

AL MAWLA AL MURTAAZ SYEDI FAKHRUDDIN SHAHEED Q^R

URUS 27TH MUHARRAM, GALIAKOT (TAHERABAD)

This is a brief biographical article about the noble Mawla, Syedi Fakhruddin Shaheed Q^R, who is buried in Galiakot, whose efforts were fundamental in establishing Islam and Iman in the lands of India during the time of the 18th Imam Mustansir billah S^A.

Syedna Taher Saifuddin R^A writes the following high praise for Syedi Fakhruddin's angelic station:

... the pious, virtuous Mawla, dazzling in his excellence (*shaanaat*), Syedi Fakhruddin ... is a master of shining wonders (*karaamaat*). Like his name, he is the pride of religion (*fakhr al-din*). He is a treasure for those who visit his shrine, and his *zuwwar* garner a great reward. For he is a Wali who appeared like the morning light in the firmament of clear miracles (*aayaat bayyinaat*) ... (*Mafatih ul Yaquta til Hamra*, pp. 276-277).

The material in this article is derived from Syedna Taher Saifuddin's *Risalat Sharifah* of 1373H titled *Mafatih ul Yaquta til Hamra*, within his biography of the 34th Dai Syedna Ismail Badruddin bin Mulla Raj R^A.

Syedi Fakhruddin Shaheed was the son of Raja Tarmal, who along with his brother Raja Bharmal, converted to Islam at the hands of Moulaya Abdullah, in the era of Mustansir Imam. Syedi Khawj bin Malak, one of the hudood of the 26th Dai Syedna Daud bin Ajabshah and the 27th Dai Syedna Daud bin Qutub Shah, have recorded in Sitt Rasā'il the history of the Fatimid-Tayyibi Dawat in India in these times. Raja Bharmal and Raja Tarmal were viziers of the Rajput king of Khambat in present day Rajasthan, and both expended great efforts in spreading Islam and Iman in India in its nascent years. Raja Bharmal's son Moulaya Yaqub was the Imam's appointed Waali in India, and he sent his cousin, Syedi Fakhruddin, to propagate Islam in the lands of the "Waaghar." Syedna Taher Saifuddin writes that "all who became Muslim and Mumin in this region did so at Syedi Fakhruddin's hands and through his efforts." (*Mafatih*, p. 276)

Syedi Fakhruddin Shaheed was killed on 27 Muharram by brigands while he was conducting Dawat affairs in the Waaghar region; this is why he is remembered as a martyr, shaheed. At the beginning of the month, he had performed Ashara Mubaraka in Galiakot. He is buried in the hamlet of Galiakot (Taherabad).

9 Dais have come in Syedi Fakhruddin's line: Syedna Mohammad Izzuddin ^{RA}, Syedna Tayyeb Zainuddin ^{RA}, Syedna Abdul-Qadir Najmuddin ^{RA}, Syedna Abdul-Husain Husamuddin ^{RA}, Syedna Mohammad Burhanuddin ^{RA}, Syedna Abdullah Badruddin ^{RA}, Syedna Taher Saifuddin ^{RA}, Syedna Mohammad Burhanuddin ^{RA}, and our Dai-z-zamaan Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin^{TUS}. Many *azeem ush shaan* hudood of Dawat, have also come in Syedi Fakhruddin's line, including Syedi Shams Khan (buried in Surat) and Syedi Hasan-ji Badshah (buried in Ujjain).

Syedna Taher Saifuddin built Syedi Fakhruddin Shaheed's radiant qubba mubaraka in 1374H/1954. The shrine is visited by thousands of mumineen, especially at the time of urus. Mumineen pledge mannat of Syedi Fakhruddin's ziyarat for their aspirations, especially for a child and for shifa. Thousands from other faiths also come to him with their needs. Syedi Fakhruddin's Mazaar is a refuge for people seeking sanctuary, and Allah grants their wishes by his shafa'at. Syedna Taher Saifuddin and Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin have visited their forbears Syedi Fakhruddin's mazaar numerous times for ziyarat, as has Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin.

His miracles too are acknowledged by Mumineen, other Muslimeen and Hindus. His miraculous melting of iron fetters, like wax—similar to Daud Nabi's miracles as recounted in the Qur'an (We made iron melt for him—wa-alanna lahu l-hadid)—has been experienced by many who have taken his mannat. (I too am a witness, having seen it happen on his doorstep with my own eyes.)

Al-Mawla al-Ajall Syedi Abde-Ali Imaduddin composed a qasida in Syedi Fakhruddin Shaheed's praise, in which he said:

If he were to say to the moon, "Come down" it would come.

إن قال للقمر انزل حل عن عجل
وإن يقل لصريع الموت قم يقيم

If he were to say to the dead, "Rise up," they would rise.

...

...

He is the Messiah of the Age—

كأنما هو عيسى- الوقت حيث له

He cures the chronically ill, makes the dumb-mute speak.

إبراء ذي كفه منا وذي بكم

Syedna Taher Saifuddin composed an eloquent *salaam-qasida* in Syedi Fakhruddin's praise; some of its verses are as follows:

Salaam to you Fakhruddin Mawla

سلام عليك أفر الهدى

Salaam to you Sea of Generosity

سلام عليك اجر الندى

...

...

Salaam to you

سلام عليك أيا من غدى في

Martyr in the path of God

سبيل المهين مستشهدا

Like the Prophet Daud,

يفك الحديد كداؤد ممن

he breaks open iron fetters

For those who come to him with sincere hearts

إليه قلوفا خلوصا حدى

Like the Messiah,

وكم أبرأ الكمه والبرص مثل

how many blind and leprous has he cured

How many entombed has he revived

المسيح و أحيى امراً أهدا

How many miracles has he shown

وكم معجزات له ظهرت

Like the noon sun, undeniable

كشمس الظهيرة لن تجحدا

May heavy rainclouds of *barakat*

فلا زال تسقي سحاب ثقلا

Continually water Maula Fakhruddin's grave

من البركات له مرقدنا

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the *naseeb* of Syedi Fakhruddin Shaheed's *ziyarat* very soon, and may He fulfill our wishes by his *shafa'at*.

May Allah Ta'ala illumine Fakhruddin Mawla's grave and sanctify his soul in Aala Illiyyeen.

May Allah Ta'ala keep and preserve in *sehhah* and *aafiyat* till the Last Day

Fakhruddin Mawla's descendant in bloodline and spirituality,

his *waaris* in *karaamaat zaahiraat* and *aayaat baheraat*,

the ninth Dai in his line,

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin.

آمین یا رب العالمین

وآخر دعوانا أن الحمد لله رب العالمین

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