



By 1967 the Language Movement had women like **Maleka Begum** amongst the few women in the forefront that had actively fought for greater autonomy for East Pakistan. A Research Scholar, Maleka Begum has multiple publications to her credit. Maleka Begum, a Professor in the Department of Women and Gender Studies in the University of Dhaka, still remains a staunch advocate of women's rights in Bangladesh. Her untiring effort to speak out for women, her stance against dowry, her movements to organize women in districts have always stood out in their own right.