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ਯੁਠਮ ਨਹੀ ਗਠਿਆ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਕੇਸਾਂ ਸੁਠਾਸਾਂ ਨਾਹ ਨਿਬਾਹੀ  
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When the end of my life comes, then I may die fighting in the battlefield.

Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji- Chandi Charitr

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ਸਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਸਿੰਘਣੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਧਰਮ ਹੇਤ ਸੀਸ ਦਿਤੇ,  
ਬੰਦ ਬੰਦ ਕਟਾਏ, ਖੋਪਰੀਆਂ ਝੁਹਾਈਆਂ,  
ਚਰਖੜੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਚੜ੍ਹੇ.....

*To the Singh and Singhnis who sacrificed  
their head for the faith, chopped limb by limb,  
scalped alive and got onto the breaking  
wheel....*



## INTRODUCTION

- Bhai Subeg Singh was born in a village known as Jhamber, which is few miles away from Lahore city. He was a well educated scholar of Persian Language and work as a Government contractor in Lahore.
- Bhai Shahbaz Singh is his son.
- He was a very intelligent, shrewd, tactician, far sighted man
- With these qualities he was well respected amongst everyone.



## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND 1716 to 1721

- After the martyrdom of our 1st Ruler, Baba Banda Singh Bahadur in 1716.
- Mata Sahib Kaur Ji and Mata Sundar Kaur Ji took over the leadership of the Panth
- Khalsa was divided into Bandai Khalsa and Tatt Khalsa.
- Bhai Mani Singh Ji was sent by Mata Sundar Kaur Ji to resolve the conflict between the Sikhs.
- Bhai Mani Singh Ji managed to resolve it in 1721 hence Sarbat Khalsa was formed.





- Sikhs continue to protect the weak and needy from the tyrant of Mughals.
- The Sikhs occupied most of the Mughal Territories.
- The Sikhs used to live in jungles and were roaming fearlessly in Punjab as though a lion roams throughout the forest.
- The Nawab of Lahore, Aslam Khan being a prominent Nawab and a good strategist wrote to the Emperor of Delhi suggesting the government to propose a diplomatic maneuver towards the Khalsa Panth.

## Bhai Subeg Singh - A Statesman

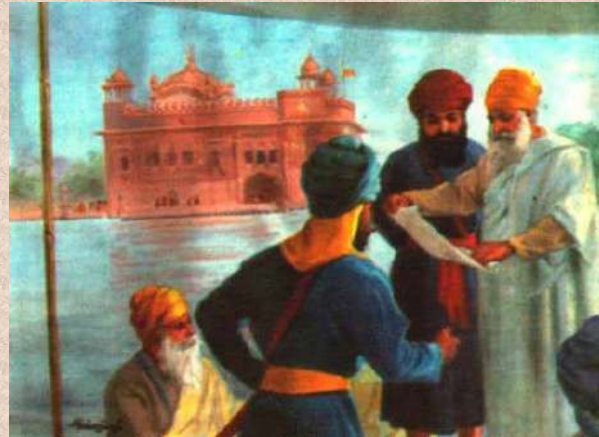
- In 1726 AD, when Zakriya Khan took over his father's seat, he had few discussions with Subeg Singh and decided to keep him even if he was a Sikh as he possessed extraordinary intelligence which could be useful in the future
- Due to repeated blockades by the Sikhs, the treasury of Lahore was depleting that it started to worry the tyrant Zakriya.



## Bhai Subeg Singh - A Wise Negotiator

- Zakriya called Subeg Singh to be a mediator with the Sikhs to resolve this issue once for all as all his attempts failed
- The terms were that the Sikhs stop disturbing the government caravans carrying tax and in return he would make one Sikh a governor (Nawab)
- Subeg Singh advised that these terms are not favourable and requested for additional terms;
  - Sikhs be allowed to travel freely to their Gurdwaras and be able to take care of them
  - To be given a land grant (Jagir) so that the monies earned will be used for the upkeep of Gurdwaras
- Zakriya agreed to all the terms and Subeg Singh had it in written

## Meeting the Leaders of Khalsa Panth



- Subeg Singh at the instant went to Amritsar where he knew Sikhs would have gathered and met Divan Darbara Singh who upon listening said it is best if Subeg Singh confronts all the Dal for a decision
- Subeg Singh agreed and on a later date
- Khalsa upon listening to Darbara Singh, were not convinced and some suggested to drop the whole proposition while some suggested to at least have a meet with Subeg Singh
- This angered some of the members as Subeg Singh worked for the same government which butchered Sikhs in broad day light.



