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DACCA, Bangladesh (AP)—Former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali dined with President Ziaur Rahman and was given honorary citizenship of Bangladesh by his host yesterday.

Ali's wife, parents and members of his entourage were present at the simple ceremony, which preceded a dinner with Rahman. Ali rested for three hours upon arrival before taking a river cruise.

He is scheduled to fly to Sylhet, 150 miles northeast of Dacca, to visit a tea garden today and attend a civic reception in his honor in Dacca Stadium tonight. He also was to give an exhibition bout in the stadium afterward.

On his arrival yesterday, several thousand cheering persons lined up several feet deep on the four-mile route into town to get a glimpse of the former champion, who lost the title to Leon Spinks Wednesday night.

Looking subdued, his face betraying the battering he took in the ring in Las Vegas, Ali told reporters, "I am going to win back the championship in six months."