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Maulana Syed Mohammad Jaffer Zaidi (Shaheed) was born in 1908 in Memon Sadaat, District Bajaur in India. His father, Maulvi Syed Mohammad Abbas, his grandfather Maulvi Syed Mohammad Ali Sagheer, and his great grandfather Syed Inayat Ali, were all religious scholars and eminent Hakims. Thus, he inherited a wealth of knowledge from his ancestors.

He acquired his education in Meerat. He then moved to Bareli where for twenty-two years he remained a prayer leader in a locality known as 'Kala Imam Bara'. In 1956 he migrated with his family to Pakistan. In 1957 he was offered a permanent position of prayer leader in Jamia Masjid, Krishan Nagar, Lahore. He accepted this offer and settled down in Lahore.

Besides being a renowned scholar of the subcontinent and a speaker par excellance, Maulana Syed Mohammad Jaffer Zaidi Shaheed was a man of great integrity and honour. He possessed a very humble and captivating personality and his heart was the citadel of enormous love for the Last Prophet and his remarkable Aal. It was due to this blend of love, humility, charisma and profound knowledge that his oratory and scholarship had a very specific appeal both for the layman as well as for the intellectual.

On November 3, 1980, Zilhaj 24, Syed Muhammad Jaffer Zaidi was attacked and fatally injured, when he reached m home after concluding the proceedings of the function held to mark Eid Mubahila. He breathed his last on November 7, 1980 and returned to his Maker a true martyr. His untimely shahadat created a great vacuum in the context of meaningful and responsible narrative on the tragedy of Karbala.

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