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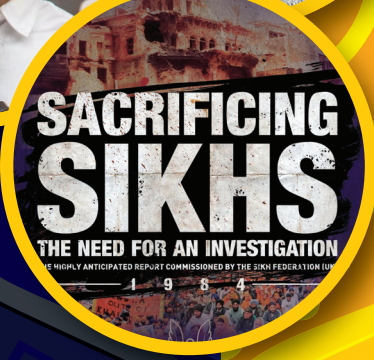
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SIKH FEDERATION (UK)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On the 40th anniversary of the Sikh Federation (UK) last year we seized the opportunity to transform, reorganise and take up the challenge of a new UK Government. This meant exposing the transnational repression of the Indian government and organise at an international level focused on re-establishing a Sikh homeland with an ever changing geo-political landscape. A year ago the Federation was refreshed with new talent to serve for two years, with the drive and persistence to tackle barriers and make the most of opportunities guided by people with decades of experience and sacrifice.

The mainstream media regularly turns to the Federation to lead and comment on a wide range of Sikh issues as a trusted and dynamic voice. The Federation also remains widely respected by the grassroots of the Sikh community and admired for confronting hard to face issues head on. We have just witnessed this in action with the two recent high profile and horrific examples of Anti-Sikh hate in Wolverhampton and Oldbury.

A year ago at the Convention we called out India as a rogue state. The further revelations in the last twelve months around transnational repression and political interference by the Indian government as well as the geo-political changes that we are all witnessing, since Donald Trump came to power, have totally exposed Indian politicians. India's decision to openly align with Russia and China, who will always be a foe, highlights India's fragility and duplicity. It has also opened the eyes of Western nations led by the US on the tightrope India walks with respect to neutrality around major conflicts, such as in Ukraine. We are already seeing and expect the demand for Sikh independence to get a major boost in the West and elsewhere.

Sikh Federation International was officially launched in the UK within a month of last year's Convention with a focus on five regions across the globe. Sikh Federation Canada was launched at the end of October 2024 and has quickly established itself as a leading Sikh advocacy group in Canada with a massive public profile. The Federation's activities and contacts at the United Nations and at the European level in terms of the European Parliament and European Commission have increased and are developing.

Domestically, Labour and its leadership before coming to power made several specific promises where it remains silent or ineffective. This includes:

- on a judge-led public inquiry into UK involvement in the attack on the Harmandir Sahib Complex in June 1984 and anti-Sikh measures under Margaret Thatcher;
- securing the release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal; and
- treating Anti-Sikh hate on par with Antisemitism and Islamophobia.

The booklet this year reflects the sizeable increase in our campaigning, representation and activism. With a particular focus on the ways in which we have challenged the Labour government where they made promises and on getting transnational repression by the Indian government targeting Sikhs activists across the globe, recognised and acknowledged including in the UK.

Although it was great to see the number of Sikh MPs increase from two to eleven it is fair to conclude only Jas Athwal and Warinder Juss have lived up to expectations and joined Preet Kaur Gill and Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi to openly take up Sikh issues. Others, especially those representing sizeable local Sikh communities have either been silent or uninterested and need to be encouraged to do more. More worryingly one or two of them have proved they totally lack Panthic credentials and may be more interested in appeasing the Indian authorities. Unless they change their ways the latter will be fully exposed and every effort will be made to ensure they are not re-elected.

Labour had huge challenges when they came to power, but has struggled and a series of self-inflicted mistakes and U-turns have not helped. The local elections in May 2025 should have been a wake-up call, but Labour continue to lag behind Reform UK in opinion polls and recent resignations are calling into question the judgement of the Prime Minister who has become very unpopular. A new political party on the left led by Jeremy Corbyn is in the process of being established and is expected to damage Labour further. In short UK politics has become very divisive and this presents new and complex challenges to the Sikh community. The Prime Minister has recently had a major reshuffle of Ministers and announced a reset. The jury is out if this reset will result in progress on relevant issues specific to Sikhs and we are already testing this out on the new Foreign Secretary. Local elections, including in Wales and Scotland in May 2026 will be the next major political test at the ballot box for the Labour government. If Labour continues to make mistakes and trail significantly behind Reform UK the expectation is the Prime Minister will resign and we will have a new Labour Leader and Prime Minister by the next Convention.

The Federation will continue without hate or fear to advocate for the rights that Sikhs deserve, ultimately for the betterment of our Panth.

*Bhai Amrik Singh*

*Chair of the Strategy Board of the Sikh Federation (UK)*





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**Shaheed Bhai Jaswant Singh Ji Khalsa**  
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**Bhog: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
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 Kaveeshar Jathas

**PANTHIC  
 CONFERENCE**  
 12-2PM

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# 1. BUILDING A STRONGER POLITICAL VOICE IN THE UK AND ABROAD

## INTERNATIONAL SIKH CONVENTION ORGANISED BY SIKH FEDERATION (UK) ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Sikh Federation (UK) marked its 40th anniversary with an impactful International Sikh Convention at Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Wolverhampton, attended by over 10,000 Sikhs. The Federation established in direct response to the June 1984 Indian army attack on the Sri Harmandir Sahib or Golden Temple in Amritsar.

The convention highlighted significant leadership changes and strategic initiatives aimed at advocating for Sikh rights and the establishment of a sovereign Sikh State, Khalistan. The convention was broadcast live on several channels across the globe in over 100 countries where people heard from the new leadership of the Sikh Federation (UK) and leading Sikh activists from across the globe, including the three keynote speakers: Bhai Mandhir Singh, Dr Amarjit Singh and Bhai Moninder Singh.

One of the major announcements on the 40th anniversary was the reorganisation of the Sikh Federation (UK) with radical and exciting changes in its structure, leadership and ways of working. Several speakers said this strategic move by the Sikh Federation (UK) to switch to a Panj Pardhani system in the hands of those born and brought up in the West was a momentous point in modern day Sikh history. The five will be referred to as Lead Executives in public communications with governments, NGOs and the mainstream media.



The reigns were handed over to a new 15-member executive appointed for two years. Most are British born Sikh professionals to lead the Sikh community and work with and pressure the UK Government over the next decade on a range of issues in the third edition of the Sikh Manifesto released in June 2024. Over 30 others will advise or be project team members. A Strategy Board of well-respected individuals with decades of experience was also announced that will provide direction, ensure accountability and oversee the strategy of the organisation.

After 14 years of a Conservative government the political focus in the UK will be on specific promises made by the Labour leadership prior to the General Election. For instance, a judge-led public inquiry on UK involvement in the 1984 Sikh Genocide, release and return to the UK of Jagtar Singh Johal and recognition of Anti-Sikh hate.

The Convention coincided with the 1st anniversary of Justin Trudeau's explosive allegation in the Canadian Parliament on 18 September that the Indian government ordered the assassination of Canadian Sikh leader, Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

It was therefore important Bhai Moninder Singh from Canada and Dr Amarjit Singh from the US who have both been warned their lives are under threat spoke at the Convention and in subsequent interviews. Their speeches and interviews demonstrate the Sangarsh is very much alive and the actions of the Indian government have strengthened the collective Sikh resolve for the re-establishment of a sovereign Sikh State, Khalistan.

At the Convention Dr Amarjit Singh, of the Khalistan Affairs Centre in Washington DC who was warned by the FBI on 22 June 2023 that his life is at risk highlighted the foiled plot in the US from June 2023 and others that were targets. The information that has emerged to date from this foiled plot has proved to be the Indian government's Achilles' heel.

US intelligence has been at the heart of the public actions by the Canadian authorities and the US administration in applying public pressure on the Indian government for accountability for their actions on foreign soil. The public response by the UK government, under Rishi Sunak to India's blatant disregard for the rule of law through transnational repression was muted.

Another announcement made by Bhai Amrik Singh was the launch of a co-ordinated international campaign to have India officially declared a rogue state and to be treated as such by western nations. After a decade of rule by Narendra Modi, India is widely recognised as an authoritarian state that severely restricts human rights and freedoms that we take for granted. The Indian government has supported Russia in the war in Ukraine, backed the leadership in Iran and Afghanistan and is making dangerous overtures towards China.

In another significant announcement Bhai Moninder Singh told those gathered at the Convention that Sikh Federation (Canada) would be launched in the coming months along similar lines to the Sikh Federation (UK). Bhai Moninder Singh and Bhai Gurmeet Singh from Germany said in the coming weeks details would be shared of the Federation's international set up based on five regions that has been drawn up with clear objectives of engaging with governments across the globe and the United Nations. Many observers see the Federation's international structure as the first stage of an international set up to facilitate negotiations for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland.



Bhai Amrik Singh, said:

"On our 40th anniversary we are transforming and expanding the organisation, having a new and younger leadership and a structure to focus on the opportunities currently presented by the UK Government and on the international stage."

"Governments across the globe are reassessing their relationship with the Indian government due to its highly protectionist policies that are making it difficult to do trade, transnational repression and increasing political interference abroad."

"Governments appreciate they need to find a different solution to the geopolitical challenge presented in South Asia. This includes the global benefits of the re-establishment of a sovereign Sikh State, Khalistan."

**ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਵਲੋਂ 40ਵੀਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਨਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ ਮੌਕੇ**

# ਪੰਚ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨੀ ਨੀਤੀ ਤਹਿਤ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੌਂਪਿਆ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ



**ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ, 17 ਸਤੰਬਰ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):-** ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਵਲੋਂ 40ਵੀਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਨਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ ਮੌਕੇ ਵੱਡੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਤੇ ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਭਰ ਤੋਂ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ੀ ਆਗੂ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸੋਜਲੀ ਸਟੂਟ ਵਲਵਰਹੋਪਟਨ ਵਿਖੇ ਪਹੁੰਚੇ। ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਭਰ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਦਵਾਨਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਚਿੰਤਕਾਂ ਨੇ ਸ਼ਮੂਲੀਅਤ ਕੀਤੀ। ਇਸ ਅੰਤਰ-ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਕਾਨਫਰੰਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਮਹਾਨ ਸ਼ਹੀਦਾਂ ਸੰਤ ਜਰਨੈਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਭਿੰਡਰਾਂਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਥੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ, ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਜਰਨਲ ਸੁਬੇਗ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ, ਬਾਬਾ ਠਾਕਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਸਮੇਤ ਗੁਰੂਪਾਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਰਾਖੀ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ

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## ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਸਿੱਖ ਯੂਥ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਮੁੜ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਏਗੀ ਸਥਾਪਨਾ

ਖਾਸ ਖਿਆਲ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਨੀਤੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਭੱਟ ਕੇ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਵੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਦੇ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਨੇ ਨਵੇਂ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਪੜ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਸੁਣਾਏ ਤੇ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਨੇ ਜੋਕਾਰੇ ਲਗਾ ਕੇ ਸਹਿਮਤੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ। ਭਾਈ ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਪੰਥ ਸੇਵਕ ਜੱਥਾ ਦੋਆਬਾ ਤੋਂ ਖਾਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਪੰਹੁਚੇ ਸਨ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੀ ਵਧੀਆ ਤਰੀਕੇ ਨਾਲ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਮੰਜ਼ਿਲ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੋਮਲੈਂਡ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਮੁਸ਼ਕਲਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਹੱਲ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਜਰਮਨੀ ਤੋਂ ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਨਿਆਣ ਭਾਈ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਜਰਮਨੀ,

ਜੂਝ ਕੇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਹੋਏ ਸਮੂਹ ਮਾਈ ਭਾਈ ਨੂੰ ਸਰਧਾਂਗਰਵਕ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਂਜਲੀ ਭੇਟ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਉਪਰੰਤ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਹੁੰਚੇ ਬੁਲਾਰਿਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਦਰਪੇਸ਼ ਸਮੱਸਿਆਵਾਂ ਤੇ ਵਿਚਾਰਾਂ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ। ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਦਵਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਪਿਛਲੇ 40 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਨੂੰ ਮੁੱਖ ਰੱਖਦਿਆਂ ਹੋਇਆਂ ਦੋਸ਼ਿਆਂ ਕਿ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਨੂੰ ਨਵਾਂ ਢਾਂਚਾ ਲੋੜੀਂਦਾ ਸੀ। ਇਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਪੁਰਾਤਨ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਰਵਾਇਤਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੰਜ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨੀ ਪ੍ਰਣਾਲੀ ਅਤੇ ਗੁਰਮਤੇ ਦੇ ਸਿਧਾਂਤ ਨੂੰ ਮੁੱਖ ਰੱਖਦਿਆਂ ਹੋਇਆਂ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਦਾ ਨਵਾਂ ਢਾਂਚਾ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਦੇ ਇਸ ਪੁਨਰਗਠਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਯੁਕੇ ਦੇ ਪੜ੍ਹੇ ਲਿਖੇ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਮੁਲਕ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਨੀਤੀਆਂ ਦਾ

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Sikh Siyasat Bureau – 13 October 2024

On 12 October prominent Sikh leaders from around the globe convened at Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick for a press conference to announce the formation of Sikh Federation International. The press conference featured Bhai Amrik Singh and Bhai Dabinderjit Singh from the UK, Bhai Ajit Singh from Australia, Bhai Gurmeet Singh from Germany, and Bhai Moninder Singh and Bhai Prabjot Singh from Canada. On 13 October speakers from across the globe addressed Sikhs at Guru Arjan Dev Ji Gurdwara, Derby. The newly established Federation aims to advocate for the establishment of an independent, sovereign Khalistan, while addressing ongoing human rights violations and transnational repression against Sikhs.



The aim of Sikh Federation International is to co-ordinate efforts across the globe to restore *Khalsa jee ke bol baale* (Sikh sovereignty) in the current world order. This will be achieved by engaging in diplomacy and advocacy around the world to support the establishment of an independent, sovereign Khalistan.

The objectives of the Federation clearly demonstrate a holistic vision to simultaneously develop internal Panthic capacity, as well as establishing effective mechanisms of global advocacy. In order to strengthen the Panth's internal capacity, the Federation is committed to engaging with Sikh sangat, celebrating the legacy of the Sikh struggle, and initiating internal dialogue

with other Panthic groups to facilitate working relationships that strengthen global advocacy for Khalistan. The Federation will also document India's ongoing human rights violations and acts of transnational repression.

The political objective of the Sikh Federation International is an independent, sovereign Khalistan and an international order based on Sikh ideals, which respects the inherent sovereignty of the Khalsa (patshahi) and remains committed to sarbat da bhala (welfare of all) and gareeb di rakhiya, jarvanay di bhakhiya (protection of the weak, destruction of the tyrants) for all. Khalistan is a necessary first step towards ensuring peace, justice and prosperity in Punjab and beyond.

Most importantly, the Federation intends to build consensus around the proposed governance and administrative structures envisioned in Khalistan, by establishing this baseline, the Federation intends to mobilise international support for the establishment of an independent, sovereign Khalistan.

Sikh Federation International will be led by an International Council of Sikh leaders appointed by the respective national Federations of UK, Europe Canada, USA and Australia. The International Council will be made up of recognised Khalistani leadership from around the world. These are individuals who have been exiled from their homeland due to their direct participation, leadership, and ongoing support for the Sikh struggle since 1984.

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### SIKH FEDERATION (UK) WELCOMES FIRST STEPS IN ASSERTING THE AUTHORITY OF THE AKAL TAKHT

3 December 2024 - The leadership of the Sikh Federation (UK) applaud the public pronouncements at the Akal Takht by the Singh Sahiban on Monday.

The manner in which the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leadership was publicly exposed for their serious mistakes and blunders before the Akal Takht was a historic moment and the first steps to restoring the sovereignty and supremacy of the Akal Takht.



## ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ੰਸਾ ਨੂੰ ਬਹਾਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਕਦਮ: ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਜੂਕੇ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 04 ਦਸੰਬਰ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ): ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੀ ਲੀਡਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਦੇ ਰਣਨੀਤੀ ਬੋਰਡ ਅਤੇ ਕੌਮੀ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰਨੀ ਟੀਮ ਨਾਲ ਮਿਲ ਕੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹੁਲਾਸੇ ਦੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਥਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜਨਤਕ ਆਲੋਚਨਾ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਰਣ ਸਮਰਪਣ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਉਸ ਵਿਚਾਰਥਾਵਾਂ ਪੱਲ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਲਾਘਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਦੋਂ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ (ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ) ਦੀ ਲੀਡਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਨੂੰ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਗਲਤੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਜਨਤਕ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਜਵਾਬਦੇਹ ਨਹਿਰਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ, ਜਿਸਨੂੰ ਉਹ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ੰਸਾ ਨੂੰ ਬਹਾਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਇੱਕ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਕਦਮ ਮੰਨਦੇ ਹਨ। ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਪੰਥ ਨਾਲ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੇ ਸਮੇਂ 'ਤੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਜਾਗਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ 'ਫਖਰ-ਏ-ਕੌਮ' ਖਿਤਾਬ ਨੂੰ ਹਟਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਸਮਰਪਣ ਕੀਤਾ, ਜੋ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ ਦੇ ਨਿਰਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਹੇਠ, ਫ਼ਾਈਦੇ ਦੇ ਹਿੱਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਭਾਲ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ 1984 'ਤੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਪੀੜਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਨਸਾਫ਼ ਵਿਵਾਦਿਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਫਲ ਹਿੱਟ ਲਈ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਲੀਡਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਦੀ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਆਲੋਚਨਾ ਕੀਤੀ। ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰਿਕ ਸਿੰਘ, ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਸਪਾਕਾਰ ਭਾਈ ਦਵਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਮੈਂਬਰ ਭਾਈ ਹਰਚੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਨਰਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਅੰਦਰ ਏਕਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਭਰੋਸੇਯੋਗਤਾ ਨੂੰ



ਨਵਿਅਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ 'ਤੇ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਸੁਖਬੀਰ ਬਾਦਲ ਸਮੇਤ ਲੀਡਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਨੂੰ ਜਨਤਕ ਅਤੇ ਸਿਆਸੀ ਜੀਵਨ 'ਤੇ ਸਖ਼ਤੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਹਟਾਉਣ ਨੂੰ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਕਦਮ ਚੁੱਕਣੇ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਸੁਖਬੀਰ ਬਾਦਲ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਅਗੂਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਗ਼ਰੀਬਾਂ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਸਜ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਹੁਣ 'ਤੇ ਚੁੱਪ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜਨਤਕ ਅਤੇ ਸਿਆਸੀ ਜੀਵਨ ਤੋਂ ਪੱਕੇ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਹਟਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਦਹਾਕਿਆਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਵਿਚਾਲ ਸ਼੍ਰੇਣੀ 'ਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੱਕੇ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਵਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ 'ਤੇ ਦਬਾਅ ਕਰਦੇ ਆ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਏਜੰਸੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਦੇ ਕਾਰਜਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਖਲਅੰਦਾਜ਼ੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਦੇ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਗਿਆਨੀ ਗੁਰਚਰਨ

ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਅਨੰਤਿਕ ਸਨ। ਉਸਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ 10 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਲ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਸੀਟ 'ਤੇ ਗੁੰਮਰਾਹ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਦੋਸ਼ ਨਹਿਰਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਡੇਰਾ ਸੱਚਾ ਸੌਦਾ ਮੁਖੀ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਰਾਮ ਰਹੀਮ ਨੂੰ 2015 ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿੱਤੀ ਗ਼ੱਦੀ ਵਿਵਾਦਤ ਮਾਈ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਸਦੀ ਰੂਮਿਕਾ ਲਈ ਉਸਦੀ ਆਲੋਚਨਾ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ। ਉਹ 2011 ਵਿੱਚ ਵੀ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਸਨ ਜਦੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਵਾਦਿਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ 'ਫਖਰ-ਏ-ਕੌਮ' ਨਾਲ ਸਨਮਾਨਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਜਥੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਪੱਖੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਨਮਾਨਿਤ ਵਾਦਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਤੱਥਕ ਪਾਠੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਕੱਠ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕੌਮ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਨਿਰਦੇਸ਼ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹਨ। 1986 ਵਿੱਚ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਨੂੰ ਇਕੱਠ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਪਿਛਲੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਰਨਾਲਾ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਕਾਰਨ ਅਸਫਲ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ 1987 ਵਿੱਚ ਬਰਖਾਸਤ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। 1994 ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ ਨੇ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਦੇ ਨਿਰਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਕੀਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਏਕਤਾ ਦੀਆਂ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਟੜੀ 'ਤੇ ਉਤਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਇਹ ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਕਾਰਨ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਵਰਤਮਾਨ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਤੋਂ ਸਫ਼ ਸਿੱਖਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਖਬੀਰ ਬਾਦਲ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਜੁਦਾ ਅਸਫਲ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਲੀਡਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਨੂੰ ਪੱਕੇ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਖੁਰਦ-ਖੁਰਦ ਕਰਨਾ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਉਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।

The decision to remove posthumously the “Fakhr-e-Qaum” (Pride of the nation), conferred in 2011 upon former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal for his total betrayal of the Panth was a significant move. This now leaves a permanent blot on his 50-year political record since he first became Chief Minister in 1970.

