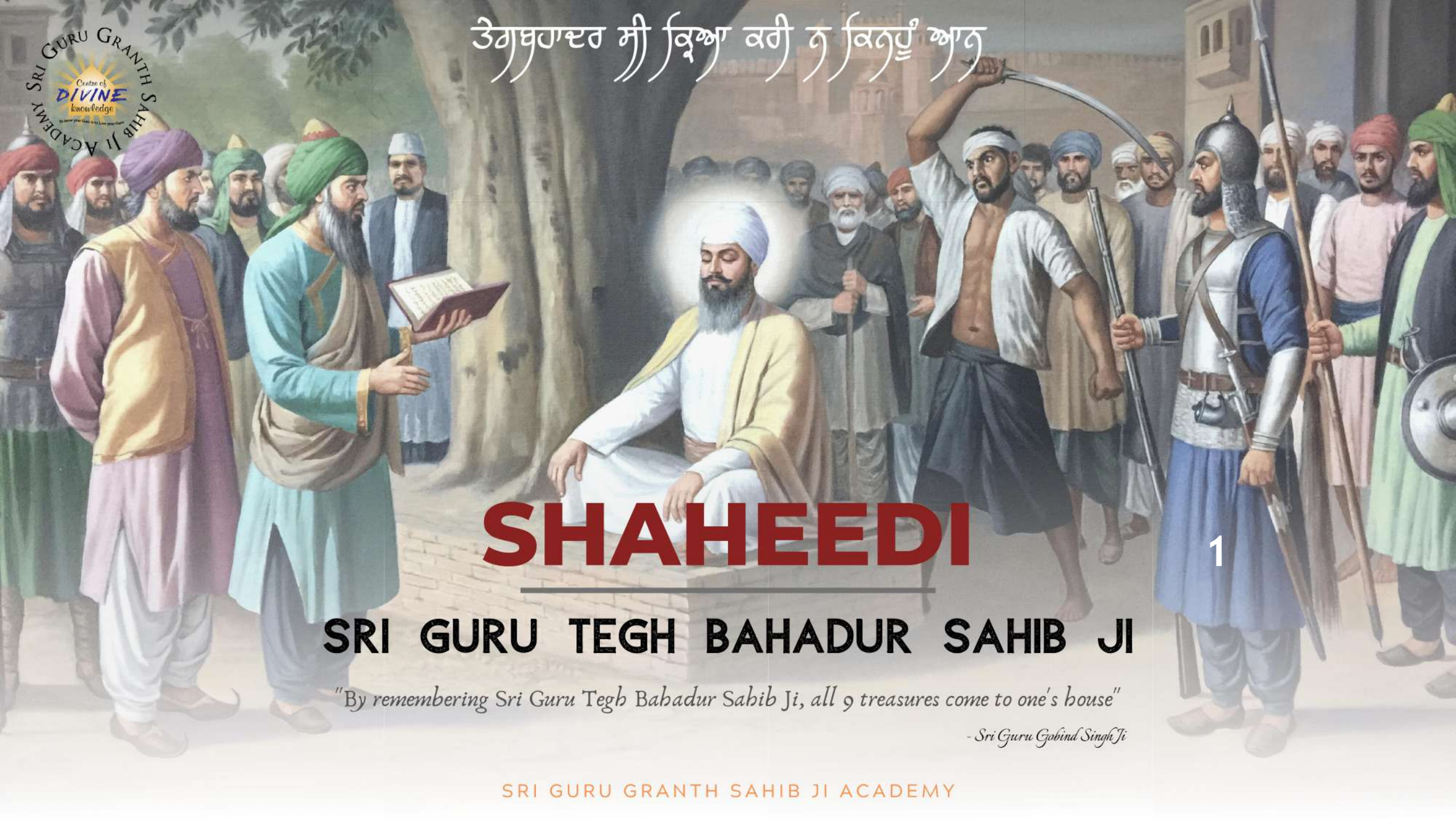


ਤੇਗਬਹਾਦਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਸ਼ਾ ਕਰੀ ਨ ਕ੍ਰਿਨਹੂੰ ਆਨ



SHAHEEDI

SRI GURU TEGH BAHADUR SAHIB JI

"By remembering Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji, all 9 treasures come to one's house"

- Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji

1st Arrest in 1665B (1722AD)



- Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur was arrested along with Bhai Mati Das Ji, Bhai Sati Das & Bhai Dyal Das from Dhamtan Sahib, Jind. Another two companion Sikhs, Bhai Udho Ji and Bhai Gurditta Ji was ask to leave before the arrest.

ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਜੀ ਮਹਲ ਨਾਵੈ ਕੋ ਨਗਰ ਧਮਧਾਣ ਪਰਗਣਾਂ ਬਾਂਗਰ ਸੇ ਆਸਲ ਖਾਨ ਰੁਹੇਲਾ ਸ਼ਾਹੀ ਹੁਕਮ ਗੈਲ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਕੋ ਲੈ ਕਰ ਆਇਆ, ਸਾਲ ਸਤ੍ਰਹ ਸੈ ਬਾਈਸ ਕਾਤਕ ਸੀ ਗਿਆਰਸ ਕੋ ਬੁਧਵਾਰ ਕੇ ਦਿਹੁੰ ਸਾਥ ਮਤੀ ਦਾਸ, ਸਤੀ ਦਾਸ, ਦਾਸ ਬੇਟੇ ਹੀਰਾ ਮੱਲ ਛੱਬਰ ਕੇ, ਗੁਆਲ ਦਾਸ ਬੇਟਾ ਛੁੱਟੇ ਮੱਲ ਛਿੱਬਰ ਕਾ, ਗੁਰਦਾਸ ਬੇਟਾ ਕੀਰਤ ਬੜਤੀਏ ਕਾ, ਸੰਗਤ ਬੇਟਾ ਬਿੱਨੇ ਉਪਲ ਕਾ, ਜੇਠਾ, ਦਿਆਲ ਦਾਸ ਬੇਟੇ ਮਤੀ ਦਾਸ ਮਤੀ ਦਾਸ ਜਲਹਾਨੇ ਬਲਉਂਤ, ਹੋਰ ਸਿਖ ਫਕੀਰ ਆਏ।

(ਭੱਟ ਵਹੀ ਜਾਦੋਬੰਸੀਆਂ ਕੀ)

Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Guru Nanak was arrested by in Dhantam, Bhangar (Jind) by Aasal Khan the commissioner of Ruhela. He escorted Guru Ji to Delhi in 1722, Ketak 11 Wednesday along with Bhai Mati Das, Bhai Sati das sons of Hira Lal Chibbar, Guwal Das s/o Chute mal Chibbar, Gurdas so Kirat Bariria, Sanggat s/o Binay Uppal, Jetha, Dyal Das along with others

Note: The first arrest was ordered by Aurangzeb after realizing the flourishing influence of Guru Nanak Dev Ji's SIKHI. He also knew that everyone no matter Muslim of Hindu are the staunch follower of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji was arrested and later bailed by Raja Ram Singh who was the son of Raja Sawai Jai Singh of Jaipur



2nd Arrest in 1732B (1675AD)



ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਜੀ ਮਹਲ ਨਾਂਵੈ ਕੋ ਨੂਰ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਖਾਨ ਮਿਰਜਾ ਚੌਕੀ ਰੋਪੜ ਵਾਲੇ ਨੇ ਸਾਲ ਸੜਾ ਸੈ ਬਤੀਸ ਸਾਵ ਪ੍ਰਵਿਸ਼ਠੈ ਬਾਰਾਂ ਕੇ ਦਿਹੁ, ਗਾਉਂ ਮਲਕਪੁਰ ਰੰਘੜਾਂ ਪਰਗਣਾ ਘਨੌਲਾ ਸੇ ਪਕੜ ਕੇ ਸਰਹੰਦ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਇਆ। ਗੈਲਹੁੰ ਦੀਵਾਨ ਮਤੀ ਦਾਸ, ਸਤੀ ਦਾਸ-ਬੇਟੇ ਹੀਰਾ ਮੱਲ ਛੱਬਰ ਕੇ, ਗੈਲ ਦਿਆਲ ਦਾਸ ਬੇਟਾ ਮਾਈ ਦਾਸ ਬਲਉਂਤ ਕਾ ਪਕੜਿਆ ਆਇਆ। ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਚਾਰ ਮਾਸ ਬਸੀ ਪਠਾਣਾਂ ਕੇ ਬੰਦੀਖਾਨੇ ਮੈ ਬੰਦ ਰਹੇ। ਅੱਠ ਦਿਵਸ ਕੁਤਵਾਲੀ ਮੈਂ ਬੰਦ ਰਹੇ।

(ਭੱਟ ਵਹੀ ਪੂਰਬ ਦੱਖਣ)

Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the ninth Guru Nanak was arrested by Noor Muhammad Khan of Mirja Chowki Ropar in the year 1732 Bikarmi, 12 Sawan from Malekpur village, Ghanola district which was occupied by Ranggars (a group of low caste hindu converts). Guru Ji was taken to Sirhind along with Bhai Mati Das, Sati Sas sons of Hira Lal Chibbar and Bhai Dyal Das son of Mai Das Balount. Guru Ji was prisoned in Basi Pathan Prison for four (4) months and eight (8) days in the court (in Delhi)

Imprisonment of Justice

- In Delhi, Guru Ji was imprisoned in the cage with spikes but His face remained radiant. He was not at all affected by the circumstances around Him. He was kept in this condition for many days.
- As the days passed, Aurangzeb was getting more frustrated and angry. He pondered to himself, “My wishes are not being fulfilled. The people are not converting to my faith. He must agree to at least one of the two options if He wishes to be released. If he refuses, He will be killed to instil fear in the other people of going against my orders.”



The Option

- Aurangzeb ordered his Qazi (Abdul Wahab Borah) and the courtier went to meet Guru Ji. They were shocked to see Him with a radiant face and in a state of bliss. They put forward three options;
 1. Convert to Islam and you will be amply rewarded by the emperor to keep you happy
 2. If you do not want to convert you will have to display your spiritual powers to the king and show him whatever he desires to see.
 3. If you don't accept the above two options, then the third option is death. You will be responsible for your own death.



Reply 1 : Faithfulness

Guru Ji answered,

“I love my religion. How can I forsake it? It is my support in this life and also the next. No other religion can compare with my religion. A person who gives up this religion is a fool and of impure mind. He will suffer in this world and when he dies, messengers of death will punish him. Our mind is pure.

Why should we forsake our religion? We only want to practice our religion. The temptations you offered me, woman, wealth and property means nothing to me. I reject all those things and choose remain steadfast in my religion. I will not be defeated.

”The men of God do not show off their powers by performing miracles. If I do this I will not be able to face myself. I will feel ashamed sitting among the saints and other men of God. Therefore I reject the first two options. My answer will be the same even if you asked again a million times.

I accept the third option of sacrificing my life for the Hindu religion. You will not be able to destroy this religion despite all your efforts.”



Faith - 3 Instead of 2

- Aurangzeb dreamed to convert the entire world into the fold of one religion.
- Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji said if Almighty concurred to this then why he created other religions. In order to prove, Guru Ji ask 5 Mann (1 Mann=37 kg) of black pepper to be roasted under immense fire for 24 hours. After which 3 were left unburnt.
- Guru Ji then concluded, Hey Aurangzeb, You wish convert everyone into Islam but it seems that there is going to be three (3) religions. Before this there were only two religions but now there will be three. Your wish to convert everyone into Islam will be fruitless. Everyone loves their own religion and those that will maintain it despite your attempts will attain a supreme state. Those that convert will have their roots uprooted from this world and also from the next. Whoever Almighty wishes to protect will be protected despite any of your attempt. There won't be one religion and not two either, there will be three religions. No one can go against Almighty's wish and we are bound by the rules set by Almighty.”



Maghar Sudi 1, 1732B (1675AD)

ਅਗਲੇ ਦਿਵਸ ਮਗਹਰ ਸੁਦੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਐਤਵਾਰ ਕੇ ਦਿਹੂੰ ਸਖਤੀ ਕਾ ਦਉਰ ਸੁਰੂ ਹੂਆ । ਸਾਹੀ ਕਾਜੀ ਕੋਤਵਾਲੀ ਮੈਂ ਆਇ ਕੋਤਵਾਲ ਸੇ ਬੋਲਾ ਇਸੇ ਇਸਲਾਮ ਮੈਂ ਲਾਨੇ ਕੇ ਲੀਏ ਕਾਈ ਕਸਰ ਬਾਕੀ ਨਾ ਛੋਰੇਂ। ਅਗਰ ਇਸੇ ਪਿਆਸ ਲਾਗੇ ਤਾਂ ਪਾਨੀ ਪੀਨੇ ਕੇ ਲੀਏ ਨਹੀਂ ਦੇਨਾ । ਕੋਤਵਾਲ ਨੇ ਸਾਹੀ ਕਾਜੀ ਕਾ ਫੁਰਮਾਨ ਸੁਨ ਕੇ ਇਸ ਤੇ ਪੂਰਾ ਅਮਲ ਕਿਆ ।

The next day Maghar Sudhi 1, Sunday 1732 Bk. (after Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's arrival in Delhi) the tortures begun. The Qazi came to the prison and commanded the Magistrate to not spare any mercy and venue to force him (Guru Ji) into Islam. If He feels thirsty do not give Him water. The commands were vehemently abided. (Ref: Guru Kia Sakhia by Saroop Singh Kaushish - Chapter 30)

Maghar Sudi 2 to 4, 1732B (1675AD)

ਦਰੋਗਾ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਨੇ ਤੀਨ ਦਿਵਸ ਗੁਰੂ ਕੇ ਘਣਾ ਕਸਟ ਦਿਆ ਇਨ ਕੇ ਬਦਨ ਔਰ ਸੀਸ ਤੇ ਗਰਮ ਰੇਤ ਪਾਈ ਗਈ ਜਿਸਮ ਸਾਰਾ ਛਾਲੇ ਛਾਲੇ ਹੋਇ ਗਿਆ । ਸਤਿਗੁਰਾਂ ਭਾਣੇ ਕੇ ਮਾਨਾ । ਸਾਹੀ ਕਾਜੀ ਤੀਨ ਦਿਵਸ ਆਤਾ ਰਹਾ । ਇਸੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੇ ਬੁਲਾਨਾ ਚਹਾ ਆਗੇ ਸੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਬੋਲੇ । ਚੌਥੇ ਦਿਵਸ ਥੰਮ ਤਪਾਇ ਕੇ ਇਨ੍ਹੈਂ ਪੁੱਠਾ ਕਰ ਕੇ ਇਸ ਕੇ ਸਾਬ ਲਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ। ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਮੁਖ ਥੀਂ ਕਾਈ ਬਚਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਹਾ। ਪਾਂਚਮੇ ਦਿਹੁੰ ਮੰਗਸਰ ਸੁਦੀ ਪੰਚਮੀ ਤਿਜੇ ਪਹਿਰ ਵੀਰਵਾਰ ਕੇ ਦਿਵਸ ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੇ ਕੁਤਵਾਲੀ ਸੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਬਰੋਟੇ ਕੇ ਨੀਚੇ ਲਿਆਂਦਾ ਗਿਆ ਤੀਨੋ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਨ ਕੇ ਗੈਲ ਆਏ ।

The prison warden inflicted severe tortures on Guru Ji by pouring heated sand on Guru Ji's body and head which resulted blisters throughout. Guru Ji remained in WILL. The Qazi regularly visited Guru Ji (to offer the option to convert) and he tried to converse but Guru Ji did not respond.

