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## AN UNSUNG HERO, NAWAB SEHIDUR REHMAN, A MARTYR OF 'AZAD HIND FAUZ'

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#### Introduction:

The Freedom Struggle Movement of India and the contribution of the 'Indian National Army' have already been drawn attraction from the research scholars and intellectuals since the time of independence. According to a Government record there were 3,546 people lost their lives in the great Freedom Struggle of India. In recent years there has been a flood of detailed studies on it. Among the several wings of the freedom movement, the Indian National Army played a significant role. Major Fujiwara, a Japanese army officer persuaded Captain Mohan Singh- a prisoner of war to work in collaboration with the Japanese for India's freedom. Captain Mohan Singh was an officer of the British army in Malay who had surrendered to the Japanese. Mohan Singh first conceived the idea of the INA in Malay. In March 1942, a conference of Indians was held in Tokyo and formed the 'Indian Independence League'. This was followed by a conference in Bankok in June, 1942, where Ras Bihari Bose was elected as president and it resulted to foundation of the 'Indian National Army' or 'Azad Hind Fauz'. Bankok conference also invited Subhas Chandra