

Wednesday 17 February at 17.15–19.00
at the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation,
Övre Slottsgatan 2, Uppsala

You are invited to a poetry reading with

Anisur Rahman

Poet and journalist from Bangladesh,
presently a scholarship author in Uppsala.

Anisur Rahman writes for newspapers in Bangladesh, Sweden and elsewhere alongside participating in debate and literary programmes on various occasions in Uppsala and other cities. He is also conducting a series of workshops on Creative Writing at the Uppsala City Library. He is a member of the Swedish Writers' Union, Swedish Foreign Press Association, Writers' Centre in Stockholm and honorary member to the Swedish PEN.

Born in Madhupur, Tangail, Bangladesh in 1978, Anisur Rahman holds an MA in English Literature and Linguistics from the University of Dhaka. He has published two collections of poems in Bengali and another in English. He translates poems and plays from English to Bengali and from Bengali to English. His translation of Henrik Ibsen's poems in Bengali was published in 2006. His Bengali novel *Oi Andhakar Ase* (The Dark Sounds) appeared in April 2009.

Rahman's collection of poems is being translated to Swedish to be published later this year. He scripted two plays – Franz Kafka's *The Metamorphosis* and Ibsen's *The Lady from the Sea* in Bengali. His latest publication is *The Absent Poet and Other Essays* – a collection of 40 essays on aesthetic traditions and socio-cultural aspects of Bengali poetry and plays. He has visited India, France, Mexico, Sweden and the UK on invitation to different international literary conference and festivals. In 2008, he participated in the Writers and Literary Translators' International Congress in Stockholm, where he presented a paper on 'The Importance of Mother Tongue – The spirit of International Mother Language Day'.

At the event, some attention will be drawn to the UNESCO International Mother Language Day, which is annually commemorated on 21 February.

After the reading, there will be time for questions and discussion.

Refreshments will be served.

Please pre-register your participation to
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