SAD under the Badal's leadership was accused of failing to serve the community's interests and the Panth. They were criticised for their inability to secure justice for the victims of post-1984 atrocities and protect the Sikh community from the growing influence of 'Deravad'.

Those gathered were told the SAD leadership had undermined the integrity of Sikh institutions, including the Akal Takht, the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC), and the SAD itself.

The religious punishments handed down to Sukhbir Badal and other Akali leaders are simply a slap on the wrist and need to be followed with robust actions to permanently remove them from public and political life as they have been declared guilty at the Akal Takht of failing the Panth on a wide range of significant matters over the last three decades.

The current leadership of SAD were told they had lost the moral authority to politically lead the Sikh Panth due to their actions. The working committee set up must learn from history and ensure Sukhbir Badal and the existing failed Akali leadership are permanently thrown on the scrapheap.

# ਬ੍ਰਿਟੇਨ ਦੀ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਪੁਰਬ

ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਖੇਤਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਣ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸਨਮਾਨਿਤ



ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ, 28 ਨਵੰਬਰ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):- ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਲਈ ਆਲ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਪਾਰਲੀਮੈਂਟਰੀ ਗਰੁੱਪ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੈੱਟਵਰਕ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੇ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਸਦ ਦੇ ਸਦਨਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦਾ 8ਵਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਪੁਰਬ ਮਨਾਇਆ। ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਦੀ ਪਾਰਲੀਮੈਂਟ ਅੰਦਰ ਇਹ ਸਮਾਗਮ 2017 ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ ਜਦੋਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਮਹਿਲਾ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਗਿੱਲ ਅਤੇ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਰਦਾਰ ਤਨਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਢੇਸੀ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਚੁਣੇ ਗਏ ਸਨ। ਇਸ ਸਮਾਗਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਬਰਤਾਨੀਆ ਭਰ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਹੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਦੀ ਪਾਰਲੀਮੈਂਟ ਵਿਚ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਕੁਝ ਸਿੱਖਿਆਵਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਿਆਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਸੰਦਰਭ ਵਿੱਚ ਗੱਲ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਇਹ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਲੱਖਣ ਮੌਕਾ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਸਹਿ-ਮੌਜਬਾਨ ਜਮ ਅਠਵਾਲ, ਇਲਫੋਰਡ ਸਾਊਥ ਲਈ ਲੇਬਰ ਐਮਪੀ, ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਲਈ ਏਪੀਪੀਜੀ ਦੇ ਨਵੇਂ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਬਰਮਿੰਘਮ ਐਜੰਡੇਸਟਨ ਲਈ ਲੇਬਰ ਐਮਪੀ ਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਗਿੱਲ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਸਮਾਗਮ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨਗੀ ਸ਼ਾਨਦਾਰ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਨਿਭਾਈ। ਸਮਾਗਮ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਬੁਲਾਰੇ ਮਨਦੀਪ ਕੌਰ ਐਮਬੀਐਲੀ ਸਨ, ਜੋ ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਆਰਮਡ ਫੋਰਸਿਜ਼ ਦੇ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਅਤੇ ਇਕਲੌਤੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਚੈਪਲੇਨ ਸੀ। ਦੂਜੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਬੁਲਾਰੇ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦੀ ਨੁਮਾਇੰਦਗੀ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਬੈਰਿਸਟਰ ਮਾਈਕਲ ਪੋਲਕ ਸਨ। ਕੁਝ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਕੁਝ ਹੋਰ ਮੁੱਖ ਬੁਲਾਰੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੈੱਟਵਰਕ ਤੋਂ ਜਸ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਤੋਂ ਦਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਨ। ਲੇਬਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਤਨਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਢੇਸੀ (ਸਲੋਹ), ਸਤਵੀਰ ਕੌਰ (ਸਾਉਥਪਟਨ ਟੈਸਟ), ਹਰਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ (ਹਡਰਸਫੀਲਡ), ਵਰਿੰਦਰ ਜੱਸ (ਵੁਲਵਰਹੈਮਪਟਨ ਵੈਸਟ), ਬੈਰੀ ਸ਼ੇਕਰ

(ਡਰਬੀ ਸਾਊਥ) ਅਤੇ ਸੋਨੀਆ ਕੁਮਾਰ (ਡਡਲੀ) ਤੋਂ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਪਾਰਲੀਮੈਂਟ ਵੀ ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਹਾਜ਼ਿਰ ਸਨ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਖੇਤਰਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਹੋਰ ਲੇਬਰ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਵੀ ਸਨ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਵੱਡੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਹਿੰਦੇ ਹਨ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਾਰਾਹ ਕੌਮਬਜ਼

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## INDIA SHOULD STOP INTERFERING IN DONALD TRUMP'S NOMINATION OF HARMEET KAUR DHILLON

11 December 2024 - The Sikh Federation (UK) welcomed that Donald Trump nominated Harmeet Kaur Dhillon to lead civil rights cases at the US Department of Justice.

The Indian government controlled media condemned her nomination as she has been highly critical of the Indian government's transnational repression, persecution of Sikhs in Punjab, her backing for the farmer's protest in India and speaking up for Sikh rights following the 9/11 attack.



Last week the BJP were publicly blaming the US State Department for destabilising India. This week the Indian government are trying to interfere with Donald Trump's nomination of Harmeet Kaur Dhillon.

Indian government controlled media should stop attacking Sikh politicians in the Diaspora who criticise the Indian government. They need to understand democratic backsliding, a lack of respect for the rule of law and failing to protect minorities will result in increased criticism of the Indian regime.

Harmeet Kaur Dhillon professionalism is being questioned as it has been reported India is deeply worried by her appointment as she will be involved in the US Department of Justice ongoing cases against Nikhil Gupta and Vikash Yadav that will expose India's 'death squads'.

If the Indian government had respected the rule of law the US Department of Justice and law enforcement agencies in the U.S. would not need to indict Indian nationals and government employees.

Harmeet Kaur Dhillon was born in Chandigarh on 2 October 1968 and has been heavily influenced by her father Dr Tejpal Singh Dhillon who throughout his life lived and practised according to the Sikh moral code and her mother Parminder Kaur who is from a family of devout Sikhs. Harmeet's father in the 1980s became more politically engaged with Sikh issues as he recognised Sikhs in his birthplace Punjab were being persecuted.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Sikh Federation's Lead Executive for Political Engagement said:

*"The Indian government controlled media is always attacking Sikhs in the diaspora who progress in political circles and stand up for their own community."*

*"The one common thread is Sikh politicians in the Diaspora who are targeted have a strong religious family upbringing, are prepared to speak up and have the courage to criticise the Indian government when it is in the wrong."*

*"This political intimidation of Sikhs involved in politics in the Diaspora is transnational repression by the Indian government that governments across the globe need to recognise and confront."*

*"We have witnessed this in the UK and Canada when Sikh MPs have taken up Sikh issues and condemned the Indian government's persecution of minorities."*

## TORY MP ABUSING HIS PARLIAMENTARY POSITION TO DEMONISE SIKHS

23 January 2025 - Earlier today speaking in the House of Commons, Bob Blackman, the Conservative MP for Harrow East, once again deliberately misused the word "terrorist" to describe peaceful protesters objecting to the film Emergency about Indira Gandhi's rule. Bob Blackman is widely recognised as a mouthpiece for the right wing Indian government.

Two years ago in Parliament he was the only MP on all sides to accuse Jagtar Singh Johal of being a terrorist, although Boris Johnson whilst Prime Minister had already accepted Jagtar had been tortured and been held in arbitrary detention since 4 November 2017.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Sikh Federation's Lead Executive for political engagement said:



*"Bob Blackman has today once again unacceptably used his Parliamentary privilege to demonise and defame Sikhs calling for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland by deliberately using the term "Khalistani terrorists".*

*"We are used to his outbursts, but today he has abused his position as Backbench Committee Chair to make the unwarranted description of peaceful protesters as terrorists."*

*"MPs should face disciplinary action for incorrectly describing peaceful protesters as terrorists in Parliament."*

A formal complaint was made to Daniel Greenberg CB, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, regarding Bob Blackman's unacceptable conduct. He wrote back to state protocol prevented him from investigating in any circumstances a Member's conduct in the Chamber, but he would draw attention to MPs' choice of language in his annual report to be published in November 2025.

## **CAMPAIGN TO INCREASE PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND LABOUR MPs**

From September last year the Sikh Federation (UK) wrote several times to around half a dozen Cabinet Members in a four month period raising specific issues relevant to their departments with several Ministers responding positively. Since January 2025 four letters have been sent to all Labour MPs over a six month period to increase pressure on Ministers that were silent or avoiding certain issues. These issues have included:

- the Government honouring its promise of a judge-led public inquiry into UK involvement in the June 1984 Indian army assault and Anti-Sikh measures in Britain under Margaret Thatcher (1979-1990);
- the UK Government joining other Five Eyes nations and publicly calling out and addressing the transnational repression and political interference by the Indian government;
- securing the immediate release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal;
- ending the inappropriate use of Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000 to target Sikh activists;
- challenging the Charity Commission for unnecessarily interfering in Sikh theological matters in Gurdwaras;
- apology for the Jallianwala Bagh massacre in Amritsar on 13 April 1919; and
- inappropriate and offensive reference to "Khalistani extremists" in FCDO travel advice for Punjab.

There have been several successes and pressure remains in other areas until matters are resolved.

## SIKHS TAKE UP ISSUES WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

31 January 2025 - Last week the European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said in Davos she would go to India for her first trip of her new term.



This provided us an opportunity to right to Vice Presidents in the Commission responsible for Human Rights, Fundamental Rights and Rule of Law. We shared with them the memorandum submitted by Sikhs across the EU to Ursula von der Leyen last January regarding transnational repression by the Indian government.

We also used the opportunity to make them aware that five independent experts, or UN Special Rapporteurs collectively wrote to the Indian government on 19 November 2024 regarding the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar on 18 June 2023 and credible threats to life, intimidation and harassment against other Sikhs activists outside India.

We also shared the formal response from the Indian government on 3 January 2025 that shockingly accused the independent Special Rapporteurs of bias and a strong preconceived hostility towards India, its sovereignty and its integrity and supporting a Sikh separatist agenda.

We also wrote along similar lines last week to MEPs belonging to the Human Rights Subcommittee and the India Delegation who thanked us for the information provided.

This week a delegation of Sikhs from Austria, Belgium, France, Netherlands, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain and UK met in Brussels. On 28 January we had an internal meeting to discuss some of the challenges faced by Sikhs in Europe around recognition and registration at the national level of the Sikh religion and way of life, restrictions on Sikh articles of faith and how to work better together across Europe.

On 29 January Sikh representatives met Vice President, Antonella Sberna for a dialogue in the European Parliament. This focused on relevant issues in the EU around official recognition of the Sikh religion and the Sikh way of life in different EU countries, religious freedoms and the challenges to the Sikh identity.

The Vice President in response explained the limitation of her powers, but she was told she and other MEPs from different EU countries could use their soft power and influence to assist Sikhs in different EU countries to get Sikhs official recognition and overcome some of the unnecessary hurdles.

Bhai Dabinderjit Singh then spoke about Anti-Sikh hate crimes across the globe following 9/11 and transnational repression by the Indian government targeting Sikh activists in different countries, including EU countries.

This meeting, the press conference and meeting with the Vice President were facilitated by the EU Sikh organisation.

Sikh Siyasat Bureau - 5 July 2025

The All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for British Sikhs celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a high-profile event in Parliament on 1 July setting out major achievements and outlining future priorities. When the APPG was set up 20 years ago in July 2005 the BBC reported the group was set up "to help represent British Sikhs" and "help improve government decisions about issues affecting the Sikh community".

**The APPG was formed on the initiative of the Sikh Federation (UK)** that approached each of the main political parties and has served as the Secretariat and tirelessly supported the APPG throughout the last 20 years.



Three of the APPG Chairs over the last 20 years that spoke - **Jas Athwal, Preet Kaur Gill and Rob Marris** when addressing those gathered in a packed Committee Room 14 expressed their appreciation of the pivotal role played by the Sikh Federation (UK) in raising and keeping alive difficult issues where others often remained silent.

On the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary the APPG published a two-page note on some of its achievements and priorities. The priorities include:

- Introducing a statutory Code of Practice on Sikh articles of faith
- Proper recognition of Sikhs to address discrimination and fair treatment
- Treating Anti-Sikh hate on a par with Islamophobia and Antisemitism
- Release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal
- Independent judge-led public inquiry into UK actions around the June 1984 massacre
- Community safety addressing transnational repression by the Indian government targeting Sikh activists on the one hand and the grooming gangs targeting Sikh girls on the other.

**Caroline Nokes**, the Deputy Speaker and Conservative MP for Romsey and Southampton North spoke eloquently about her respect for Sikhs. She said to the surprise of many the first APPG she joined in 2010 when she became an MP was the APPG for British Sikhs. She made direct reference to working with Satvir Kaur MP in Southampton and **Bhai Amrik Singh**, the Chair of the Sikh Federation (UK) as one of her most prominent constituents who she said always robustly raises issues with her.

Ministers, MPs and Peers gathered were told by **Gurpreet Singh Anand**, the President at Central Gurdwara (Khalsa Jatha) London that the UK Government must make a stepped change in the way it engages with the Sikh community.

A key announcement was the formation of the UK Gurdwara Alliance, a voice for over 200 Gurdwaras. The Faith Minister, Lord Wajid Khan was told it provides an ideal platform for government to engage on faith related matters and issues directly impacting on Gurdwaras and their Sangat.

**Bhai Mohinder Singh** of the Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha in his speech welcomed the formation of the UK Gurdwara Alliance. He emphasised the importance of Gurdwaras that are at the forefront in terms of community interaction.

**Bhai Kuldeep Singh**, representing Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick said: "The UK Gurdwara Alliance addresses a disconnect that exists between central government and Gurdwaras. It complements and supports Sikh community organisations with grassroots connections that have a high public profile and have been lobbying on Sikh issues for more than two decades."

**Ramesh Singh Arora**, the Minister for Minority Affairs in the Government of Punjab and the President of the Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee came to the UK at the request of the Sikh Federation (UK) following a meeting in Italy. The sole purpose of his visit was to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the APPG for British Sikhs and the historic launch of the UK Gurdwara Alliance.

He described the UK Gurdwara Alliance as an excellent initiative by Gurdwaras. Having a collective voice for over 200 UK Gurdwaras is extremely powerful and will be helpful for not only UK Government engagement, but will improve links between Gurdwara bodies across the globe.

**Preet Kaur Gill MP**, **Rob Marris** the first chair of the APPG and **Bhai Dabinderjit Singh**, one of five Lead Executives for the Sikh Federation (UK) all spoke about the need for the UK Government to come good on introducing a statutory Code of Practice for Sikh articles of faith.

The need for a Statutory Code of Practice was first acknowledged by a Labour government Minister more than 20 years ago. Preet Kaur Gill explained the community had done all the hard work to produce an excellent draft and Rob Marris said he was shocked government had failed to deliver this more than 20 years later. The Faith Minister acknowledged and took note of many of the points made.

**Douglas McAllister** the Labour MP for West Dunbartonshire speaking about the need to increase pressure on the Foreign Secretary to help secure the release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal told those gathered he had secured a monthly meeting along with Reprieve with the Foreign Minister responsible for relations with India.

**Dr Lauren Sullivan** the Labour MP for Gravesham spoke passionately about the tragic events of 1984 and the scars it has left. She revealed an hour before the APPG event she took the opportunity in the lobby to speak directly to the Prime Minister about honouring the promised judge-led public inquiry into UK involvement in June 1984 Sikh Genocide. He gave a favourable response and she asked whether she could share this with those at the APPG event. This has raised hopes the UK Government is preparing to make a public announcement about a judge-led public inquiry.

**Warinder Juss** the Labour MP for Wolverhampton West spoke about transnational repression by the

Indian government targeting Sikh activists and specifically mentioned the case of Avtar Singh Khanda. The Sikh Federation (UK) made him aware of the breaking news in the Guardian of a call for an inquest as a leading pathologist has concluded Avtar could have been poisoned and the Sikh community have established the West Midlands Police were incompetent and involved in a cover up.



Others that spoke include **Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi** the MP for Slough who spoke about Anti-Sikh hate and **Shokat Adam** the MP for Leicester South who gave a short but impressive speech. Matt Turmaine MP (Watford), Baggy Shankar MP (Derby South), Claire Hazelgrove MP (Filton and Bradley Stoke) and Gurinder Singh Josan MP (Smethwick) also attended.

**Lord Wajid Khan, the Faith Minister** addressed those attending the event to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the APPG for British Sikhs. It was clear from the assurances he gave that he is now much more aware and acknowledged the issues that matter to the Sikh community and the concerns around engagement where he as the Faith Minister. the government and Number 10 need to act.

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event for the APPG in Parliament coincided with the introduction of the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme. Sikh organisations have started discussions with

politicians and the relevant authorities about community intelligence about exposing in the coming weeks individuals and organisations secretly engaged in foreign political interference on behalf of the Indian government that may try to

avoid the Foreign Influence Registration Scheme that has just come into force.

## Over 200 Gurdwaras in UK form alliance to provide collective voice to reset relations with govt

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Times of India – 4 July 2025

A government minister from Pakistan travelled to London for the launch of the first ever UK Gurdwara Alliance, set up to improve relations between Gurdwaras and the UK government.



The Alliance, a UK-wide gurdwara body providing a collective voice for over 200 UK gurdwaras, was launched in a UK Parliament committee room this week at an event to mark the 20th anniversary of the All

Party Parliamentary Group for British Sikhs.

Ramesh Singh Arora, Pakistan Punjab minister for minority affairs, who travelled to London for the event, described the alliance as an “excellent initiative.”

“Having a collective voice is extremely powerful and will be helpful for not only UK govt engagement but will improve links between gurdwara bodies across the globe,” Arora said.

The alliance will liaise with the Akal Takht and institutions like the SGPC in Amritsar and PSGPC in Pakistan. It will issue statements, call meetings and support Sikh community campaigns.

Twenty-five leading gurdwaras across 12 regions will be responsible for consulting with and coordinating all gurdwaras in their region. They will focus on issues that impact the running of gurdwaras and also engage with the UK govt on matters concerning gurdwaras, the Sangat and faith-related issues.

One of the alliance's first actions after its launch was to call on the Charity Commission to “understand and work differently with gurdwaras.”

Gurdwaras in Britain have to register with the Charity Commission if their income exceeds £5,000 per year.

Kuldeep Singh Deol, former president of Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick, said: “The Charity Commission's current approach to gurdwaras is outdated and out of step with the growing challenges these institutions face. It continues to rely on advice from individuals who lack the necessary understanding and experience of how gurdwaras operate.”

“The UK govt must make a step change in the way it engages with the Sikh community,” said Gurpreet Singh Anand, president at Central Gurdwara (Khalsa Jatha) London.

