

Arshad-Mukhtar: A Shining Beacon

Respected Amjad Siddiqi sahib is a courageous, high-spirited, and resilient person whose entire life is defined by sensational tales of goodness and events of resolve and courage; this book *Unyielding Spirit* is a collection of these very events and stories. The respected gentleman, like ordinary Pakistanis, traveled to Saudi Arabia during the peak of his youth in search of employment and started working at a local bank there. But destiny had selected Amjad Siddiqi for a far greater, noble cause, for which he had to pass through many trials. Therefore, during his employment, while returning from Medina, one day he met with an accident. Because of a spinal injury, spending the rest of his life on a wheelchair became the respected gentleman's destiny. It is a law of nature that when destiny selects someone for a specific, special task, then trials become their fate. Respected Amjad Siddiqi is also an exemplary character of this very type, who transformed his accidental despair (hopelessness) into the lights of hope (expectation), and alongside his own self, became a guiding light for other disabled individuals, teaching them courage and steadfastness. After winning the battle of life, the respected gentleman made a firm resolve to serve grieving humanity inside Saudi Arabia, and in this field, with immense determination, he proved his greatness. Rising above the boundaries of country, nation, color, and race, he remained actively busy for the survival and welfare of disabled human beings like himself. The result of this was that he showed the destination to hundreds of disabled individuals like himself. Through his struggle, the weak and crippled individuals of society learned the lesson that Allah helps those who help themselves, and those who serve the creations of Allah, destiny helps them. My prayer is that respected Amjad Siddiqi keeps burning always like this radiant lamp, so that from his survival, more candles of light keep illuminating for humanity.

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