



continued working as a lecturer in Arabic and Persian languages. In 1979, Kamran Ekbal became a faculty member at Department of History at the Ruhr-University in Bochum (RUB) and later served as the head of the Division of History of the Near and Middle East until his retirement in 2011. During this period he also was a visiting professor at the university of Essen.

Dr. Ekbal delivered many lectures and made paper presentations at academic conferences and congresses and published many articles and research papers, both in Germany and abroad. For more than ten years, he was an elected member of the union of teaching staff (GEW) and supported the rights of his colleagues at the university of Bochum.

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In 2006 he was diagnosed as having cancer and underwent several surgeries as well as years of sustained chemo therapy. But instead of giving up, he took strength and energy from his family, his wife Huda Baghdadi-Ekbal and his three sons Basil, Ramez and Cyrus, and continued teaching at the university and presenting research papers at different conferences. Even at the time when a healing was no longer in sight, he took on new projects and delivered lectures in Germany and other countries. Up to the last moment, he worked very intensely and used his remaining strength on working to complete a volume containing 160 Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh revealed in honour of Muhammad Mustafa Baghdadi and another volume on the memoirs of Dr. Zia Baghdadi that hopefully will be published soon. Finally, after a long struggle with cancer, he passed away on 6 October 2014.<sup>2</sup>

#### NOTES

See Lights of `Irfán, Book Fifteen, pp 426-439 and Safíni-yi `Irfán, Book Seventeen, pp 467-477 for some of his articles, some of which are online at <http://irfancolloquia.org/database/author/Ekbal> .

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