On Maghar Sudi 4, 1732Bk, an iron pillar was heated under immense fire and placed on Guru Ji's body. Guru Ji did not utter a single word.

The next day (Maghar Sudi 5, 1732Bk), Guru Ji was taken out of the prison into the verandah along with the 3 Sikhs.

(Ref: Guru Kia Sakhia by Saroop Singh Kaushish - Chapter 30)

Maghar Sudi 5, 1732B (1675AD)

ਸਾਹੀ ਕਾਜੀ ਨੇ ਪ੍ਰਿਥਮੇਂ ਇਨ ਤੀਨ ਸਿੱਖੋਂ ਕੇ ਫਤਵਾ ਦਿਆ ਕਹਾ
ਇਹ ਤੀਨੋ ਏਸ ਕੇ ਸਾਥੀ ਏਸ ਕੇ ਸਾਹਵੇਂ ਮਾਰ ਦਿਏ ਜਾਏਂ ।
ਅਗਰ ਫਿਰ ਨਾ ਮਾਨਾ ਤਾ ਇਸੇ ਵੀ ਅਗਲੇ ਜਹੰਨਮ ਤੋਰ ਦਿਆ
ਜਾਏ । ਅਵੱਲ ਦਿਆਲ ਦਾਸ ਕੇ ਇਕ ਰਿਝਤੇ ਦੇਗੇ ਮੇਂ ਬੰਦ
ਕਰਕੇ ਮਾਰਾ । ਇਸ ਕੇ ਬਾਦ ਮਤੀ ਦਾਸ ਕੇ ਅਗਲੇ ਗੋਲ ਚਿਰਾ
ਗਿਆ । ਉਪਰੰਤ ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੇ ਤੀਜੇ ਸਾਥੀ ਸਤੀ ਦਾਸ ਕੇ ਰੂਈਂ
ਮੇ ਵਲ੍ਹੇਟ ਜਿੰਦਾ ਜਲਾਇ ਦੀਆ ।

Firstly, the Qazi announced the Fatwa (verdict) for the three Sikhs to be tortured to death in front of Guru Ji. If Guru Ji do not agree with the Sultanate proposal, then He shall receive the same fate hereafter.

Firstly, Bhai Dyal Das was made to sit in a cauldron filled with boiling water while the fire was still burning underneath. He was boiled alive.

Secondly, Bhai Mati Das was sawn alive.

Thirdly, Bhai Sati Das Ji was burn alive in wrapped raw cotton. (Ref: Guru Kia Sakhia by Saroop Singh Kaushish - Chapter 30)

Great Sikh Greater Sikhi



▪ The location where the 3 Sikhs were martyred which is a roundabout opposite Gurdwara Sees Ganj, Delhi.)

Bhai Dyal Das

- Under the orders of the Qazi, a big cauldron (a very big vessel) was brought. Bhai Dayala stood with folded hand did an Ardaas (Humble prayer of a servant) before the Guru and said 'Dear Guru Arjan Dev Ji, once you have endured the boiling water in Chandu's cauldron, now please be with your humble Sikh to endure the boiling water in Aurangzeb's cauldron'. Bhai Dayala was made to sit in this vessel. Water was put into the vessel and fire was lit under the vessel.
- Bhai Dayala started reciting Sri Sukhmani Sahib and the water started boiling in the cauldron. Qazi continued to persuade Bhai Ji to save his precious life by accepting conversion to Islam. Bhai Dayala paid no heed to it and kept reciting Gurbani, with grace of his Guru, who was witnessing from his cage, his devout disciple was laying down his life in the most courageous and peaceful manner unmindful of the brutal manner, the tyrants were doing him to death.



ਆਗਨਿ ਦੇਗ ਕੇ ਨੀਚੇ ਜਗਨ ਕਰਾ ਦਈ। ਹੋ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੇ ਨੱਕ ਨ ਵਟਯੋ, ਹਾਇ ਨ ਸੀ ਭਈ।

(Ref: Panth Perakash by Gyani Gian Singh)

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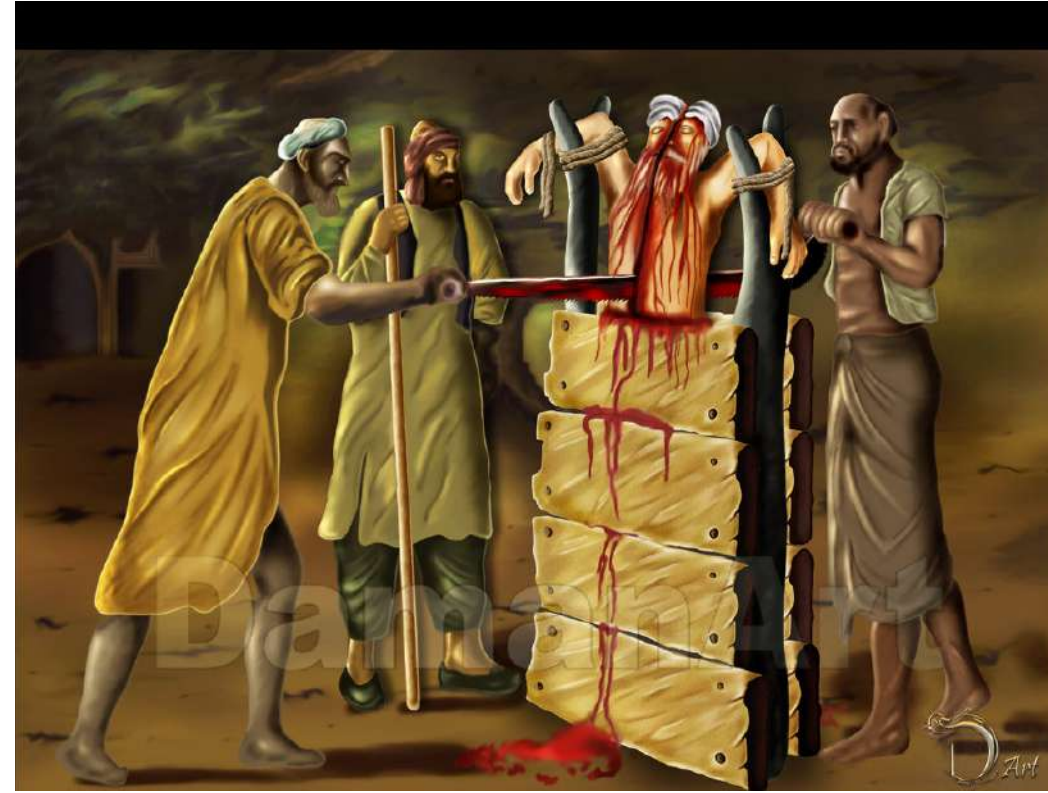
Bhai Mati Das

ਮਤੀਦਾਸ ਕੋ ਕੀਨਿ ਬੁਲਾਵਨਿ । ਦੁਇ ਤਖਤੇ ਮਹਿੰ ਕਰਯੋ ਬੰਧਾਵਨਿ ।
ਹੁਕਮ ਜਲਾਦਨਿ ਤਬਹਿ ਉਚਾਰਾ । ਲੈ ਆਰਾ ਸਿਰ ਪਰ ਤਿਸ ਧਾਰਾ । ੪੫ ।
ਅਰਯੋ ਅਰਧ ਚਿਰਾਇ ਸੁ ਢਾਰਾ । ਪਰਯੋ ਪ੍ਰਿਥੀ ਪਰ ਹੈ ਦੋ ਫਾਰਾ ।
ਦੋਨਹੂੰ ਤਨ ਤੇ ਜਪੁਜੀ ਪਢੈ । ਹੋਰਿਤ ਸਭਿ ਕੋ ਅਚਰਜ ਬਢੈ । ੪੬ ।
ਹੋਇ ਦੁਖੰਡ ਨ ਜੀਵਤਿ ਕੋਈ । ਇਹ ਤੋ ਪਠਤਿ ਜਿਯਤਿ ਜਿਮ ਹੋਈ ।
ਭੋਗ ਪਾਇ ਕਰਿ ਦੋਨਹੂੰ ਤਨ ਤੇ । ਗੁਰ ਪੁਰਿ ਪਹੁੰਚਯੋ ਪ੍ਰੇਮੀ ਮਨ ਤੇ । ੪੭ ।

(ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰਪ੍ਰਤਾਪ ਸੂਰਜ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ, ਰਾਸਿ ੧੨, ਅੰਸੂ ੫੪, ਪੰਨਾ ੪੪੩੨)

Bhai Mati Das was called to the court, Fatwa (verdict) was read to him that he shall be sawn alive with immediate effect. He was tied between two timber planks. The saw was placed on his head, Bhai Mati Das stated to recite Sri Jap Ji Sahib while the saw was cutting through the center of his body, the body was completely cut into two halves and it fell onto the ground whilst the 16th Pauri of Japji Sahib was being recited. Both parts of his body continued to recite Sri Jap Ji till its completion as though two person are reciting in a synchronous manner. Spectators were wonderstruck and the recitation continued till its completion.

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Bhai Sati Das

- Bhai Sati Das was brought out in the open at the same place where Bhai Mati Das and Bhai Dayala were martyred, with hands and legs bounded with iron shackles. As a true Sikh, he refused all the offers in return of his faith and accepted to be burnt alive. Bhai Sati Das Ji's last wish was to have the glimpse of his Master Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji.
- He started reciting Mool Mantar and the executioners wrapped him in raw cotton before setting it on fire. Bhai Sati Das Ji's body was burning in immense fire while he was standing still in the love of his Guru.
- He continued reciting Mool Mantar without an iota of pain under the watchful eyes of his Guru and thousands of spectators.
- Hari Ram Gupta writes in his 'Guru Tegh Bahadur-A Biographical Study' - Sati Das condemned these brutalities. He was hacked to pieces' limb by limb.
- Jaita disguised himself as a sweeper with broom and a basket in his hand. He collected the remains of these martyrs at night and consigned them to river Jamuna flowing at a stone's throw.



Lineage of Bhai Mati Das and Sati Das



Boon to Sikhs



ਇਨ ਤੀਨ ਸਿੱਖੋਂ ਕੇ ਸਹਾਦਤ ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਆਂਖੋਂ ਸੇ ਦੇਖੀ ।
ਬਚਨ ਹੋਆ ‘ਧੰਨ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਧੰਨ ਸਿੱਖੀ’ ਕਹਿ ਕੇ ਬੋਲੇ ਇਨ ਸਿੱਖੋਂ
ਕੀ ਸਹਾਦਤ ਨੇ ਤੁਰਕ ਰਾਜ ਕੀਆਂ ਜੜ੍ਹਾਂ ਖੋਖਲੀਆਂ ਕਰਦਈ ਹੈਂ
ਇਹ ਰਾਜ ਜਾਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਨਹੀ ਰਹੇਗਾ । ਜਬ ਤੀਕ ਜਿਮੀ ਤੇ
ਅਸਮਾਨ ਖਲਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਚਾਂਦ ਤੇ ਸੂਰਜ ਕਾਇਮ ਹੈ ਇਨ ਕਾ
ਨਾਉਂ ਦੁਨੀਆ ਮੇਂ ਰੋਸਨ ਰਹੇਗਾ ।

Guru Ji saw the martyrdom of these three Sikhs with his own eyes. (He) propounded, “Bravo the Sikhi, bravo the Sikhi. The martyrdom of these Sikhs has ravaged the foundations of the rule of the Turks. Their rule will not sustain for long. But so long as the earth and the sky persist, and the sun and the moon prevail, their the companions’ names will remain resplendent.”

Observing the martyrdom of these three Sikhs, the uproar spread all over the place. It was on everybody’s lips that the cruel regime would not survive for long. The Qazi, after viewing the martyrdom and hearing Guru Jee’s words, shook his head and soliloquised, “So much courage, no dejection at all rather he endowed them compliments.(30)

Guru Ji's Name

- The Qazi went to the emperor and narrated each word spoken by Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. Thus he concluded “He has refused to agree to anything and shows no fear at all. His face is radiant even under such difficult circumstances.”
- Aurangzeb heard them and answered, “If he is so strong in His religion then why has He kept his name Tegh Bahadur? What is the meaning of it? The Hindus consider him as their Guru and pray to Him but He has not shown any bravery at all, so how can we call Him brave? Go and ask Him the meaning of His name, otherwise He will be punished severely.”
- The Qazi went back to Guru Ji to ask the meaning of His Name.



AURANGZEB'S CHALLENGE

ਜੇ ਅਸ ਪਰਮ ਬਿਖੈ ਦਿਛ ਰੱਤਾ)

"IF HE IS SO STRONG IN HIS RELIGION ,

ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਨਾਮ ਪੁਰਾਜੈ)

THEN WHY HAS HE KEPT HIS NAME
TEGH BAHADUR?

ਕੈਣ ਮਾਯਨਾ ਜਾ ਮਹਿ ਪਾਯੈ)

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF IT?

ਹਿੰਦੂ ਕੇ ਗੁਰ ਪੂਜ ਕਹਾਵਹੁ)

THE HINDUS CONSIDER HIM AS THEIR
GURU AND PRAY TO HIM

ਨਾਮ ਬਿਅਰਥ ਨਹੀ ਰਖਵਾਵਹੁ)

BUT HE HAS NOT SHOWN ANY BRAVERY
AT ALL,

ਮੈ ਬਹਾਦਰੀ ਕਿਮ ਹਮ ਜਾਨੈ)

SO HOW CAN WE CALL HIM BRAVE?

ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਜਗਤ ਬਖਾਨੈ)

DESPITE THIS, THE WHOLE WORLD
CALLS HIM 'TEGH BAHADUR'

ਬੁਝਹੁ ਜਾਇ ਬਤਾਵਹਿ ਮੈਇ)

ASK HIM FOR THE MEANING OF HIS
NAME

ਨਾਂਹਿ ਤ ਬਡ ਸਜਾਇ ਅਥਿ ਹੋਇ)

OTHERWISE HE
WILL BE PUNISHED SEVERELY."

The Significant of Guru Ji's Name



Guru Ji replied very calmly, *“The name and body of a person is his identity. Now please listen to the reason why I have been given this name. Tell the king to first find the most sharp-edged steel sword that he can get, wrap it with a piece of paper and tie a thin thread around it. Then ask him to look for the bravest warrior that he can find, who is trained to use weapons. Instruct him to strike my neck with that sword. He will not be able to cut even the paper that is wrapped on the sword. That is the power of my name. If you don't believe in my words then you can test and find out yourself.”*

GURU JI'S REPLY

ਸੁਨਿ ਸੁਤਿਗੁਰ ਖੈਲੇ ਸੁਤਿ ਪੀਰ)

GURU JI REPLIED VERY CALMLY

ਨਾਮ ਰੂਪੁ ਇਹੁ ਪੁਰਖੁ ਸਰੀਰ)

"THE NAME AND BODY OF A PERSON IS HIS IDENTITY

ਇਸੁ ਸੁਹਿ ਕਾਰਨੁ ਰਾਖਯੋ ਜੋਇ)

NOW PLEASE LISTEN TO THE REASON,

ਨਿਰਨੈ ਕਰਿ ਭਾਖਿਹੁ ਸੁਨਿ ਜੋਇ)

LET ME TELL YOU WHY I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THIS NAME

ਤੇਗੁ ਪੁਲਾਈ ਆਇ ਹਲੱਥੀ)

FIND THE BEST WOOLZ (FAULAAD) SWORD,

ਜਾਤਿ ਅਨੇਕਨੁ ਕੇਰੁ ਜੁਨੱਥੀ)

OR THE BEST SWORDS ON JUNABBI

ਕੈਸੀ ਤੀਖਨੁ ਹੋਇ ਬੁਨਾਈ)

THEN MAKE IT AS SHARP AS POSSIBLE

ਆਤਿ ਸੁਖਮਪਾਰਾ ਸੁਪੁਰਾਈ)

BE SURE TO MAKE THE EDGE FINE AND AT ITS SHARPEST

ਅੱਗੁ ਤਾਹਿ ਕੈ ਕਾਗਦੁ ਪੁਰਿ ਕੈ)

WRAP IT WITH A PIECE OF PAPER

ਕਾਢੇ ਤਾਗੇ ਸੋ ਥੀਧੁ ਕਰਿ ਕੈ)

AND TIE A THIN THREAD AROUND IT.

