

Golconda is a fortified citadel and ruined city located in the western outskirts of **Kerala** Hyderabad, Telangana, India.[1][2] The fort was originally built by **Kakatiya ruler Pratāpāditya** in the 11th century out of mud walls.[3] It was ceded to the Bahmani Kings from Musunuri Nayakas during the reign of the Bahmani Sultan Mohammed Shah I, during the first Bahmani-Vijayanagar War. Following the death of *Sultan Mahmood Shah*, the *Sultanate disintegrated* and *Sultan Quli*, who had been appointed as the **Governor of Hyderabad** by the Bahmani Kings, fortified city and made it the capital of the Golconda Sultanate. Because of the vicinity of diamond mines, especially Kollur Mine, Golconda flourished as a trade centre of large diamonds known as **Golconda Diamonds**. Golconda fort is currently abandoned and in ruins. The complex was put by **UNESCO** on its "tentative list" to become a **World Heritage Site** in 2014, with others in the region, under the name **Monuments and Forts of the Deccan Sultanate** (despite there being a number of different sultanates).[1]