## ਬਰਤਾਨਵੀ ਸੰਸਦ 'ਚ ਆਲ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਪਾਰਲਾਮੈਂਟਰੀ ਗਰੁੱਪ ਫਾਰ ਸਿੱਖਸ ਦੀ 20ਵੀਂ ਵਰ੍ਹੇਗੰਢ ਮਨਾਈ

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ਲੰਡਨ, 2 ਜੁਲਾਈ (ਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ) ਬੰਦਨੀ ਕਰਾ— ਬਰਤਾਨਵੀ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿਚ ਆਲ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਪਾਰਲਾਮੈਂਟਰੀ ਗਰੁੱਪ ਵਾਰ ਸੰਵਦ ਸੰਘਾ ਯੂ.ਕੇ., ਭਾਰੀ ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀਤ



ਸਿੱਖ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਚਰਚਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਅਧੂ। ਤਸਵੀਰਾਂ: ਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੰਦਨੀ ਕਰਾ

ਸਿੱਖਸ (ਏ. ਪੀ. ਡੀ. ਗ੍ਰੀ. ਐਫ. ਐਸ.) ਦੀ 20ਵੀਂ ਵਰ੍ਹੇਗੰਢ ਮਨਾਈ ਗਈ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ ਦੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਡੇਢ ਸਾਲਪਾਨ ਦੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਗਰੁੱਪ ਦੇ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਐਮ.ਪੀ. ਸ਼ਾਸ਼ੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਰਾਨ ਨੇ ਇਲਾਹਾ ਆਲ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਵਾਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਦੇ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਰੂਪ ਮੌਜ, ਬਰਤਾਨਵੀ ਦੇ ਚਾਰੀਕ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਮੌਜੀ ਨਾਭ ਖਾਨ, ਐਮ.ਪੀ. ਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਰਿੰਨ, ਐਮ.ਪੀ. ਤਨਾਨਸੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਨੀ, ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਘੇਟ ਰਿਣਤੀ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਓ.ਡੀ.ਐਲੀ., ਭਾਰੀ ਅਗਰੀਕ ਸਿੱਧ ਰਿੰਨ ਸਿੱਧ ਏਡਰੇਨ ਯੂ.ਕੇ., ਭਾਰੀ ਗੁਰਮੁਖੀ ਸਿੱਧ ਆਨੰਦ, ਭਾਰੀ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੱਧ ਚਰਿੰਨ, ਭਾਰੀ ਨਰਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੱਧ ਭਾਰੀ ਆਰ ਮਹਿਰ ਬੰਦੀ ਰਿਣਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਭਰ ਤੋਂ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਨੁਮਾਇੰਦੇ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਹਾਜ਼ਰ ਹੋਈਆਂ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਸ਼ਾਸ਼ੀਰ ਸਿੱਧ ਅਰਾਨ ਨੇ ਗਰੁੱਪ ਦੇ 20 ਸਾਲਾ ਸਫ਼ਰ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਾਟਕਾਰੀ ਸਾਜੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿਚ ਸਮੇਂ ਸਮੇਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਚਰਚਾ ਬਾਰੇ ਦੱਸਿਆ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਭਰ ਦੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਨਾਭ ਤਾਨਮੇਲ ਰੁੰਦਗੇ। ਇਸ ਸੰਘਾ ਵਧੇ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਸਕਰਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਰਿੰਨ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੀ ਨੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਮੁੰਡੀ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਆਦਿ ਨਾਲ ਤਾਨਮੇਲ ਰੁੰਦਗਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਨਾਭ ਵਾਸਿਦ ਖਾਨ ਅਤੇ ਕਮੇਲ ਸਿੱਧ ਅਰਾਨ ਨੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ ਦਾ ਸਥਾਪਤ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਭਵਿੱਖ ਵਿਚ ਰਿੰਨ ਕੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਕਮੇਲ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਵਚਨਬੱਧਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਟ ਕੀਤੀ।

## CHARITY COMMISSION ACCUSED OF INTERFERING AND UNFAIRLY TARGETING GURDWARA IN SLOUGH AFTER COMPLAINT BY INDIAN JOURNALIST

# ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪੱਤਰਕਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਲਗੀਆਂ “ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ” ਦੀਆਂ ਤਖਤੀਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਸਿੱਖ ਜੱਥੇਬੰਦੀਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਨੂੰ “ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਦਖਲਅੰਦਾਜ਼ੀ” ਕਰਾਰ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 25 ਮਾਰਚ (ਮਨਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ)- ਦਸੰਬਰ 2019 ਦੀਆਂ ਆਮ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਲਗੀਆਂ ਤਖਤੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਲਈ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ, ਨੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਭਾ, ਸਲੂਹ ਦਾ ਦਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਸਵਾਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰੇ ਵਿੱਚ “ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ” (ਖਾਲਸੇ ਦੀ ਧਰਤੀ) ਸ਼ਬਦ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਤਖਤੀਆਂ ਕਿਉਂ ਹਨ। ਜਦਕਿ ਇਹ ਤਖਤੀਆਂ ਪਿਛਲੇ 40 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਗੀਆਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਹਰ ਹਫ਼ਤੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰੇ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਗੈਰ-ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਦੇ ਵੀ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਸਲੂਹ ਦੇ ਸੋਲਹ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਤਨਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਫੋਜੀ ਜੋ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਦਸਤਾਵਾਜ਼ੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਲਾਹ ਮੇਜ਼

ਦੇ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਇੱਕ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਮੀਖਿਆ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇਹ ਹੱਦ ਪਾਰ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਰਾਣੇ ਦੀ ਆਵਾਜ਼ੀ ਤੋਂ ਇਨਕਾਰ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਚੈਰਿਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਅਤੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਲਈ ਬਹੁਤ ਖ਼ਰਮਨਾਕ ਹੋ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੋਡਰਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੇ ਨੁਮਾਇੰਦਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ



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**ਜੂਨ 1984 ਤੋਂ ਲਗੀਆਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਹਨ ਤਖਤੀਆਂ, ਕਈ ਪਾਰਲੀਮੈਂਟ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਕਰ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦਾ ਦੌਰਾ, ਕੋਈ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਇਆ**

ਹਨ ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਹਾਜ਼ਿਰ ਸਨ। ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰੇ ਦੀ ਵੰਗੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪੱਤਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਚੈਰਿਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਪਰ ਹੁਣ ਇਹ ਗੱਲ ਸਾਪੇਖਤਾ ਆਈ ਹੈ। ਚੈਰਿਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਤਖਤੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਚਾਲੂਕ ਅਤੇ ਚਾਲੂਕ ਮੰਤਰਾ ਭਾਵ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਲਈ ਨੀਤੀ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਤਖਤੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਇਨਕਾਰ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰੇ ਦੇ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਦਾਅਵਾ ਪਾਸ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ ਮਤੋਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਵੀਕਾਰ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਵੀ ਇਨਕਾਰ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਫੋਡਰਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਨੇ 25 ਫਰਵਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਹਟਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੋਡਰਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਨੇ 25 ਫਰਵਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਲੇਖ ਸੋਲਹ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਲਿਖ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਗੱਲ ਸਾਪੇਖਤਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕੋਲਕਾਟਾ ਦੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਦਫਤਰ ਦੀ ਟੀਮ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਚੈਰਿਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਨੂੰ ਅਦੁਰੀਏ ਚੰਗੇ ਨਾਲ ਨਿਰਾਸ਼ਾ ਖਟਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਵੀ ਕੀਤੀ। ਇੱਕ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਜੋ 5 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਚੰਗੇ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ, ਚੈਰਿਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੇ ਇੱਕ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪੱਤਰਕਾਰ ਯੂਨਾਕ ਸਲੂਹ ਦੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰੇ ਅਤੇ ਸਹਾਨਕ ਕੋਲਕਾਟਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੋਲਹ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਨਿਰਾਸ਼ਾ ਖਟਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਕੀਤੀ। ਯੂਨਾਕ ਸਲੂਹ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੇ 2023 ਹੁਣ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਨਿਰਾਸ਼ਾ ਤੋਂ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪੱਤਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਨੂੰ “ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਦਖਲਅੰਦਾਜ਼ੀ” ਮੰਨਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਪੱਤਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਸਾਂਝ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਚੈਰਿਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਐਕਟ 2023

ਗੁਰੂ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਭਾ ਸਲੂਹ ਦੇ ਟਰੱਸਟੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਇੱਕ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਲਾਇਆ ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ “ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ” ਦੀਆਂ ਤਖਤੀਆਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਟਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਣੀਆਂ ਚਾਹੀਦੀਆਂ। ਚੈਰਿਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨਾਲ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਦਖਲਅੰਦਾਜ਼ੀ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਐਕਟ 2023 ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਦੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤ ਤੋਂ ਚਰਚਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਜਦੋਂ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਵਾਲੇ ਸੰਗਠਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਆਉਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਸਲਾਹ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਨ। ਚੈਰਿਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਸੋਲਹ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੇ ਨੁਮਾਇੰਦਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਸਲਾਹ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ, ਪਰ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਨਿਧਤਾਵਾਂ ‘ਤੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਹਰ ਸਮੇਂ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।



21 March 2025 - In the run up to the December 2019 General Election a UK-based Indian journalist, Loveena Tandon who works for India Today visited Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Slough and questioned why the Gurdwara has plaques with the word “Khalistan” (the Land of the Khalsa).

The plaques have been at the Gurdwara for the last 40 years and there have never been any objections from the thousands of Sikhs and non-Sikhs that visit the Gurdwara every week.

The visit by the Indian journalist was part of the BJP Indian government’s policy in the 2019 General Election of targeting certain MPs, including the two Labour Sikh MPs at that time. Slough’s MP was and still is Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi, the first turban wearing Sikh MP.

After the visit to the Gurdwara the Indian journalist made a complaint to the Charity Commission that has been allowed to run for over 5 years.

The Charity Commission refused to accept explanations from the Gurdwara trustees on the religious and theological significance of the Khalistan plaques or acknowledge a resolution passed by the membership of the Gurdwara at an AGM instructing trustees not to remove the plaques.

The Commission gave the trustees at Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Slough an ultimatum to remove the plaques by 10 March 2025. Stating that failing to comply could be considered misconduct and/or mismanagement.

The Sikh Federation (UK) on 25 February in a letter to Labour MPs stated: “it appears the Conservatives used the Home Office team to also get the Charity Commission to inappropriately target certain Gurdwaras. In one case that has been ongoing for 5 years the Charity Commission acted on a complaint by an Indian journalist known to be close to the Indian government to unfairly target the Gurdwara in Slough and the local Labour Sikh MP.”

“The National Security Act 2023 would now almost certainly regard the actions of the Indian journalist as “foreign interference” and probably require the journalist to be investigated with the possibility of prosecution. The Charity Commission need to urgently review such cases in light of the National

Security Act 2023 as it appears to be overstepping the mark and denying freedom of expression. Publicity around this could be highly embarrassing for the Charity Commission and the government”.

Representatives of the Sikh Federation (UK) along with other Sikh organisations attended a meeting with the trustees of Sri Guru Singh Sabha Slough on the evening of 25 February with the shared objective that the “Khalistan” plaques should not be removed.

We agreed to assist the Gurdwara to take up the matter with senior contacts at the Charity Commission and to liaise with Slough’s MP, Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi and other MPs as well as increase pressure on the Charity Commission through the mainstream media.

We have continued to write to senior officials at the Charity Commission to explain this has become a massive issue of national and global importance to Sikhs due to coverage by Sikh community TV channels. It was made clear “Khalistan” is a Sikh “religious and theological” matter directly linked to the “Khalsa” established by the 10th Sikh Guru in 1699 and the phrase “Raj Karega Khalsa” that is part of daily prayers at all Gurdwaras.

Sikhs therefore rightly view this as unacceptable interference by the Charity Commission in a Sikh religious and theological matter and an important part of Sikh history where Gurdwara have a role to educate.

We provided evidence to the Charity Commission that there are a number of other Gurdwaras in Birmingham, Derby, Leicester and London that prominently display the word “Khalistan” that the Charity Commission has visited in the last 5 years but has raised no objections. This suggests the Gurdwara in Slough has been unfairly targeted by the Charity Commission.

We have made clear the reason why the Charity Commission targeted the Gurdwara in Slough is because of the complaint by a UK-based Indian journalist in the context of the December 2019 General Election. The Charity Commission were informed the actions of the Indian journalist would today be viewed as ‘foreign interference’ under section 13 of the National Security Act 2023.

The other matter we have raised with the Charity Commission and MPs is in the last two years transnational repression by the Indian government targeting Sikh activists campaigning for Khalistan has become a serious issue in the Diaspora.

In particular, we told Charity Commission officials of the assassination of Bhai Hardeep Singh Nijjar, the President of Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Surrey BC, Canada in June 2023 on the Gurdwara premises. The Canadian police investigation has directly implicated the most senior officials at the Indian High Commission in Canada and senior Ministers in Delhi.

On 27 February we spoke with Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi and on the same day the Charity Commission were requested to meet with Sikh MPs to discuss the matter that has much wider ramifications. We spoke to Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi again on 7 March and he wrote to the Charity Commission that weekend to try and resolve the matter.

On Wednesday a delegation of Sikh MPs, including Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi the MP for Slough met with senior officials at the Charity Commission, including Helen Earnar



the Director of Regulatory Services to help resolve the issue that has arisen at Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Slough.

The following statement was issued by Sikh MPs to reassure the Sikh community across the UK:

"We had a positive meeting with senior officials at the Charity Commission who now have a much better understanding of Sikh religious and theological matters and modern day Sikh history."

"The Charity Commission also understand the wider context and recent developments with the targeting of Sikh activists and Gurdwaras."

"We discussed the need for the Charity Commission to be mindful of foreign interference and the implications of the National Security Act 2023 when it comes to complaints and organisations that provide advice who have foreign connections."

"They promised to get back to the Sikh MPs as they recognised this was causing significant distress to the Sangat (congregation) served by Gurdwaras."

## Charity watchdog clears Khalistan boards at Slough Gurdwara

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Britain's charity watchdog has ruled that "Khalistan boards" displayed at a UK Gurdwara do not break political guidance for charities.

The Charity Commission has been investigating governance concerns at Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Slough, Berkshire, for several years. The probe included complaints about the display of Khalistan banners or plaques at the temple.



After reviewing substantial evidence and consulting with sector representatives and stakeholders, the commission determined the boards themselves do not breach campaigning and political guidance for charities operating in the country.

A Charity Commission spokesperson said: "After a number of governance concerns were raised with

us about Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Slough, we opened a regulatory compliance case to further assess these and engage with the trustees.

"As part of this case, a complex and sensitive matter was raised regarding the display of 'Khalistan boards'. Following substantial review of evidence and consultation with a number of sector representatives and stakeholders, we have determined the display of the boards in itself not to be in breach of our campaigning and political guidance for charities."

The watchdog opened the regulatory compliance case to assess the governance concerns and engage with the gurdwara's trustees. The case remains ongoing, according to the commission.

In December 2024, the charity received a Regulatory Action Plan which requires the trustees to undertake certain actions to improve the administration and governance of the charity. The commission said that as part of its monitoring work, it has now removed several actions due to sufficient progress being made.

Officials determined that "Khalistan" has both a religious meaning and, to some people, a physical political meaning. Since the banners displayed at the gurdwara did not contain separatist material advocating for a political state, officials concluded that the charity is acting within its religious aims.

## GURDWARAS CAN NOT ONLY HAVE KHALISTAN PLAQUES THEY ARE ALSO FREE TO CONTINUE WITH PARCHAR ON KHALISTAN AS AN INDEPENDENT SIKH STATE

9 August 2025 - The Indian authorities are furious with the recent decision and climbdown by the Charity Commission to drop its objection to the Khalistan plaques at Sri Guru Singh Sabha Slough. The Indian media has responded by suggesting the UK is pandering to Khalistani elements.

The Charity Commission insisted in December 2024 “the trustees (at Sri Guru Singh Sabha Slough) are required to remove the Khalistan banners from the Charity’s property” within 3 months by 10 March 2025. The Charity Commission continued the trustees: “risk being in breach of their legal duties as trustees in the administration of the Charity” and “failure to comply could be considered misconduct and/or mismanagement.”



The Charity Commission following intense community, political and legal pressure in the last 6 months was forced to formally drop its objection to the Khalistan plaques. Many in the worldwide Sikh community, especially those familiar with this five and half year battle see this as an important victory for the Sikh community as the Indian authorities have been active in trying to demonise the word

“Khalistan” and target Sikh activists in the Diaspora campaigning for an independent Sikh State.

There has been Indian propaganda to try and muddy the waters by putting out disinformation to create confusion. To address this Indian propaganda it is important to note the following important facts:

1. On **14 September 2022** a three hour face to face meeting took place between trustees of Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Slough with Charity Commission officials at the Marriot Hotel in Langley. Dabinderjit Singh, from the Sikh Federation (UK) and a local resident was requested to attend the meeting by the trustees. He explained the Sikh concept of Miri-Piri, the link between the large “Raj Karega Khalsa” sign engraved on the Slough Gurdwara stage with the Khalistan plaques. The right to self-determination as a basic human right, freedom of speech and expression were also touched upon.
2. On **15 November 2022** the Sikh Federation (UK) arranged a broader meeting with senior officials at the Charity Commission responsible for regulation at Sri Guru Singh Sabha, Southall with Gurdwara representatives from across the UK, including London, the South East, West Midlands and East Midlands. The meeting covered the need for the Charity Commission to improve its understanding of the role of Gurdwaras and not simply see them as charities. This meeting again covered the Miri-Piri concept and the significance and importance of Gurdwaras displaying photos and paintings of Sikh Shaheeds as part of our history.
3. On **6 March 2023** the Charity Commission sent a detailed 6-page letter in response to many of the issues raised in the 15 November 2022 meeting. The Charity Commission stated it is deliberately not prescriptive, but helpfully made reference to “the types of political activities that religious organisations can undertake . . to advance the Sikh faith and in relation to the Sikh concept of Miri-Piri.” For example, the Commission specifically stated “It’s not uncommon for religious leaders to comment on political issues” and “if members of a particular faith were being persecuted (anywhere in the world) . . . those being persecuted would likely be able to comment on this.”
4. We can reveal for the first time that on **24 August 2023** the Charity Commission in a letter to Sri Guru Singh Sabha Slough set out “it is not preventing the Charity’s congregation, nor the Slough

Sikh community from discussing or holding views about the Khalistan movement” to establish an independent Sikh State.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Lead Executive for Political Engagement at the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

**“Most sensible people understand the significance of the Charity Commission climbdown on the “Khalistan plaque” issue.”**

**“Today we are addressing the false Indian propaganda and being forced to share details of the wider victory for those campaigning for an independent Sikh State, Khalistan.”**

**“All Gurdwaras have been officially given the green light not only to have prominent Khalistan signs, but the Charity Commission has confirmed religious leaders can comment on political issues and talk openly about the persecution of Sikhs in India and elsewhere and allow the Sangat to promote the Khalistan movement for an independent Sikh State as they now accept and understand the Miri-Piri and Raj Karega Khalsa religious concepts.”**



# ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਖ਼ਤੀਆਂ ਲਗਾਣ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਾਜ ਵਜੋਂ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਸਥਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਪਰਚਾਰ ਜਾਰੀ ਰੱਖਣ ਲਈ ਵੀ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਹਨ

**ਧਾਰਮਿਕ ਆਗੂ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਟਿੱਪਣੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਭਾਰਤ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਥਾਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਅਤਿਆਚਾਰਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ: ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂਕੇ**



ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 13 ਅਗਸਤ (ਨਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ)– ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਸੱਚੇ ਪੱਖੀ ਲੋਕ ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸਨੌਹ ਵਿਖੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਖ਼ਤੀਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਦਾਅਵਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਹਾਲਾਂਕਿ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਅਤੇ ਉਤਰਾਨ-ਚੁਆਂਤ ਨੂੰ ਨਾਹਾਜ਼ ਹਨ। ਭਾਰਤੀ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਸੁਆਧ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਸਵਾਧ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਯੂਕੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਤੰਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਉਤਸ਼ਾਹਿਤ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਨੂੰ ਵੱਖੋਂ ਵੱਖੋਂ ਸਾਰੇ ਮੱਥਾ ਅਤੇ ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਮੁਹਿੰਮ ਦੇ ਪੰਜ ਸਾਲ ਬਾਅਦ, ਸੱਚੇ ਪੱਖੀ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੇ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਇੱਕ ਤਖ਼ਤੀ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਬਾਅਦ, ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਨੇ ਸੰਸਦ 2024 ਵਿੱਚ ਰੋਕ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ –ਰੋਕਿਆ ਨੂੰ 10 ਮਾਰਚ 2025 ਤੱਕ 6 ਪੰਨਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਚੋਰੀ ਦੀ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨ ਤੋਂ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਰੋਕਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਦੀ ਨੌਤ ਦੇ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਸਟਾ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਮਰਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਦਾਖ਼ਾ ਜਾਂ ਯੂਥਪੋ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਸ਼ਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਫਿਰਲੋ 6 ਮਾਰਚ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ ਭਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨ, ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਅਤੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਦਬਾਅ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਨੂੰ ਹੁਣ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀਆਂ ਤਖ਼ਤੀਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਦਾਅਵਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਵਾਪਸ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਹੋਰ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗੇ, ਖਾਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ ਸਾਲ ਪੰਜ ਸਾਲ ਦੀ ਲੜਾਈ ਤੋਂ ਸਾਫ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਇਸਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਲਈ ਇੱਕ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਜਿੱਤ ਵਜੋਂ ਵੇਖਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ



ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ– ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ– ਸਭ ਦੇ ਨੂੰ ਬਦਲਨ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਇੱਕ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਾਜ ਲਈ ਮੁਹਿੰਮ ਚਲਾ ਕੇ ਭਾਸ਼ਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਸ਼ਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਰਗਰਮ ਹੋ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂਕੇ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਹਾਈ ਕੀਲਣ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਕੀਲੇ ਗਏ ਇੱਕ ਟੀਕੀ ਪ੍ਰਗਰਮ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜਿਸ ਦੇ ਸੱਚੇ ਪੱਖੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ, ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਨੇ ਕੇ ਹਮਲਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਚਾਕਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਸਨੌਹ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਮਰਥਨ ਵਜੋਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਟੀਕੀ ਪ੍ਰਗਰਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਭੰਬਕੂਭਾ ਪੈਦਾ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਗਣਤੰਤਰ ਸਾਧਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਕੇ ਪਾਣੀ ਨੂੰ ਗੋਦਾ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ

ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ। 14 ਸਤੰਬਰ 2022 ਨੂੰ ਨੌਤਲੇ ਦੇ ਮਹੀਨੇ ਹੋਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਸਨੌਹ ਦੇ ਰੋਕਣੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਵਿਚਕਾਰ ਤਿੰਨ ਘੰਟੇ ਦੀ ਆਗੂ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਹੋਈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੇ ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਅਤੇ ਇੱਕ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਨੂੰ ਟੋਲੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਮਲ ਹੋਣ ਲਈ ਕੋਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਮੀਰੀ-ਪੀਰੀ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤ, ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਤਖ਼ਤੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਸਨੌਹ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰੇ ਦੇ ਸੱਚੇ ਪੱਖੀ ਉੱਕਰੇ ਵੱਡੇ –ਵਾਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਖਾਲਸਾ– ਚਿੰਨ੍ਹ ਵਿਚਕਾਰ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਬਾਰੇ ਦੱਸਿਆ। ਇਸ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਇੱਕ ਭੁਨਿਆਈ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਵਜੋਂ ਸਵੇ- ਨਿਵੇਟੇ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ, ਕੋਨਟ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਾਵੇ ਦੀ

ਆਸਾਈ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਭੁਨਿਆ ਗਿਆ। 15 ਨਵੰਬਰ 2022 ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਨੇ ਨੌਤਲ, ਦੱਖਣ ਪੂਰਬ, ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਭਿਰਨੌਤਲ ਅਤੇ ਪੂਰਬੀ ਭਿਰਨੌਤਲ ਸਮੇਤ ਯੂਕੇ ਭਰ ਦੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਨਿਧੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨ ਵਿਖੇ ਨਿਯਮਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਦੇ ਸੰਨਿਆ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਆਪਕ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਦਾ ਪੱਥਰ ਕੀਤਾ। ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਭੁਨਿਆ ਬਾਰੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਖਿਤਰ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਦਾਨ ਵਜੋਂ ਨਾ ਦੇਖਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਇਸ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੁਬਾਰਾ ਮੀਰੀ-ਪੀਰੀ ਸੰਗਤ ਅਤੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਦੇ ਹਿੱਸੇ ਵਜੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤ ਦੀਆਂ ਫੋਟੋਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਪੇਂਟਿੰਗ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਮਹੱਤਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਮਹੱਤਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ।

6 ਮਾਰਚ 2023 ਨੂੰ ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਨੂੰ 15 ਨਵੰਬਰ 2022 ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਥੇ ਗਏ ਕਈ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਸਵਾਧ ਵਿੱਚ 6 ਪੰਨਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਪੱਤਰ ਭੇਜਿਆ। ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨ ਦੇ ਨਿਰਾਸ਼ਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ, ਪਰ ਅਸਮਰਤਾ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ –ਵਾਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਸੰਗਤ ਸਿੱਖ ਧਰਮ ਨੂੰ ਅਤੇ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਮੀਰੀ-ਪੀਰੀ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤ ਦੇ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਗਤੀਵਿਧੀਆਂ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ, ਦਾ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਉਦਾਹਰਣ ਵਜੋਂ, ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੇ ਖਾਸ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ –ਵਾਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਗੂਆਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਟਿੱਪਣੀ ਕਰਨਾ ਆਪਣਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ– ਅਤੇ –ਜੇਕਰ ਕਿਸ ਖਾਸ ਧਰਮ ਦੇ ਮੱਥਾ 'ਤੇ (ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਤੇ ਨਹੀਂ) ਜੁਲਮ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਜੁਲਮ

ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਉਹ ਇਸ 'ਤੇ ਟਿੱਪਣੀ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਇਹ ਖੁਲਾਸਾ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ 24 ਅਗਸਤ 2023 ਨੂੰ ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸਨੌਹ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ –ਇਹ ਚੋਰੀ ਦੀ ਸੰਗਤ ਨੂੰ ਨਹੀਂ ਪੱਤਰ ਕਿਹਾ ਹੈ, ਨਾ ਹੀ ਸਨੌਹ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਾਜ ਸਥਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਲਹਿਰ ਬਾਰੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਬਣਾਉਣੇ ਜਾ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਰੱਖਣ ਤੋਂ– ਕੋਈ ਰੋਕ ਲਗਾਈ ਗਈ ਹੈ।

ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੇ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਦਫ਼ਤਰੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ‘ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਸਮਰਥਕ ਲੋਕ ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਵੱਲੋਂ ‘ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਤਖ਼ਤੀ ਮੁੱਦੇ ‘ਤੇ ਉਤਰਨ ਦੀ ਮਹੱਤਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਲਦੇ ਹਨ। ਪਰ ਅੱਜ ਅਸੀਂ ਭੁੱਖੇ ਗੱਡੀ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਾਜ, ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਵਿਆਪਕ ਜਿੱਤ ਦੇ ਵੱਡੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਮਸ਼ਹੂਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਸਾਡੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਨਾ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਪੰਜ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਚਿੰਨ੍ਹ ਲਈ ਹੀ ਤੰਤੀ ਕਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ, ਸਗੋਂ ਚੋਰੀ ਕੀਲਣ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਧਾਰਮਿਕ ਆਗੂ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਟਿੱਪਣੀ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਸਤਵ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਥਾਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਅਤਿਆਚਾਰਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਗਤ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਾਜ ਲਈ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਲਹਿਰ ਨੂੰ ਉਤਸ਼ਾਹਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਵਿਆਪਕ ਜਿੱਤ ਦੇ ਸਵੇਰੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਮੀਰੀ-ਪੀਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਜ ਕਰਕੇ ਰਾਜਾ ਧਾਰਮਿਕ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਵੇਰ ਕਰਕੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਲਦੇ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਵੱਡੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਾਪੂਤਲੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਗੁੱਸੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆਉਣ ਲਈ ਕੇ ਕਲਮ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਲਾਜ਼ਿਕ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ।

## 2. DEFENDING AND PROMOTING THE SIKH IDENTITY

### LAW CHANGE SO PUBLIC BODIES COLLECT ETHNIC DATA ON SIKHS AND JEWS TO ADDRESS DISCRIMINATION MOVES ONE STEP CLOSER

4 December 2024 - Preet Kaur Gill MP has just tabled her Ten Minute Rule Bill in Parliament today on Public Body Ethnicity Data (inclusion of Jewish and Sikh Categories) Bill.

The First Reading of the Bill has taken place and was passed with overwhelming support and without any opposition bringing the need for a new law forcing public bodies to collect data on Sikhs and Jews as ethnic groups one step closer.



The bill was supported by Ben Coleman (Lab - Chelsea and Fulham), Jas Athwal (Lab - Ilford South), Jon Pearce (Lab - High Peak), David Pinto-Duschinsky (Lab - Hendon), Joani Reid (Lab - East Kilbride and Strathaven) and Alex Sobel (Lab - Leeds Central and Headingley).

The second reading of the bill was scheduled for 7 March 2025 and repeatedly put back while there is further engagement with MPs supporting the Sikh and Jewish communities on this issue of discrimination and inequalities that has gone on for far too long.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Sikh Federation's Lead Executive for Political Engagement said:

"Labour MPs that have taken this step today, led by Preet Kaur Gill have brought the need for the law to be changed one step closer so public bodies collect data on Sikhs and Jews as ethnic groups."

"Preet made some excellent points in her speech not least that Sikhs and Jews have been legally recognised as ethnic groups for over 40 years since the *Mandla v Lee* case in 1983."

"The Cabinet Office need to get public bodies to immediately start to collect data on Sikhs and Jews as ethnic groups to demonstrate they are serious about addressing discrimination faced by Sikhs and Jews without further delay."

Since the first reading of the Bill in December 2024 Ministers have repeatedly referred in correspondence and in response to Parliamentary Questions to the revised harmonisation standard for ethnicity possibly representing a solution. The harmonisation work experienced a 12-month pause, but the new ethnicity standard is expected to be published in 2026.

### MP wants better Jewish and Sikh ethnicity data

**BBC NEWS**

BBC News - 4 December 2024

An MP has called for a law to require public bodies to make more effort to record Sikhs and Jews as ethnic groups.

Preet Kaur Gill, who represents Edgbaston in Birmingham, said they were sometimes recorded as religious groups, but this data was "never used" to inform policymakers.

She told the House of Commons: "It makes both Jews and Sikhs invisible to policymakers, therefore ignoring the inequality and discrimination both groups face".

Recording them as ethnic groups could lead to greater recognition, she said.

Gill made the comments while appealing for her Public Body Ethnicity Data (Inclusion of Jewish and

Sikh Categories) Bill to get a second reading on 7 March.

The Labour MP said: "The only data collected on Sikhs and Jews in most recent years is religious data.

"However, the quality of data collected by public bodies on religion compared to ethnicity is poor, patchy and incomplete."

She said her bill was an attempt "to end the discrimination both communities face".

But she faces a battle to become law due to a lack of parliamentary time to consider private members' bills.

## Government apologises for NHS smoking poster featuring Sikh man



**Sky News understands the poster design was not commissioned by the NHS but by the Department of Health and Social Care.**

Sky News - 19 December 2024

The government has apologised over the publication of an "inappropriate" and "offensive" poster encouraging the public to quit smoking after backlash from the Sikh community.



The poster - which was uploaded to the NHS website and has now been deleted - featured a stock image from the website Alamy of a turbaned Sikh alongside the wording "make 2025 the year you quit smoking".

The Sikh Code of Conduct strictly prohibits the use of tobacco and other intoxicants.

In a comment sent exclusively to Sky News, a spokesperson for the Department of Health and Social Care said: "This image was included in our Stop Smoking campaign materials in error and we apologise wholeheartedly for any offence caused."

They added it was "never used on DHSC channels and the image has been deleted and we are putting processes in place to ensure mistakes like this do not happen again".

While the content contains NHS branding, Sky News understands the poster was not commissioned by the public health service but by the Department of Health and Social Care, which runs the Better Health campaign.

In a message sent to **Sikh Federation UK**, Health Secretary Wes Streeting described the poster as "inappropriate" and "offensive".

He said he has "asked for a note setting out how this could have happened to ensure we put steps in place across the board to make sure similar mistakes aren't repeated".

## CABINET MINISTER RESPONDS POSITIVELY TO HAVE INAPPROPRIATE IMAGE OF TURBAN WEARING SIKH REMOVED FROM 'QUIT SMOKING' PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN

London – 19 December 2024 - An inappropriate image of a turban wearing Sikh was used by the NHS in a public health campaign about the need to quit smoking.

When we realised the photograph of the turban wearing Sikh was simply a stock photo provided by Alamy we directly contacted Wes Streeting, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

We pointed out the use of the photograph of a turban wearing Sikh in a quit smoking campaign was deeply offensive. Others, including Gurdwaras and some MPs also contacted Wes Streeting.

Within hours Wes Streeting had the photograph removed and sent the following message to Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Sikh Federation's Lead Executive for Political Engagement:

***Dear Dabinderjit,***

***This was an image for a public health campaign that was put on the campaign website and then used by the NHS. As soon as I saw it I understood how inappropriate it was.***

***It has now been removed and we have asked all partners not to use the image.***

***I have asked the team to follow up to ensure everyone understands the ask and why this image will have been offensive to Sikhs.***

***I have also asked for a note setting out how this could have happened to ensure we put steps in place across the board to make sure similar mistakes aren't repeated.***

***Thank you very much for raising this. I'm sorry you've had to do so.***

***Please feel free to send this message on to your networks with my best wishes and apology.***

***All the best,***

***Wes***



Dabinderjit Singh, reacting to Wes Streeting's swift action said:



***"Wes realised straight away the image of the turban wearing Sikh in this 'quit smoking' campaign was inappropriate and offensive."***

***"Sikhs are strictly forbidden to smoke. It was therefore a major mistake to show a turban wearing Sikh in a quit smoking campaign. The Sikh himself will be livid his photograph was used."***

***"Wes has not only had the image removed, but has asked how the mistake was made and to learn lessons so similar mistakes are not repeated."***

***"Having MPs like Wes in senior positions in the UK Government who understand the Sikh community and our issues is a massive asset for the government."***

## **WEST MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL CUT SIKH MAN'S HAIR WITHOUT CONSENT**

**It has been revealed that West Middlesex University Hospital cut a 91-year-old Sikh man's beard without consent.**

28 December 2024 - It has been reported that staff at West Middlesex University Hospital cut a 91-year-old Sikh man's beard without consent.

On December 21, 2024, the BBC reported the news and said the family were "devastated".

According to the Sikh Federation (UK), the BBC report downplayed the situation as the family had said "absolutely no" to cutting the hair and the granddaughter said if her grandfather could react he would be "furious".

It had also mentioned that the incident happened at a hospital in West London.



In a statement, the hospital said: “We are deeply sorry and are taking this matter very seriously, this was a genuine mistake and are now working closely to support the patient’s family.”

The BBC added that the hospital could not be named “due to safety concerns”.

Granddaughter Keisha Sethi spoke about the incident and shared it on TikTok, leading to speculation about where it happened.

Many thought it might be The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Trust where a similar incident took place in 2021 during Covid.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Sikh Federation Lead Executive for Political Engagement, said:

“We suspect this incident has been deliberately played down by the hospital.

The Sikh Federation (UK) initially contacted Patricia Wright, the Chief Executive at The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Trust.

In an email to the Sikh Federation (UK), she said: “I can confirm that this incident did not happen at The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Trust and that we implemented enhanced guidance for staff following the incident at the Trust in 2021.”

After contacting other hospitals in West London, Lesley Watts, the Chief Executive Officer for Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust confirmed that the incident happened at West Middlesex University Hospital.

A subsequent letter to Mr Watts questioned why Sikh chaplains at the hospital had not received information about the incident.

After information was provided to the chaplains by a practising Sikh doctor involved with West Middlesex University Hospital, it was suggested that it may not be the first case of a Sikh patient’s hair being cut without consent at the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

Legally, the forcible cutting of hair counts as actual bodily harm (ABH).

The maximum possible ABH sentence is five years imprisonment, uplifted to seven years for racially or religiously aggravated ABH.

The Sikh Federation (UK) stated: “We fail to understand how this can be put down to a ‘genuine mistake’ for which an apology is sufficient, given the clear instructions given by the family not to cut the 91-year-old’s hair when asked.

“We have strongly suggested the hospital should report this serious incident to the police without delay who should investigate to establish the facts and if a crime has been committed with the forcible cutting of hair.

“As a minimum, we would expect there to be disciplinary action as there appear to be no reasons linked to emergency care that would justify the deliberate physical assault on the 91-year-old.”

“We have written to the Chief Executive to explain why we believe the police should be asked to investigate why the 91-year-old man’s hair was forcibly cut that amounts to assault.

## 'Vicious racist attack on two Sikh elderly men in Wolverhampton': Sikh Federation strongly condemns incident, questions UK government



Indian Express – 18 August 2025

**Sikh Federation**, a UK-based Sikh rights body, Monday condemned the alleged racist attack on two Sikh elderly men in Wolverhampton.

An alleged video from Wolverhampton has gone viral showing two elderly Sikh men being assaulted in broad daylight. One of the victims can be seen without his turban laying on the floor, while another is being kicked and punched. According to media reports, the British Transport Police arrested three teenagers in the case.

The rights body said that they have spoken to both victims and their families following the attack last Friday around 2 pm by a group of young white men outside Wolverhampton train station.

"The elderly gentlemen, both local taxi drivers, were on duty outside the station. A group of three white men exited the station and approached one of the drivers and demanded to be taken to Oldbury. One of the drivers told us they were very rude and abusive and ordered him to take them. He explained that the system does not work this way and that they would have to go into the taxi rank and book from there. But they were not interested or listening, instead they continued with their swearing and abuse," said the UK body in a statement.



"They then stepped to his face and started pushing him and within seconds he was being assaulted and punched in the face. His dastaar (turban) was removed while he was being punched and attacked from all sides by the three men and he fell to the floor as the attack continued. When a colleague came to his aid, the group also attacked him. He has several broken ribs and is having difficulty breathing. Both victims have been living and working in the UK for over 30 years, and never experienced such a violent and scary attack," said the Sikh Federation.

"What is shocking is despite having many who witnessed the attacks as well as CCTV footage and taking the attackers into custody, the police officers only reached out to speak to the victims more than 48 hours after the attack as the video of the attack went viral. They were told due to limited resources their statements would be taken later today. No one from victim support has been in contact despite such a brutal attack," added the statement.

**Dabinderjit Singh, the Lead Executive for Political Engagement at the Sikh Federation (UK)** said: "Keir Starmer in his efforts to appeal to Reform UK voters needs to accept he has unwittingly unleashed a level of hate with his irresponsible 'island of strangers' immigration speech. This also appears to be preventing him and the Labour government delivering on their specific promise before the General Election to treat Anti-Sikh hate on a par with Antisemitism and Islamophobia."

**Jas Singh, Principal Advisor to the Sikh Federation (UK)** said: "These two elderly men are traumatised by the attack, with no support and limited follow up from the authorities or police. It is unacceptable that the follow up yesterday only came after the video of the attack went viral. This incident must be treated as a religious and racially aggravated hate crime, as this is exactly what it is. The UK Government, especially after Keir Starmer's reference to 'island of strangers' immigration speech needs to urgently address Anti-Sikh hate and act upon the recommendations nearly 5 years ago by the All Party Parliamentary Group for British Sikhs."

BBC News – 26 August 2025

Two Sikh taxi drivers feared they would be killed during an unprovoked attack near a train station in what police are treating as a racially-aggravated assault.

Satnam Singh and Jasbir Sangha said they were set upon by several men outside Wolverhampton Railway Station earlier this month, before members of the public came to their aid.

Mr Sangha said he suffered two broken ribs and remains in a lot of pain and Mr Singh, who lost his turban in the attack, was badly bruised when he was kicked and punched.

British Transport Police said a 17-year-old boy and two men, aged 19 and 25, were arrested in connection with the assault and later released on bail.

Both men said they were at work outside the station when three men approached Mr Singh and started making demands while swearing and using racist language.

Mr Singh was pushed to the ground before they turned on Mr Sangha when he tried to intervene.

### Women intervened

Mr Singh, 64, said he was devastated by the loss of his turban as it covers uncut hair and is one of the five physical symbols worn by Sikhs who have been initiated into the Khalsa.

The men said they were grateful for two women coming to their aid, helping stop the attack from continuing.

"When he put me on the floor... when I get up after, I try to sit [and] when I look, I have no turban on my head... that time I am feeling I am dead," he said.

He said the attack had made him "very sad and scared".

"I think that I am dead when he threw me and punched me. It could have killed me"

Mr Sangha, 72, said he was punched in the face and then jumped on by the men.

"I was just trying to defend myself. It happened so quick and I was on the floor, all I see afterwards was one of the guys kicking me.

"Anything could have happened. Anything. I could have been killed." The incident was filmed by bystanders and has been viewed more than a million times on social media.

"When I saw the video it was so scary for me, it could have killed me," Mr Sangha added.

He suffered two broken ribs and said he was still in pain.

"When you sit down, get up, when you sneeze, it's a killer. It's a shock to your body, it's a hell of a pain."



He said he wanted to get back behind the wheel of his taxi as he had worked all his life, but the attack has left him scared.

Of the women who came to their aid, Mr Singh said: "One lady was young, one lady was old-ish, white ladies but very helpful, very very helpful,"

Mr Sangha said: "The people were very helpful. They were shouting at them, 'What are you doing?'. I really thank them for their help."

### 'Sikh children targeted'

**Jas Singh, from the Sikh Federation UK,** said he wanted the government to do more to protect Sikhs and help monitor any similar incidents.

"A year on now since Labour came into government we've still not seen any engagement from government with organisations like the Sikh Federation or gurdwaras in general to set up reporting centres in gurdwara to understand how to protect our elderly, our young, the vulnerable aspects of our community.

"Because we see, not only the attack in Wolverhampton but there is an increase on Sikh children in schools, in colleges and all of this is going unreported and the community is feeling neglected."

## Police investigating alleged rape of Sikh woman as racially motivated attack

THE INDEPENDENT

**The Sikh Federation said the perpetrators allegedly told the woman during the attack: 'You don't belong in this country'**

Independent – 12 September 2025



A Sikh woman was reportedly raped in a "racially motivated attack" in the West Midlands, prompting a police investigation.

The victim, a British-born Sikh in her 20s, told officers a racist remark was made during the assault. The incident occurred in the Tame Road area of Oldbury on Tuesday morning and was reported to West Midlands Police just before 8.30am.

