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Sikh Community to Commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Mata Gujri ji and Sahibzade on December 18-19, 2004 in Dallas

The Sikh community will gather at the Gurdwara Singh Sabha of North Texas in Dallas on December 18-19, 2004 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the martyrdom of Mata Gujri ji and Sahibzade (four sons) of Siri Guru Gobind Singh Sahib in December 1704 in the South Asian region of Punjab.

Mata Gujri ji was the wife of Siri Guru Tegh Bahaadar Sahib and mother of Siri Guru Gobind Singh Sahib. The four Sahibzade (sons) of Siri Guru Gobind Singh Sahib were Baba Fateh Singh, Baba Zorawar Singh, Baba Ajit Singh, and Baba Jujhar Singh. Mata Gujri ji, along with Baba Fateh Singh and Baba Zorawar Singh (both under 10 years of age), were separated in the first week of December 1704 from Siri Guru Gobind Singh Sahib and his two elder sons, Baba Ajit Singh and Baba Jujhar Singh. The two elder brothers died heroically along with three of the Panj Payaaras on December 22, 1704 defending the siege of Chamkaur Sahib fort laid by Mughal forces. Mata Gujri ji and her younger grandsons were put to death in Sirhind on December 26, 1704 for refusing to compromise on the principles of the Sikh faith.

Sikhs across the globe will be observing this historic occasion. In the US, the World Sikh Council – America Region (WSC-AR), Gurdwara Singh Sabha of North Texas, and other Gurdwaras in the DFW metropolitan area will be jointly organizing the observances in Dallas.

A morning of Kirtan (congregational prayers) will inaugurate the program on Saturday, December 18 at 10 AM at the Gurdwara Sahib. It will include Kirtan (congregational prayers) by adults and youth groups and lectures on the life and martyrdom of Mata Gujri ji and Sahibzade. An evening dinner reception will be held at Richardson Hotel, which will include speakers on the universal message of the Sikh faith.

On Sunday, December 19, a morning of Kirtan (congregational prayers) with Kirtanias (singers specializing in Sikh religious music) and lectures will be held. The observance will conclude with Langar (Sikh community meal).

The World Sikh Council – America Region invites all Sikhs, Gurdwaras, and institutions to join us in Dallas for this historic and wonderful opportunity for fellowship and dialogue. All participants are welcome to attend. Questions or suggestions for the event can be e-mailed to contact@worldsikhcouncil.org or gssofnt@yahoo.com. Travel arrangements for out of town attendees can be made by contacting gssofnt@yahoo.com or 214-282-2332.

The WSC-AR is a representative and elected body of Sikh Gurdwaras and institutions in the United States. Its members include 29 Gurdwaras (Sikh places of worship) and 7 other Sikh institutions across the nation.