## Submission to the Panth



- At last, Subeg Singh was declared a 'Tankhaiya' and a punishment was vetted.
- Subeg Singh who was standing outside the meeting was told about the proceedings and he gladly accepted the punishment of the Khalsa like a True Sikh
- Upon completing his punishment, he was allowed to enter the meeting and he managed to persuade all to accept the terms as it was the best resolution at the time

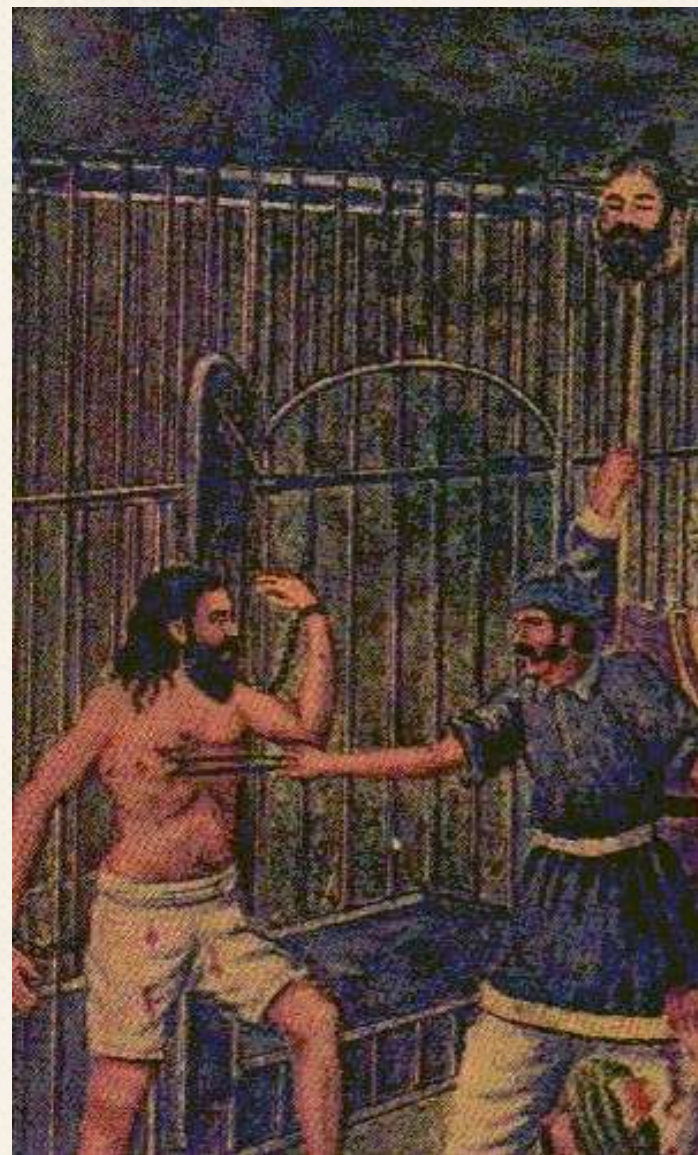
## Bhai Subeg Singh - Lahore Megistrate

- Zakriya was very pleased with Subeg Singh as he never expected the Sikhs to have any dealing with him after what he has done.
- He made Subeg Singh a magistrate (Kotval)
- Everyone loved the way Subeg Singh performed his duties that no complaint ever came
- Subeg Singh had praises coming even from the enemies



