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Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, famously known as Bādshāh Khān, and Bāchā Khān, was a legendary Pashtun freedom fighter and pacifist whose greatness transcended all tribal and communal divisions. Resonating with Gandhi's ideas of non violence and Satyagraha, Khan founded the Khudai Khidmatgar (Servants of God) Movement after returning from his Hajj in Mecca. His fight for the rights of the threatened, the weak and the poor, his sympathy for peoples across the subcontinent's borders, his scepticism about the effectiveness of guns and bombs, and his frankness towards both rulers and citizens make him an inspiring model, writes Rajmohan Gandhi, in his book "Ghaffar Khan: Nonviolent Badshah of the Pakhtuns." Abdul Ghaffār Khān (Pashto: آبدول غاڤر خان, Abdul Ghaffār Khān (Pashto: آبدول غاڤر خان, Abdul Ghaffār Khān; 6 February 1890 – 20 January 1988), also known as Bādshāh Khān (آبدول غاڤر خان, Abdul Ghaffār Khān; 'King Khan') or Bāchā Khān (آبدول غاڤر خان, Abdul Ghaffār Khān; 'King of Chiefs') and honourably addressed as Fakhr-e-Afghan (فخر افغان, Fakhr-e-Afghan; 'Pride of Afghans'), was an Pashtun independence activist against British colonial rule in India. He was a political and spiritual leader known for his nonviolent opposition and lifelong pacifism; he was a devout Muslim and an advocate for Hindu-Muslim unity in the Born into the Muhammadzai tribe, from the Charsadda valley in the Pakhtun heartland, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan was a passionate believer in the nonviolent core of Islam and sought to wean his people—the fierce warrior Pakhtuns or Pathans of the North-West Frontier Province—from their violent traditions and fight for a separate Pakhtun homeland that would no longer be a buffer. between Russia and Britain in the Great Game. In 1929 came Mahatma Gandhi's call for nonviolent resistance against British rule and Badshah Khan responded by raising the Khudai Khidmatgars (Servants of God), an army of 1,0 Ghaffar Khan, nonviolent badshah of the Pakhtuns. New Delhi; New York: Penguin Viking, 2004. Johansen, Robert C. "Radical Islam and Nonviolence: A Case Study of Religious Empowerment and Constraint among Pashtuns." Khan, Abdul Ghaffar. My life and struggle; autobiography of Badshah Khan as narrated to K. B. Narang. [Translated by Helen H. Bouman] Foreword by Jayaprakash Narayan. Delhi, Hind Pocket Books, 1969. Korejo, Muhammad Soaleh. The Frontier Gandhi, his place in history. Nair, Pyarelal. Thrown to the wolves: Abdul Ghaffar. Calcutta, Eastlight Book House, 1966. Pyarelal. A pilgrimage for peace; Gandhi and Frontier Gandhi among N. W. F. Pathans.