 **M.Phil.** — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia

Thesis: Al-Ahkam Al-Shariah in Surah Al-Ahzab: A Theoretical Study (Script in Bengali)

1999 **M.A. in Arabic — First Class (2nd Position)** — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia

1998 **B.A. (Hons) in Arabic — First Class (2nd Position)** — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia

1995 **Alim — First Division** — Pabna Alia Madrasah, Pabna

1993 **Dakhil — First Division** — Mangalgram Ahmadia Senior Madrasah, Pabna

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Artistic & Literary Beauty of the Holy Quran • Arabic Linguistics • Modern Arabic Literature • Ancient Arabic Poetry • Arabic Language Pedagogy • Arab Socio-Cultural Influence on Society • World Literature

RESEARCH STATEMENT

My research is centered on the intersection of Quranic aesthetics, Arabic linguistics, and the broader literary traditions of the Arabic-speaking world. My doctoral work, "The Qur'an's Position on Aesthetics" (completed in Arabic), investigates the artistic and literary dimensions of the Holy Quran, examining how its rhetorical devices, stylistic features, and structural elegance contribute to its unparalleled literary beauty. This forms the foundation of a research agenda that extends into Quranic rhetorical studies, including interrogative constructions in Surah Al-Baqarah and the aesthetic concept from the Quranic perspective.

A parallel strand of my scholarship addresses Arabic linguistics comparatively — studying the distinctive characteristics of the Arabic language among the world's languages — and the socio-cultural influence of Arab literary and intellectual traditions on South Asian societies. I also maintain an active interest in modern Arabic literature, ancient Arabic poetry, and Arabic language pedagogy, particularly methods of teaching Arabic to non-native speakers. With 20 peer-reviewed publications spanning Arabic, Bengali, and English, my work bridges classical Islamic scholarship with contemporary academic discourse, and I continue to pursue projects that illuminate the linguistic and literary dimensions of the Quran for both specialist and broader audiences.

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS (20 ARTICLES)

— As Lecturer

1. *أهمية سورة المزمل و أوصاف الدعاة فيها*
The Islamic University Studies, Vol. 10/2 **[2002]**

2. *ইসলামে মালিকানা প্রসঙ্গ: একটি পর্যালোচনা (Islame Malikana Prosongo: Ekti Parjalochona)*
The Islamic University Studies, Vol. 13/2 **[2006]**

3. *شاعر القطرين خليل مطران و أسلوبه في الشعر العربي*
The Arabic Research Journal, Vol. 2/1 **[2007]**

— As Assistant Professor

4. *ইসলামে সন্তান দত্তক গ্রহণ: একটি পর্যালোচনা (Islame Shantan Dattak Grohon: Ekti Parjalochona)*

J. of Islamic Education & Research, Vol. 5/1 **[2009]**

5. *شاعر الإسلام كعب ابن زهير و قصيدته الرائية في مدح الأنصار*
J. of Islamic Education & Research, Vol. 5/2 **[2009]**

6. *The Messages of Agriculture in the Holy Quran: A Study*
The Islamic University Studies, Vol. 12/2 **[2009]**

7. *মানব ভাষার ভিত্তি ও উৎপত্তি: প্রচলিত ধারণা ও ইসলামী দৃষ্টিকোণ*
J. of Islamic Education & Research, Vol. 6/1 **[2010]**

8. *ইসলামের দৃষ্টিতে যমীন সৃষ্টির রহস্য, যমীন ও আসমানের পারস্পরিক সম্পর্ক: একটি তাত্ত্বিক পর্যালোচনা*
The Islamic University Studies, Vol. 13/1 **[2010]**

9. *বাংলাদেশী মুসলমানদের হজ্জ ও যাকাত আদায়: প্রচলিত রীতি ও ইসলামী দৃষ্টিভঙ্গি*
The Islamic University Studies, Vol. 15/2 **[2011]**

10. *أثر الإسلام في تطور الخط العربي: دراسة تحليلية*
J. of Islamic Education & Research, Vol. 7/1 **[2011]**