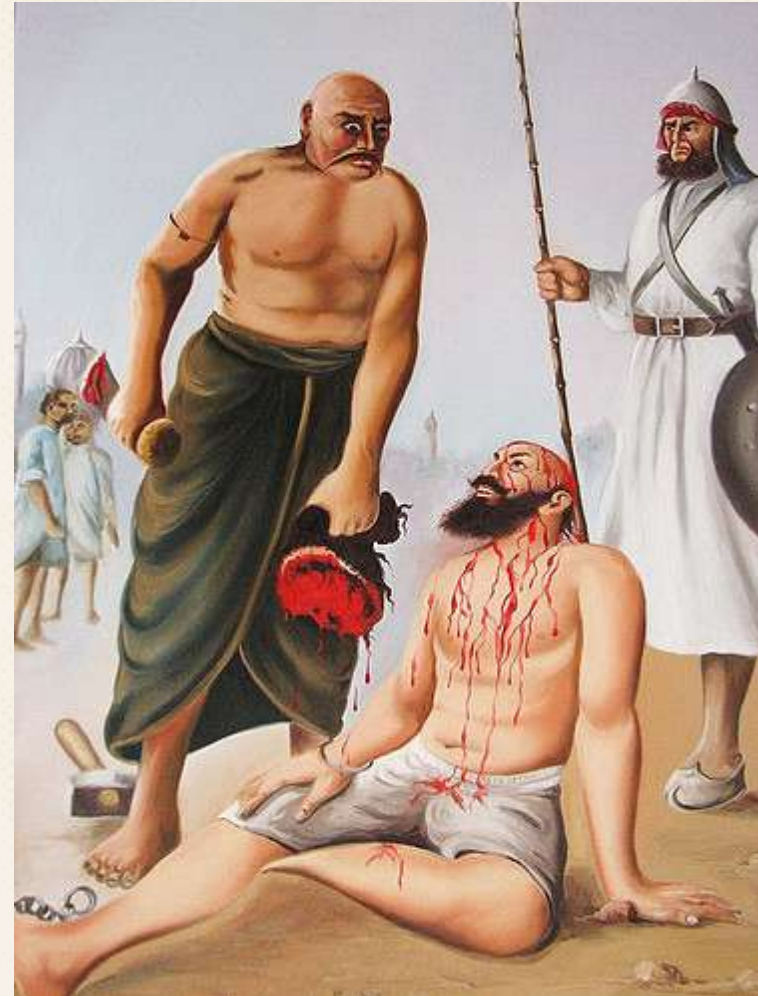
## Dishonourable Zakriya

- After a while, Zakriya resumed to torture the Sikhs
- The Sikhs retaliated by blockading the supplies and taxes into Lahore which made him even more revengeful against the Sikhs
- He even removed Subeg Singh from the position of magistrate on the grounds that he is an informer of the Sikhs



## Martyrdom of Bhai Taru Singh

- As the tyranny was rising, Zakriya Khan had an innocent Saint, Bhai Taru Singh Ji killed by having his scalp removed.
- This resulted in deep remorse within the Sikhs and the Khalsa decided to avenge his death by even more frequent attacks on Lahore



## Bhai Shahbaz Singh - An Obedient Gursikh



- Subeg Singh had a son who just like him was a very intelligent and a handsome young man, Shahbaz Singh.
- He was 18 years old then.
- Anyone who saw Shahbaz Singh was captivated with his mesmerizing physique
- Just like his father who was a scholar in Arabic and Farsi, he too went to a kazi for tuition.

ਸੂਰਾ ਸੋ ਪਹਿਚਾਨੀਐ ; ਜੁ ਲਰੈ ਦੀਨ ਕੇ ਹੇਤ ॥

ਪੁਰਜਾ ਪੁਰਜਾ ਕਟਿ ਮਰੈ ; ਕਬਹੂ ਨ ਛਾਡੈ ਖੇਤੁ ॥੨॥੨॥

(SGGS Ang 1105-6, ਮਾਰੂ, ਭਗਤ ਕਬੀਰ ਜੀ)

## THE TURN OF EVENTS

*The shift of worldly paradigm never changes the principles laid by our great Guru, a Sikh stands tall with faith and love for the Guru.*



# BHAI SHAHBAZ SINGH



- Shahbaz Singh, was studying persian language from a Kazi at a school. At the age of 18, he grew as a well-disciplined, handsome and intelligent Gursikh. Kazi was very impressed as he never met a young person like him before.
- The Kazi quietly planned to convert Bhai Shahbaz Singh into Islam and then make him his son in law by marrying him to his daughter.
- To achieve his objective, the Kazi started lecturing persuading through faith comparison. Bhai Shahbaz Singh was convinced with the fact that all religions are equally respectful and one should be faithful to the religion that Almighty has decided upon birth. What would be worse than one who doubt the supremacy of the faith that has developed faith itself

## THE FALSE ALLEGATION

- After numerous attempts the Kazi failed to persuade Shahbaz Singh to get converted to Islam, the Kazi started using threats to achieve his objective.
- Bhai Shahbaz Singh was threaten be executed following the Kazi's false complain lodged with the Governor if he did not agree to conversion to Islam.
- The threats proved futile, the Kazi did not hesitate to register a baseless false complaint with the Zakriya Khan charging Bhai Shahbaz Singh of insulting their faith by forwarding arguments against the religion and the Prophet.
- The Kazi also took the help of notorious anti Sikh official of Lahore, to fulfill his nefarious designs. Together, they prepared and submitted a long list of baseless charges against S. Subeg Singh and his son Shahbaz Singh to the Governor, Zakriya Khan.







