

**Shaheed****Ashaduzzaman Noor Surjo**

Date of birth: 17 January, 2008
Date of martyrdom: 4 August, 2024
Division: Rangpur
District: Dinajpur

Short Biography

Profession: Student

Place of Martyrdom: Mayor Zahid Hossain Chalan's residence, Hakimpur Municipality

Martyrdom Details and History

Ashaduzzaman Noor Surjo was born on January 17, 2008, in the village of Bara Dangapara in Hakimpur Municipality area of Dinajpur district. He is the second child of Md. Mojnu and mother Razia Sultana. Noor was an 8th-grade student at the local Jalarpur Two-Way High School. Besides studying, he took care of his mentally ill father. His mother, Razia Sultana, worked as a jute mill worker with a limited salary, with which she struggled to raise her two sons. Shaheed Noor was a very simple and shy boy. He always preferred to be quiet. But Surjo's simple-mindedness could not stop him from jumping into the movement for the needs of his country. In July 2024, he was an active participant in the anti-discrimination movement that changed the course of Bangladesh's politics.

Birth and Upbringing

Ashaduzzaman Noor Surjo was born on January 17, 2008, in the village of Baro Dangapara, Hakimpur Municipality, Dinajpur District. He was the second child of Mohammad Majnu and Rajia Sultana. Noor was an 8th-grade student at Jalalpur Dwi-Mukhi High School. In addition to his studies, he cared for his mentally ill father. His mother, Rajia Sultana, worked as a laborer in a jute mill, earning a limited salary to raise her two sons with great difficulty. Noor was a very simple and shy boy who preferred to remain silent. However, his straightforward nature did not prevent him from joining the movement for his country's cause. In July 2024, he was an active participant in the anti-discrimination movement that changed the political landscape of Bangladesh.

Incident of Martyrdom

On August 4, 2024, at 3:00 PM, Noor Surjo participated in a mass procession organized by the anti-discrimination student movement. During the procession, the Awami League, Chhatra League, and administration launched a joint attack on the protesting students. Unable to withstand the assault, the protesters dispersed. In the ensuing chaos, many were injured or went missing. Surjo and another student, Fahim from Dinajpur, were captured and detained in the house of the municipal mayor, Zahid Hossain. Their whereabouts remained unknown to their families. As evening fell, their families began an extensive search, contacting the administration, fire service, and other authorities, but to no avail. The next day, it was revealed that Shaheed Surjo and Fahim had been confined in a room on the second floor of Zahid Hossain's house, where they were subjected to torture and martyred. The fire service informed their families of their deaths.

The following morning, without any autopsy, Shaheed Surjo's body was buried in the family Graveyard at his ancestral home. Witnesses later reported that after the former Prime Minister fled the country on August 5, enraged citizens attacked Zahid Hossain's house, setting it on fire. It is believed that Noor Surjo and

Fahim were trapped inside when the fire spread, leading to their deaths.

However, on September 10, 2024, following a court order, Surjo's body was exhumed for autopsy. The Assistant Commissioner (Land) and Executive Magistrate, Laila Yasmin, was present during the exhumation. The body was sent to the forensic department of M Abdur Rahim Medical College in Dinajpur for examination.

Feelings of the Martyr's Relatives

1. His elder brother, Sujan Ali, stated, "Martyr Ashaduzzaman was a very simple and shy person. He never argued with anyone and rarely spoke loudly. He was so shy that he couldn't make friends easily. He had only one friend, whom he later distanced himself from upon discovering that his friend smoked cigarettes. Despite our family's objections, he participated in the student protests. May Allah grant him a high status."

Family's Economic Condition

1. His mother, Rajia Sultana, worked in a jute mill, earning a limited income to support the family. She is now devastated by the loss of her son.
2. His elder brother, Sujan Ali, works as a laborer at the port.

Recommendations

1. Assistance could be provided to the martyr's elder brother for a small business venture.
2. Financial support could be extended for the treatment of the mentally ill father.

Shaheedâ€™s Personal Life at a Glance

Name: Ashaduzzaman Noor Surjo

Date of Birth: January 17, 2008

Father: Mohammad Majnu

Mother: Rajia Sultana

Permanent Address: Village: Baro Dangapara, Union: Hakimpur Municipality, Thana: Hakimpur, District: Dinajpur

Profession: Student (8th Grade)

Educational Institution: Jalalpur Dwi-Mukhi High School

Incident Location: House of Hakimpur Municipal Mayor Zahid Hossain Chalon

Injury Time: August 4, 2024, 4:30 PM

Martyrdom Time: August 5, 2024, 10:00 PM

Type of Injury: Arson by Awami terrorists

Martyr's Grave Location: Kathi Pukur Graveyard

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

A martyr will be able to intercede for seventy relatives in Paradise. (Sunan Abu Dawood 2520)

Prayers offered: 0

Memorial Photo Gallery

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