



Shaheed Md. Sirajul Bepari

Date of birth: 1 January, 1995
Date of martyrdom: 5 August, 2024
Division: Dhaka
District: Faridpur

Short Biography

Occupation: Motor Mechanic.

Death Place: Madhya Badda, Dhaka. Dhaka Medical College

Martyrdom Details and History

Shaheed Sirajul Bepari was born in the village of Taijuddin Munshidanga. This village is located in Kotwali Thana of Faridpur district. From his childhood, he was a simple and straightforward person. He was born in 1995 to the couple Mohammad Shafiqul Islam and Shirin Akhtar. He ended his educational life after studying up to the seventh grade. Then he came to Dhaka in search of livelihood. He took a job in a motor car garage. Working hard and attentively in someone else's garage, he finally became a good mechanic. Renowned people of Dhaka used to get their cars repaired by him. Two years ago, he got married to Pinky Khatun. They have not had any children yet. However, they had many dreams of building a beautiful family. Finally, all the dreams were shattered by the Awami League terrorist police force. No one could have imagined that such a heinous incident would happen even after being defeated on August 5, 2024. Sirajul Bepari was shot and killed by the police at 10:30 PM.

The Incident of Martyrdom

On December 29, 2008, the Awami League came to power by winning two-thirds of the seats in a rigged election. Since then, the party refused to relinquish power. The main reasons behind its eventual downfall included one-sided and fraudulent elections, suppression of opposition and dissent, irregularities and corruption, and reliance on bureaucrats and the administration.

Over 15 years, the Awami League destroyed most constitutional institutions. Even though these institutions remained under government control, they became disconnected from the people. The very foundation of the Awami League's power was unsustainable because it had completely alienated itself from the public.

As a result, people needed a catalyst or a spark, which emerged through student protests. When the anti-government movement intensified, public outrage grew, and thousands of people from different professions took to the streets, marching toward the Prime Minister's residence, despite the army, curfew, and police repression. The accumulated frustration over 15 years, rising costs of essential goods, mismanagement in public transport, corruption, banking irregularities, and looting turned into an outcry for change. The Quota Reform Movement became a symbol of hope, and people stormed the streets with thunderous voices demanding change.

In 1975, after Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members were assassinated, the Awami League faced a catastrophic crisis. Now, nearly 50 years later, the party found itself in a similar predicament. But how and why did the situation reach this breaking point, leading thousands of people to take to the streets against the party? Why did Sheikh Hasina, who had ruled Bangladesh's politics for over 40 years, have to flee the country?

Sheikh Hasina fled, but in doing so, she left thousands of mothers grieving, orphaned many children, and widowed countless women. Even after the dictator Sheikh Hasina fled on August 5, 2024, under her orders, her loyalist terrorist police force continued killing hundreds, including individuals like Sirajul Bepari. This alone shows how brutally Sheikh Hasina ruled Bangladesh with a tyrannical and terrorist mindset.

The Night of the Incident

Like every day, Sirajul Islam was working at his motor workshop in Badda, Dhaka, before returning home. At 8:30 PM, he received a call from his father in the village.

Father: "Have you eaten?"

Sirajul: "No, father, I haven't eaten yet. I'll finish my work, go home, cook, and then eat. I'll be late today."

Father: "Come home quickly and eat; staying out late might affect your health."

Sirajul: "Okay, father. Please pray for me."

Father: "Do you want to talk to your wife? She's right here."

Sirajul: "I'm a bit busy now; I'll talk later. Let's hang up for now."

After finishing work at his garage, Sirajul Bepari was on his way home when he thought:

"I participated and supported the anti-dictatorship movement for so long. Today, the dictator has fallen, yet I haven't been able to celebrate. Let me join a victory rally for a moment."

At 10:30 PM in Middle Badda, suddenly, unknown police officers began firing indiscriminately at the public. Bullets rained down on the people, causing panic. Sirajul Bepari started running to save himself. But suddenly, three bullets struck him from behind. After taking a few more steps, he collapsed onto the ground.

The ordinary people participating in the celebration rally rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, but he had already passed away before they could realize it. Upon arrival at the hospital, the on-duty doctor declared him dead.

At 12:30 AM, Sirajul's elder brother received a sudden phone call:

"Sirajul Bepari has been shot. Come to Dhaka Medical College immediately."

When his family arrived, they identified his body among many others. The next morning, his funeral took place in his hometown, followed by his burial.

Statement from Martyr Sirajul Bepari's Teacher

"Every soul shall taste death. Life on earth is temporary, and death is an inevitable reality. Though different beliefs exist about what follows, there is no dispute—everyone must die one day.

"Death separates us from the material world—wealth, power, and relationships. It distances siblings, parents, friends, and loved ones. It severs the bonds of love and, over time, even erases the deceased from people's memories. But there is one kind of death that ensures eternal remembrance—the death of a martyr. That death is blessed; that death is honorable."

"I believe my dear student, Sirajul Bepari, embraced martyrdom, and may Allah grant him paradise in the afterlife."

Family's Financial Condition

The family's financial situation is dire. Sirajul Bepari was the sole breadwinner. Other than their small home, they have no agricultural land. His elderly father used to row a boat to sustain the family, but due to illness, he can no longer work. They now live in extreme hardship. Sirajul's elder brother works a small job in Dhaka, occasionally sending minor financial assistance.

After five days of Sirajul Bepari's martyrdom, his wife, Pinky Khatun, left to stay at her father's house, facing a miserable situation herself.

Martyr Md. Sirajul Bepari at a Glance

Name: Md. Sirajul Bepari

Date of Birth: 01-01-1995

Place of Birth: Taijuddin Munshidanga, Kotwali, Faridpur

Occupation: Motor Mechanic

Present Address: Village: Taijuddin Munshidanga, Union: Digrir Char, Police Station: Kotwali, District: Faridpur

Permanent Address: Village: Taijuddin Munshidanga, Union: Digrir Char, Police Station: Kotwali, District: Faridpur

Family

Father's Name: Shafiqul Bepari (68), Farmer

Mother's Name: Mosammat Shirin Akhtar (48), Housewife

Wife: Pinky Khatun

Perpetrator: Police

Place and Time of Injury: Madhya Badda, Dhaka. 05-8-2024, 10:30 PM

Date and Time of Death, Place: Madhya Badda, Dhaka. 05-08-2024, 10:30 PM, Dhaka Medical College

Graveyard: 06-08-2024, Own Village Public Graveyard

Proposals

1. Provide a one-time financial grant to the martyr's family.
2. Build a brick house for them.

Quranic Verse

Do not say that those who are killed in the way of Allah are dead. Rather, they are alive, but you do not perceive it. (Al-Baqarah 2:154)

Hadith

The souls of the martyrs are in the bodies of green birds. (Sahih Muslim 1887)

Prayers offered: 0

Memorial Photo Gallery



