

Editors' Note

In Memory of Dr. A.R. Kemal

On 24th March 2008, the nation lost one of its leading economists, Dr. Abdul Razzaq Kemal. Not only was he an authority on the Pakistani economy and on economic policy making, he had an unassuming, sensitive personality, and was humble and modest to the core.

Born on April 14, 1946 in Amritsar, India, Dr. Kemal had a PhD in economics from Manchester University, UK and a Masters degree in economics from Stanford University, USA. He was the co-author and co-editor of 12 books and had 186 research articles published in both national and international journals and books.

He was Director of the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad from 1999 to 2006. Prior to this assignment, he was Chief Economist of the Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan and Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance. He served on several government committees, task forces and commissions.

He also represented Pakistan at numerous international forums and was a consultant at various points in time to international organizations such as the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UNDP, UNICEF, ESCAP and the ILO. In addition, he was a member of the restructuring committee of the Islamic Research and Training Institute, Islamic Development Bank. Apart from the Lahore Journal, he was also a member of the editorial boards of several other international and national journals. Before his sad demise, he was teaching economics at the Islamic University, Islamabad.

As an active member of the Lahore Journal's Editorial Advisory Board, he was always available despite his hectic schedule, and at the most needed a single reminder before sending us his insightful reviews. He will be greatly missed.