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Saheed Madho Singh of Ghess in Bargarh district is one of those martyrs who have fought against the British during the first War of Indian Independence, 1857 to drive them out from the Indian soil. He was hanged un to death on 31st December 1858. The Government of Orissa in I & P R Department are celebrating this day as Veerata Divas at State level. Madho Singh was joined in this struggle by his four sons named Hate Singh, Kunjal Singh, Bairi Singh and Airi Singh who had also to sacrifice their lives for the same cause. His son-in-law named Narayan Singh also had to meet the same fate for the same cause. It is a rare example in the history of the Freedom Struggle of the country when an entire family of the father, all the four sons and the only son-in-law has sacrificed their lives for the cause of the freedom of the motherland. However, the history of Indian Freedom Struggle has failed to record the heroic deeds of and the great sacrifice made by these martyrs.

When Veer Surendra Sai arrived at Sambalpur in October 1857, consequent on the breaking open of the Hajaribagh Jail by the revolutionaries, he was joined by Madho Singh and others in this great struggle. Madho Singh was in-charge of Singhoda Ghati on Raipur-Bargarh road to obstruct the movement of the Britishers from Cuttack and Ranchi to Nagpur via Sambalpur. The British sentenced Madho Singh to death without trial and hanged him at Sambalpur on 31st December 1858 to avenge the death of British Commander Wood Bridge at Paharsrigida earlier in the same year. His four heroic sons continued the revolution. Kunjal Singh continued his revolution against the British Govt. up to 1864 when he was sentenced to death and hanged at Sambalpur. Hate Singh had to meet a pathetic end to his life in the Cellular Jail at Andaman which is ill famous as Kalapani. He was the first martyr from Orissa to die in Cellular Jail. Airi Singh was brutally choked to death inside a tunnel. A whole family of martyrs while fighting for the cause of the freedom of the country was thus eliminated by the Britishers. The Saheed Stambha at Haldipali of Bargarh on the NH-6 and NH-201 junction has been erected to pay tribute to this martyr family.

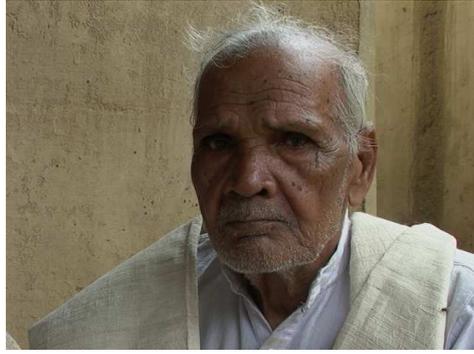
FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF PANIMORA - 1942

Panimora, 35 KMs away from district head quarters of Bargarh is known as "Freedom Fighters" village as 32 youths joined Quit India Moment and counted arrest. Out of 32 Freedom Fighters at present only four are living. They are Sj. Chamru Pardia, Sj. Dayanidhi Nayak, Sj. Jitendra Pradhan and Sj. Madan Bhoi. These Freedom Fighters, assemble every Friday evening and sing Ramdhon and discuss matter relating to the country and society.



Saheed Stambha at Haldipali of Bargarh





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