



Shaheed Md. Shimul

Date of birth: 8 January, 1980
Date of martyrdom: 4 August, 2024
Division: Rajshahi
District: Bogra

Short Biography

Profession: Tailor.

Place of martyrdom: Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital

Martyrdom Details and History

"My husband changed his name on his ID card to match mine: Shimul" - Shimul, the Martyr's wife
Martyr Shimul was born on January 8, 1980, in Parbatipur, Dinajpur. He was born in the village of Akashtara, Bogura. Father: Md. Mujibur Rahman Mandal (deceased) and mother: Mokseda Khatun (70), housewife. He was a tailor by profession. Earlier, he used to take cloth orders on the sidewalk and sew them, but before his death, he rented a shop where he worked as a tailor. His family consists of his wife, Shimu Khatun (38), and son, Sohaib Hasan (15). His elder daughter, Maisa, is married.

On Sunday, August 4, Shimul Mandal was working in his shop. At around 10:30 in the morning, when locals took out a procession in support of the anti-discrimination student movement, he also joined the procession. At 11:30 am, the procession peacefully reached the main road at Jhautala in Bogura Sadar. Despite no untoward incident, the police started firing at the protesters without warning. Md. Shimul Mandal was shot in the neck and head. Immediately, locals took him to Swadesh Hospital. From there, the doctor transferred him to Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital. He was being martyred at around 1 pm while undergoing treatment at the hospital.

How He Became a Martyr

For almost a decade and a half, what kind of fascism was imposed by the Awami hyena group. The majority of Gen-Z wouldn't even know what voting is because the independent electoral commission's independence was so severely restricted. Although there are records of deceased persons voting, the nation's citizens, both young and old, had long been denied the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. Party rule was imposed once the independent judiciary's independence was totally seized. The judiciary had become the main tool for suppressing independence. Suppressing the opposition, perpetuating injustice, trapping thousands of innocent people in legal loopholes, a mockery in the name of justice, judicial killings, the injustice and corruption of party cadres disguised as judges had tarnished the ruling judiciary. Institutions like the Anti-Corruption Commission were made a laughing stock. There was no existence of any independent media and publicity. Dissenting opinions were completely destroyed. Millions of cases were filed against opposition activists and the whole of Bangladesh was turned into a prison. As soon as night fell, the homes of the opposition became houses of terror. There is no count of how many thousands of nights anti-government activists have spent sleepless. Everyone wanted to escape this suffocating situation. That is why the spontaneous participation of the public in this Anti-Discrimination Student Movement. Shaheed Md. Shimul Mandal was a working man, a mere tailor. Yet, he risked his life for the liberation of the people.

Martyr Shimul participated in the peaceful procession in Bogura city at 11:30 am. Without any provocation,

the police started firing on this procession. At this time, Md. Shimul was shot in the head and neck. He fell on the road in a bloody state. His whole face was stained with blood. At the hospital, he was sometimes breathing. The family received the news and went to the hospital and identified themselves. The hospital authorities informed them that they had received treatment and left. While most of the protesters returned home, Martyr Shimul did not return. The Martyr's son saw his father's picture on the internet. At night, after inquiring, they learned that their father had been taken from Swadesh Hospital to Bogura Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital. They found his body in the morgue there. The henchmen of the autocrat Hasina were making various conspiracies to hide the number of Martyrs of the movement.

Reaction of friends and relatives after the Martyr's death

The Martyr's wife said, "His tailor shop was doing well because of his good relationship with the people of the area." She further said, "Many times he would not buy his own necessities to pay for his son's private tuition." Manjur Rahman, Shimul's neighbor, stated: "Shimul Bhai was a very kind man in his private life. He prayed five times a day in the past. He behaved in a friendly manner. He had no trouble interacting with others. He added, 'I told him, 'Let's go to the movement,' about 7 a.m. on August 4. We shall either become independent or be murdered today. We all went out together at around 10:30 a.m. The police opened fire as soon as we arrived at the crossroads of Jhautala and Kathaltala. Shimul Bhai sustained gunshot wounds to his head and chest. He was brought to the hospital by us. In the hospital, he passed away.

Special Information about the Martyr's Family

The family's only source of income was Martyr Shimul. His son-in-law assumed responsibility for the family after his death. In addition, he is a salesperson at another person's clothes store. In addition, Maisa Afrin, his older daughter, is expecting a child. The family has no other source of income.

Personal Information of the Martyr at a Glance

Name: Md : Shaheed Md. Shimul

Father's Name : Md. Mujibur Rahman Mondal (Deceased)

Mother's Name : Mokseda Khatun (70)

Wife's Name : Shimu Khatun (38)

Children : 2

Daughter : Maisa Afrin (Married)

Son : Sohaib Hasan (15), 8th grade student at Mostafadia Alia Madrasa

Date of Birth : January 8, 1980

Permanent Address: Village : Brindaban Para, Union: Bogura Sadar, Thana: Bogura Sadar, District: Bogura

Present Address: Brindaban Dakshinpara, Ward No. 2, Bogura Sadar, Bogura

Place of Injury : Jhautala, beside Kathaltala, Bogura Sadar

Time of Injury : August 4, 2024, 11:30 AM

Time and Place of Martyrdom : August 4, 2024, 1 PM, Martyr Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital

Cause of Martyrdom : Police shooting

Graveyard : Namazgarh Anjumi Graveyard

Recommendations

1. Arrange for a scholarship for the Martyr's son
2. Provide a specific monthly grant for the Martyr's family

Quranic Verse

Never think of those killed in the cause of Allah as dead. Rather, they are alive with their Lord, receiving provision. (Al-Imran 3:169)