11. *বঙ্গভঙ্গ ও হিন্দু মুসলিম প্রতিক্রিয়া (Bongovongo o Hindu Muslim Protikria)*
J. of Islamic Education & Research, Vol. 7/1 **[2011]**

— As Associate Professor

12. *বাংলার সমাজ ব্যবস্থায় চিরস্থায়ী বন্দোবস্তের প্রভাব: একটি পর্যালোচনা*
The Islamic University Studies, Vol. 14/1 **[2011]**

13. *আহমদ যাকী আবু শাদী: কবি ও সংগঠক*
J. of Islamic Education & Research, Vol. 8/1 **[2012]**

14. *আরবী ভাষা: গুরুত্ব ও পরিচিতি পর্যালোচনা*
The Islamic University Studies, Vol. 14/2 **[2013]**

15. *الفكرة الجمالية من وجهة النظر القرآنية: دراسة تحليلية*
The Islamic University Studies, Vol. 20/1 **[2017]**

16. *মাদক নিষেধে আল-কুরআনের পর্যায়ক্রমিক নির্দেশনা ও সমাজ জীবনে এর প্রভাব*
The Islamic University Studies, Vol. 20/2 **[2018]**

17. *পত্নীতলা উপজেলার ক্ষুদ্র নৃ-গোষ্ঠী ওরাও: একটি নৃতাত্ত্বিক সমীক্ষা*
J. of History & Culture, Vol. 03 **[2019]**

18. *الاستفهام القرآني الوارد في النصف الأول من سورة البقرة: دراسة بلاغية*
The Islamic University Studies, Vol. 18/1 **[2019]**

— As Professor

19. *خصائص اللغة العربية وتميزها عن لغات العالم: دراسة تقابلية*
The Arabic Journal, Vol. 02 **[2018]**

20. *কুরআন-সুন্নাহ'র দৃষ্টিতে মহামারির কারণ, প্রতিকার ও করণীয়: একটি পর্যালোচনা*
The Islamic University Studies, Vol. 24/1 **[2023]**

PUBLICATIONS IN NATIONAL DAILIES

26 Jun 2014 **গুম খুন অপহরণ অতঃপর নারায়ণগঞ্জ** — দৈনিক সংগ্রাম — উপসম্পাদকীয়

22 Jun 2017 **বিসমিল্লাহ ও জিয়ার নাম অপনোদন: গলৎ চিন্তার কৌশলী রূপায়ণ** — দৈনিক দিনকাল — উপসম্পাদকীয়

12–16 Aug 2021 **মহামারি: কুরআন-সুন্নাহর প্রেসক্রিপশন** — দৈনিক নয়া দিগন্ত — ধর্ম ও দর্শন

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

My approach to teaching Arabic Language and Literature is rooted in the conviction that language is not merely a tool of communication but a gateway to understanding civilizations, their intellectual heritage, and their artistic achievements. Over two decades of teaching — from Lecturer to Professor — have shaped a philosophy built on three principles: accessibility, critical engagement, and cultural immersion.

I believe every student, regardless of linguistic background, can develop a deep appreciation for Arabic's unique characteristics. In my classes, I employ contrastive analysis (drawing parallels between Arabic, Bengali, and English), contextual grammar instruction, and primary-source engagement with Quranic and classical texts. I emphasize active learning: students analyze rhetorical devices in the Quran, debate the stylistic choices of modern Arab poets, and present comparative studies — developing not just proficiency in Arabic but analytical and scholarly skills transferable across disciplines.

My training in teaching Arabic to non-native speakers — including specialized courses with the King Salman Global Academy — has deepened my commitment to pedagogical innovation. I integrate multimedia resources, encourage collaborative learning, and maintain an open-door mentorship policy that has guided numerous M.Phil. and Ph.D. students through their research journeys. I view every classroom as an opportunity to inspire the next generation of scholars to engage with the richness of Arabic heritage.

