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Holy Footprints of Guru Tegh Bahadur in Bangladesh

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During Guru Nanak's *Udasis*, many people living in various regions became 'Nanak Nam Leva'. The succeeding Gurus furthered this spirit and Sangat increased in almost all the regions, even far flung areas. The Sangat in Bangladesh preserved the impressions of the holy footprints of Guru Nanak and remained devoted with a religious fervour. Guru Tegh Bahadur invigorated the Sikh Sangat during his visit to Bangladesh, a part of the Indian sub-continent until 1945. The *Udasi Sants* established *Dharamshals* in this region especially in Dacca, Chittagong and Sylhet. The Gurdwaras in East Pakistan came under the control of the Islamic State of Pakistan after 1947 and in 1971, a separate Islamic country Bangladesh came into existence. Till the time of Guru Arjun as quoted in a Persian source, Maubid Zulfiqar Ardistani, *Dabistan-i-Mazahib* that 'there were not many cities in the inhabited countries where some Sikhs were not found'. *Masands* or local leaders were assigned the duty to spread the tenets of Sikhism. The presence of Sikh Sangat

during the times of Guru Arjun's successor, Guru Hargobind (1606-44) is in 'Agra, Gwalior, Ujjain, Burhanpur, Lucknow, Prayag, Patna, Rajmahal and Dhaka' (*Bhai Gurdar, Varan XI*). The historical references confirm Guru Tegh Bahadur (1621-75) issued *Hukumnamas* to far off Sangat and Guru Gobind Singh also issued *Hukumnamas* to Sangat in **Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet in Eastern India**. "On the historical *Vaisakhi* day of 30 March 1699, which witnessed the birth of the Khalsa, according to the Mughal news writer's report (in Ghulam Muhaiyuddin, *Tarikh-i-Punjab*) 20,000 were administered the rites of the Khalsa. Subsequently, *letters* were, as says 'Kuir Singh, *Gurbilas Patshahi 10, pp. 140-51*', issued to Sangat of Kabul, Kandhar, Heart, Iran, Ghazni, Bokhara, Peshawar, Dera Ghazi Khan, Dera Isma'il Khan, Multan, Shikarpur, Jhang, Siyal, Talumbha, Kashmir, Bharatgarh, Jaipur, Bikaner, Kashi, Puri, Patna, **Dhaka** etc. to come to Anandpur for initiation". "In addition to blessings from the Gurus and

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