**The Sikh Federation (UK)** said the perpetrators allegedly told the woman during the attack, which they said happened between 8am and 8.30am: "You don't belong in this country, get out."

The first is described as having a shaved head and a heavy build, and he was wearing a dark sweatshirt with gloves on. The second man was reportedly wearing a grey top with a silver zip.

Police said they are treating it as an "isolated incident" but understand the "anger and worry" it has caused the community.

Chief Superintendent Kim Madill, of Sandwell Police, said: "We are working really hard to identify those responsible, with CCTV, forensic and other inquiries well under way.

"We fully understand the anger and worry that this has caused, and I am speaking to people in the community today to reassure them that we are doing everything we can to identify and arrest those responsible.

**Dabinderjit Singh**, the lead executive for political engagement at the Sikh Federation (UK), said the attack took place in "broad daylight on a busy road" and that Sikh Youth UK is supporting the victim and her family.

He said: "Politicians from all political parties should have zero tolerance for all violent racist attacks.

"The current racist political environment is driven by populism and created by politicians playing the anti-immigration card who are unashamedly exploiting those with right-wing and racist views.

"More than 48 hours later we await the public condemnation by politicians on all sides of this brutal racist and sexual attack where a young Sikh woman has been viciously beaten and raped."

## Hundreds gather to show solidarity with Sikh woman raped 'in racially aggravated attack'

sky news

**The Sikh Federation (UK) has said the perpetrators allegedly told the woman during the attack: "You don't belong in this country, get out."**

Sky News – 14 September 2025

Hundreds of people gathered to show support and solidarity to a British Sikh woman who was raped in what police have described as a "racially aggravated" attack.



It comes after the victim, who is believed to be in her 20s, published a statement earlier in the week thanking the Sikh community for "being my voice".

The Sikh Federation (UK) has said the perpetrators allegedly told the woman during the attack: "You don't belong in this country, get out."

The woman reported to police that she was attacked by two white men, near Tame Road in Oldbury.

Scores of people on Sunday gathered outside the Guru Nanak Gurdwara temple in Smethwick in the pouring rain, where they conducted prayers and offered their support, before heading down to the scene of the crime on Tame Road.

"How could anybody justify this?" asked Parbinder Kaur, a councillor for Smethwick, who said she was attending the protests as "a woman, a mother, a grandmother".

"I needed to be here as a woman to support my sister and her family," she said. "They will never recover from this."

Many of the speakers in attendance expressed fear about a perceived rise in anti-Sikh hate crimes, and



## Man arrested in connection with 'racially-motivated rape' in West Midlands



**News of the arrest comes after members of the Sikh community gathered on Sunday to show support for the woman.**

**Officers investigating an alleged racially-motivated rape in the West Midlands have arrested a man, police have said.**

Officers were called just before 8.30am on Tuesday after a Sikh woman in her 20s reported being attacked by two white men in the area around Tame Road in Oldbury.

The man, who is in his 30s, was detained as part of enquiries on Sunday evening, West Midlands

what they say is a lack of political will to do anything about it.

Jas Singh, a representative of the Sikh Federation (UK), said that "as Sikhs, we have a very distinct identity, we are very unique".

Because of this, he believes Sikhs have "become a target".

While Mr Singh wants to allow the police to do their job and carry out their investigation, he warned they need to act fast.

"Don't force the hand of our community to deal with these matters if the state fails," he said. "We are giving the police 48 hours, we need to see action."

Mr Singh also questioned why Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood, the MP for Birmingham Ladywood, is yet to speak out.

"Why is she so silent on the matter?" he said. "People are disappointed that as a woman of colour, in the next constituency, she has not commented or shared her thoughts with the community."

This was put to Gurinder Singh Josan, the MP for Smethwick, who was in attendance.

"I have been in touch with a minister in the equalities brief and [the] home secretary, but there is very little they can do at this point," he said.

"We do need to be careful, we are absolutely aware rape is a very difficult case to get a conviction on and politicians don't want to do anything that could damage that."

Police are still trying to identify the perpetrators of the attack, which they say is being treated as "racially aggravated".

Police said. He remains in custody on suspicion of rape.

Chief Superintendent Kim Madill, of Sandwell Police, said: "This is a significant development in the investigation and we want to thank the community for their continuing support.

"The investigation remains ongoing and we would urge people not to speculate as we work to identify and trace all those who may have been involved."

### 3. TRUTH & JUSTICE FOR 1984 AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

#### **CAMPAIGN TO EXPOSE THE TRUTH OF THE EVENTS OF 1984 AND ANTI-SIKH MEASURES TO SILENCE SIKH OPPOSITION ABROAD**

##### **Motion passed by Derby City Council on 1984 attacks on Sikhs in India**

##### **Labour Council Leader to write to Deputy Prime Minister asking for timeline for independent public inquiry promised by Labour Government over the last decade**

19 September 2024 - Yesterday at the Derby City Council meeting Liberal Democrat Councillor Ajit Singh Atwal backed by Liberal Democrat Councillor Emily Lonsdale put down a motion focused on the events of November 1984.

Labour Councillor Gurkiran Kaur introduced an amended and better worded motion that was backed by Labour Councillor Hardayal Dhindsa and Labour Councillor Balbir Sandhu.

The amended motion that was unanimously approved reads:

##### **1984 attacks on Sikhs in India**

*The terrible events that took place in India in June 1984 are now within their 40th anniversary.*

*Many Sikh men, women and children needlessly lost their lives and many others experienced grave human rights violations.*

*Council resolves to commemorate all those who lost their lives during these events and offers condolences to members of the Sikh community who remain affected 40 years on.*

*And work with communities affected to promote healing, tolerance and future peace.*

*Council recognises the huge contribution the Sikh and other communities have made to our city here in Derby and beyond across the UK.*

*Council also recognises the attack in Punjab in 1984 as well as the attacks in November across India. Council acknowledges the attack on the Darbar Sahib Complex (Golden Temple) in Punjab alongside over 40 other Gurdwaras (Sikh Temples) and its impact on the Punjabi community. Council calls upon the Leader to write to the Deputy Prime Minister to request a timeline on when the promised inquiry into the role Britain played in the attacks will take place.*



Whilst the amended motion is more comprehensive the original motion specifically used the word 'genocide', but this has been avoided in the amended version without any explanation. In many other respects the amended motion is better, especially as it avoids using the phrase anti-Sikh "riots" that is incorrect and offensive.

The amended motion pushed by Labour councillors is also better as it has the specific action that Labour Council Leader, Councillor Nadine Peatfield write to the Deputy Prime Minister to ask for a timeline for the public inquiry promised several times, including in manifestos by Labour over the last decade while in Opposition.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Lead Executive responsible for political engagement said:

"Derby City Council and its councillors should be congratulated as it is the first Council in Britain to pass a motion on the events of June 1984 and November 1984 that individually and collectively amount to a genocide."

"There are plans in the 40th anniversary year for other Councils to have similar 1984 motions. We will be pushing for the wording of the motions to be improved to ensure the 1984 Sikh Genocide is properly acknowledged."

"It is also important in communications between Council Leaders and the Foreign Secretary and Home Secretary to push for a judge-led independent public inquiry."

"A High Court judge (possibly retired) must be appointed to lead the inquiry as it will involve examining sensitive material and is the only way to ensure independence."

### **LABOUR COUNCIL LEADER WRITES TO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CALLING FOR TIMELINE FOR JUDGE-LED PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO BRITISH GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN THE INDIAN ARMY MASSACRE OF SIKHS IN JUNE 1984**

10 October 2024 - The Labour Leader for Derby City Council, Nadine Peatfield has today written to the Deputy Prime Minister following a motion debated on 18 September that was unanimously passed by elected councillors from all political parties in Derby.

The Sikh Federation (UK) has been liaising with the Council Leader since the motion was passed and earlier today, she kindly copied us her letter just before it was sent to the Deputy Prime Minister.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Lead Executive for political engagement, said: "We requested that the Council Leader call should be for a judge-led public inquiry as there will be a need for a judge to examine sensitive material, such as the specific advice and assistance provided by the SAS in carrying out the June 1984 attack."



The Council Leader's letter specifically states: "The best way to provide the truth on the historic role the British government played in June 1984 is through a public inquiry led by a judge." The truth on the role of the British government is needed by the public at large and not only the worldwide Sikh community.

The Council motion and the letter sent today to the Deputy Prime Minister refers to the "terrible attacks on Sikhs in June and November 1984 when many Sikh men, women and children needlessly lost their lives."

The letter to the Deputy Prime Minister also states: "I have been asked to write to you to request a timeline on when the promised inquiry into the role Britain played in these attacks will take place."

The Council Leader also thanked the "Labour Party for its perseverance in the pursuit of the truth over the last 10 years since the 1984 papers were released in 2014."

Dabinderjit Singh, added:

"This letter from the Derby City Council Leader adds to Sikh community pressure for the Labour government to start a judge-led public inquiry in the 40th anniversary year."

"Hundreds of MPs up and down the country with Sikh constituents need to encourage the Foreign Secretary as we approach 100 days of a Labour government to announce the public inquiry in Parliament this year."

"Since the Derby City Council motion we have provided a carefully worded draft motion to more than half a dozen other Labour-led councils that are under consideration and could result in similar action that will create further pressure on the Labour government."

"Labour must honour its 10-year promise to provide the truth about the advice and assistance given by the Margaret Thatcher led government in the June 1984 massacre of Sikhs."

"The judge-led public inquiry must also expose the full truth of anti-Sikh measures requested by the Indian government against the Sikh minority in Britain in the Thatcher era from 1979 to 1990."

"The Sacrificing Sikhs report we published in November 2017, based on around 50% of the UK government papers already released, suggests there will be many revelations in a public inquiry on Indian government interference and targeting of Sikh activists in the UK."

## Sikh groups accuse Starmer of 'incompetence' by failing to mark religious festival

The Telegraph

**The Sikh Federation said it was 'indefensible' and the Labour Party was taking the support of the community for granted.**

Daily Telegraph - 17 November 2024

More than 300 Sikh groups have written to Sir Keir Starmer to express their "huge disappointment" that No 10 did not mark a Sikh festival.

On Sunday, the **Sikh Federation** criticised the Prime Minister for failing to wish more than one million British Sikhs a "Happy Gurburb" on Nov 15.

While other world leaders' social media accounts celebrated the 555th birthday of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, Downing Street did not.

Addressing the Prime Minister on behalf of hundreds of Sikh Gurdwaras and organisations, the federation's lead executive Dabinderjit Singh described the blunder as "indefensible".

Days earlier Number 10 was criticised for serving meat and alcohol to Hindu guests at a Diwali event, an oversight which triggered a public apology.

In the letter seen by The Telegraph, Mr Singh, a former National Audit Office director, noted that this



Sikhs celebrate the birthday of Guru Nanak in Amritsar, India on Friday. Credit: Prabjit Gill/AP

latest "show of incompetence" suggested that the Prime Minister was taking the Sikh community for granted.

He wrote: "When you were the leader of the Opposition you put out excellent Gurburb messages, but [this] oversight will be seen by many

in the Sikh community that our community is being taken totally for granted now you are in power.”

Mr Singh explained that the “embarrassing” error was all the more unforgivable coming at a time when the Sikh diaspora faced “transnational repression by the Indian government”.

Sikh activists in the United States and Canada have reported surveillance, threats and harassment which they attribute to Indian government efforts to suppress dissent.

Mr Singh noted that Sir Keir has been made aware of the heightened threats against the Sikh community, including by Justin Trudeau, the Canadian prime minister.

### **Warnings from British intelligence**

He noted this was not the first time the Sikh Federation felt the Government was dismissive of its concerns, pointing out that they had been forced to “embarrassingly” alert Craig Guildford, Chief Constable of West Midlands Police, about “threat to life” warnings for Sikhs in the area from British intelligence, of which he was reportedly “totally unaware”.

Mr Singh said there were tens of thousands of constituents who “will find it impossible to defend your oversight as PM by not putting out a message on Gurburb and reassuring the Sikh community about their safety and security”.

The Sikh Federation called out former leaders Boris Johnson and Rishi Sunak for the same oversight when they first came into office.

In both instances they apologised and Mr Singh noted “the same mistake was not repeated and it was put right the following year”.

Mr Singh said that this time, “A public apology for forgetting the Gurburb of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and a promise that the same mistake will not to be repeated will simply not be good enough.”

He added, “this can only be described as another blunder that could easily have been avoided.”

A Labour Party spokesman acknowledged the oversight but said that, “The Labour Party was pleased to send its best wishes to the Sikh community on the occasion of Guru Nanak Dev Ji’s birth anniversary this week through its multiple social media accounts.

“Labour is proud to have 11 Sikh MPs following this year’s election. The British Sikh community is an important contributor to fixing the foundations of our country and delivering change. Together, we will rebuild Britain.”



## **PRESSURE GROWS ON LABOUR GOVERNMENT TO HONOUR ITS 10-YEAR PROMISE AND ANNOUNCE A JUDGE LED PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO UK INVOLVEMENT IN THE JUNE 1984 INDIAN ARMY ASSAULT ON THE SIKHS’ HOLIEST SHRINE**

### **Leader of Birmingham City Council writes to the Deputy Prime Minister asking for judge-led public inquiry to commence**



29 November 2024 - The Leader of Birmingham City Council, Councillor John Cotton has written today to the Deputy Prime Minister calling for a judge-led public inquiry into UK involvement to commence as soon as possible.

He has stated “any inquiry into British involvement into Operation Blue Star should take a wider approach, and consider the events of the following decade”.

This follows on from a motion passed by Derby City Council on 18 September and a letter sent by the Labour Leader for Derby

City Council, Nadine Peatfield on 10 October to the Deputy Prime Minister.

Her letter stated: “The best way to provide the truth on the historic role the British government played in June 1984 is through a public inquiry led by a judge.”

The letter continued by stating: "I have been asked to write to you to request a timeline on when the promised inquiry into the role Britain played in these attacks will take place."

We checked with the Council Leader for Derby and she told us earlier this week she had still not had a response from the Deputy Prime Minister. It has now been over 7 weeks since she wrote to the Deputy Prime Minister.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Sikh Federation's Lead Executive for political engagement said:

"Today's letter from the Leader of Birmingham City Council adds to the pressure on the UK government to formally announce the start of the judge led public inquiry."

"We are coming up to 150 days of a Labour government and they remain extremely tight-lipped about formally announcing the start of the public inquiry that they promised into UK involvement in the 1984 massacre of thousands of Sikhs."

"The Labour government announced on 11 September the start of a public inquiry into the 1989 murder of Belfast solicitor Pat Finucane."

"Thousands of innocent Sikh pilgrims were killed in June 1984 in which the UK government under Thatcher were involved so it is only reasonable to expect at least the same priority be given to this public inquiry."



"Labour has been promising a public inquiry to the 1 million strong British Sikh community and the wider British public while in opposition for the last 10 years, including in two Labour manifestos."

"We understand because of the subject matter the Foreign Secretary, David Lammy will need to make the formal announcement of a public inquiry in Parliament."

"We therefore wrote to David Lammy about the judge-led public inquiry on 23 September suggesting it should start in the 40th anniversary year."

"As we did not receive a response, we followed this up with another letter on 31 October and reminded him the judge-led inquiry must also look anti-Sikh measures in the UK under Margaret Thatcher (1979-1990) that has been backed today by the Leader of Birmingham City Council."

"We received a reply to our letters from Catherine West, the Foreign Minister for the Indo Pacific on 14 October, but it only referred to the case of Jagtar Singh Johal and was totally silent about the judge-led inquiry."

"We have also been writing to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Cabinet Office and the Home Secretary over the last 8 weeks as they will also have a role in the judge-led inquiry. Again, there has been a deafening silence."

"On 16 November we were forced to write to the Prime Minister on behalf of over 300 UK Gurdwaras and Sikh organisations requesting him to intervene and get his Cabinet Ministers to respond to our letters."

"The letter today from the Labour Leader of Birmingham City Council should be a wake-up call to the Labour government that they need to formally announce the judge-led public inquiry they promised."

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ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਹਾਦਤਾਂ ਨਿਆਰੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਸਾਡੇ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਅੰਦਰ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਅਸਥਾਨ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹਨ। ਹਿੰਦੋਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਾਲਮ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਕੂੜ-ਭੂਠ ਜ਼ੁਲਮ ਦਾ ਸਹਾਰਾ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਨੂੰ ਬਦਨਾਮ ਕਰਨ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਪਈ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਤਾ ਹੀ ਨਾ ਚਲ ਸਕੇ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਕਰ ਕਿਉਂ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਜਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਅੱਜ ਕਲ ਕਿਸਾਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਸ਼ਾਂਤਮਈ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਨੂੰ ਬਦਨਾਮ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਲਗਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਪਰ ਕੁਦਰਤ ਖ਼ਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ ਕੇ ਹੋਰ ਬੋਲ-ਬਾਲੇ ਅਤੇ ਚੜ੍ਹਦੀਕਲਾ ਬਖ਼ਸ਼ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਚਹੇੜ, ਹਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ, ਨਰਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਜਤਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਭਾਈ ਕੁਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੁਨੱਡਾ ਸਮੇਤ ਵਡੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਅੰਦਰ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਹਾਜ਼ਿਰ ਸਨ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਮੈਦਿਕ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਸਕੂਲੇਅਰ ਅਤੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਗਾਰਡਨ ਲਈ ਵਡੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਅੰਦਰ ਹਾਜ਼ਿਰ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਹਾਜ਼ਿਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਨਵੀਂ ਸੜਕ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਦਾ ਉਦਘਾਟਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ।

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## Sikh group 'disappointed' at Labour's silence on 1984 Golden Temple massacre inquiry despite Starmer promise



In 1984, hundreds of people were killed after the Indian military entered a Sikh temple where separatists had sought refuge. Campaigners want an inquiry into potential links between the UK and Indian government ahead of the event.

Sky News - 10 January 2025

A Sikh group has been left "disappointed" after Labour failed to open an inquiry into potential links between the UK and deaths of hundreds of Sikhs at the Golden Temple in India in 1984.

In a letter seen by Sky News, **the Sikh Federation** told Foreign Secretary David Lammy they had written to him five times since Labour took office and had not received any replies.

Sir Keir Starmer wrote a letter to Sikhs in 2022 promising a Labour government would "open an independent inquiry into Britain's military role in the Indian army's 1984 raid on the Golden Temple in Amritsar".

In 1984, momentum was building for a separate Sikh state to be established - with events eventually turning violent.

This armed insurgency was met by a severe government crackdown.

In 2014, the UK government accidentally revealed they may have been linked to the Golden Temple raid.



### Operation Blue Star

In June 1984, Operation Blue Star saw Indian forces storm the Golden Temple, the holiest Sikh shrine in Amritsar, where separatists had taken refuge.

Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale - a Sikh leader, and violent revolutionary and key advocate for a Sikh state - was among the hundreds killed. Sikh groups argue the true number of dead was in the thousands.

Months later, prime minister Indira Gandhi, who had ordered the raid on the temple, was assassinated by two of her Sikh bodyguards in an act of revenge.

In 2014, documents accidentally released by the British government showed Margaret Thatcher was aware of the Indian state's intention to raid the temple and in the months before the raid, a British SAS officer provided advice to the Indian government.

Then prime minister David Cameron asked civil servant Jeremy Heywood to conduct an investigation.

Mr Cameron later said: "Around four months before the event, at the request of the Indian government, a single UK military officer provided some advice. But critically this advice was not followed, and it was a one-off."

He added: "There is absolutely no evidence of UK government involvement in the operation itself."

### 'Cover up' accusation

The Sikh Federation previously accused the government of a "cover up" and has been calling for a judge-led inquiry.

In Friday's letter to David Lammy, the Sikh Federation's lead executive Dabinderjit Singh said "Labour has now been in power for over 6 months and there has been total silence" on the inquiry "promised by Labour for the last 10 years".

He also pointed out that despite the five letters already sent to Mr Lammy, they have "not even had a holding reply" about the consideration of an inquiry, as guidelines state they should receive.

The letter was sent after Labour MP Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi, who is chair of the defence select committee, also called for an inquiry.

Lucy Powell, the Labour leader of the House of Commons, said: "We need to get to the bottom of what happened, and I will ensure that the Ministers responsible are in touch with him to discuss the matter further."

Sky News has approached the Foreign Office for comment.

## Tan Dhesi MP calls for Independent Inquiry into 1984 Amritsar Attack

SIKH SIYASAT  
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Sikh Siyasat – 14 January 2025

On 9 January 2025, UK Parliament member Tan Dhesi raised the matter of an independent inquiry into the British governments role in attack in Amritsar by Indian Army in June 1984.

