

Shuja-ud-deen: A Larger-Than-Life Figure

The connection of body and soul does not remain intact solely through the string of breaths; rather, for this, a spark of life is also necessary. In this world of existence, everyone dreams of leading an excellent and full life, but crossing this bridge of trials requires a level of hard work, courage, strength, steadfastness, and audacity that is not within everyone's capacity. To see a mythological personality in today's chaotic era, the noble persona of Amjad Siddiqi appears completely true to its name. My very first meeting with him was extremely brief, but believe me, in that single sitting, it felt as though a journey of centuries was crossed in mere minutes. Inside this man of iron, I saw an absolute abundance of steel-like virtues. Despite a severe, untreatable medical disability, in this embodiment of self-respect, the reflection of Iqbal's Shaheen (the Royal Falcon) is prominently visible. Amjad Siddiqi transformed his paralyzed torso into a boundless ocean of determination and courage. Words like helplessness and despair are perhaps completely non-existent in his dictionary; for this very reason... whenever a pain-filled night descends into the courtyard of his life... along with it, the rays of hope... transforming into a galaxy... illuminate the dark night. The light of hope... is proof of the fact that... no matter how long the night may be, the morning is always close. Amjad Siddiqi, through his grueling hard work, proved his mettle across the entire world. Even today, he remains a source of immense pride for the country and nation. Because of this very hard work, he was awarded the international honor of "One in a Million." In my view, this honor is very small for him; rather, a personality like him is born once in centuries. May Allah Kareem grant him eternal courage and fortitude. Ameen.

Prayerful,
-Muhammad Shuja-ud-Din
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