



Shaheed Saiful Islam Tanmoy

Date of birth: 2 April, 2002
Date of martyrdom: 5 August, 2024
Division: Chattogram
District: Comilla

Short Biography

Occupation: Electrician

Place of Martyrdom: In front of Kutubkhali Madrasa, Jatrabari.

Martyrdom Details and History

Saiful Islam Tanmoy was born in Cumilla on April 2, 2002. His father is Md. Shafiqul Islam and his mother is Rebeka Sultana. His father works at a bus counter. During his lifetime, Saiful was learning to be an electrician. From the beginning of the anti-discrimination movement, he was on the streets with his uncle.

Context of the Movement

On Thursday, July 18, the students' "complete shutdown" began in demand of quota reform. Prior to this, they announced this program on social media on July 17. During the program, in Dhaka and various parts of the country, the controversial student organization Chhatra League, which is a student-named organization, and the autocratic government's law enforcement forces, armed with dangerous weapons reserved for war, attacked the protesters. News of more than 27 killings was received across the country.

People across the country extended support for the protesters' program. To blame the students and eliminate them harshly, the Awami League set fire to various government establishments in Mohakhali, including the Setu Bhaban, Health Bhaban, Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) Bhaban, and Disaster Bhaban. Over a hundred vehicles were burned. The state media, Bangladesh Television, was set on fire twice. It was regularly broadcast on state media that students had committed such incidents. Sheikh Hasina was heavily criticized for not visiting the students killed in the massacre. On the instructions of MP Palak, mobile internet service was shut down from July 17. As a result, the entire country was virtually disconnected from the internet. To further muddy the situation and kill students, BGB was deployed across the country. All educational institutions were declared closed. HSC exams were postponed. Ordinary students expelled terrorist Chhatra League from Dhaka and Jahangirnagar Universities and took them under their control.

The Awami administration of the universities announced the departure of the universities and the evacuation of the halls to maintain the position of the Chhatra League. Students, in turn, announced the evacuation of university teachers and employees from their respective residences. In the evening, police-BGB-terrorist Chhatra League jointly attacked and re-occupied the halls. Students were severely tortured. The 9-point program began. Student leaders were arrested and disappeared. The task was done by the then Detective Brach Head Harun, known as the 'owner of the rice hotel' and nicknamed 'Haun Uncle'. In the face of anger and protest, they were released after taking signatures from the student leaders stating that they had withdrawn the movement. The country began to move towards a worse situation. As expatriates stopped sending remittances in protest from abroad, the Hasina government fell into further trouble. On August 4, students and the public began to defeat the police, BGB, Ansar, RAB, and Chhatra League equipped with lethal weapons. This accelerated the resignation of the autocratic government.

On August 1, 2024, the Awami League and all their left-wing alliances banned Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir. Their intention was to carry out genocide in this way and suppress the movement. In the past, the Awami League had eliminated various movements in this way. The students and the public roared even more. A storm of condemnation arose in the country. Facebook was flooded with anti-Awami League writings. One by one, the Awami League's misdeeds to suppress the movement began to be publicized. The killing of innocent and meritorious students began to be discussed in the world media.

How He Became a Martyr

Saiful Islam Tanmoy, inspired by patriotism, joined the students' movement for the realization of rights. He stood in the ranks of the general public and realized that he was also a victim of government misrule and mismanagement. He had no value to the autocratic government. Because his father worked in the transport sector, he had seen the anarchy of the transport sector with his own eyes. Throughout the month of July, he was very active on the streets. He was injured by police pellets a few days before August 5. From July 18, he actively participated in the anti-discrimination movement with his uncle. On August 5, at 10 am, the mobile network was down. The whole country was turbulent. At this time, Saiful Islam Tanmoy said to his mother, "I'll be back in 5 minutes!" That was Tanmoy's last conversation with his mother. Tanmoy's uncle has a printing business. He also participated in the movement on the streets that day. On August 5, at the time of Zohr, it was learned on the phone that Saiful Islam Tanmoy had been shot. The bullet hit the back of his head. The family searched various hospitals all day and finally found the martyr's body at Dhaka Medical. The next day, after the funeral, he was buried in Donia Panchayat Graveyard.

How is His Family Doing?

In Saiful Islam Tanmoy's family, besides his parents, his grandmother lives. His elder sister, Nargis Sultana, is married. His younger brother, Rafi Islam Tanim, studies in class three at Allahabad Primary School. His sister, Sanjida Islam, studies in the nursery class at Allahabad Primary School. Tanmoy's father, Shafiqul Islam, works a small job at a bus counter. His monthly income is 10,000 taka. His mother, Rebeka Sultana, is a housewife. The family lives in a dilapidated old rented house in Donia area of Dhaka.

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Personal Information of the Shaheed at a Glance

Name: Saiful Islam Tanmoy

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Father: Md. Shafiqul Islam

Mother: Rebeka Sultana

Date of Injury and Martyrdom: August 5, 2024

Place of Martyrdom: In front of Kutubkhali Madrasa

Attacker: Police

Buried at: Donia Panchayat Graveyard

Current Address: 575, Nasir Uddin Road, Donia, Jatrabari, Dhaka

Permanent Address: Allahabad, Debidwar, Cumilla

House and Property Condition: There is land for a house in the village.

Proposal

â€Œ Providing monthly and one-time assistance.

â€Œ Providing assistance for the brother's and sister's education.

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

Whoever sincerely asks Allah for martyrdom, Allah will grant them the status of martyrs. (Sahih Muslim 1888)

Prayers offered: 0

Memorial Photo Gallery