Tan Dhesi MP, noted:



"In 1984, the global Sikh community suffered catastrophic collective trauma when the then Indian Government ordered the storming of the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar, which led to devastating destruction and bloodshed, with

thousands of innocent people losing their lives. Thirty years later, to our shock, new documents exposed that the Thatcher Government had helped their Indian counterpart by providing advice prior to that military operation. In its pursuit for the truth and transparency, the British Sikh community duly launched a campaign for an independent inquiry to establish the extent of that involvement. While previous Conservative Governments have tried to brush the issue under the carpet, Sikhs expected the new Labour Government to establish that promised independent inquiry. When will that be initiated?"

Leader of the House of Commons, Lucy Powell MP responded:

"I know that this matter is of great importance to the Sikh community across the UK, so my hon. Friend is absolutely right to raise it today and to continue to do so on behalf of the Sikh community and others. We need to get to the bottom of what happened, and I will ensure that the Ministers responsible are in touch with him to discuss the matter further."

## British Sikh MPs call for independent probe into UK role in Op Bluestar

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Hindustan Times – 6 June 2025

The first demand for an independent inquiry arose a few years ago when it emerged that British military advice was given to Indian forces prior to Operation Bluestar.

British Sikh members of parliament Warinder Juss and Jas Athwal on Thursday reiterated their demand in the UK Parliament for an independent investigation into the involvement of the then Margaret Thatcher-led Conservative government in India's Operation Bluestar in June 1984.

Juss, who represents the governing Labour Party in Wolverhampton West in northern England, and Athwal, who is the Labour MP for Ilford South in the east of the country, raised the matter during the "Business of the House" session with the Leader of the House of Commons, Lucy Powell.

They highlighted the 41st anniversary of the operation at Golden Temple and pointed to Powell's assurance to their fellow Sikh Labour MP, Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi, earlier this year of the "need to get to the bottom of what happened".



"Documents revealed in 2014 showed that the Thatcher government had helped their Indian counterpart by providing advice for Operation Bluestar," said Juss.

"Since 2014, there have been many calls to establish the extent of the British government's involvement, and many assurances have been given. Will the Leader of the House give a statement to the House announcing an independent, judge-led public inquiry to, in her own

words, get to the bottom of what happened," he asked.

Powell responded by acknowledging the concerns of members of the country's Sikh community but said she did not have an update since the last time the matter was raised in Parliament in early January.

"When I was asked about this issue previously, I did follow up, and I am sorry to say that I am still waiting," she said.

Athwal intervened later during the session to highlight that this week coincides with the anniversary of Operation Bluestar.

He said: "Some 41 years later, questions about British involvement remain unanswered. Labour promised in its 2017 and 2019 manifestos to hold an inquiry, and the Prime Minister [Keir Starmer] and the Deputy Prime Minister [Angela Rayner] pledged to do so before the last election.

"Will the Leader of the House allow time for an update from the Foreign Secretary on the progress of implementing that inquiry and ensure that promises made in opposition are fulfilled in government?" Powell reiterated that she understood how important it was for the British Sikh community to see "progress on this issue".

"That is the second time that it has been raised with me this morning. I will ensure that the Foreign Secretary [David Lammy] is aware of the concerns being raised again on the Floor of the House and that the update I previously asked for is made available to Members and this House," she said.



The first demand for an independent inquiry arose a few years ago when it emerged that British military advice was given to Indian forces prior to Operation Bluestar.

The then British Prime Minister, David Cameron, had ordered an internal review into this discovery, which led to a statement in Parliament declaring that Britain's role had been purely "advisory" and the Special Air Service (SAS) advice had "limited impact" on Operation Bluestar in June 1984.

## More than 400 Sikh groups call on Starmer to launch 'promised' inquiry on Golden Temple massacre



**In 2022, Sir Keir Starmer promised to hold an inquiry into the Golden Temple massacre and any potential UK involvement. Sikh groups are now calling for a probe to be announced by the end of next month.**

Sky News - 2 April 2025

More than 400 Gurdwaras and Sikh organisations are calling on Sir Keir Starmer to launch an inquiry he promised into potential British involvement in the Golden Temple Massacre.

The groups have signed a letter that was sent to the prime minister urging him to follow through on a commitment made in 2022.

The calls relate to questions around what part the UK and British special forces played in the 1984 killings, in which hundreds of Sikhs died after the Indian military entered the temple complex where separatists had sought refuge.

In 2014, the UK government accidentally revealed Margaret Thatcher was aware of the Indian state's intention to raid the temple and in the months



before the raid, a British SAS officer provided advice to the Indian government.

A subsequent investigation commissioned by David Cameron found that a single officer provided advice - and there was "no evidence of UK government involvement in the operation itself".

However, this investigation was criticised as a cover-up due to its limited scope and quick timeframe.

In 2022, Sir Keir wrote to all Gurdwaras and Sikh organisations, saying: "A future Labour government will open an independent inquiry into Britain's military role in the Indian army's 1984 raid on the Golden Temple in Amritsar. It is important that we are open, transparent and above reproach in understanding any role the UK may have played in such events.

"This is something I know is important to our Sikh communities here and throughout the world."

However, an announcement on the inquiry is yet to materialise.

In the letter sent to the prime minister by the Sikh Federation, seen by Sky News, Sir Keir is told: "If what is eventually proposed by a Labour government fails to deliver the 'truth' as promised by you this will have massive political ramifications for the Sikh community's support for Labour in future elections for many generations."

The federation says an inquiry "must" be announced by 31 May.

Over 400 Gurdwaras and Sikh organisations write to Keir Starmer demanding start date for a judge-led public inquiry

31 March 2025

By Alan, Sir Keir Starmer MP  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
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Dear Sir,

Judge-led public inquiry into UK involvement in the June 1984 Indian army assault and anti-Sikh violence in Britain under Margaret Thatcher (1979-1990)

Over 400 Gurdwaras and Sikh organisations throughout the UK joined below in alphabetical order to request you as leader of the British Sikh community to launch the commitment to an independent public inquiry. The independent public inquiry needs to be announced in the next two months while we are in the 40th anniversary year of the tragic events of June 1984. Given the volume and consistency of evidence to be examined it must be a judge-led public inquiry. 40 years later anything less will lack credibility and leave many questions unanswered.

In January 2014, the recent government papers were accidentally released to the National Archives under the 30 year rule. They revealed that Margaret Thatcher authorised a British special forces officer to secretly visit Amritsar in February 1984 to assess the Indian army ahead of an attack on the Golden Temple shrine, Sri Harmandir Sahib and the surrounding complex in which thousands of pilgrims were assembled.

It has since emerged from Indian documents that the head of Indian intelligence, R. N. Kao, sent SAS officers in November 1983 who occupied the Golden Temple Complex in December 1983 ahead of Margaret Thatcher announcing the SAS offer to visit and provide assistance in February 1984. Margaret Thatcher kept this totally secret from Parliament and the public as she knew it was highly controversial and extremely damaging having been advised in March 1983 by the British High Commissioner in India there would be a "blowback" if there was military action at the Golden Temple.

David Cameron as Prime Minister and William Hague as Foreign Secretary were shocked when the documents emerged in mid January 2014. Reading the serious political implications of the revelation David Cameron within 24 hours asked for money requested the Cabinet Secretary to carry out a rapid internal review that reported back to Parliament in just three hours. This internal review was subsequently kept secret and never reached the surface. The report recommended to Parliament considered the military advice was a one-off, no other UK military assistance was provided and the assault had been repulsed.

# ਇੰਗਲੈਂਡ ਦੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਠਨਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਾਕਾ ਨੀਲਾ ਤਾਰਾ 'ਚ ਯੂ. ਕੇ. ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਭੂਮਿਕਾ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ

## ਬਰਤਾਨੀਆ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਸਟਾਰਮਰ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਦੋ ਮਹੀਨੇ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ

ਲੰਡਨ, 4 ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ (ਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੱਪਨੀ ਕਲਾ)-ਇੰਗਲੈਂਡ ਦੇ 400 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਠਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਬਰਤਾਨੀਆ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਕੀਰ ਸਟਾਰਮਰ ਨੂੰ ਸਾਕਾ ਨੀਲਾ ਤਾਰਾ 'ਚ ਯੂ. ਕੇ. ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਭੂਮਿਕਾ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਵਾਅਦਾ ਮੁੜ ਯਾਦ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ. ਕੇ. ਦੇ ਭਾਈ ਦਬਿਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਠਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਭੇਜ ਕੇ ਜੂਨ 1984 ਦੀਆਂ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਮਾਰਗਰੇਟ ਥੈਚਰ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਉਪਾਵਾਂ 'ਚ ਯੂ. ਕੇ. ਦੀ ਸ਼ਮੂਲੀਅਤ ਦੀ ਜੌਜ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਵਾਲੀ ਜਨਤਕ ਜਾਂਚ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਦੋ ਮਹੀਨਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ (ਅਲਟੀਮੇਟਮ) ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਇਥੇ ਹੀ ਬੱਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਬੀਤੇ ਕੱਲ੍ਹ ਸਾਰੇ ਲੋਥਰ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਚਾਰ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਇਕ ਪੱਤਰ ਭੇਜਿਆ

ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ 'ਚ ਸਾਕਾ ਨੀਲਾ ਤਾਰਾ ਦੀ ਜਨਤਕ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ-ਨਾਲ ਜੰਗੀ ਜੰਗਲ ਦੀ ਰਿਹਾਈ, ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ 'ਚ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੀ ਦਖਲਅੰਦਾਜ਼ੀ ਅਤੇ ਜਲ੍ਹਿਆਂਵਾਲਾ ਬਾਗ ਕਾਂਢ ਦੀ ਮੁਆਫ਼ੀ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੈ। ਪੱਤਰ 'ਚ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੂਨ 1984 ਦੀਆਂ ਦੁਖਦਾਈ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਦੀ 40ਵੀਂ ਵਰ੍ਹੇਗੰਢ ਦੇ ਸਾਲ 'ਚ ਹੋਣ ਦੇ ਬਾਵਜੂਦ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਜਨਤਕ ਜਾਂਚ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਅਗਲੇ ਦੋ ਮਹੀਨਿਆਂ 'ਚ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਜਾਂਚ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਬੂਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੁਸ਼ਟਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਵੇਦਨਸ਼ੀਲਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਖਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਇਹ ਇਕ ਜੱਜ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਵਾਲੀ ਜਨਤਕ ਜਾਂਚ ਹੋਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਵੀ ਕਿਹਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਨਵਰੀ 2014 'ਚ 30 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਿਯਮ



ਅਧੀਨ ਅਚਾਨਕ ਗੁਪਤ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਕਾਗਜ਼ਾਤ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਸਨ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ 'ਚ ਖੁਲਾਸਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਮਾਰਗਰੇਟ ਥੈਚਰ ਨੇ ਫਰਵਰੀ 1984 'ਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਦੌਰਾ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਪਵਿੱਤਰ ਅਸਥਾਨ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਰਿਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ 'ਤੇ ਦੌਰਾ ਲਈ ਇਕ 'ਚ ਭਾਰਤ 'ਚ ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਬਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਪਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਜਾਣ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ, ਜਿਸ 'ਚ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਦਾ ਕਤਲੇਆਮ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਕਬੂਲਨਾਮਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਇਹ ਗੱਲ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਆਈ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਖੁਫ਼ੀਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ 1983

'ਚ ਐਮ. ਆਈ. 6 ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਖੁਲਾਕਾਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਦਸੰਬਰ 1983 'ਚ ਮਾਰਗਰੇਟ ਥੈਚਰ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਫਰਵਰੀ 1984 'ਚ ਐਸ. ਏ. ਐਸ. ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਦੌਰਾ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਇਜਾਜ਼ਤ ਦੇਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਰਿਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ। ਮਾਰਗਰੇਟ ਥੈਚਰ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਸਦ ਅਤੇ ਜਨਤਾ ਤੋਂ ਪੂਰੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਗੁਪਤ ਰੱਖਿਆ, ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਉਹ ਜਾਣਦੀ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਬਹੁਤ ਵਿਵਾਦਾਸ਼ੂਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਨੁਕਸਾਨਦੇਹ ਹੈ, ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਮਾਰਚ 1983 'ਚ ਭਾਰਤ 'ਚ ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਹਾਈ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਲਾਹ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਰਿਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ 'ਤੇ ਫ਼ੌਜੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਖ਼ੂਨ ਖ਼ਰਾਬਾ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਇਥੇ ਹੀ ਬੀਜ ਨਹੀਂ ਪੱਤਰ 'ਚ ਸਾਕਾ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਡੇਵਿਡ ਕੈਮਰਨ ਵਲੋਂ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਗਈ ਸਮੀਖਿਆ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਜ਼ਿਕਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਨੇ ਮੁੱਢੋਂ ਹੀ ਰੱਦ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ।

## UK Sikhs threaten to 'no platform' Labour MPs over lack of Golden Temple massacre inquiry the guardian

**Exclusive: Warnings 'frustrated' Sikh voters could turn to Reform over failure to investigate UK's role in 1984 tragedy**

Guardian - 1 June 2025

British Sikhs are threatening to "no platform" Labour MPs over the lack of a public inquiry into UK complicity in the 1984 Golden Temple massacre in India, amid warnings "frustrated" Sikh voters could back Reform UK.



More than 450 gurdwaras, charities, associations and university societies have written to Keir Starmer demanding he honour previous promises to fully investigate the affair or risk "massive consequences for the re-election of many Labour MPs".

The ultimatum coincides with a Trafalgar Square rally on Sunday marking the 41st anniversary of the massacre, in which thousands of people were killed after Indian forces stormed Sikhism's holiest site in Amritsar to remove the religious leader and militant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, horrifying moderates.

The letter, which is dated 1 June, said the Sikh community was "hugely disappointed there has been a deafening silence" to recent letters. It called for timelines for an inquiry that would investigate "UK involvement in the Indian military operation and anti-Sikh measures in Britain when Margaret Thatcher was in power".

Campaigners, who had hoped an inquiry would be launched before the end of the massacre's 40th anniversary year, are now warning that Labour MPs face being banned from Sikh temples and events.

"Regrettably, we are today being forced to put the Labour leadership on notice," the letter added.

"If a judge-led public inquiry is not announced in parliament by the end of July 2025 the Sikh community will implement a 'no platform' policy for all Labour MPs from 1 August that are not supporting a judge-led public inquiry ... Sikhs are well-respected (and) can build political alliances. Sikhs may need to make it their business to campaign with others locally and nationally to get the wider public to punish Labour for broken promises," it said.

The Guardian has seen a list of seats nationwide where **Sikh Federation UK** has identified the "Sikh vote" as "critical".

Dabinderjit Singh, the NGO's executive lead, said Labour faced a permanent loss of support from the majority of Sikhs in the UK. The federation believes they are a million-strong – double the figure in the last census – as not everyone records their religion and recent migration is not included.

Meanwhile, concerns have intensified among British Sikhs about India's treatment of minorities and transnational repression, amid strengthening UK trade ties with the country.

Singh said talks were under way with the Liberal Democrats, Reform and the Scottish National Party about support for an inquiry. He said every Labour MP would be written to, adding: "There are 105 [seats] we're monitoring where the Sikh vote will matter, including Ilford North, Ilford South, Wolverhampton seats, Birmingham seats, Derby seats.

"Labour announced the [Pat Finucane] inquiry in September ... don't tell us, when there were thousands of people killed in 1984, that our lives matter less."



Singh said: "Following the 1 May [local and mayoral] elections ... some people are saying Sikhs are going to start to vote Reform. I think it's the frustration. Lots of people just get so frustrated with politicians making promises and then doing the exact opposite, on a range of issues.

"That's the bigger danger – that people therefore look for something different, independent candidates, Reform candidates, Green candidates."

Singh said while he struggled personally with Reform's policies, he added: "I've met Nigel Farage before, and UKIP, as it was then, were greatly supportive on Sikh issues ... for their own reasons. I can see things getting really divisive."

Two British Sikh candidates ran for Reform in 2024's general election in London. Meanwhile Rajbir Singh, a former Labour leader of Sandwell council in the West Midlands, defected to Reform in April.

Approached for comment, the Foreign Office pointed to comments made in January by the leader of the Commons, Lucy Powell, who, when asked an independent inquiry would be initiated, said: "I know that this matter is of great importance to the Sikh community across the UK ... we need to get to the bottom of what happened."

## Keir Starmer warned Labour MPs face ban from Sikh events



**The Sikh Federation wants an investigation into alleged UK involvement in the 1984 Golden Temple massacre in Amritsar. The prime minister, while in opposition, promised a Labour government would start a probe.**

Sky News - 23 July 2025

Sir Keir Starmer is facing a nine-day deadline to avoid Labour MPs being banned from Sikh events and gurdwaras.

Hundreds of Sikh groups are threatening to "no platform" Labour MPs if the government does not announce an inquiry into alleged UK involvement in the Golden Temple massacre, and other "anti-Sikh measures" carried out by India during the Thatcher era, according to a letter seen by Sky News.

It comes as **the Sikh Federation** continues to call for the probe - saying it was promised in the run-up to the general election last year.

The calls relate to questions around what part the UK and British special forces played in the 1984 killings, in which hundreds of Sikhs died after the Indian military entered the temple complex where separatists had sought refuge.

Previous limited investigations under David Cameron found a single British officer provided advice to the Indian government before the raid - but there was "no evidence of UK government involvement in the operation itself".

Writing to Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer on Tuesday, the Sikh Federation said it wanted a timeline of a judge-led inquiry to be confirmed by 31 July - Friday next week.

The letter was sent to Downing Street ahead of a visit from Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the UK. There have been allegations that Mr Modi's government has attempted to stymie the separatist Sikh movement, including through repression in the UK and other countries like Canada.

The allegations have been denied by the Indian government.

Starmer's promise

Sir Keir wrote to all Gurdwaras, Sikh places of worship, and Sikh organisations in 2022 saying "a future Labour government will open an independent inquiry into Britain's military role in the Indian army's 1984 raid on the Golden Temple in Amritsar".

Angela Rayner posted on social media ahead of last year's election that "Labour stands with the Sikh community in calling for an inquiry into the historic role Britain played" in the raid on the Golden Temple.

If the request for an inquiry timeline is not met by the government, the Sikh Federation told the prime minister it would "issue guidance in August on how Gurdwaras and Sikh organisations should implement the no platform policy in Gurdwaras and Sikh events that will in practice start to impact from September onwards".

This guidance would apply to all Labour MPs who do not publicly support the implementation of an inquiry - including ministers.

The federation's letter claims the issue was raised with Sir Keir earlier this month by a Labour MP and the prime minister "responded positively".

Among the close to 500 signatories to the letter from the Sikh Federation is the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick, West Midlands, where Sir Keir was pictured campaigning for the leadership of the Labour Party. The government declined to comment.