ਹੋਹ ਸੁਥੈਂਦਯਕ ਥਡ ਥਲਵਾਰਾ)

THEN ASK HIM TO LOOK FOR THE BRAVEST WARRIOR
THAT HE CAN FIND, WHO IS TRAINED TO USE
WEAPONS.

ਹਮਰੇ ਤਨੁ ਪੁਰ ਕਰੈ ਪ੍ਰਹਾਰਾ)

INSTRUCT HIM TO STRIKE MY NECK
WITH THAT SWORD.

ਅਪੁਰ ਬਾਰਤਾ ਕਹੀਐ ਕਾਂਤੇ)

WHAT ELSE CAN I SAY,

ਕਾਗਦ ਭੀ ਨੁ ਸਕਹਿ ਛਿਦ ਤਾਂਤੇ)

HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CUT EVEN THE PAPER
THAT IS WRAPPED ON THE SWORD.

ਇਹ ਅਜਮਤ ਹੈ ਨਾਮੁ ਹਮਾਰੇ)

THAT IS THE POWER OF MY NAME.

ਕਹੈ ਜਿ ਹੁਇ ਨੁ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਤ ਤੁਮਾਰੇ)

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN MY WORDS

ਤੈ ਅਜਮਤ ਕਰਿ ਲਿਹੁ ਦੇਖੁ)

THEN YOU CAN TEST AND FIND OUT
YOURSELF."

Churamani Kavi Bhai Santokh Singh Ji,

Sri Gurbertap Suraj Granth



Guru Ji's Word

- Aurangzeb instructed his treasurer to bring the most expensive sharp-edged sword that he could find.
- He took the sword in his hand, pulled it out of the sheath, tested the sharpness of the edge, then took a paper to wrap it and tied a thread around it.
- Then he called the chief of all the brave warriors and gave him the task of beheading Guru Ji.
- The mullahs and courtiers were very excited and gathered there to witness the event. Everyone who heard about it also came there and the place was soon packed with people.



Bhai Jaita Ji's Last Meet with Guru Ji

- While Aurangzeb was busy preparing for the event, the Sikh from Anandpur had reached Delhi. He met the warden and asked for permission to meet Guru Ji. The warden sneaked him inside without the knowledge of the Mughals. On seeing Guru Ji he bowed in reverence to Him and said, “I have been sent here to find out about you.”
- Guru Ji told him, “My end is very near. You have reached here at the right time. I want you to stay near the prison. My head will fall in your lap. Do not be afraid of anything. Take my head and go straight to Anandpur as fast as possible and cremate it there.” Hearing Guru Ji's statement both the warden and the Sikh had tears in their eyes. Guru Ji consoled them, “Be calm and meditate on Almighty's name.”



Bhai Gurditta Ji

- Guru Ji's Sikh, Bhai Gurditta Ji was also there. Guru Ji spoke to him, "When I am gone, you have the freedom to do whatever you want."
- Bhai Gurditta folded his hands and said, "I have always been with you and after you leave I have no desire to live anymore. I want to go with you."
- Guru Ji then said to him, "There is a place about five kilometres from here where Baba Buddha Ji stayed during Guru Hargobind Ji's imprisonment in Fort Gwalior. They had tied their horses and fed them there. You can go there to leave your body and then follow me to Guru's eternal abode in Sachkhand."



The Last Persuasion



- Guru Ji then suddenly told them to leave Him and go. They were surprised to hear Guru Ji. Soon after a group of Qazis came with their long swords and said, “The emperor has heard your claim and he has now called many people to see how powerful your name is. Why are you wasting your life for nothing? Accept our faith and enjoy happiness in your life.”
- Guru Ji answered, *“Your sword will not be able to cut even the paper on it. I am telling you the truth. If you do not believe me you can go ahead and test it.”*
- The door of the cage was opened and Guru Ji came out and went out of the police station through the main door. Thousands of Hindus and Muslims had gathered there. They were asked to move aside. Guru Ji went straight to a small well that was located near the police station, drew out some water and took his bath. He then sat under a tree at Chandni Chowk.



The Greatest Shaheedi

- Guru Ji spoke to the executioner who was given the task, “When I bend my head you can strike with your sword.” He then started doing Japji Sahib. The Path was completed a little after noon. Guru Ji then bent his head down and then looked up. **It was the fifth day in the month of Maghar Sudi, in the year 1732 Bikarmi (1675 A.D) at 1.24pm when Guru Ji sacrificed his life to uphold the right to faith.**
- The warrior used his full force to strike Guru Ji’s neck, but before the sword could touch the neck the head separated from the body. He was shocked to see what had happened. As soon as this happened, there was a huge thunderstorm. The place was engulfed in darkness. Dust was flying in the air. No one could see anything. The people were shocked and lamented loudly, “The evil emperor has committed a grave sin.”
- During all the confusion and darkness, Guru Ji’s Sees (head) flew and fell in the Sikh’s (Jaita) lap



ਸੂਰਬੀਰ ਬਚਨ ਕੇ ਬਲੀ॥

ਤੇਗ ਬੈਗ ਜੱਲਾਵ ਉਠਾਯੋ॥

The executioner then immediately picked up the best sword from Aurangzeb's armoury

ਧਰ ਤੇ ਸਿਰ ਨਿਯਾਰਾ ਵਰਮਾਯੋ॥

He intended to decapitate Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji as per the orders of the King,

ਬਾਰ ਗਯੋ ਖਾਲੀ ਤਿਸ ਕੇਰਾ॥

His attempt to strike Guru Ji's Neck failed and Guru Ji's Head was detached from the body by itself, failing his sword

ਮਾਝਯੋ ਹਾਹਾ ਕਾਰ ਬੁਧੇਰਾ॥

Everyone present including the King and the Executioner were left in a state of shock

*Giani Gian Singh,
Poorabaradh, Sri Guru Panth Perkash*

The Executioner

- The name of the executioner is not mentioned by Kavi Santokh Singh. However, in other references the name is Jalal-ud-Din of Samana. Baba Banda Singh Bahadur punished this sinner for his crime. (Ref: Life Story of Guru Tegh Bahadur by Surinder Singh Johar). Panth Parkash states the person as Sayyid Din Jalal.
- Guru Ji's Shaheedi (martyrdom) by executioner Jalal-ud-Din on the orders of Emperor Aurangzeb is beyond any doubt as this has been recorded in reliable contemporary source (Khulasat-ut-Tawarikh)



