

Both these groups would stop at nothing to deter the Sikh Revolution, so it was time to tread the path of self defense and active opposition to oppression. Members of Gurū Harigobind Sāhib's army, which consisted of non-Sikhs as well, understood that their fight was against oppression and not against any specific religious group or sect or even against the ruler for that matter. Although at the Akal Takht the Sikhs would deal with their secular affairs, Gurū Harigobind Sāhib continued to give sermons and lead his Sikhs in prayer in the Harimandar Sāhib. Even after being incarcerated in Gavāliar for a few years, he continued, with full vigor, his activities of military preparation and spiritual training of his Sikhs.

Emperor Jahāṅgīr from now on continued to be conciliatory and, according to Sikh tradition, he delivered Gurū Harigobind Sāhib to Candū Shāh (ਚੰਦੂ ਸ਼ਾਹ), who took part of the responsibility for the execution of Gurū Arjan Sāhib. Candū Shāh met with a violent end at the hands of the Sikhs. On his lands, made over to himself, Gurū Harigobind Sāhib founded a new town which came to be known as Harigobindpur (ਹਰਿਗੋਬਿੰਦਪੁਰ). As the work commenced, Bhagvān Dās (ਭਗਵਾਨ ਦਾਸ), a local landlord, objected and attacked the Sikhs with a party of his men. Bhagvān Dās was killed in the skirmish. His son, Ratan Cand (ਰਤਨ ਚੰਦ), and Candū Shāh's son, Karam Cand (ਕਰਮ ਚੰਦ), sought help from the Mughal *Faujdār* (ਫੌਜਦਾਰ) of Jalandhar (ਜਲੰਧਰ) who sent a body of troops against Gurū Harigobind Sāhib. They were repulsed in the battle that ensued. Both these actions were fought in the vicinity of Ruhelā (ਰੁਹੇਲਾ). At Harigobindpur, the *Gurū* built, along with the Dharamsālā (ਧਰਮਸਾਲਾ), a mosque for the Muslims.

Unfortunately, due to the schemes of certain enemies of the Panth (the Mīṇāms - ਮੀਣਾਂ), Gurū Harigobind Sāhib had to leave Ammritsar and settle at the foot of the Shivālik (ਸ਼ਿਵਾਲਿਕ) hills. The Harimandar Sāhib and Akal Takhat were in the hands of non-Sikhs for over a period of 60 years.

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