



Shaheed Abdus Salam

Date of birth:	15 January, 2000
Date of martyrdom:	20 July, 2024
Division:	Khulna
District:	Kushtia

Short Biography

Profession: Worked as a day laborer in a furniture shop,

Place of Martyrdom: Shimrail, Siddhirganj, Dhaka-Chattogram Highway

Martyrdom Details and History

Martyr Abdus Salam, born on January 15, 2000, in Char Jagannathpur village of Kushtia, was an ordinary but struggling day laborer. His father's name was Saber Biswas, who is deceased, forcing Abdus Salam to face the challenges of his family's economic situation. His mother, Mosammat Bulujan Khatun, is a 62-year-old homemaker. His wife, Mosammat Maria Khatun, is busy taking care of their child and family. Abdus Salam was the father of a 16-month-old child, for whom he worked hard to build a better future.

Martyr Abdus Salam worked as a day laborer in a local furniture shop. He worked day and night to support his family and tried to ensure a future for his young son. His hard work and dedication earned him a special place in the local community.

The memory of Abdus Salam's sacrifice will forever remain in our minds, and he will become a symbol of struggle. Abdus Salam's life and death remind us how the greatness of self-sacrifice for society can make an ordinary person's life extraordinary. His self-sacrifice will forever inspire us and awaken the spirit of solidarity and humanity within us. The memory of Martyr Abdus Salam will occupy a permanent place in all our hearts.

Background of the Movement

Since the inception of Bangladesh, the people have been the victims of various injustices, exploitation, oppression, and cruelties. The freedom-loving people of this country have repeatedly stood up against such atrocities in response to the demands of the times. Along with them, the students have expressed solidarity with the struggling masses. Moreover, glorious history is witness to the fact that movements and struggles have always been initiated by students during critical times in the country.

The 15 years of Awami misrule, vote-rigging, corruption, murder, injustice, and oppression had created a negative reaction in the public mind. The Awami government again started conspiring to re-establish the quota system. In 2018, Sheikh Hasina, in the face of strong student protests, accepted all the demands, but in her heart, there was a volcano of hatred. Therefore, after consolidating power in a one-sided election without opposition in 2024, the Hasina government again wanted to bring back the quota system. The continuous movement for the reform of quotas in government jobs had started on July 1. This non-violent movement turned violent on July 15. In the movement, armed assassins of Chhatra League, Jubo League, Shechashebok League, and police, JAI members started attacking the unarmed student public. After the martyrdom of Shaheed Abu Sayeed in Rangpur, the movement turned into a mass movement. The quota reform movement gradually took the form of a public movement.

It spread across the country as a movement of anti-discrimination students and the public. Initially, the non-violent movement of ordinary students gradually moved towards an anti-fascist government uprising.

Gradually, this movement was not limited to the students; it became a huge mass uprising of the country's general public. People of all castes, religions, and creeds expressed solidarity with this uprising and took to the streets. Faced with the wrath of the angry masses, the head of the autocratic government, Sheikh Hasina, was forced to resign on August 5. But before resigning, she left behind countless misdeeds of her vile and distorted mind. As part of this, the armed forces were unleashed on the protesters and many innocent people. Unarmed, oppressed, and freedom-seeking people were martyred by their bullets.

How He Was Martyred

The students' quota reform movement spread across the country. When the movement erupted across the country, thousands of students and people, like in different areas of Dhaka, also broke out in protests in Siddhirganj, Narayanganj, with the same demands.

On July 20, during the quota reform movement, there was a chase and counter-chase between the police and the student public on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway. At one point, the police took shelter in the Shimrail Highway Police office on the 7th floor of the 10-story Habibullah Kachpuri Market building next to the Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Shimrail Intersection. This angered the Awami terrorist forces, who set fire to the building. On the 3rd floor of the same building, Abdus Salam, a furniture mechanic at Dutch Bangla Bank, along with some other workers, were doing decoration work. Although many people got out, he and a few others could not. He was burned to death in that fire. Three days later, when the fire service recovered the body, the family arranged for his burial in his village home in Kushtia.

Thus, the innocent child Mahim was orphaned.

Statements/Feelings of Relatives and Friends about the Martyr

Mr. Akbar Ali Mridha, a neighbor of Martyr Md. Abdus Salam said, "The two brothers are good people in the village. When the one who was martyred came from Dhaka, I had a lot of jokes with him. Our houses were next to each other; we always laughed and joked; I miss him very much."

Special Information Regarding the Martyr's Family

Martyr Abdus Salam left behind his 16-month-old son and ended his journey in this world. His home is in the remote area of Char Jagannathpur, Kumarkhali Upazila, Kushtia. He came to Dhaka in search of livelihood. He worked as a day laborer in a furniture shop. His father died two and a half months before he died. Martyr Abdus Salam lived with his mother, brother, wife, and son in his own house. Due to lack of any financial income, his wife is currently living with her parents with her child. His wife is living a destitute life.

Personal Information of the Shaheed at a Glance

Martyr's Full Name: Abdus Salam

Date of Birth: 15-01-2000

Profession or Position: Worked as a day laborer in a furniture shop

Father's Name: Late Saber Biswas

Father's Profession and Age: Deceased

Mother's Name: Mosammat Bulujan Khatun

Mother's Profession and Age: Homemaker, 62 years old

Current Number of Family Members: 2

Child: One son; 16 months old

Wife: Mosammat Maria Khatun

Permanent and Current Address: Village: Char Jagannathpur, Union: Jagannathpur, Upazila: Kumarkhali, District: Kushtia

Place of Incident: Shimrail, Siddhirganj, Dhaka-Chittagong Highway, 10-story building

Attacker: Awami terrorist forces

Time of Injury: July 20, 2024, 4:30 PM

Date, Time, and Place of Death: July 20, 2024, 4:30 PM; Shimrail, Siddhirganj, Dhaka, Chittagong Highway, 10-story building

Current Location of Martyr's Grave (with GPS Location): Postogola, Dhaka Char Bhawanipur Graveyard; 23.89028° N, 89.299642° E

Regarding Assistance to the Family

Proposal-1: Monthly financial assistance is needed for the child.

Proposal-2: Buying a sewing machine for the widowed wife.

Quranic Verse

Indeed, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and properties in exchange for Paradise. (At-Tawbah 9:111)

Hadith

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

Prayers offered: 0