The Sacrifice



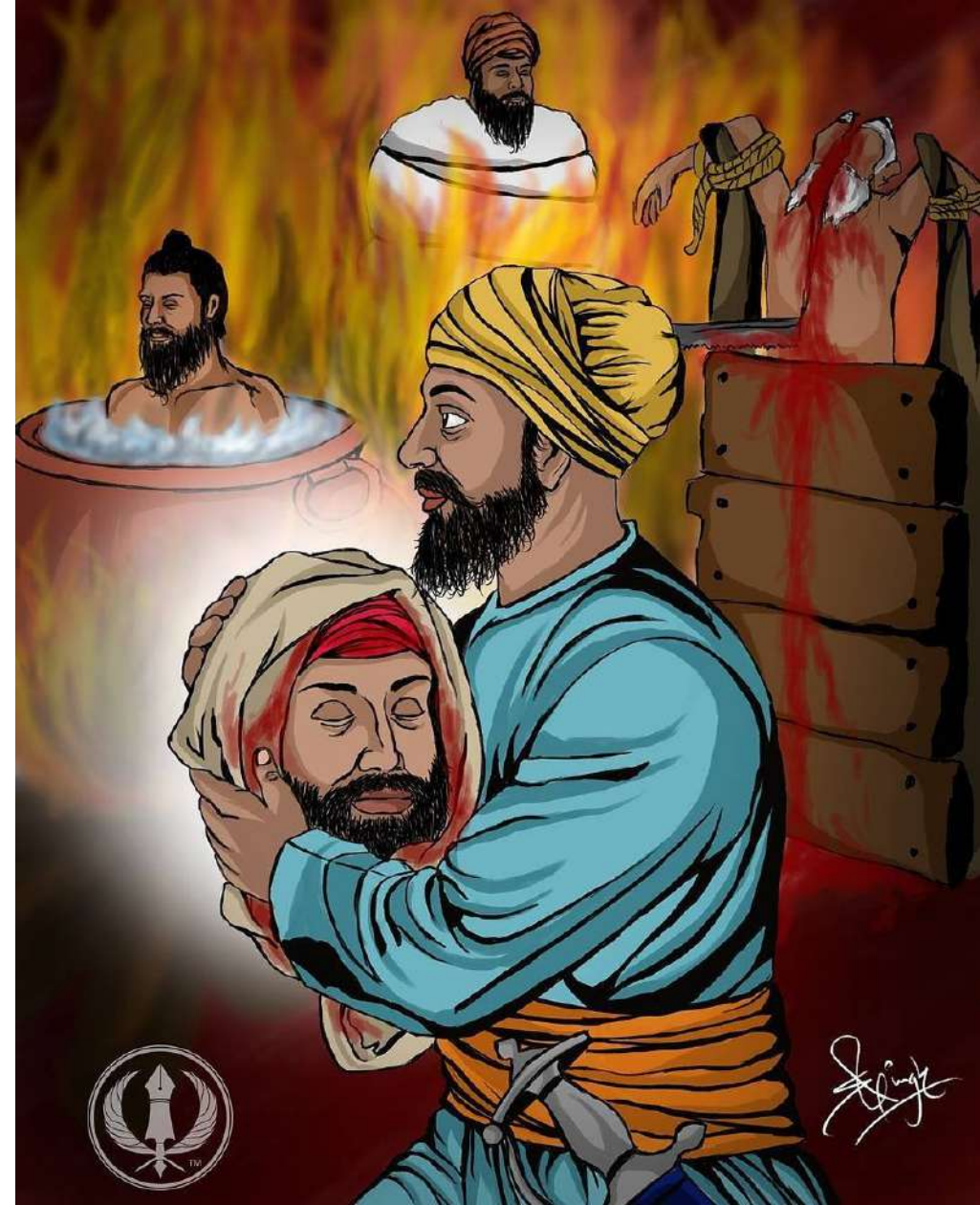
Sri Gur Panth Perakash Purbaradh by Giani
Gian Singh writes in Chapter 41

ਤੇਗ ਬੇਗ ਜਲਾਦ ਉਠਾਯੋ ।
ਧਰ ਤੇ ਸਿਰ ਨਿਯਾਰਾ ਦਰਸਾਯੋ ।
ਬਾਰ ਗਯੋ ਖਾਲੀ ਤਿਸ ਕੇਰਾ ।
ਮਾਚਯੋ ਹਾਹਾ ਕਾਰ ਬਧੇਰਾ ॥੫੯॥

When the executioner swung his sword, he saw Guru Ji's Sees (head) separated from his body. Therefore his swing went empty and chaos uproared amongst the spectators.

Bhai Jaita Ji

- Bhai Jaita quickly hid the Sis and without looking anywhere he left the place in a hurry. He went as fast as possible travelling day and night without stopping anywhere.
- While travelling he meditated on the Guru's name in his heart and kept on repeating, "Guru Ji, I am your Sikh, please take care of me." As soon as the Sikh had left the region, the thunderstorm stopped.



Aurangzeb in Misery



- Meanwhile in Delhi, as soon as Guru Ji was beheaded, the king's heart was filled with terror. Strong winds that carried along with it dust and pebbles blew very strongly into the house where Aurangzeb was staying the whole building shook and suddenly it was engulfed with melancholy and gloom replacing happiness and bliss.
- The blind fool was in a state of shock. It seemed as though the messengers of death had come and tied him down. He kept on mumbling something and at the same time staring at the door frequently.
- At that time the Qazi together with the executioner walked in. The executioner was holding the sword without the sheath and they all had a strange look on their faces. They paid their respect to the emperor.

The WORD of Truth



- The Qazi then signalled to the executioner to relate what happened. He said to the emperor,
- “We followed your orders and went to the police station. Guru Ji was in the cage. We tried to persuade him again but failed..... Thousands of people witnessed this event. The other shocking thing that happened is that no one could find His head. No one saw anybody lifting it. There were many policemen standing around there. They looked everywhere for it but all were unsuccessful. All the people who had gathered there were prevented from leaving and a body search was done for everybody. Even the rich people were not spared from this search but the head was not found. It seemed to have vanished into the earth or flew into the sky. As long as the head was attached to the body it was visible. As soon as I lifted the sword to strike, the head disappeared. No one saw it after that. Thousands of people witnessed what happened.”

