The Legendary Martyr
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The Story of Legendary Martyr

Juni, Buni and Huni were childhood friends. They have had their schooling together and they all opted medicine as a profession. They spent considerable time of their life together, enjoyed movies, concerts and had various trips to different places. Their personal life was full of colours and adventures but their professional life as a doctor was somewhat challenging. Juni was empathic, brave, patriotic and highly professional. Buni and Huni were light hearted, adventurous and confident.

One day Buni and Huni were informed to perform duties as medical officers at the airbase medical camps in war zones. This news was exciting yet stress provoking for both of them. They went to their hostel and started packing. Juni asked them curiously, "where are you going without me?" Huni replied nervously, "we have been appointed at the medical camp in battle zone". "How exciting! I would love to go with you", Juni replied lively. He eagerly composed an application and went to the administrator. The administrator was surprised to see that Juni was primed to serve soldiers voluntarily. He sanctioned his application merrily and issued him an appointment letter.

Finally, Juni, Buni and Huni moved to the air base medical camp together. On their arrival Huni and Buni were clutched due to ambience at the trouble spot but Juni looked confident and determined among them. They started their duty at the very moment. Wounded and harmed soldiers were being brought to the medical arch by means of jet flights and road vehicles. Boy scouts were engaged in transferring the injured officers on stretchers. Juni, Buni and Huni assessed the extent of patient’s injuries and relocated them accordingly.

The whole enclave was full of harmed and wounded soldiers and yet scouts kept on bringing new cases. The circumstances were distressing and exasperating but Juni kept on boosting the confidence of Buni and Huni to perform their duty diligently. They serviced day and night to care for injured soldiers. They performed major and minor surgeries and stitched and dressed various kinds of wounds.

One day Juni and Buni were transferring an injured on the stretcher at the combat area. In the meantime, they got caught in the cross firing. The air was full of flying bullets. One bullet whizzed through the air at the break neck speed and pierced Juni’s right chest. He fell on the ground with oozing from the wound. Buni screamed, “Juni, my friend” with dread
and fear. He was stunned to see his childhood friend bleeding profusely. He shouted for help and brought him in his lap. Another doctor arrived shortly and they started delivering first aid.

Despite their untiring and dedicated efforts, they failed to save his life. Juni embraced martyrdom while performing his duty. Buni and other soldiers carried his coffin with great respect and dignity. Juni succeeded to set an example of bravery and commitment not only for soldiers and his friends but also for the rest of doctor’s community and above all the whole nation. Life of a doctor is mostly associated with hospitals and clinics but Juni’s life and sacrifice illuminated yet another aspect. He was martyred while saving others’ lives. His loyalty made him immortal. It is the cause, not the death that makes the martyr (Napoleon).

At present, Pakistan is going through a hardship and misfortune. Corruption is reigning all over. Energy crises, terrorism, inflation, unemployment, illiteracy, border disputes and political instability have also contributed significantly in the retrogression of the country. Other social problems like drug abuse, violence, child labour, sexual harassment have also caused a decline in our country’s reputation and prestige. These issues have shaken the foundations of our culture, moral values, beliefs, customs and traditions. The passion of patriotism is not the same as it was found in the wars of 1965 and 1971. It was the time when not just our fearless soldiers but the whole nation was projected into the shape of a cohesive entity to preserve our home land and defeated the Indian Army by retrieving them on all fronts.

At the moment, we need the same passion and fervour to stand against these odds. We as a nation should try to convert into patriots and venture to boost to the imperial expectations of our mother-land. We should cultivate certain valuable attributes of head and heart like Juni possessed. The spirit of benevolence and compassion is in strong need to be extended out to the whole community. Juni’s unparallel model of martyrdom has developed an exceptional association of professionalism and patriotism. It persuades us to ascend autonomously and to accomplish something for our countrymen and country. The maxim of “Unity, Faith and Discipline” by Quaid - e - Azam still manifests the best way of development and prosperity of a nation.

“The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous” (Frederick Douglass).