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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Bhai Amrik Singh,

I am writing to thank you and your co-signatories for your letter of 9 February, regarding the Gurburb of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and the imprisonment of Jagtar Singh Johal. I apologise for the delay in my response.

Firstly, I want to assure you that the Government understands the importance and significance of the Gurburb of Guru Nanak Dev Ji to Sikhs all over the world. I express my regret to the British Sikh community that this was not acknowledged by the UK Government last year. I am personally committed to ensuring that this does not happen again in the future.

The Government remains concerned with the case of Jagtar Singh Johal, who has been detained arbitrarily in India for the past four years. Ministers and officials have raised our concerns directly with the Government of India, especially regarding Mr Johal's treatment and right to a fair trial, on almost a hundred occasions since November 2017.

More recently, during visits to India in October 2021 and March 2022, the Foreign Secretary raised Mr Johal's situation with India's External Affairs Minister Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. During my visit to Delhi in April, I also raised this case personally with Prime Minister Modi, as part of our wide-ranging discussion concerning bilateral and international affairs.

We will continue to work with the Indian Government to resolve Mr Johal's case. As recently as 9 June, the Foreign Secretary met Martin Docherty-Hughes, Mr Johal's MP for West Dunbartonshire, as well as members of Mr Johal's family, to discuss our involvement in the case.

Thank you, once again, for writing.

Mr Bhai Amrik Singh