

MALIK AMBAR

HIDDEN VOICES

Malik Ambar was born "Chapu" in 1548 in Ethiopia. Enslaved and stripped of his name, he was permanently removed from his homeland. Sent to Baghdad for his education, Ambar was later assigned to South Asia to the Ahmednagar Sultanate to serve the Regent Minister, Chengiz Khan. Upon Khan's death, Ambar was manumitted and began working as a mercenary. In approximately 1619, Ambar founded the city of Khadki, the future site of Aurangabad, India. By 1620, Ambar led an army of over fifty thousand soldiers. By the time of his death in 1627, he was recognized as the nemesis of the Mughal Empire and one of the greatest leaders of the Deccan region.



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