



Shaheed Md. Tarek Rahman

Date of birth: 10 January, 1996
Date of martyrdom: 5 August, 2024
Division: Khulna
District: Jessore

Short Biography

Profession: bKash Shopkeeper

Place of Martyrdom: Burned in the fire at Jabir Hotel

Martyrdom Details and History

Tarek Rahman was born in 1996. His father, Mr. Md. Oliar Rahman, is a former chairman. He is currently bedridden due to old age. His mother, Mosammat Nurun Nahar Begum, is 60 years old. Shaheed Tarek Rahman was a businessman by profession. After completing his honors degree, he was unable to arrange a job and opened a bKash shop in the local market. His small income sustained his family.

His wife's name is Mosammat Afima Khatun. He has a son and a daughter. His son, Araf Rahman, is 3 years old, and his daughter, Tanij Fatema, is 10 months old.

On August 5, 2024, when the autocrat Hasina fled the country, miscreants set fire and vandalized property across the country. That afternoon, miscreants set fire to the Zabeer International five-star hotel at Chitra Mor in Jessore. More than a hundred people were trapped in the 14-story hotel. Shaheed Tarek Rahman went to rescue the trapped people. While rescuing, he himself got trapped. He died after being severely burned in the fire.

Tarek Rahman's Tragic Death

August 5, 2024, is a golden day in the history of Bangladesh. On this day, a new history was written. And the architects of this history are the common students and the public. With their blood, they started a new chapter. On this day, the country was freed from the hands of the fascist autocrat. For 16 long years, the fascist Hasina government deprived the people of this country of all kinds of human rights. That resentment accumulated little by little in the minds of the people. In that context, the anti-discrimination student movement that lasted throughout July eventually turned into a movement to overthrow the government. The success of this movement came on August 5, 2024. Behind this success are the sacrifices of countless people, the cries of helpless people, the pain of losing loved ones. Hundreds of people gave their lives. Thousands more lost their limbs and became disabled.

Similarly, Mr. Md. Tarek Rahman, a bKash businessman from Jessore, was vocal from the very beginning of the movement. He fought against discrimination, staying on the streets in continuous movements.

On August 5, while leaving the house in the afternoon, Tarek's mother said, "Bathe your sick father and then go outside." In response, Tarek said,

-Why didn't you say this earlier? I'm already leaving.

-Where are you going?

-I'm going to Jessore.

-You're going to Jessore today? There's trouble in Jessore.

-What's the trouble? If there's trouble, won't I come back?

Saying this, Tarek left for Jessore.

When the students and the public crossed Chachra Mor with the victory procession, miscreants from the back of the procession set fire to the 14-story building of the Zabeer International Hotel with petrol. Tension spread instantly. Many people were trapped there. Everyone started shouting. Hearing the shouting, the students went forward to rescue those trapped.

Shaheed Tarek Rahman also went forward to rescue the trapped people. While rescuing, he himself got trapped. A total of 24 people, including a foreign national, died there. More than a hundred were injured. On the day of the incident, at 11 pm, the fire service came and recovered the bodies of the deceased from the scene. The recovered bodies were taken to the hospital morgue. Meanwhile, his family waited for Tarek all day. When the day passed but the son was not seen, the mother became worried. The mother waited for her son all night standing on the balcony. Despite making several calls, no trace was found. At dawn, the mother said to her son's wife, "My Moni (Tarek) probably isn't alive. If he were alive, he would have come home."

Even though it was morning, the son did not return home. The mother's heart could not be consoled! She started searching with the family members. The locals also joined. They searched the alleys and streets of the city but were unsuccessful. Local people advised them to search the hospital. Finally, they found their son in the hospital morgue. Tarek's body was burnt and disfigured. The body was recovered and buried in his village.

Mother's Feelings about the Shaheed

Tarek's mother said that their wish was to educate their son and get him a job. But after Tarek passed his honors degree, he was unable to find any job and started running a bKash shop in the local market.

Family Condition

Shaheed Tarek Rahman's father, Mr. Md. Oliar Rahman, is a former chairman. He is currently bedridden due to old age. His mother, Nurun Nahar Begum, is 60 years old. Shaheed Tarek Rahman was a businessman by profession. After completing his honors degree, he was unable to arrange a job and opened a bKash shop in the local market. His small income sustained his family.

His wife's name is Mosammat Afima Khatun. He has a son and a daughter. His son, Araf Rahman, is 3 years old, and his daughter, Tanij Fatema, is 10 months old. There was no one left to take responsibility for his family.

Personal Information of the Shaheed at a Glance

Name : Shaheed Md. Tarek Rahman

Profession : bKash Shopkeeper

Age : 27 years

Date of Birth : 10/01/1996

Place of Birth : Village: Balrampur, Union: Narendrapur, Thana: Sadar Thana, District: Jessore

Father : Mr. Md. Oliar Rahman

Mother : Mosammat Nurunnahar

Date of Injury : August 5, 2024, Burnt in the fire at Zabeer Hotel

Date of Martyrdom : August 5, 2024

Permanent Address : Village: Balrampur, Union: Narendrapur, Thana: Sadar Thana, District: Jessore

Suggestions

1. Arranging regular allowance for the martyr's family.
2. Bearing all the expenses of living and education for the two young children.
3. Bearing the medical expenses of the Shaheed's elderly father.

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)

Hadith

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

Prayers offered: 0