

Mappila uprising

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- The Malabar rebellion of **1921** (also called Moplah rebellion, and Mappila rebellion) started as a **resistance against the British colonial rule** in Malabar region of Kerala.
- The popular uprising was also **against the prevailing feudal system controlled by elite Hindus**.
- It was an **armed revolt**, the prominent leaders **Ali Musaliyar and Variyankunnath Kunjahammed Haji** took control of large parts of Malabar till August 1921.
- There were **several causes** of these movements; the major the being **increase in land tax, security of tenure** and **exploitation of the poor peasantry by the landlords**.
- The big and middle peasants also participated in the movements. Most of the **landlords were Namboodiri Brahmins** while most of the **tenants were Mapillah Muslims**.