ADMINISTRATIVE PHILOSOPHY

Having served in diverse administrative roles — from House Tutor and Assistant Proctor to Member of the Academic Council and Board of Advanced Studies — I have developed an administrative philosophy grounded in service, transparency, and institutional development. I believe that effective academic administration exists to create the conditions in which teaching, research, and student welfare flourish.

As Assistant Proctor, I prioritized accessible, empathetic engagement with students on legal and administrative issues, ensuring that university procedures served their educational goals rather than obstructing them. As Secretary of the Islamic University Rover Scout Group, I champion co-curricular development as integral to higher education, fostering leadership, teamwork, and civic responsibility among students.

In my roles on the Academic Council, Board of Advanced Studies, and Faculty of Arts, I advocate for curriculum modernization, research support for junior faculty, and strengthening the university's linkages with national and international academic bodies. My involvement with UTAB and the Islamic University Teachers Association reflects a commitment to professional solidarity and the collective advancement of university teachers' rights and responsibilities. I approach administration as a collaborative endeavor: listening to stakeholders, making evidence-based

decisions, and always keeping the university's academic mission at the center of institutional governance.

■ ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Current **Member, Academic Council** — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia
Serving the university in both academic and administrative matters.

Current **Member, Board of Advanced Studies** — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia
Supporting scholars engaged in research in humanities and social sciences.

Current **Member, Faculty of Arts** — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia
Contributing to the university's academic development.

Current **Secretary, Islamic University Rover Scout Group** — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia
Leading the Islamic University Rover Scout Group.

2013 – 2015 **Assistant Proctor** — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia
Assisting students with legal and administrative issues.

2007 – 2009 **House Tutor, Shahid Ziaur Rahman Hall** — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia
Looking after resident and non-resident students in academic and other matters.

■ ADVISORY, SOCIAL, ELECTED & CIVIC ROLES

Current **Secretary, Zia Parishad** — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia

Current **Executive Committee Member, UTAB** — University Teachers Association of Bangladesh

2008, 2011, 2023 **Elected Member, Islamic University Teachers Association** — Nominated by Zia Parishad

Current **Member, Ziaur Rahman Foundation (ZRF)**

Current **Advisor, Consumer Youth Bangladesh (CYB)** — Islamic University Chapter

Current **Advisor, Islamic University Football Association**

Current **Advisor, Music Association of Islamic University**

Current **Advisor, Hands for Humanity** — Islamic University — humanitarian assistance & human rights

Current **Advisor, Disabled Students' Welfare Association of Islamic University**

■ PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & COURSES

May 2025 **Rover Scout Leader Basic Course (5 Days)** — Bangladesh Scouts Rover Region & Kushtia District Rover Scout Group

Apr 2025 **Rover Scout Leader Orientation Course (Day-Long)** — Bangladesh Scouts Rover Region & Kushtia District Rover Scout Group

Aug 2023 **Teaching Arabic to Non-Native Speakers (3 Days)** — King Salman Global Academy for Arabic Language & University of Dhaka

Sep 2010 **Teaching Arabic to Non-Native Speakers (6 Days)** — BIIT & Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia

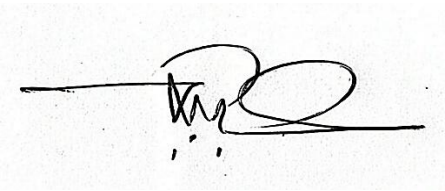
May – Jul 2009 **Foundation Training for University Teachers (54 Days)** — Graduate Training Institute, BAU, Mymensingh

May 2008 **Workshop on Epistemology & Curriculum Reform (2 Days)** — BIIT — Islamic University Bangladesh, Kushtia Chapter

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth	01 March 1979
Father's Name	Md. Sekender Ali Khan
Mother's Name	Most. Rahima Khatun
Permanent Address	Village: Padmabila, Post: Banogram, Thana: Ataikula, Pabna
Present Address	'Dakhina', D-64, Housing Estate, Kushtia
Nationality	Bangladeshi
Religion	Islam
Marital Status	Married

I hereby declare that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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