# • THE GREAT SHAHEEDI

*The great martyrdom of Father & Son,  
their unparalleled love for Guru Sahib  
will keep Sikhs motivated forever*

*Based on Praceen Panth Perakash by Ratan Singh Bhangu*



# THE PRICE OF GURSIKHI



- Bhai Subeg Singh was arrested from his village Jambal along with his son Shahbaz Singh
- They were offered wealth, property and high official post by the Yahiya Khan (Nawab of Lahore) if agree to be converted to Islam. Otherwise they will be tortured to death by their bodies being crushed between the wheels with spokes .
- Both choose to die for their faith, Bhai Subeg Singh said;

**ਸੁਖੇਗ ਸਿੰਘ ਤਬ ; ਕੁਰਨਸ ਕਰੀ । ਧੰਨ ਚਰਖੜੀ ; ਧੰਨ ਯਹ ਘਰੀ । ੮ ।**

*Upon listening to the choices, Bhai Subeg Singh nodded accepting death and tortures, He said, great is the rotating wheel and blessed is the moment in which my faith remains even after my physical body (8)*

## THE ARREST



ਚਾੜ੍ਹ ਚਰਖੜੀ ; ਹਮੈਂ ਗਿਰਾਵੇ । ਸੋ ਅਬ ਹਮ ਕੋ ; ਢੀਲ ਨ ਲਾਵੇ ।  
ਹਮ ਤੋ ਗੁਰ ਕੇ ; ਸਿੱਖ ਸਦਾਵੈਂ । ਗੁਰ ਕੇ ਹੇਤ ; ਪ੍ਰਾਣ ਭਲ ਜਾਵੈ । ੯ ।

*Bhai Subeg Singh begged the Nawab to put him on the spinning wheel immediately without any further delay. I have always been proud to be known as the Sikh of the Guru, now I am overwhelmed to be tortured till my death for my Guru. (9)*

ਧੰਨ ਨਵਾਬ ; ਧੰਨ ਤਵ ਦੀਨ । ਆਦਲ ਹੈਂ ਤੂੰ ; ਬਡੋ ਪ੍ਰਬੀਨ ।  
ਮਰਨੋਂ ਡਰ ਹਮ ; ਦੀਨ ਮੋਂ ਕਰੋ । ਹੋਇ ਦੀਨ ਮੈਂ ; ਫਿਰ ਨਹਿੰ ਮਰੋਂ । ੧੦ ।

*Bhai Subeg Singh said ‘Nawab you are great, greater still is your faith in Islam, great must be your justice and expertise in legal prosecution. On one side you are threatening me with death if I remain in my faith but can you assure that if I convert to your faith I shall not be subjected to death anymore?’ (10)*

## EXECUTIONAL ORDER



ਜੌ ਫਿਰ ਭੀ ; ਸਿਰ ਮਰਨੋਂ ਰਹੈ । ਐਸ ਜੀਵਨ ਕਿਉਂ ; ਧ੍ਰਮ ਤਜ ਬਹੈਂ ।  
ਮਰਨੋਂ ਡਰ ਹਮ ; ਆਵੈਂ ਦੀਨ । ਜੇ ਹੁਇ ਮਰਨੋਂ ; ਨਾਂਹਿ ਕਭੀਨ ।੧੧।

*Bhai Subeg Singh said. 'If death is imminent even after getting converted, Why should I give up my own religion in this life? One would gladly convert to Islam to escape death, provided your faith guarantees that one would never die.'* (11)

ਜੈਸੇ ਤੁਮੈ ; ਦੀਨ ਹੈ ਪਯਾਰਾ । ਤੈਸੇ ਹੀ ਹੈ ; ਧਰਮ ਹਮਾਰਾ ।  
ਚਾੜ੍ਹ ਚਰਖੜੀ ; ਅਬੈ ਮਰਾਵੇ । ਮਾਰੋ ਅਬੈ ; ਨ ਦੇਰ ਲਗਾਵੇ ।੧੨।