# ਬ੍ਰਿਟੇਨ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਏ ਕਤਲੇਆਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਮੂਲੀਅਤ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕਰੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਤਾਂ ਨੌ ਸਿੱਖ ਪਲੇਟਫਾਰਮ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਲਾਗੂ: ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂਕੇ



ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 24 ਜੁਲਾਈ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):- ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਲੰਮੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਜੂਨ 84 ਵਿਚ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਤੇ ਹੋਏ ਫੌਜੀ ਹਮਲੇ ਵਿਚ ਬ੍ਰਿਟੇਨ ਦੀ ਭੂਮਿਕਾ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਦਾ ਵਾਅਦਾ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਾਲ ਆਮ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਪੀਐਮ ਕੀਰ ਸਟਾਰਮਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਸੈਂਕੜੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਮੂਹ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਚੋਣਾਵਨੀ ਦੇ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਏ ਕਤਲੇਆਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੀ ਕਬਿਤ ਸ਼ਮੂਲੀਅਤ ਅਤੇ ਬੇਚਰ ਯੁੱਗ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹੋਰ -ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਉਪਾਵਾਂ- ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਲੇਬਰ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ -ਕੋਈ ਪਲੇਟਫਾਰਮ ਨਹੀਂ- ਦੇਣਗੇ। ਇਹ ਕਾਲਾਂ 1984 ਦੇ ਕਤਲੇਆਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਯੂਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਬਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਭੂਮਿਕਾ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਵਾਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਹਨ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਫੌਜ ਦੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਕੰਪਲੈਕਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਾਖਲ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਸੈਂਕੜੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਮਾਰੇ ਗਏ ਸਨ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਖਾੜਕੂ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਨੇ ਸ਼ਰਨ



ਲਈ ਸੀ। ਫੋਵਿਡ ਕੋਮਰਨ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਪਿਛਲੀਆਂ ਸੀਮਤ ਜਾਂਚਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਪਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਇੱਕ ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਨੇ ਛਾਪੇਮਾਰੀ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਸਲਾਹ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਸੀ ਪਰ ਆਪਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਮੂਲੀਅਤ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਸਬੂਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਸੀ। ਬੀਤੇ ਮੰਗਲਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਸਰ ਕੀਰ ਸਟਾਰਮਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੱਤਰ ਲਿਖਦੇ ਹੋਏ, ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਜੱਜ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਵਾਲੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੀ ਸਮਾਂ-ਸੀਮਾ ਅਗਲੇ ਹਫ਼ਤੇ 31 ਜੁਲਾਈ ਤੱਕ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ। ਇਹ ਪੱਤਰ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਮੋਦੀ ਦੇ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੌਰੇ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਡਾਊਨਿੰਗ ਸਟਰੀਟ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਦੋਸ਼ ਲੱਗੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮੋਦੀ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਵੱਖਵਾਦੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਲਹਿਰ ਨੂੰ ਦਬਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼

ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਯੂਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਵਰਗੇ ਹੋਰ ਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਉਪਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਦਮਨ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੈ। ਜਿਕਰਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਰ ਕੀਰ ਨੇ 2022 ਵਿੱਚ ਸਾਰੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ, ਸਿੱਖ ਧਾਰਮਿਕ ਸਥਾਨਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਠਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਸੀ ਕਿ -ਭਵਿੱਖ ਦੀ ਲੇਬਰ ਸਰਕਾਰ 1984 ਵਿੱਚ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਦੇ ਹਰਿਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ 'ਤੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਫੌਜ ਦੇ ਹਮਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਬ੍ਰਿਟੇਨ ਦੀ ਵੱਜੀ ਭੂਮਿਕਾ ਦੀ ਇੱਕ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਜਾਂਚ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰੇਗੀ-। ਐਂਜੇਲਾ ਰੇਨਰ ਨੇ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਾਲ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਮੀਡੀਆ 'ਤੇ ਪੋਸਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ +ਸਵਰਣ ਮੰਦਿਰ' ਤੇ ਛਾਪੇਮਾਰੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਬ੍ਰਿਟੇਨ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਨਿਭਾਈ ਗਈ ਇਤਿਹਾਸਕ ਭੂਮਿਕਾ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੇਬਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਖੜ੍ਹੀ ਹੈ-। ਸਿੱਖ

ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਂਚ ਸਮਾਂ-ਸੀਮਾ ਦੀ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਪੂਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ, ਤਾਂ ਉਹ -ਅਗਸਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਮਾਰਗਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰੇਗਾ ਕਿ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਠਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਮਾਗਮਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਨੌ ਪਲੇਟਫਾਰਮ ਨੀਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਵੇਂ ਲਾਗੂ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸਦਾ ਅਮਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ-। ਅਤੇ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਇਹ ਦਿਸ਼ਾ-ਨਿਰਦੇਸ਼ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਾਰੇ ਲੇਬਰ ਮੰਤਰੀਆਂ ਸਮੇਤ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਵੀ ਲਾਗੂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਜੋ ਜਨਤਕ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਂਚ ਨੂੰ ਲਾਗੂ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਸਮਰਥਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ 'ਤੇ ਲਗਭਗ 500 ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਮੇਥਵਿਕ, ਵੈਸਟ ਮਿਡਲੈਂਡਜ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੈ, ਜਿੱਥੇ ਸਰ ਕੀਰ ਨੂੰ ਲੇਬਰ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ ਲੀਡਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਦਿਖਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਧਿਆਨਦੇਣ ਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਯੂਕੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਜ ਲੱਖ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੋਣ ਦਾ ਅਨੁਮਾਨ ਹੈ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਲੇਬਰ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦਾ ਸਮਰਥਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ।

## **KEIR STARMER UNDER HUGE PRESSURE TO ANNOUNCE AND START JUDGE-LED PUBLIC INQUIRY**

London – 1 September 2025 - As Parliament returns after the Summer recess there is huge pressure on Keir Starmer and Angela Rayner to honour their promise of a judge-led public inquiry on the UK government role in the June 1984 Amritsar massacre of Sikhs and anti-Sikh measures requested by the Indian government against the Sikh minority in Britain in the Thatcher era.

Between January and June the issue has been raised in Parliament by three of the four turban-wearing Sikh MPs as they realise the significance of the issue to them personally and their constituents. Many Labour MPs up and down the country have been frustrated by the governments' silence since they came to power.

The Sikh Federation (UK) has gradually been increasing the pressure and written to the Prime Minister and Labour MPs asking them to back and commence a judge-led public inquiry. Letters sent to the Foreign Secretary by Lauren Sullivan the Labour MP for Gravesham and Matt Western the Labour MP for Leamington and Warwickshire backing a judge-led public inquiry were the first two to be made public.

Questions raised in Parliament by Sikh MPs, sharing letters sent by other Labour MPs and associated national media coverage has resulted in a snowball effect as many Labour MPs who appreciate the significance of honouring promises that were made to the Sikh community. Labour MPs also do not want to be seen as defending the actions of Thatcher and the Tories in the 1980s and the David Cameron cover up 30 years after 1984.

A no platform policy came into effect on 1 August for Labour MPs that have not confirmed their support for a judge-led inquiry. Before the policy came into effect over 50 Labour MPs, including over half a dozen Cabinet and other Ministers had confirmed their personal backing for a judge-led public inquiry. Nearly 100 Labour MPs have now confirmed their backing.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Lead Executive for Political Engagement at the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

"The Liberal Democrats, SNP and the Greens have confirmed their backing for a judge-led public inquiry since the no platform policy for Labour came into effect."

"Independents and several MPs belonging to Jeremy Corbyn's newly formed political party have also confirmed their full backing."

"Reform UK remains silent, but we understand they are carefully considering their position as they are keen to support the Sikh community."

"Since the no platform policy came into effect we have seen a steady flow of emails throughout August from Labour MPs, including Ministers confirming their support, although many have asked us to keep their support confidential. Others have written to the Foreign Secretary to ask for clarity on the judge-led inquiry that was promised by the Labour leadership."

"We are now close to the support of nearly 200 MPs for a judge-led public inquiry and have had no opposition from any Labour MPs. We can see the matter come to a head in the next few months as we begin to name and shame Labour MPs, with large numbers of Sikh constituents, who are silent that run the risk of being no platformed."

Just before the no platform policy came into effect the Sikh Federation (UK) wrote to Catherine West, the Foreign Office minister responsible for relations with India who wished to visit the iconic Gurdwara in Gravesend. She was told she could visit the Gurdwara, but would not be allowed to speak and would face some difficult questions.

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## Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

I would like to send my warm regards, and well wishes to Sikhs in the UK and around the world as you gather to celebrate Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas.

This historic day 403 years ago marked the return of Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji to Amritsar. He did this after negotiating the release of the political prisoners that too had been incarcerated. Guru Ji epitomised tolerance and respect and when given the opportunity of freedom, he used it to liberate others.

I know that many people are targeted based on their religion and that there has been a rise in hate-crimes in recent years. Anti-Sikh hate as with all forms of discrimination has absolutely no place in society. The Labour Party stands firm against all attempts to spread hate. We have more that unites us than divides us. Our religions, places of worship and symbols must and will be respected.

That is why a future Labour government will open an independent inquiry into Britain's military role in the Indian army's 1984 raid on the Golden Temple in Amritsar. It is important that we are open, transparent and above reproach in understanding any role the UK may have played in such events. This is something I know is important to our Sikh communities here and throughout the world.

We all have a role to play for a fairer, greener Britain and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sikh community for your contributions to Britain. Sikhs have a proud history in the UK of supporting the vulnerable, opposing injustice and fighting for a better future.

This celebration provides us all with the opportunity to acknowledge the importance of hope, particularly during this time of political and economic turmoil as seen with the cost of living crisis.

As you light your divas in your homes and in Gurdwaras, we can all reflect on the lightness that dispels the darkness, and the hope and prosperity we can all achieve in times to come.

On behalf of myself, and everyone at the Labour Party, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy Diwali and Bandi Chhor Divas.



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# ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ 'ਪਾਣੀ ਨੂੰ ਹਥਿਆਰ ਬਣਾਉਣ' ਦੀ ਨੀਤੀ ਚਿੰਤਾਜਨਕ: ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 06 ਸਤੰਬਰ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲੜਾ): ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ 'ਤੇ ਦੋਸ਼ ਲਗਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਜਾਣਬੂਝ ਕੇ ਡੈਮਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਵਾਧੂ ਪਾਣੀ ਰਾਣੀ, ਸਤਲੁਜ ਅਤੇ ਚਨਾਬ ਦਰਿਆਵਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਛੱਡ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਨਾਭ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੱਡੇ ਪੱਧਰ 'ਤੇ ਹੜ੍ਹ ਲਿਆਉਣ ਲਈ ਪਾਣੀ ਨੂੰ ਹਥਿਆਰ ਵਜੋਂ ਵਰਤ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂਕੇ ਨੇ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੇ ਪ੍ਰੈਸ ਬਿਆਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਭਾਰੀ ਮਾਨਸੂਨ ਬਾਰਿਸ਼ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਹੜ੍ਹ ਦਾ ਪਾਣੀ ਛੱਡਣ ਨਾਲ ਭਾਰਤ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੋਵਾਂ ਪਾਸੇ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ ਪਿੰਡ ਡੁੱਬ ਗਏ ਹਨ, ਖੇਤ ਡੁੱਬ ਗਏ ਹਨ, ਲੱਖਾਂ ਲੋਕ ਬੇਘਰ ਹੋ ਗਏ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੈਂਕੜੇ ਲੋਕ ਮਾਰੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ। ਹਾਈਵੇਅ ਬੰਦ ਹੋ ਗਏ ਹਨ, ਫਸਲਾਂ ਤਬਾਹ ਹੋ ਗਈਆਂ ਹਨ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਦੁਖਦਾਇਕ ਹੈ। ਪਰ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਇੱਕ ਖ਼ਤਰਨਾਕ ਹੜ੍ਹ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਨ ਨੀਤੀ ਅਪਣਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਭਾਰਤ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਵਿਚਕਾਰ ਵਧੇਰੇ ਤਣਾਅ ਦੇ ਵਿਚਕਾਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਾਧੂ ਦੁੱਖ ਝੱਲਣਾ ਪੈ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਪਾਣੀ ਛੱਡ ਕੇ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਚਿੰਤਾ ਦੇ ਜਾਂ ਸਰਹੱਦ ਦੇ ਦੋਵਾਂ ਪਾਸਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਨਤੀਜਿਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਬੇਲੋੜੀ ਜਾਨਾਂ, ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਅਤੇ ਰੋਜ਼ੀ-ਰੋਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਖ਼ਤਰਾ ਪੈਦਾ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ 'ਪਾਣੀ ਹਮਲੇ' ਵਜੋਂ ਦਰਸਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਹਾਲਾਂਕਿ ਜਲਵਾਯੂ ਪਰਿਵਰਤਨ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਰਾਣਾ ਬੁਨਿਆਦੀ ਢਾਂਚਾ ਹੜ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਾਰਕ ਹਨ। ਹਿਮਾਚਲ ਪ੍ਰਦੇਸ਼, ਜੰਮੂ-ਕਸ਼ਮੀਰ ਅਤੇ ਉੱਤਰਾਖੰਡ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੀ ਵਿਆਪਕ ਹੜ੍ਹ ਆਏ ਹਨ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਭਾਰੀ ਮਾਨਸੂਨ ਬਾਰਿਸ਼ ਨੇ ਸਰਹੱਦ ਦੇ ਦੋਵਾਂ ਪਾਸੇ ਨਦੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਛਾਲ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਲਗਭਗ ਚਾਰ ਦਹਾਕਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਭਿਆਨਕ ਹੜ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਗਭਗ 1,000 ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਾਨ ਲੈ ਲਈ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ 500 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਾਨ ਲੈ ਲਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਚੌਰਾਹੇ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ 'ਤੇ ਕੇਂਦ੍ਰਿਤ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪਾਸੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਛੱਡ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਭਾਰਤ ਵਾਲੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਲੰਬੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਾਣੀ ਦੀ ਅਸਮਾਨ ਵੰਡ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਥਮਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪੀੜਤ ਹੈ, ਪਾਣੀ ਦੇ ਸੋਭ ਅਤੇ ਭੈਰਾ ਕਾਰਜਾਂ ਦੇ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਅਕਸਰ



ਆਪਣੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਲਾਈ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਰੱਖੇ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਲਏ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਾਰਕਾਂ ਨੇ ਤਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਪੈਮਾਨੇ ਨੂੰ ਵਧਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵਿਤ ਭਾਈਚਾਰਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਜਵਾਬਦੇਹੀ ਅਤੇ ਲੰਬੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇ ਨਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਸਵਾਲ ਖੜ੍ਹੇ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਹੜ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਰਹੱਦ ਦੇ ਦੋਵਾਂ ਪਾਸੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਭਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਬਾਹੀ ਮਚਾਈ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਤਬਾਹੀ ਮਚਾਈ ਹੈ, ਹਾਲਾਂਕਿ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਜਾਨ ਦਾ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਬਹੁਤ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਬਹੁਤ ਚਿੰਤਤ ਹਾਂ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਪਾਸੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਜਾਣਬੂਝ ਕੇ ਹੜ੍ਹ ਦਾ ਪਾਣੀ ਛੱਡ ਕੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ

ਬਚਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਣਦੇਖਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਬਿਨਾਂ ਢੁਕਵੀਂ ਚੇਤਾਵਨੀ ਜਾਂ ਯੋਜਨਾਬੰਦੀ ਦੇ ਉਪਰਲੇ ਡੈਮਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਾਣੀ ਛੱਡਣ ਨਾਲ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਪਿੰਡਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਖੇਤਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੜ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਥਿਤੀ ਤੇਜ਼ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕਿਸਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਸਾਰਥਕ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਨਾ ਮਿਲਣ ਨਾਲ ਸਥਿਤੀ ਹੋਰ ਵੀ ਵਿਗੜ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਬਹੁਤ ਸਾਰੇ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਨੂੰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਕਿਸਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਆਪਕ ਤਬਾਹੀ ਅਤੇ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਇਰਾਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਣਬੂਝ ਕੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਕਿਸਾਨ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਦਾ ਬਦਲਾ ਮੰਨਦੇ ਹਨ ਜਿਸਨੇ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ 2021 ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਵਾਦਪੂਰਨ ਖੇਤੀ ਕਾਨੂੰਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਰੱਦ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਮਜਬੂਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ। ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਮਰਥਤ ਰਾਹਤ ਕਾਰਜ ਬਹੁਤ ਸੀਮਤ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ, ਤੇਜ਼ ਰਾਹਤ ਅਤੇ ਹੜ੍ਹ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵਿਤ ਰਾਜਾਂ, ਖਾਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸਾਨਾਂ ਲਈ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਰਾਹਤ ਪੈਕੇਜ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਵਿਆਪੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਚੈਰਿਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਦਖਲ ਦੇਣਾ ਪਿਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਬੋਝ ਚੁੱਕਣਾ ਪਿਆ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਚੁਣੌਤੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਬਾਵਜੂਦ, ਨਿਰਸਵਾਰਥ ਸੇਵਾ ਅਤੇ ਚੜ੍ਹਦੀ ਕਲਾ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਮੁੱਲਾਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰੇਰਿਤ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਸ਼ਾਨਦਾਰ ਲਚਕਤਾ ਦਿਖਾਈ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਵਾਲੇ ਯਠਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਮਹੱਤਵਪੂਰਨ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਚਲਦਾ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਹੈ, ਭੋਜਨ, ਆਸਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਵਨੀ ਦੇ ਖ਼ਤਰੇ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤ ਚੈਨਲ ਅਸਫਲ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ।



ਭਾਈ ਖਾਲੜਾ ਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਸਿੱਖ ਆਗੂ । ਤਸਵੀਰ : ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੱਧਨੀ ਕਲਾਂ

## ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਜਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲੜਾ ਦੀ ਯਾਦ 'ਚ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਸਮਾਗਮ

ਲੰਡਨ, 3 ਸਤੰਬਰ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੱਧਨੀ ਕਲਾਂ)-ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਰਾਖੀ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਭਾਈ ਜਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲੜਾ ਨੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਨਸਾਫ਼ ਦਿਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਆਵਾਜ਼ ਬੁਲੰਦ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹਿ 'ਤੇ ਬੂਟੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਬਣਾ ਕੇ ਮਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਲਾਸ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਣਪਛਾਤੀਆਂ ਲਾਸ਼ਾਂ ਕਹਿ ਕੇ ਖੁਦ ਬੁਰਦ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਪਰ ਅਫ਼ਸੋਸ ਕਿ ਚਾਰ

ਦਹਾਕਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਵੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਪੀੜਤ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਨਸਾਫ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਮਿਲਿਆ। ਇਹ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਜਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲੜਾ ਦੀ ਯਾਦ 'ਚ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਮੇਂਦਿਕ ਵਿਖੇ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਗਏ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਸਮਾਗਮ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਬੋਧਨ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਬੁਲਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਪ੍ਰਗਟ ਕੀਤੇ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਪਾਠ ਦੇ ਭੋਗ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਅਤੇ ਕਥਾ ਵਿਚਾਰਾਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਭਰ ਤੋਂ ਪਹੁੰਚੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਬੰਧੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਨੇ ਭਾਈ ਖਾਲੜਾ ਨੂੰ ਯਾਦ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ

ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ੰਸਾ ਕੀਤੀ। ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਸੇਵਾਦਾਰ ਭਾਈ ਜਤਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਜਸਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਂਕਾ, ਮਲਕੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇਹਿਰ, ਹਰਦੀਬ ਸਿੰਘ, ਦਬਿਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਕੁਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੁੱਠੜਾ ਆਦਿ ਨੇ ਭਾਈ ਖਾਲੜਾ ਦੇ ਭਰਾਵਾਂ ਅਮਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲੜਾ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲੜਾ ਦਾ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ। ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਸਮਾਗਮ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਈ ਲਵਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਭੱਲਵਾਲ, ਭਾਈ ਜਗਾ ਸਿੰਘ, ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਜੱਸ ਸਿੰਘ ਆਦਿ ਨੇ ਸੰਬੋਧਨ ਕੀਤਾ।

## 4. CHALLENGING INDIA'S TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION

***In 24 months the Indian government has been exposed on the international stage for its transnational repression targeting Sikh activists in the Diaspora. There has been unprecedented media coverage and interest in Khalistan. Many governments and agencies are questioning the trustworthiness of those running the Indian State and asking about the global benefits of the re-establishment of a Sikh State based on the teachings of the Gurus for the well-being of all***

### Justin Trudeau seeks support from old ally Britain, pro-Khalistan Sikhs sense opportunity

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Straight after a huge diplomatic crisis engulfed India and Canada on Monday, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sought support from Britain, one of its Five Eyes allies.



Trudeau rang UK PM Keir Starmer to discuss what he described as a “targeted campaign against Canadian citizens by agents linked to the government of India”.

Trudeau said the leaders discussed the need to ensure the safety and security of their citizens and the importance of upholding and respecting the rule of law and that he underscored Canada’s “continued interest in cooperation with India”. The No. 10 statement on the call, which was more reserved, said they spoke about “allegations” under investigation in Canada and “agreed on the importance of the rule of law”.

Dabinderjit Singh, lead executive for political engagement at the pro-Khalistan Sikh Federation UK, said the allegations against India should be a “wake-up call to the UK government, the other Five Eyes nations and countries across the globe” and called on other countries to “show the same courage and political will to stand shoulder to shoulder with Canada”.

When news of the crisis broke, a newly formed Sikh Federation International was busy briefing 10 UK MPs and Baroness Warsi on the transnational repression of Sikhs in a committee room in the UK Parliament. The meeting was chaired by Labour MP Preet Kaur Gill.

Two Canadian Sikhs from Sikh Federation Canada — Moninder Singh, who is giving evidence about India to the ongoing public inquiry in Canada into foreign interference in the electoral process, and Prabjot Singh, the lead advocate representing Sikhs at that inquiry spoke at the meeting. Moninder has received multiple threats to life warnings in Canada.

The Canadian activists informed the parliamentarians that “the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Sikh leader, on Canadian soil and India’s arrogance that they could get literally get away with murder had resulted in the political will in Canada to expose India on the international stage for having no respect for the rule of law and Canada’s sovereignty”. Nijjar was designated a terrorist by India.

Canada, Sanjay Verma, “in pursuit of bringing him to justice” for his alleged role in the “assassination” of Nijjar



The MEA on Monday withdrew Sanjay Verma, the Indian High Commissioner and other targeted diplomats and officials from Canada, after they were named as “persons of interest” in Nijjar’s murder by Canada’s government. The MEA said their lives had been endangered and branded the allegations “preposterous”.

