

Capt. Abbas Ali

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Socialist leader Captain Abbas Ali was born on 3rd January 1920 at Khurja, Bulandshahr district of (United Provinces) now Uttar Pradesh in a Muslim Rajput Zamindar family. From his early days he was inspired by the revolutionary ideas of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh. When Bhagat Singh was hanged on 23rd March, 1931, young Abbas Ali participated in a protest march on 25th March 1931 at his native town Khurja when he was just 11 year old and student of class 5th. He joined NAUJAWAN BHARAT SABHA founded by Sardar Bhagat Singh when he was in High School.

While pursuing his studies in Aligarh Muslim University he came in contact with great communist leader of his time Kunwar Muhammed Ashraf. He joined All India Student Federation in 1937 and on his mentor Prof. Ashraf's inspiration he joined British Army (R.I.A.S.C) in 1939. Prof. KM Ashraf was of the opinion that country cannot get independence merely by Gandhian means of 'Non-violence' and for that Army need to revolt. During his service in British Army and during Second World War, he was posted at officers training school Bangalore, RIASC Depot Ferozpur (Punjab), Waziristan (N.W.F.P), Naushera (N.W.F.P) Khanpur Camp (Delhi), Bareilly Cantonment (United Province), Bhiwandi Army training Camp (Maharashtra), Singapore, Ipoh, Penang, Kualalumpur (Malaya) and Arakan, Rangoon(now Yangoon-Burma-Maynmar). In 1945 when Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Called for revolt he left British Army and joined Netajis Indian National Army (INA) or **Azad Hind Fauj** but later he was arrested, court marshaled and awarded death sentence. Since India gained Independence in 1947 he was released by Indian Government.

In 1948 Capt. Abbas Ali joined Socialist Party led by Acharya Narendra Deva, Jayaprakash Narayan and Dr Rammanohar Lohia and remained associated with all the Socialist streams namely the Socialist Party, Praja Socialist Party, Samyukta Socialist Party and Socialist Party till its merger with the Janata Party in 1977.

From 1948 to 1952, he was member of the district Committee of the Socialist party Bulandshahr (UP). In 1952, Socialist party merged with Kisan Mazdoor Praja party of Acharya Kriplani and it became Praja Socialist Party. From 1952 to 1955, he was with Praja Socialist party and after the split in the PSP in 1955, he joined Lohia group and became District secretary of Lohia's Socialist party in 1957-59. He rose to Member of the State Committee of the Socialist Party in 1959 till 1964. In 1964 when Socialist Party and Praja Socialist Party merged and Samyukta Socialist Party (SSP) was formed Capt. Abbas Ali was elected to State committee as member of SSP (1964-66).

He was General Secretary of Uttar Pradesh unit of Samyukta Socialist Party (SSP) in 1966-67, and Socialist Party in 1973-74, respectively and was member of the National Executive of the Socialist Party and of its Parliamentary board, 1974-77. During the Socialist movement (1948-74) he was arrested more than 50 times in various civil disobedience movements.

In 1967, Capt. Abbas Ali played key role in formation of the first Samyukta Vidhayak Dal (SVD) government led by former Prime Minister the late Chaudhry Charan Singh in Uttar Pradesh. During the Emergency (1975-77) he was arrested and imprisoned for 19 months under MISA and DIR and when emergency was lifted in 1977 and Janata Party came into power he became first President of Uttar Pradesh unit of Janata party. In 1978 he was elected to UP Legislative Council for six years. He had been a member of UP Sunni Central Waqf Board for six years. He passed away in Aligarh on 11th October 2014 after brief illness.

Publications/Books by Capt. Abbas Ali

1. Haldighati Yudh ki 400 ween Varshganth. in 1976 by Capt. Abbas Ali,
(King Akbar was repeatedly making war on mewar to fulfill his imperialistic designs. He won the battle of Chittor perpetrating massive destruction and killing around 30000 civilians. This intensified hatred for Mughals in the hearts of Pratap and his associates. To defend his honour and dignity, Rana Pratap undertook many battles, ultimately creating history with the battle of Haldighati. Though ending indecisively for once, the Rajputs forced the Mughals to trust to their heels. On the afternoon of 18th June 1576, the commander of Mughal forces, Man Singh came out to face Rana Pratap at Vadi village, which is known as Badshah Baag, was the place where Man Singh planned the assault).

2. Azad Hind Fauj ki 30 ween Varshganth. By Capt. Abbas Ali in 1976.

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I saw Netaji alive after his alleged plane crash: Capt Abbas Ali

The remarkable story of an old INA freedom fighter

Captain Abbas Ali, a commissioned officer in the British army, was sent to South-East Asia in 1940 to fight against Japan. But in 1944, after hearing an inspiring speech of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Singapore, he joined the Indian National Army. He saw Netaji very closely and here he remembers the speech that Netaji gave in Rangoon on the tomb of the last Mughal Emperor Bahadur Shah Zafar.

He says, he met Netaji at least ten days after he is said to have died in the plane crash. Later he was court martialled by the British army and given death by hanging. Like many INA prisoners he was released after independence of India in August 1947. And of course the old freedom fighter is not happy about the state of the nation today.

<http://www.nrifm.com/indian-politics/i-saw-netaji-alive-after-his-alleged-plane-crash-capt-abbas-ali>

Indian veteran freedom fighter condemns US for threatening Iran: IRNA

Posted: 2007-12-13. An Indian veteran freedom-fighter Captain Abbas Ali of Subhash Chandra Bose's 'Indian National Army' condemned here yesterday the US for invading Iraq and Afghanistan and, now, threatening Iran.

Captain Abbas Ali, 92, who had also fought British rule in India, presiding over a conference on global warming and ecology, said the US has invaded Iraq and Afghanistan to gain control over the entire oil-rich region and now is threatening Iran on the pretext of making atom-bomb. He added that all the countries particularly Indian's must boycott multi-national companies and their cheap products which are harming Indian farmers. On the global warming, he said the US and the entire Western World is responsible for the global warming as they are contributing the most to world pollution by their factories, automobiles and nuclear wastes.

The conference was held to discuss the issues related to the global warming and its effects on the farming and ecology with Dr Satish Kumar an expert of agriculture and a scholar residing in UK and was invited to India by Kranti Prakash an expert of organic farming. The event was held at Gandhi Peace Foundation of New Delhi.

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AMU felicitates faculty and students, to celebrate 2008 as 'academic rejuvenation' year.

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Aligarh: The Aligarh Muslim University felicitated its 80 teachers and students for their excellent performance in 2007. At the Republic Day program, 30 faculty members and 50 students were presented with mementoes in recognition of their contribution to academic, corporate and co-curricular life of the university community. This was the first time in the history of the university that such awards were presented.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor, Professor P K Abdul Azis said AMU had decided to celebrate 2008 as a year of 'academic rejuvenation.' He also said the World Summit of AMU Alumni would be held on the occasion of forthcoming Founder's Day. This Summit would provide an opportunity to interact with teachers and students and establish a Global Alumni Foundation to raise funds for creating an international research fellowship and collaborative projects between AMU, other universities and industries from around the world.

Captain Abbas Ali Khan, AMU old boy and freedom fighter, suggested the publication of a book highlighting the role of AMU alumni in the freedom struggle. He pointed out that the university produced several great freedom fighters like Hasrat Mohani, Raja Mahendra Pratap and Ali Brothers.

http://twocircles.net/2008jan28/amu_felicitates_faculty_and_students_celebrate_2008_academic_rejuvenation_year.html#.U-HZzOOSwqM