*Bhai Subeg Singh said 'Just as Islam is very dear to your (Nawab), in the very same manner Sikh religion is dear to me. I plead before you to execute your fatwa immediately and put me on the rotating wheel and let me die for my faith immediately* (12)



ਮੁਸਲਮਾਨ ਹਮ ; ਹੋਵਹਿੰ ਨਾਹੀਂ । ਧਰਮ ਆਪਨੋ ; ਸਾਥ ਨਿਬਾਹੀ ।

ਤਬ ਨਵਾਬ ਨੇ ; ਹੁਕਮ ਸੁ ਕੀਨਾ । ਚਾੜ੍ਹ ਚਰਖੜੀ ; ਸਿੰਘ ਸੁ ਦੀਨਾ । ੧੩ ।

*Bhai Subeg Singh firmly said 'I shall never convert and will live with my faith till the end.' Listening to which, the Nawab issued the orders for his execution to be by the rotating breaking wheel. (13)*

ਉਚੇ ਚਾੜ੍ਹੁ ; ਫਿਰ ਬਹੁਤ ਘੁਮਾਯਾ । ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ; ਤਿਨ ਨਾਂਹਿ ਭੁਲਾਯਾ ।

ਜਯੋਂ ਜਯੋਂ ਮੁਖ ਤੇ ; ਗੁਰੂ ਉਚਾਰੇ । ਅਕਾਲ ਅਕਾਲ ਕਰ ; ਉਚ ਪੁਕਾਰੇ । ੧੪ ।

*Bhai Subeg Singh was put on the breaking wheel and as the two wheels were put into motion, with his body in between. Subeg Singh did not forget to chant on Waheguru. As he kept on repeating the name of the Divine Guru, He also shouted the slogans, Akal! Akal! (14)*



## UNWAVERING FAITH



ਸੁਨ ਨਵਾਬ ; ਮਨ ਮੈਂ ਬਹੁ ਕੋਪੈ । ਔਰ ਘੁਮਾਇ ; ਕਰਾਵੋ ਚੋਪੈ ।

ਤਿਮ ਤਿਮ ਸਿੰਘ ; ਸੁ ਔਰ ਉਚਾਰੈ । ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਨਾਨਕ ; ਨ ਮਨੋਂ ਬਿਸਾਰੈ ।੧੫।

*Listening to which, it infuriated the Nawab further and he ordered that the wheels to spin even more speedily. But the opposite happened as Subeg Singh's voice became even louder. Subeg Singh did not even for once forgot The True Guru, Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. (15)*

ਦੋਹਰਾ : ਤਬ ਨਵਾਬ ਐਸੇ ਕਹਯੋ ; ਯਾ ਕੋ ਲੇਹੁ ਉਤਾਰ ।

ਯਾਕੇ ਬੇਟੇ ਕੋ ਟੰਗਯੋ ; ਯਾਹੂ ਕੋ ਜੁ ਦਿਖਾਰ ।੧੬।

*Dohra: (Failing to subdue Subeg Singh's spirits), the Nawab said, 'Put Subeg Singh down from the wheel and have his son on it. Let him see his son suffer.(16)*

## SON'S ORDEAL



ਤਬ ਚੰਡਾਲਨ ; ਵੈਸੇ ਕੀਨਾ । ਬਾਂਧ ਟਾਂਗ ਕਰ ; ਉਲਟੇ ਦੀਨਾ ।  
ਚਾੜ੍ਹ ਚਰਖੜੀ ; ਬਹੁਤ ਘੁਮਾਯਾ । ਸੁਬੇਗ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੋ ; ਨੈਨ ਦਿਖਾਯਾ ।੧੭।

*The executioners followed his orders and got Shahbaz Singh's legs tied and got him unto the wheel upside down. They made Subeg Singh see them torturing his son. (17)*

ਸੁਬੇਗ ਸਿੰਘ ; ਤਬ ਐਸੇ ਕਹੈ । ਧੰਨ ਧੰਨ ਪੁੜ੍ਹ ; ਧੰਨ ਦਿਨ ਯਹੈ ।  
ਸੋ ਧੰਨ ਪੁਰਖ ; ਜੁ ਧਰਮ ਨਿਭਾਹੈ । ਧੰਨ ਪੁਰਖ ; ਜੋ ਗੁਰ ਪਗ ਚਾਹੈ ।੧੮।

