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**Dear Mrs. Quamrul Islam Siddique and family,  
Bangladesh Water Partnership,  
GWP South Asia,**

We are deeply saddened to hear that death has robbed us of our dear friend and colleague Quamrul Islam Siddique, one of the founder members of Bangladesh Water Partnership and GWP South Asia.

Quamrul Islam Siddique was an active committed member of the GWP network. QIS, as he was affectionately known, was the First Chair of GWP South Asia. As Chair of Bangladesh Water Partnership, QIS and BWP have contributed to many water resources management policy reforms in Bangladesh. He facilitated the forging of strong working linkages between BWP and the Government of Bangladesh. Only, recently, BWP was given the responsibility to facilitate the process on finalising the National Water Code.

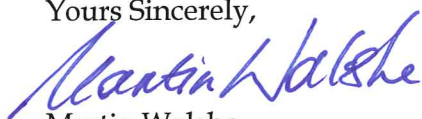
Under the Chairmanship of QIS, Bangladesh Water Partnership hosted the South Asia Water Forum (SAWAF) in 2004 attended by well over 350 world wide participants. One of the major outcomes of this SAWAF was the Bangladesh's government adoption of one of the recommendations of SAWAF-III and agreement to create the Ganges River Basin Organisation and to foster basin-wide management for water resources. Over the years, QIS has worked tirelessly to promote greater Regional Cooperation for Transboundary Rivers in South Asia, especially for the Ganges, the Brahmaputra and the Meghna Transboundary river systems. He has been one of the strong pillars of the current World Bank supported dialogues on the Rivers of Greater Himalayas.

Only two weeks ago, he was here in Stockholm among us during the Consulting Partners Meeting and the Stockholm Water Week, busy contributing to discussions and networking in his usual way. While here, we invited him to give an interview on transboundary waters, one of his most passionate areas. We will share this with you when it is published. Little did we know that this was his final goodbye to us all.

We have been privileged to work with QIS and trust that his family, Bangladesh Water Partnership and GWP South Asia will carry on his water resources management mantle.

Travel well QIS.

Yours Sincerely,



Martin Walshe  
Acting Executive Secretary GWP