

GUARD SACRIFICES HIS LIFE AS HE HOLDS OFF GUNMEN AT MODEL TOWN MOSQUE

Eyewitness account by Mirza Imran Baig, cousin of the brave martyr, Mirza Mansoor Baig.

Mirza Mansoor Baig, 28, son of Mirza Sarvat Baig, was an unarmed security volunteer at the entrance of the Model town mosque along with a number of other young volunteers.

At 1.35pm a suspicious man approached the gates of the mosque. Mirza Mansoor braved the task of approaching him to enquire him of his business. The suspicious man rudely replied he had come to offer Friday prayers, but his aggressive demeanour alerted further concern. Mansoor then immediately grabbed the terrorist into a headlock. The captured terrorist screamed for help from his accomplices. With Mansoor's back to the mosque and terrorist in his grip, another terrorist approached him and fired at close range. The first bullet entered Mansoor's chest and a second to his stomach. Only after the second bullet was the captured terrorist able to release himself from Mansoor's grip. Mansoor, in his final dying breaths, then turned towards fellow worshippers around the Mosque and shouted "run! run! run!". His vital warning was heard by others who began to take shelter inside the mosque. The gunmen then brutally fired a shot to the back of his Mansoor's head, and became one of the first to die.

Mansoor was the youngest of four sisters and three brothers. Recently married to Farhana Baig, his wife is expecting their first child in a couple of months. He was a loving human being who gave his time and energy unreservedly to all those around him and was a devout Ahmadi and citizen of Lahore. He is the latest in a long line of martyrs in his family in Pakistan.