

Baba Virsa Singh of Gobind Sadan

The widely venerated Baba Virsa Singh, founder of Gobind Sadan, New Delhi, passed away on 24th December 2007 after a brief illness. He was born in village Saranva Bodla in Muktsar District of Punjab. Baba Ji was a pious soul who dedicated his life to the harmony and welfare of humankind, always busy bringing the people of different faiths together under the one roof. Everyday hundreds of people of various religions used to throng Gobind Sadan to join the Sangat and to have blessings from Babaji. He established several schools and hospitals for the poor and needy people. Gobind Sadan is one place where one can see the followers of diverse religions doing their prayers together as per their respective traditions, learning from each other. Apart from India Baba Ji has thousands of followers in several other countries. Prominent people, including the Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Smt. Shiela Dikshit, CM Delhi, Sardar Parkash Singh Badal, Sardar Avtar Singh Makkar and others offered their condolence on the death of Baba Ji. His mortal remains were consigned to flames at Gobind Sadan on 25th December 2007 in a teraful farewell. Among many of his discourses on the fundamental unity of religions, the best known - as well as most recent is "Loving God". [Sterling Publishers Pvt. Ltd.]

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Singh Sahib Sardar Singh Khalsa

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The International Khalsa Council is grieved to announce the passing of one of its Khalsa Council members, Singh Sahib Sardar Singh Khalsa. Our beloved brother departed on Sunday, December 2, 2007 in Oslo, Norway. He was 53 years old. He is survived by his wife Seva Kaur Khalsa and three daughters, Guru Simrat Kaur, Guru Amrit Kaur, and Siri Dharma Kaur.

Singh Sahib Sardar Singh was a leader in the European Khalsa community. He served the Sangat in many capacities –great and small – throughout his life. He is remembered as being a gracious, serviceful, cheerful and selfless person. He touched the hearts of all who knew him, while he served for many years as Director of the European Yoga Festival. He organized and led the European Khalsa Council to India to meet with the family and staff after the passing of the late Siri Singh Sahib Bhai Sahib Harbhajan Singh Khalsa Yogiji. Basically a community builder amongst the Sikhs in Norway, he often sang beautiful Kirtan at the Gurdwaras. He also represented the Sikh community in relations with the Norwegian government and with interfaith contacts. He was the author of two books about Sikh Dharma and the beauty of living the Sikh lifestyle. His family has plans to publish these works.

For his career, Sardar Singh worked for many years in the computer industry where he also wrote on computer technology. One of his most popular books is "Excel for Dummies", in Norwegian.

Singh Sahib Sardar Singh spent the last two and a half years battling cancer. He faced

his illness with compassion and courage. In his humble passing, he shared with all of us a vision of how to die gracefully, fearlessly and in contentment, accepting God's will. Condolences to the family can be sent to: Haukasen #15, Nesoddtangen 1450, Norway, or email sevakaur@hotmail.com.

