



*In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.*

## BIBI SAKINA (A.S), THE YOUNG HASHIMITE PRINCESS



Name: Rukeya (also known as Sakina)  
 Father: Imam Hussain-bin-Ali-bin-Abu Talib (A.S)  
 Mother: Bibi Umm-e-Rubab (A.S)  
 Birth: 20th of Rajab  
 Death: 3<sup>rd</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Safar-al-Muzaffar, at Damascus, Syria

According to different historical accounts, between the 3rd and 13th Safar is the martyrdom anniversary of Bibi Sakina bint-al-Hussain(A.S) - the 4-year old beloved daughter of Imam Hussain(A.S) who died in the prison of Damascus after the

family of the Prophet Mohammad(PBUH) was arrested after the events of Karbala and detained in the prison of Damascus. She is also known as Ruqqayya bint-al-Hussain(A.S) in the Arab world.

On this occasion of mourning in the household of the Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), we extend our condolences to the Prophet Mohammad(PBUH), his Ahl-e-Bait(A.S), Imam-e-Zamana(A.S) and to all Momineen and Momiinaat.

From the time when Imam Hussain(A.S) was martyred in the battle field, Bibi Sakina(A.S) forgot to smile. Kufa saw her as a little girl lost in thought. Quite often she would sit up at night. When asked if she wanted anything, she would say, "I just heard a baby cry? Is it Asghar? He must be calling out for me!"

Knowing that her weeping upset her mother, Bibi Sakina(A.S) would cry silently and quickly wipe away her tears. In the prison in Damascus she would stare at the flock of birds flying to their nests at sunset and innocently ask Bibi Zainab(s.a.), "Will Sakina ever be going home like those birds flying to their homes?"

One night Bibi Sakina (A.S) was asleep and she suddenly woke up crying and started to look for her father everywhere. All the Holy ladies tried to console her so she would stop crying but she didn't get any peace and continued crying, O my dear aunt , where is my father , a few minutes ago I was with my father and he kissed me and said to me that my dear Sakina you will soon be with me. But where is my father now??

When Bibi Sakina told her dream, all the holy ladies (A.S) started to cry and now this noise of crying was heard by Yazid (L.A) at his court. Yazid (L.A) sent a servant to ask why the little princess (A.S) was crying. The servant was informed that Bibi Sakina (A.S) missed her father and that is why she was crying. They informed Yazid (L.A) of the situation, and Yazid (L.A), for his sadistic pleasure, sent the severed head of Imam Hussain (A.S) to the prison and when Bibi Sakina (A.S) received the head of her father she started to cry even more and held it very tight and asked her father, who cut off my father's head, who martyred my father, why are we held as captives?

With these words of sorrow suddenly Bibi Sakina (A.S) was quiet and there was a silence in the cell. Everyone thought that Bibi Sakina (A.S) had finally gone to sleep again but this was not a temporary sleep, Bibi Sakina (A.S) had now gone into a permanent sleep to meet her holy father. Bibi Zainab (A.S) summoned Imam Zain-ul Abideen (A.S) to check the status of Sakina as they thought she had fallen unconscious. When the Imam (A.S) went over to check on his sister (A.S), he noticed she had stopped breathing. All the Bibi's (A.S) were crying standing around Bibi Sakina (A.S).



Bibi Zainab(s.a.) held the still child as Imam Zain-ul-Abideen(A.S) dug a grave in the cell. As the grave was being filled up after the burial the mother let out a scream! How could anyone console Bibi Rubaab(A.S)? What could they say? They huddled around her, and the prison walls began to shake with the cry: "Ya Bibi Sakina(A.S), YA MAZLOOMAH!!" Bibi Rubaab(A.S) put her cheek on Bibi Sakina(A.S)'s grave and cried out: "Speak to me, Sakina! Only a word, my child! Speak to me!!"

It was her father Imam Hussain (A.S) who was brutally killed in Kerbala. It was her baby brother Ali Asghar (A.S) who had an arrow shot through his neck. It was her beloved uncle Abbas (A.S) that had both his arms cut off. It was she who spent her last days in a dungeon. The little princess of Imam Hussain (A.S). The only person to never make it out of that desolate dungeon. She was Bibi Sakina (A.S), the young Hashemite princess.

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