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Jassa Singh - The man who rebuilt Sri Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple)

In 1762, Punjab was fighting for freedom. Ahmad Shah Abdali (Durrani) was the karta dharta of Punjab in those days.



1762 was known for Sikh genocide/massacre as 25k - 30k sikhs (expected either 1/3rd or half the population of Sikhs) were slaughtered at Kup.

Ahmad Shah Durrani was part of a long line of conquerors that invaded Punjab since Mahmud of Ghazni in 1001.



Ahmad Shah then marched to Sri Harmandir Sahib & blew it up using gunpowder without leaving a single brick intact.

Too sprinkle salt on their wounds he filled the holy tank with the carcasses of dead cows. (Can Sikhs of today forget this?)

This boosted Ahmad Shah's confidence.



Around Diwali, he decided to finish off the Sikhs at Lahore with his 50000 Afghan soldiers.

The Sikhs were waiting to take revenge. They charged the Afghans with their war cry "Waheguru ji ka khalsa, Waheguruji ki fateh" and forced Ahmad Shah to draw off his army.

Once in 1761, Ahmad Shah was returning triumphant after winning the third battle of Panipat against Marathas. He was taking his booty of 22000 hindu and muslim women to be sold in Afghanistan.

Jassa Singh rescued these women and gallantly escorted them to their families.



He was then known as 'Bandhi Chor' or Liberator in North India.

Later in 1764, he conquered Sarhind, the richest province of this empire. The cash he received during this period was donated in rebuilding the Golden Temple, which is as it stands today.



During his period, the Sikhs ruled from Lahore, Multan to Jammu and the Kangra hills.

This thread wishes to highlight the atrocities of Ahmad Shah on Sikhs and how he was responsible for the Sikh genocide.



This thread is a tribute to Jassa Singh. Thanks to .@sucheta1317 for asking me to write on this!