*Bhai Subeg Singh said, 'You are great. Great is my son. Great is your faith. Great is the man who stays steadfast on his faith till the end. Great is the man who yearns for the feet of the Guru even when he is tortured brutally. (18)*



ਤਿਸੈ ਉਤਾਰ ; ਨਵਾਬ ਬੁਲਾਯਾ । ਦੇ ਕੈ ਦੁਖ ; ਫਿਰ ਬਾਤਨ ਲਾਯਾ ।

ਤੂੰ ਹੈਂ ਬਾਲਕ ; ਬੁਧਿ ਤੈਂ ਨਾਹੀਂ । ਕਰਕੇ ਹਠ ; ਕਿਉਂ ਉਮਰ ਗਵਾਹੀਂ ।੧੯ ।

*After some time, the Nawab ordered to have Bhai Shahbaz Singh removed from the wheel and brought to him after much torture. Upon seeing Shahbaz Singh, the Nawab said, ‘You are a child and you don’t possess enough wisdom. Why are you being so adamant and loosing your remaining life?’ (19)*

ਪਿਤਾ ਤੇਰੇ ਨੇ ; ਸਭ ਲਖ ਲਾਯਾ । ਤੁਮਰੋ ਦਿਨ ਅਬ ; ਦੇਖਨ ਭਯਾ ।

ਅਧ ਖਾਯੋ ; ਅਧ ਪੀਤੋ ਜੈ ਹੈਂ । ਧਰਮ ਰਖਯੋ ਤੁਧ ; ਕਦ ਕੰਮ ਐ ਹੈਂ ।੨੦ ।

*(Nawab continues) ‘Your father has enjoyed all the joys of life and you are at the moment of life to enjoy them. You have much to see, you have only eaten and drank half (metaphor for being immature). What good purpose would it serve to keep your faith?*

*(20)*



## Brainwashing

- Similarly, multiple verbal persuasions were done to Bhai Shahbaz Singh but whenever, the Nawab would say something, Bhai Subeg Singh would counter it with the joys of being with the Guru
- Bhai Subeg Singh narrates our rich history of martyrdom of Char Sahibzadey to boost Shahbaz Singh's faith.
- After some time, the Nawab realized that their brainwashing is not working as it is always watered down by his father so they decided to separate both father and son



## Brainwashing

- Shahbaz Singh was being subjected to multiple tortures both physically and mentally to have him converted as they could not bear losing such a handsome intelligent young man
- All sorts of joys, power and fame were guaranteed but Shahbaz Singh remained adamant
- At last, the Nawab called upon the new Muslims which were Hindu converts to persuade Shahbaz Singh.





## GURU KEEPS THE HONOUR OF HIS SIKH



- After a few days, Bhai Subeg Singh was told that his son agreed to convert and Bhai Sahib ji demanded to hear it from his son directly.
- Looking at the forehead, Bhai Subeg Singh knew his son is destined to convert.
- He did an Ardaas and requested Guru Sahib Ji to help retain His faith. Bhai Subeg Singh was in chains and he lift his leg and swing to hit his son's forehead and it changed his destiny.
- Bhai Shahbaz Singh immediately changed his mind and told the Kazi that even death cannot part him from his faith.

# Martyrdom



- In the year 1745AD, both the father and son, Bhai Subeg Singh and Bhai Shahbaz Singh Ji (only 18 years old) were martyred but they did not abandon their faith in Sikhi.
- Leaving behind all the joys in life, they upheld the Guru's name and till today they are respected and venerated by the Panth in their Ardas.
- Great is their sacrifice and the mother which gave birth to these great sons.

# *May the Legacy of Khalsa Live Forever*



ਦੇਗ ਤੇਗ ਫਤਹਿ  
ਨੁਸਰਤ ਬੇਦਰੰਗ ਯਾਫਤ ਅਜ ਨਾਨਕ  
ਗੁਰੂ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ

*Degh Tegh Fateh Nusrat Bedirang Yaft az Nanak, Guru Gobind Singh*

*May victory be achieved by nourishing  
the needy and annihilating the wicked  
with the imminent grace of  
Guru Nanak and Guru Gobind Singh*

