Captain Samadikun was closely related to the events of the Cirebon sea battle which took place on January 5, 1947. The battle took place between the Gajah Mada warship and the Dutch ship HR MS Kortenaer. This battle broke out on the backdrop of the Linggarjati agreement in which the former The Indonesian Navy (ALRI) had the task of securing and transporting the Dutch delegation who came by sea. The results of these negotiations have raised pros and cons in the Indonesian side.

From the instructions of the Great Commander Sudirman that in the Cirebon city it is necessary to merge the Armed Command to carry out training maneuvers as soon as possible from January 4 to January 6, 1947. The Indonesian Navy (ALRI) at this exercise deployed 5 ships under the leadership of first lieutenant Samadikun.

The 5 ships were Eskader involved, among others, the KRI Gajah Mada, the P-8 Patrol ship, the P-9 Patrol Ship, the Tunda Semar Ship and the Tunda Antareja Ship. On January 4 the Marine drills took place at the gate. Eskader troops leave the port of Cirebon. The Dutch ship fired on the Patrol 8 ship and first lieutenant Samadikun ordered the eskader elements to carry out evasive despression, while KRI Gajah Mada took the attack position.

KRI Gajah Mada, which was commanded by Lettu Samadikun, sank as a result of shots from the Dutch army which hit the hull of the ship. This made the ship damaged and leaking. The Dutch ship fired cannons repeatedly to sink the Gajah Mada ship and first lieutenant Samadikun. In this sea battle, three heroes had died at once and 26 Dutch prisoners. On January 7, first lieutenant Samadikun's body was found and buried at TMP Kesanden.

To commemorate the heroism of Captain Samadikun in fighting the invaders. The Indonesian government made a warship and it was called the KRI Samadikun which was launched in 1953. KRI Samadikun became one of the warships to commemorate his services. And now the KRI has retired. Besides being used as the name of a warship, his name was also immortalized as a street name in the Cirebon city.