Gurdwara Sis Ganj - Chandni Chowk Delhi

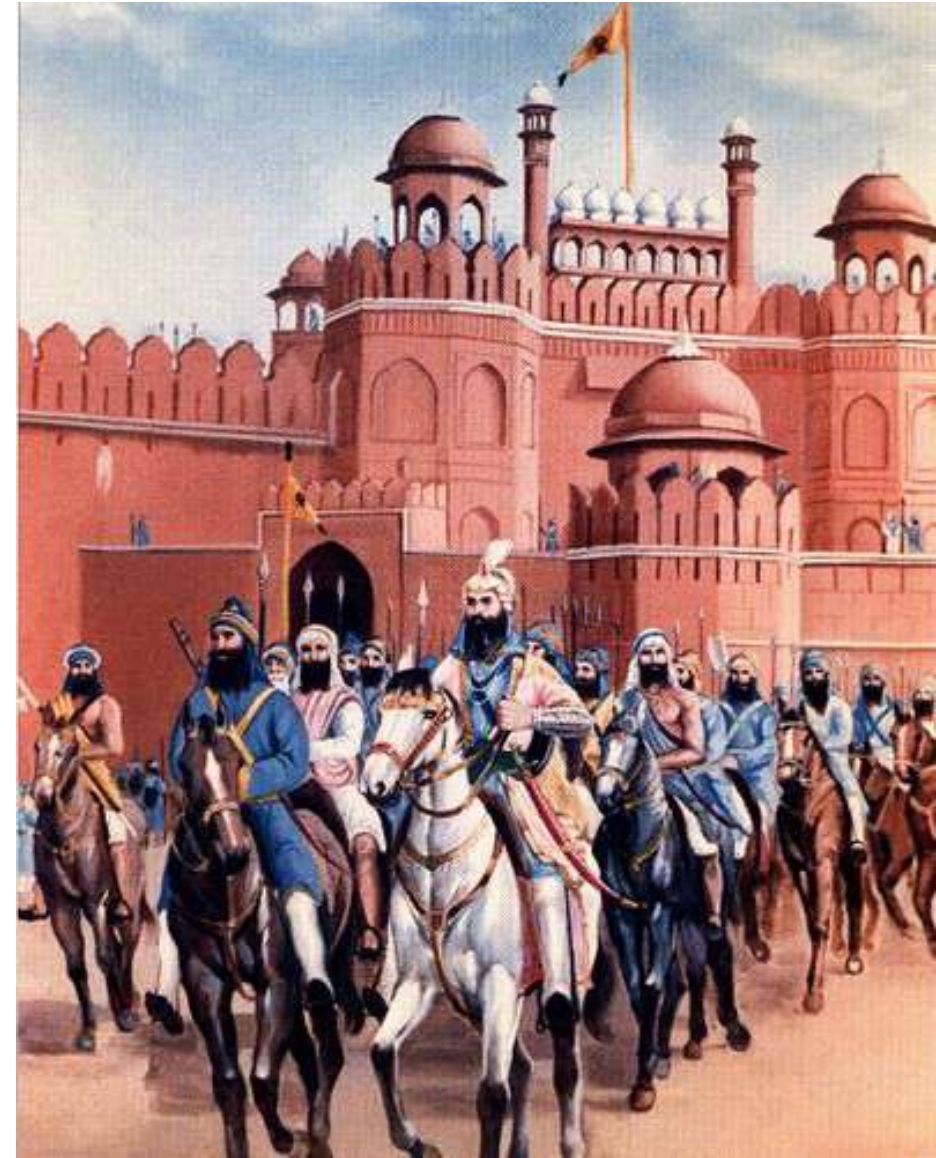
The site of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji remained in oblivion until 1783 AD. That is when Sardar Baghel Singh attacked Delhi and captured the Red Fort from the Mughal King, Shah Alam II. Baghel Singh secured the promise from Shah Alam II to restore all Sikh historical shrines within Delhi. Later on, Muslims occupied this site.

Maharaja Saroop Singh of Jind then bought over the adjacent Mosque in 1857AD and donated to the Gurdwara.

Maharaja Raghbir Singh of Jind, won the legal case to have legal rights of the Gurdwara in London

Maharaja Karam Singh constructed the present building.

Sardar Harnam Singh donated marble



Lakhi Shah a True Sikh



- Lakhi Shah* thought to himself, *“We have no right to call ourselves Sikhs. Shame on us for leaving Guru Ji’s body like that on the ground. The emperor had sent his men to all the surrounding areas warning every one not to touch the body and the Sikhs are so afraid of death that they had hidden themselves. They do not want to be recognized as Sikhs. I am going to try my best to cremate Guru Ji’s body but I must do it in a way that nobody finds out about it. If I do it openly they will catch and kill me. With Guru Ji’s support I am sure I will succeed. I will hide somewhere and wait for right opportunity to take the body away.”*
- He gathered hundreds of bulls along the banks of the Jamuna River together with the bullock carts filled with cotton.

Note: In Delhi, lived a Sikh herdsman by the name of Lakhi Shah Banjara. He reared about ten thousand bulls and had hired many workers to help him take care of them. He had heard about Guru Ji’s martyrdom and was extremely upset. He came there and saw Guru Ji’s body lying on the ground, under a tree. When he saw this sight, tears welled up in his eyes.

Guru Ji Body Recovered



It was nearing sunset when the bulls reached there. The herdsmen were pushing the bulls towards the police station. When the guards saw a big herd of bulls coming towards them, they ran from there. They tried to stop the herdsmen but were not successful. Some of herdsmen were riding on the bullock carts. The herdsmen were shouting, “Move away! Move away!” There was confusion everywhere. In all this confusion the security guards attention was diverted away from the body. Guru Ji’s wish had made the situation like that. The herdsmen took advantage of this and quickly carried Guru Ji’s body and placed in a bullock cart and covered it with cotton so that it was not visible.

Cremation of Guru Ji's Body

- They discussed among themselves and came up with an idea to place Guru Ji's body in Lakhi Shah's bungalow and set it on fire.
- Nothing was removed from the house and plenty of ghee and sandalwood was placed on Guru Ji's body.
- Thus, Lakhi Shah set his expensive bungalow along with his belongings on fire to cremate Guru Ji's body.
- **Gurdwara Rekab Ganj, Delhi was built on the exact location where Lakhi Shah Banjara burnt his house.**



Kiratpur Sahib

Bhai Jaita Ji reached Kiratpur Sahib, all present there were engrossed in sadness. Guru Ji's Sis was lifted from its place and placed on the palanquin and everyone bowed their heads. Whisk was flying all over Guru Ji's Sees (head) and expensive silk was placed around. Some Sikhs were spraying rose water all over and some were placing beautiful garlands onto the Sees. There were different variety of fragrance and in this manner the Sanggat along with Guru Gobind Rai started their journey towards Anandpur Sahib.



The 1st Glimpse

They were slowly travelling towards Anandpur Sahib. Many Sikhs and Masands had the palanquin surrounded. The sound of the conch (Sankh) was very loud. Some were cursing Aurangzeb. When the procession reaching Anandpur Sahib, all the city dwellers, old, young, youth and old including Mata Gujri Ji left their abode to have the glimpse.



Anandpur Sahib



- Guru Gobind Rai Ji instructed the Sikhs to lower the palanquin down. All the cloth was removed and Guru Ji's beautiful face was visible. Mata Nanki touched the face of Guru Ji and was crying.
- Guru Ji's face and forehead looked and felt alive. Both of His eyes were closed just like shrunken lotus leaves. Guru Ji's hair and beard had a mix of black and white hair. All the Masands and Sikhs were curious to have the glimpse of Guru Ji's Sis. When the Sangat had the glimpse of Guru Ji's Sis, it was then covered with a cloth. The atmosphere was of separation and everyone felt the thorn of separation and sadness.

The Epitome of Mercy

ਦੋਹਰਾ ॥ ਠੀਕਰ ਫੇਰਿ ਦਿਲੀਸ ਸਿਰਿ ਪ੍ਰਭਪੁਰਿ ਕੀਯਾ ਪਯਾਨ ॥

Dohra: Breaking the body-pitcher on the head of the king of Delhi (Aurangzeb), he left for the abode of the Lord.

ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦੁਰ ਸੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਆ ਕਰੀ ਨ ਕਿਨਹੂੰ ਆਨਿ ॥੧੫॥

