

= Munir Hussain (commentator) =

Munir Hussain (29 November 1929 ? 29 July 2013) was a cricket commentator , administrator , and journalist from Pakistan who also played a first @-@ class cricket match for Kalat in the 1969 ? 70 season . He was the first to introduce Urdu commentary to cricket , and was the founder of the first Urdu cricket magazine , Akhbar @-@ e @-@ Watan . During the 1970s , Hussain commented on the game for Pakistan Television (PTV) and Radio Pakistan , and wrote weekly columns on cricket for the Daily Jang for many years . He received many accolades for his work for cricket . ESPNcricinfo writer Saad Shafqat described him as " a pioneering commentator , groundbreaking publisher , Karachi City Cricket Association (KCCA) mandarin , and sagacious elder presence in the nation 's cricket circles " . He also served as the president of the KCCA .

= = Career = =

= = = Cricket = = =

Hussain was a good seamer with pace who played a lot of club cricket . He made his single first @-@ class appearance , during the 1969 ? 70 Quaid @-@ i @-@ Azam Trophy for Kalat against Quetta . Captaining his team , he scored 12 runs in the match . As a right @-@ arm medium @-@ fast bowler , Hussain took 2 wickets for 64 runs . Former Pakistan captain Imran Khan praised his " nip and direction " ? once he bowled to Khan in the practice during the 1980s .

= = = Commentator = = =

The late 1960s , Radio Pakistan and PTV were broadcasting commentary only in English , which was not clearly understandable to most Pakistani cricket fans . Hussain was the first to put forward the idea of having Urdu commentary . He started commenting in Urdu during the 1969 Jang Gold Cup final , a match between National Sports and Clifton Gymkhana played at the Youth Centre , Nazimabad ; in the match 13 Pakistani Test cricketers were playing . Hussain started commenting in Urdu commentary which distinguished him from his contemporaries . His distinguished Urdu commentary career spanned several decades , from the 1970s to the 2000s . For cricket coverage between the 1975 and 2003 World Cups , he travelled almost every Test cricket nation .

= = = Administration and journalism = = =

Hussain remained the president of the KCCA for two terms , and a member for many years . He also headed Pakistan Cricket Commentators Club (PCCC) in 2013 . He was one of the founders of Jang Cricket Club . Cricket commentator , Chishty Mujahid , paid tributes his services and said that he was a multifaceted personality as a cricket administrator , commentator , journalist , critic , analyst , organizer and much more .

Hussain 's first passion was journalism ; his earliest successful magazine was Filmasia , dedicated to the Indian and Pakistani film industries . Akhbar @-@ e @-@ Watan , a monthly Urdu cricket magazine , was edited by him from 1977 to 2010 . Hussain continuously wrote weekly cricket columns for the Daily Jang , the Pakistan 's largest and oldest circulation newspaper , for almost four decades .

= = Awards = =

Hussain received the Best Urdu Commentator of the Decade Award for 1985 ? 95 . The Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC) presented him the Lifetime Achievement Award . On the tenth anniversary of the 1992 Cricket World Cup , won by Pakistan , he was also one of the recipients of the PCB 's World Cup Legends Award .

= = Personal life = =

Hussain was born in November 1929 in Amritsar , Punjab , British Raj (now India) . At a very young age , he moved to Karol Bagh ? a neighbourhood of Delhi ? where he spent the early years of his life . He migrated from Amritsar to Pakistan in 1947 . Hussain was married and had four children , two daughters and two sons . Iqbal Munir , one of his sons , is a cricket photojournalist .

= = Death = =

Hussain suffered from ulcers and underwent blood transfusion 60 times . Despite suffering from knee arthritis , that limited his mobility , his health was good . Before his death on 29 July 2013 , Hussain watched the second Twenty20 International played between Pakistan and the West Indies . He died at the age of 83 from a heart attack in Karachi . His funeral was offered at Abu Bakar Siddiq mosque , DHA Phase @-@ II , and he was buried at Gizri graveyard later that day . Hussain 's granddaughter , Khizra , said at his death the " he was so loved that at the funeral we weren 't given a chance to cry because people kept telling us stories about him and his generosity . "

Former captains of the Pakistan cricket team Javed Miandad , Wasim Bari , Rashid Latif , cricket commentator Chishti Mujahid , former KCCA president Sirajul Islam Bukhari , and many other ex @-@ Test cricketers attended his funeral . Miandad , offering his condolences , said that " Hussain had a fan following of his own and served the game with distinction . " The interim chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board , Najam Sethi , said that " he was an informed , easygoing and affable personality ; his death will be widely mourned by the journalist and broadcast community as well as the cricketing fraternity across the country " .