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In 1801 the Sikh leader
Ranjit Singh established
the Punjab as an independent
state with himself as
ruler (Maharaja)

When India gained
independence from Great Britain
and then partitioned itself
in 1947 based upon
Religion (Islamic Pakistan
and Hindu India), Sikhs
were not given their own
nation. Tensions continue
to remain high between
Sikhs, Hindus, and Muslims