**Agha Syed Mehdi**

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**About:** Aga Syed Mehdi was born in [Budgam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Budgam" \o "Budgam). He studied at Baab-ul-Ilm and subsequently received Maulawi Fazil from Jamia Bab-ul-Ilm, Budgam. He joined Anjuman E Sharie Shia as a member by the age of 22. He rose into prominence among the people for his philanthropic works. Later he joined [Indian National Congress](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_National_Congress) and participated in MP elections in 1998. During the time of 1990's  [Kashmir insurgency](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashmir_conflict" \o "Kashmir conflict). Aga Mehdi was born to Shia religious scholar [Ayatullah Aga Syed Mustafa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aga_Syed_Mustafa_Moosavi" \o "Aga Syed Mustafa Moosavi) on 19 February 1959. Agha Syed Mehdi, a prominent Kashmiri Shia leader was killed along with three of his security guards in a powerful blast at village Kanihama in Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday afternoon.

**Murderd on:** 3 November 2000.

**Attack details:** On 3 November 2000, Aga Syed Mehdi was assassinated in a powerful IED blast on the way to [Magam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magam" \o "Magam) along with his three security personnel and two supporters at Kanihama-Magam road, Central Budgam.

**Reason to him target:** Shia leader and he joined Anjuman E Sharie Shia[ as a member.

**Occupation:** Shaheed Aga Syed Mehdi was a prominent [Kashmiri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashmir) [Shia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shia_Islam) leader and social activist.

**Belief** : Aga Hasan described Agha Syed Mehdi as leading luminary and a messiah of poor whose departure from this world was described as a great loss to the people of the state in general and the people of Budgam in particular. Special prayers were organized in the memory of the departed soul.

**Reaction of local population:** During his funeral kashmiri [pandit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pandit" \o "Pandit) women of Budgam were heard crying "*Bayo asi kus kari raech wain*" meaning "Brother who will protect us now, Shaheed Aga Syed Mehdi was laid to rest at Sarkaar's Shrine Budgam.

**Police record the cause of his death:** A senior police officer said that the Shia leader was on his way to Magam in Budgam district from Kanihama village and the sources said that an improvised explosive device was planted in an underground water pipe. The IED exploded when the vehicle passed over the spot ripping apart the bullet proof gypsy.

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