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Interviewer: What is your age right now ?

Hafiz : My age is round about more than eighty right now, I was five to six years old at the times of partition.

Interviewer : where your home was in india ?

Hafiz : Our home was in District Amritsar, Near Attari wala village Hoshiyar Nagar.

Interviewer : What about the communities gathering in British India ?

Hafiz : It was well and good to live in British India before Partition but when people heard about the partition of India and Pakistan Sikhs mobs used to attack on Muslims communities with local defensive tool to malign muslims and make them scared. At that times the weather was same to harvest the wheat crop. They used to burn the crops of muslims to make them weak economically in the days of riots. Before the six months of partition 1947 and we had a brother in lap we arrived in kasur with some of family members. When the riots of fire works began Sikhs used to kill the muslims, there was too much smoke in that fire incidents.

Interviewer : When your father came to know about the dynamics of partition of British India ?

He packed himself with necessary things ?

Hafiz : Not a single thing we packed, my father was and it was in his mind that Amritsar and Ferozepur would join Pakistan instead of India, He never used to come at home and was relax that was the reason our father was not along with us. My two elder brother were along my father but reached over here successfully.

Interviewer : So they never returned back? Your brothers?

Hafiz : No, they came in Pakistan but with difficulty and hiddenly.

There was no Pakistani or any military assistance. There was raining in the days of partition and riots began in Amritsar. Muslims gathered on the roof of Mosque to make themselves secure. Opponents used to throw the stones towards muslims but due to humidity of water in raining bombs got diffused before blast.

Interviewer : My dear let me know about the riots of train in Amritsar within muslims and Sikhs?

If you have any knowledge about that ?

Hafiz : No, I am not aware about that can't mention such things.

Hafiz : In old times people used to make gathering in evening on roof of their homes and similarly my two brothers were on the roof of their home in Amritsar and having dinner

suddenly Sikhs climbed on our roof and my two elder brothers made to escape successfully and hid them in the well of Cow fuel. They took asylum in that well for eight days without any food and any medical assistance, Due to prevailing attacks of Sikhs on Muslims. Sikhs used to come in our home to search the Muslims but all in vain. Our hidden plan was very successful against Sikhs by stop even our breathing.

Hafiz: After eight days a military jeep came in our village to rescue Muslims who were hidden. They announced to come in open if any Muslim guy is alive, then we came in sky and went to our home, our home was set to fire by Sikhs and almost every thing was burnt and we found our father died in our home.

Interviewer : what was the name of your father ?

Hafiz : My father's name was Imam Din.

Hafiz : Our elder brother told us that we dug a grave of our father in our home and buried them in Amritsar village without any funeral prayer.

Interviewer : Were they your society personals ? who made such atrocities on you ?

Hafiz : No they belonged to different and others villages of Amritsar.

Interviewer : Do you know about the people in mobs of Sikhs ?

Hafiz : Yes, they were involved in riots against Muslims. Army jeep rescued us from that dangerous situation and they took our defensive tools in their custody and left us on Wagha Border safely and we arrive there in Kasur, Curfew was applied by administration in the greater interest of people.

Interviewer : What was source of income of your father in Amritsar ?

Hafiz : We used to make shoes over there .

Interviewer : When you arrived in Kasur Pakistan , What were the circumstances of Kasur ?

Hafiz : It was also the situation of chaos in Kasur between Hindus and Muslims, They were burning the shops and properties of each other and taking the revenge. Both rivals were damaged each other as much as they could.

Interviewer : What were economic dealings between Hindus and Muslims ?

Hafiz : Hindus used to take huge interest on loan but Muslims rejected the interests due to their religious teachings of Islam against interest on loans.

Interviewer : Do you think it was the way to curb economic conditions of Muslims ?

Hafiz : Yes, definitely

Interviewer : Do you saw any relief camp in the way ?

Hafiz : No we didn't see any relief camps in the way because we arrived in our uncle's home directly.

Interviewer : What about your education after arriving in Pakistan ?

Hafiz : One of my elder brother kept on the same profession after even partition that was shoe making, Rest of my brothers along me got enrollment in Madrisa of Syed Mubarak ali Shah. My brother also passed some classes of British Indai. There was no food at that times. People used to boil the patatos and ate them.

Interviewer : Do you heard about any epidemic of Cholera? Or your relative suffered with that ?

Hafiz : No I don't remember ,but our relatives were murderd by Sikhs. Sikhs Used to make a Que of Muslims and shoted them one by one by guns in Hoshiyar Nagar .

Hafiz : Our several people turned dead by brutel way of killing of Sikhs.

Inteviewer : Any mob surrounded you in the way with the intention to kill you?

Hafiz :No we were not surrounded by any mob but my elder brothers were surrounded by mob but they succeed to escape from there luckily.

Interviewer : Any one demanded indemnity from them in the way ?

Hafiz :No there was no money at that times in their hands except the local defensive tools. we didn't even brought a niddle from there.

Interviewer : What was the source of transport of your family ?

Hafiz : We came over here on train but brothers were On Geap.

Interviewer : Thank a lot Hafiz Rehmat Ali Qadree.