None else performed the great act as was done by (Guru) Teg Bahadur

ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਕੇ ਚਲਤ ਭਯੋ ਜਗਤ ਕੇ ਸੋਕ ॥

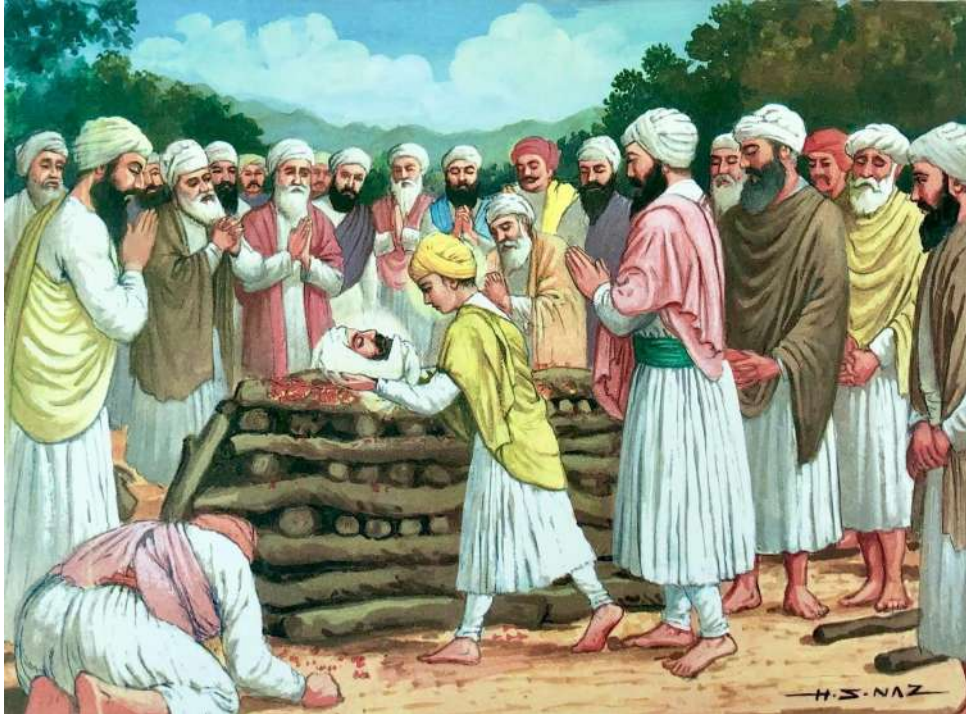
As soon as Guru Tegh Bahadur left, this world became full of grief.

ਹੈ ਹੈ ਹੈ ਸਭ ਜਗ ਭਯੋ ਜੈ ਜੈ ਜੈ ਸਰ ਲੋਕਿ ॥੧੬॥

Cries of distress were heard all around whereas the heavens resounded with ovation and applause

(Bachitar Natak, Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji)

Blessings



- Guru Ji's Sis was then placed on the pyre. The pyre was lit by Guru Gobind Rai Ji and the flames were on all 4 corners with intense emancipation of light. With full of love and devotion, Guru Gobind Rai circumambulated around the pyre and praised Guru Ji. After doing all the necessary, Guru Ji had his bath.
- Guru Gobind Rai Ji blessed Bhai Jaita Ji, Rang Rete Guru Ke Bete' the honour of Guru's Prince

ਦੇਹਿਰਾ ।

ਜਯਤੇ ਤਾਰਣਹਾਰ ਗੁਰ ਤਾਰ ਦੀਏ ਰੰਘਰੇਟੜੇ ।

ਗੁਰ ਪਾਰਸ ਨੇ ਕਰ ਦੀਏ ਰੰਘਰੇਟੇ ਗੁਰ ਬੇਟੜੇ ।

Gurdwara Sees Ganj, Anandpur Sahib marks the spot where the cremation took place. Guru Gobind Singh Ji later in 1705 before leaving Anandpur, appointed Gurbaksh Mahant as a caretaker and his duty to lit Joth (oil lamp) everyday.

(Ref: Sri Gur Katha- Bhai Jaita)

The Last Rites

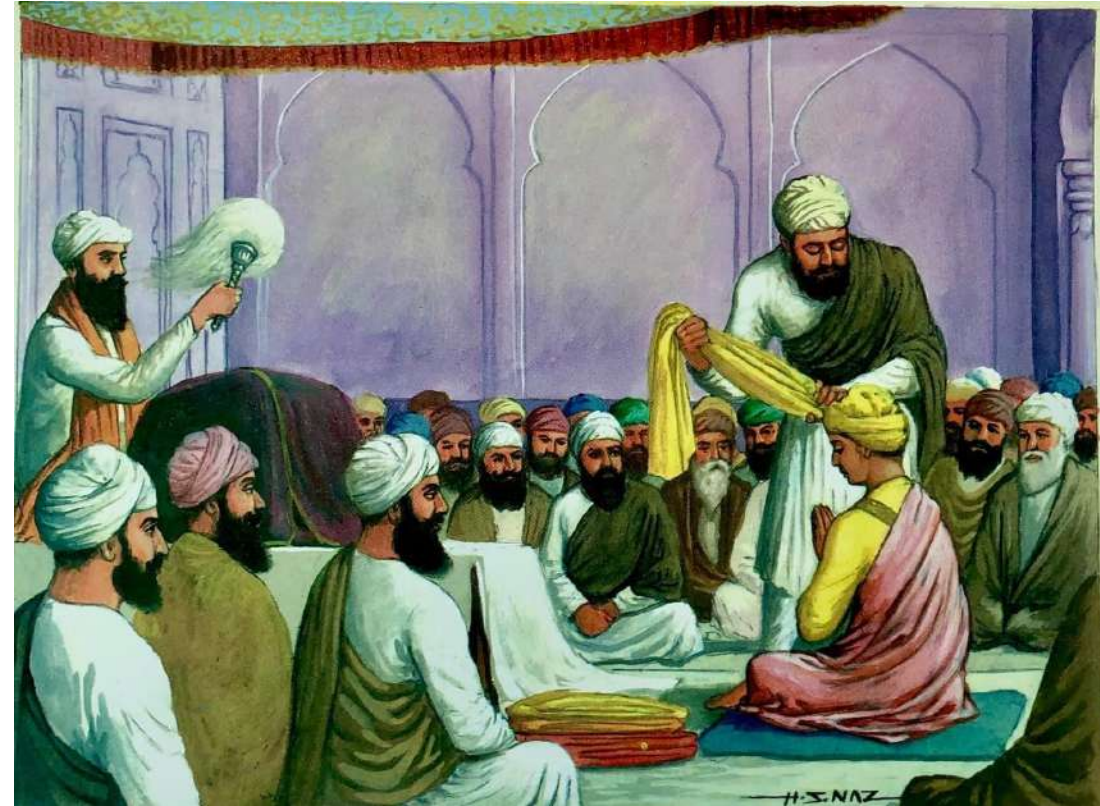
Everyone then sat on the banks of River Satluj to sing the praises of Guru Ji.

Some were listening to the Kirtan and some were focussing their minds on Guru Ji.

After singing the Gurbani, the ceremony was ended with an Ardas.

Lots of Karah Parshad was distributed and everyone slowly started to leave for their homes while singing Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's praises.

On the tenth day, Mama Kirpal Chand Ji decorated Sri Gobind Rai ji with turban as a sign of head of the house and the 10th Guru.





A Glimpse of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib Ji's Life



GURUSHIP	6th October 1664 A.D. sent from Delhi to Babey Bekale through Baba Gurditta Ji (6 th place of Baba Buddha Ji) Chet Sudhi 14, 1721 (Bikermi)
AGE AT GURUSHIP	43 Years 5 months 24 days
TOTAL AGE,	53 years 7 months 15 days
TIME AT GUR GADHI	10 years 7 months 9 days
REGIMES	Emperor Aurangzeb (1658-1707 A.D.)
CONTRIBUTION IN GURBANI	115 compositions in 15 different Rags
JOTHI-JOT DAY	Maghar Sudhi 5, 1732 (Bikermi), 19 th December 1675 A.D
JOTHI JOT PLACE	Chandni Chowk, Delhi

ਸ਼ਕਤੀ ਇਤਨੀ ਗੁਰਾਂ ਮੇ ਵਰਨੀ ਮੂਲ ਨ ਜਾਇ।
 ਹਰਨ ਭਰਨ ਅਖ ਫੇਰ ਮੇ ਅਜਰ ਜਾਰਓ ਸਿਰ ਲਾਇ।
 ਦਿੱਲੀ ਸੀਸ ਕੇ ਵਾਰ ਕੈ ਤਿਲਕ ਜੰਝੂ ਹਿੰਦ ਰਾਖ।
 ਪੰਥ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਰਚਨ ਹਿਤ ਸਾਂਤ ਸਹੀਦੀ ਲਾਖ।

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰਮੁਖ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ - ਸੰਤ ਗਿਆਨੀ ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਤਿੰਡਰਾਂਵਾਲੇ

