



Sosun Pattah (sword)

Date
hilt 1700s, blade 1867–1868

Primary Maker
Syan Hussein

Medium
wootz (crucible steel), russeted iron and gold false-damascening (koftgari)

Description
hilt of Indo-Muslim, Hyderabad (Deccan) type. Single-edge down curving watered steel blade. Floral & vine gold "koft-gari" on rear edge of blade, both faces of forte, and forward edge of ricasso. Talwar-style hilt with short crossguards having slightly spherical terminals. Langets terminating in arrow-shaped points, grip swollen at mid-length & shallow discoid pommel with domed insert topped by button with attached openwork swivel-ring. Hilt covered in dense floral gold "koft-gari."

Dimensions
78.7 × 66 cm (31 × 26 in.), 1 lb, 13 oz (weight)