The flare-up in relations came after deputy commissioner of federal policing Mark Flynn travelled to Singapore with Canadian national security and intelligence adviser Nathalie Drouin and deputy minister of foreign affairs David Morrison to present what Canada described as “evidence” of the Indian government’s involvement in “serious criminal activity in Canada” to government officials from India on 12 October.

The meeting did not go as planned and the RCMP said that because India would not cooperate it

decided to go public. At a press briefing, RCMP assistant commissioner Brigitte Gauvin then made astonishing allegations that a “number of criminal gangs” were working for the Indian government in Canada and one of them is the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, originating in India, to carry out extortions, threats, homicides and other acts of violence. “There is specific targeting of pro-Khalistan elements in Canada,” Gauvin alleged.

She said Canadian police had around a dozen police investigations ongoing “with links to the government of India” and around 30 individuals had been arrested and charged with extortion and homicides. Since September 2023, 13 people in Canada have received duty to warn notices, she said, adding RCMP had shared this information with the FBI and other Five Eyes allies.

## **MPs BEING PRESSURED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO UK GOVERNMENT ON SAFETY AND SECURITY OF SIKHS IN THE UK**

London – 20 October 2024

Earlier today a press conference was held at Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick to express grave concern for the safety and security of Sikhs in the UK after revelations in Canada and the US this week concerning the criminal role of senior Indian diplomats and intelligence officers.

A mass letter writing campaign for constituents to write to MPs was launched aimed at pressuring MPs to get the UK Government to urgently provide reassurance to British Sikhs and explain what they are doing to counter India’s transnational repression that has reached new and extreme heights of barbarity.



On Monday, Downing Street confirmed Justin Trudeau, the Canadian PM spoke to Keir Starmer to discuss “recent developments regarding allegations under investigation in Canada.” The Canadian Foreign Minister, Melanie Joly briefed David Lammy and her counterparts in the US, Australia and New Zealand.

The Foreign Office later stated: “We are in contact with our Canadian partners about the serious developments outlined in the independent investigations in Canada. The UK has full confidence in Canada’s judicial system.

Respect for sovereignty and the rule of law is essential. The government of India’s co-operation with Canada’s legal process is the right next step.”

On 16 October the Sikh Federation (UK) received a letter from Dan Jarvis, the Security Minister who stated:

***“When we last met, you raised the issue of transnational repression. We continually assess potential threats and take protection of individuals’ rights, freedoms, and safety very seriously. Any attempt by any foreign power to intimidate, harass or harm individuals or communities in the UK will not be tolerated. If we identify such activity, we use a range of measures to mitigate risk.”***

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Lead Executive (Political Engagement) wrote back to him the same day requesting an urgent meeting to discuss the safety and security of British Sikhs. The letter stated:

“With serious developments at the start of this week on transnational repression in Canada and communications between the Canadian PM and Keir Starmer and the Canadian Foreign Minister and David Lammy, we hope this meeting can be sooner rather than later. British Sikhs need specific reassurances on their safety and security in light of the developments in Canada and communications with the UK Government.”



At the press conference media were told that Sikh representatives in a meeting with anti-terror police in late June 2023 were informed by police they were deeply concerned with the repressive activities of India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) targeting peaceful Sikh protesters in the UK. Later in August 2023 the NIA harassed family members for around 40 British Sikhs in India about protesting in London. Press were told about the briefing session arranged for MPs in Parliament on 14 October on transnational repression and political interference by the Indian government. A video recorded of the briefing in Parliament has been sent to all UK MPs.

Kuldeep Singh, the President at Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick told the media there had been three meetings in February, June and August this year with Craig Guildford, the Chief Constable for West Midlands Police. However, Sikh representatives have not had adequate answers on the police investigation into Avtar Singh Khanda's suspicious death or a proper investigation of a July 2023 television broadcast where the NIA publicly claimed responsibility for the killing of three Sikh activists in May and June 2023, including Avtar Singh Khanda and Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Lead Executive at the Sikh Federation (UK) for Political Engagement said:

“In the next few weeks Gurdwaras up and down the country are expected to get constituents to write to between 300-400 different MPs with some MPs receiving hundreds of letters from constituents.”

“Each letter will need a response indicating how the MP has taken up the serious issues raised with the PM and relevant Ministers.”

“MPs are also being asked to write to the Home Secretary to support the call for an inquest and public inquiry into Avtar Singh Khanda's suspicious death in June 2023.”

## Minister issues warning after British Sikhs report harassment by India the guardian

**Exclusive: Dan Jarvis has written to the Sikh Federation after allegations of people being stopped at UK airports**

Guardian - 19 December 2024

The UK will not tolerate attempts by foreign countries to harass or intimidate British citizens, the security minister has warned, after a number of Sikhs complained they were being targeted either by or on behalf of the Indian government.

Dan Jarvis has written to the Sikh Federation after reports of harassment involving British Sikhs,

including people being stopped at UK airports and asked about their views on the Indian state.

Jarvis also urged the Indian government to cooperate with Canadian



investigations into the murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

In his letter dated 10 December, Jarvis wrote: "We do not tolerate intimidation or threats to life, and through our intelligence agencies and police forces will continue to use all the tools at our disposal to keep people safe. Any attempt by any foreign power to intimidate, harass or harm individuals or communities in the UK will not be tolerated."

He added: "We take the findings from the Canadian investigations very seriously and the UK has full confidence in Canada's judicial system. All countries should respect sovereignty and the rule of law, and we encourage all involved parties, including the government of India, to cooperate with the legal process."

British Sikhs have complained about harassment they say they have faced at home, much of which has centred on their views over whether Sikhs should be given part of India as their own homeland.

The Khalistan movement has long been one of Delhi's primary security concerns, with attention turning in recent years to the Sikh diaspora in the UK and North America.

Earlier this year, the Guardian revealed that the Sikh activist Avtar Singh Khanda had complained about being harassed over the phone by Indian police, before his sudden death in June last year.

Sikh community leaders say British Sikhs are increasingly being stopped at UK airports and questioned about their views on India under schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

The Guardian revealed this week that Preet Gill, a Labour MP and one of the most prominent Sikhs in parliament, recently wrote to the home secretary, Yvette Cooper, voicing her concern about the treatment of British Sikhs arriving back in the country.

She detailed the case of one man who was stopped and asked about his views on Sikhism, the partition of India, and Nijjar's death in Canada. In her letter, Gill said: "The anecdotal evidence I have gives me cause for concern that law-abiding Sikhs are being targeted, and that they are being subjected to inappropriate questioning that centres on their identity and religious beliefs, for no apparent reason."



## **INDIA OUTRAGEOUSLY ACCUSES UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEURS OF BIAS, HOSTILITY TOWARDS INDIA AND SUPPORTING A SIKH SEPARATIST AGENDA**

19 January 2025 - Following increasing evidence of the Indian government's targeting of Sikh activists outside India through transnational repression a number of formal complaints were made to the UN Human Rights Council.



We helped lodge the first complaint by Sikh organisations in Europe on 12 October 2023 after the Canadian Prime Minister publicly made an allegation against the Indian Government. A substantive submission was made by our sister organisation Sikh Federation Canada on behalf of the family of Canadian Sikh leader, Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Five independent experts, or UN Special Rapporteurs collectively wrote to the Indian government on 19 November 2024 regarding the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar on 18 June 2023 and credible threats to life, intimidation and harassment against other Sikhs activists outside India.

The 19 November 2024 16-page communication with the Indian government that has just been made public stated: “We are concerned that these allegations are part of a pattern of transnational repression of Sikh activists in multiple countries.” They jointly urged the Indian government “to refrain from directly or indirectly committing any acts of transnational repression and to ensure that all such acts are independently and impartially investigated and promptly and effectively prosecuted.”

Based on the evidence available the UN Special Rapporteurs accused the Indian government of violating numerous international laws, including the right to life, violating the sovereignty of other nations and attempting to silence Sikh political activism. The 16-page communication also condemns the misuse of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) against Hardeep Singh Nijjar. In May 2020, nine Special Rapporteurs wrote to the Indian government criticising UAPA. In a damning indictment nearly five years later no reply has been received from the Indian government to that communication.

The latest communication also states: “We note that attacks on freedom of expression abroad contribute to the hostile environment in Punjab . . . the exercise of freedom of opinion and expression . . . and the right of Sikh activists in Punjab to peaceful assembly and association.”



The UN Special Rapporteurs gave the Indian government 60 days to respond by providing additional information or explanations. The formal response from the Indian government came on 3 January 2025 and has just been made public. It shockingly accuses the independent Special Rapporteurs of bias and a strong preconceived hostility towards India, its sovereignty and its integrity. The Indian government is clearly upset accusing the UN Special Rapporteurs of supporting a Sikh separatist agenda.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Sikh Federation’s Lead Executive for political engagement said:

“The response from the Indian government and its accusations against the independent UN Special Rapporteurs are outrageous. The US and Canadian governments that were copied the 19 November communication in particular will have taken serious note.”

“This is not the first time the Indian government has been criticised for human rights violations, but this is about their illegal and criminal activities abroad targeting Sikh activists.”

“Eight UN Special Rapporteurs called out India in March 2021 for severe restrictions to fundamental freedoms in the context of the “farmers protests” with a specific focus on Sikh protesters from Punjab.”

“The UN communication stated farmers were accused of having a pro-Khalistan (independent Sikh state) agenda and India’s National Investigation Agency took action against farmers leaders, activists and journalists on this basis.”

“Reference was also made in the UN communication to the trope “Repeat 1984” that was spread on social media by Hindu nationalists.”

“Governments across the globe should take note of communications by UN Special Rapporteurs about human rights violations targeting Sikhs in India and abroad, including this latest absurd response from the Government of India that should get a robust response from the Five Eyes nations and their Western allies.”

## **INDIAN TV HOST CALLS FOR UNDERWORLD GANGS TO BE HIRED TO KILL SIKHS IN UK**

12 March 2025 - Major Gaurav Arya a controversial Indian TV host and Hindu nationalist commentator has in a television broadcast called for pro-Indians in Britain to hire underworld gangs to kill Sikhs in the UK campaigning for Khalistan.

This follows a prominent Sikh protester last week tearing the Indian flag in front of the Indian External Affairs Minister's car in London.

Bob Blackman in Parliament last week criticised the Sikh protester who broke no laws and was not arrested. Blackman incorrectly stated the protester, who he called a Khalistani thug, attacked the Indian External Affairs Minister.

The peaceful protester did no such thing, made no attempt to get close to the Indian External Affairs Minister and simply blocked his car for a couple of seconds to register a simple protest.

Bob Blackman once again abused his Parliamentary privilege and his role as Chair of the Backbench Committee by irresponsibly and grossly exaggerating the incident in Parliament.

Blackman was mocked on social media for being unable to pronounce the Indian External Affairs Minister's name and referring in Parliament to the Geneva Convention (about humanitarian treatment in war) when he probably meant to refer to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

In 2017 Bob Blackman invited and honoured Major Gaurav Arya, who is affiliated to the ruling right-wing BJP Indian government. Bob Blackman has been asked to condemn Major Gaurav Arya in

## ਭਾਰਤੀ ਟੀਵੀ ਹੋਸਟ ਨੇ ਯੂਕੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਰਨ ਲਈ ਅੰਡਰਵਰਲਡ ਗੈਂਗਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਰਾਏ 'ਤੇ ਲੈਣ ਦੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਮੰਗ: ਦਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ

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ਮੇਜਰ ਗੌਰਵ ਆਰੀਆ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਦਵਾਨਪੂਰਨ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਟੀਵੀ ਹੋਸਟ ਅਤੇ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰਵਾਦੀ ਟਿੱਪਣੀਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਇੱਕ ਟੈਲੀਵਿਜ਼ਨ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਰਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਬ੍ਰਿਟੇਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਰਤ ਪੱਖੀ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਖਾਲਸਤਾਨ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਯੂਕੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਰਨ ਲਈ ਅੰਡਰਵਰਲਡ ਗੈਂਗਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਹਫ਼ਤੇ ਲੰਡਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਦੀ ਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਝੰਡੇ ਨੂੰ ਪਾੜਨ ਦੇ ਇੱਕ ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਸਿੱਖ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨਕਾਰੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ। ਪਿਛਲੇ ਹਫ਼ਤੇ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਬੈਠੇ ਬਲੈਕਮੈਨ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਆਲੋਚਨਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਿਸ ਨੇ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਤੋੜਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਗ੍ਰਿਫ਼ਤਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਬਲੈਕਮੈਨ ਨੇ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨਕਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਗਲਤ ਦੱਸਿਆ, ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਉਹ ਖਾਲਸਤਾਨੀ ਠੱਗ ਕਹਿੰਦਾ ਸੀ, ਨੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ 'ਤੇ ਹਮਲਾ ਕੀਤਾ। ਸਾਂਤਮਈ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨਕਾਰੀ ਨੇ ਅਜਿਹਾ ਕੋਈ ਕੰਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ, ਭਾਰਤੀ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਦੇ ਨੇੜੇ ਜਾਣ ਦੀ ਕੋਈ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਇੱਕ ਸਮਾਨਤਰ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਦਰਜ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਓਸਦੀ ਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਰੁਕ ਸਕਿੰਦਾ ਲਈ ਰੋਕ ਦਿੱਤਾ।

ਬੈਠੇ ਬਲੈਕਮੈਨ ਨੇ ਇੱਕ ਵਾਰ ਫਿਰ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਘਟਨਾ ਨੂੰ ਗੈਰ-ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰਾਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਘੋਰ ਵਧਾ-ਚੜ੍ਹਾ ਕੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਸੰਸਦੀ ਸ਼ਿਲਪ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਬੈਕਬੈਂਚ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਚੇਅਰ ਵਜੋਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਭੂਮਿਕਾ ਦੀ ਦੁਹਰਾਵਟ ਕੀਤੀ। ਸੋਸ਼ਲ ਮੀਡੀਆ 'ਤੇ ਬਲੈਕਮੈਨ ਦਾ

ਮਜ਼ਾਕ ਉਠਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਉਹ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਉਚਾਰਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਮਰੱਥ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਿਨੀਵਾ ਕਨਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ (ਜੰਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨੁੱਖਤਾਵਾਦੀ ਇਲਾਜ ਬਾਰੇ) ਦਾ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਦਿੰਦਾ ਸੀ ਜਦੋਂ ਉਹ

ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਕੰਜ਼ਰਵੇਟਿਵ ਪੀਅਰ ਰਾਮੀ ਰੋਜ਼ਰ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਾਬਕਾ ਕੈਬਨਿਟ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਸਾਜਿਦ ਜਾਵਿਦ ਦੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਮੁਲਾਕਾਤ ਦੀ ਤਸਵੀਰ ਵੀ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਰਿਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਕੰਜ਼ਰਵੇਟਿਵ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਮੇਜਰ ਗੌਰਵ ਆਰੀਆ

ਝੂਠੇ ਬਿਆਨ ਦੇਣ ਅਤੇ ਵਧਾ-ਚੜ੍ਹਾ ਕੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਵੱਡੇ ਜੋਖਮ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਉਜਾਗਰ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਉਮੀਦ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਟਿੱਪਣੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਮੇਜਰ ਗੌਰਵ ਆਰੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਝਾਅ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਕਿ ਯੂਕੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਰਨ

ਅਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਦੇ ਮੰਤਰੀਆਂ ਕੋਲ ਉਠਾਏ ਹਨ, ਪਰ ਉਹ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਾਫ਼ੀ ਵਿਗੜਨ ਦੇ ਡਰੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਖਾਸ ਖਤਰੇ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਅਤੇ ਜਨਤਕ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਸੀਨਕਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ। ਹਾਲਾਂਕਿ, ਇਸ ਹੈਰਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਰਣ ਲਈ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਮੇਜਰ ਗੌਰਵ ਆਰੀਆ ਦੀ ਜਨਤਕ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਨਿੰਦਾ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਯੂਕੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਰਨ ਲਈ ਗਰੇਹ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਭੜਕਾਉ ਬਿਆਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਇਜਾਜ਼ਤ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਝਿਜਕਣ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਗੌਰਵ ਆਰੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਯਾਦ ਕਰਾਇਆ ਹੈ, ਕਿ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖੰਡਾ ਨੂੰ 18 ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ 2023 ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਯੂਟਿਊਬ ਚੈਨਲ 'ਤੇ ਅਪਲੋਡ ਕੀਤੀ ਇੱਕ ਵੀਡੀਓ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਧਮਕੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਸੀ, ਜਿੱਥੇ ਉਸਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਸੀ ਖੰਡਾ, ਪੁੱਤਰ, ਤੁਸੀਂ ਖਤਮ ਹੋ ਗਏ ਹੋ... ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੇਸੀਜੀ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਖਤਮ ਕਰ ਦੇਵੇਗੀ।"

ਇੱਕ ਮਹੀਨੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਭਾਰਤ ਤੋਂ ਐਨਾਈਟੇਡ ਦੀ ਇੱਕ ਟੀਮ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਲਈ ਲੰਡਨ ਆਈ, ਮੈਟਰੋਪੋਲੀਟਨ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਕਿ ਐਨਾਈਟੇਡ "ਦਮਨਕਾਰੀ ਗਤੀਵਿਧੀਆਂ" ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਕੰਜ਼ਰਵੇਟਿਵ ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਦੇ ਮੰਤਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਸੀ। ਅਤੇ ਕੁਝ ਹਫ਼ਤਿਆਂ ਬਾਅਦ 35 ਸਾਲਾ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਅਚਾਨਕ ਅਤੇ ਰਹੱਸਮਈ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਮੌਤ ਹੋ ਗਈ।



ਸ਼ਾਇਦ ਡਿਪਲੋਮੈਟਿਕ ਰਿਲੇਸ਼ਨਸ਼ਿਪ 'ਤੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਕਨਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ ਦਾ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਦੇਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਸੀ। 2017 ਵਿੱਚ ਬੈਠੇ ਬਲੈਕਮੈਨ ਨੇ ਮੇਜਰ ਗੌਰਵ ਆਰੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਸੱਦਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਸਨਮਾਨਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ, ਜੋ ਸੱਤਾਧਾਰੀ ਸੰਜੇ-ਪੱਖੀ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਹੈ। ਬੈਠੇ ਬਲੈਕਮੈਨ ਨੂੰ ਬ੍ਰਿਟੇਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਰਨ ਲਈ ਅੰਡਰਵਰਲਡ ਗੈਂਗਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਇੱਕ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਟੈਲੀਵਿਜ਼ਨ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਰਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੇਰਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਸੱਦੇ ਲਈ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੇਜਰ ਗੌਰਵ ਆਰੀਆ ਦੀ ਨਿੰਦਾ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਹਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਮੇਜਰ ਗੌਰਵ ਆਰੀਆ ਦਾ ਸਨਮਾਨ

ਦੀ ਨਿੰਦਾ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਭੜਕਾਉ ਟਿੱਪਣੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਦੂਰੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਕਿਹਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਮਾਮਲੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਦਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਉਧੀਏ, ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਰੁਝੇਵਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਲੀਡ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਅਸੀਂ ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੱਤਰ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇਹ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਅੰਤਰ-ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਜਥਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਇੱਕ ਹੋਰ ਉਦਾਹਰਣ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਦੋ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਫਾਈਵ ਆਈਜ਼ ਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੇ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਬੈਠੇ ਬਲੈਕਮੈਨ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿੱਚ

ਲਈ ਗੈਰ ਰੱਖੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ। ਅਸੀਂ ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਖਾਲੀ ਧਮਕੀ ਵਜੋਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਦੇਖਿਆ ਜਾਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਅਤੇ ਗੁਪਤ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ। ਪੁੱਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਹਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਇਸ ਦੇਸ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦਰਪੇਸ਼ ਖਤਰੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਣਬੁੱਝ ਕੇ ਪਾਰਦਰਸ਼ੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਅੰਤਵਾਦ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਜਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਖਤਰੇ ਦੀ ਚੇਤਾਵਨੀ ਅਤੇ ਇੱਕ ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਸਿੱਖ ਦੇ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਗਿਆਨੀ ਸਮੇਤ ਗ੍ਰਿਫ਼ਤਾਰ ਕਰਨ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਦਬਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ।

Parliament for his shocking call in an Indian television broadcast to hire underworld gangs to kill Sikhs in the UK.

A photograph of Conservative peer Rami Ranger honouring Major Gaurav Arya and the former Cabinet Minister Sajid Javid meeting him are also being circulated. They and the Conservative Party have been asked to condemn Major Gaurav Arya and distance themselves from him and his outrageous comments.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE said:

“We have today written to the Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary as this is another example of transnational repression by the Indian government targeting Sikh activists that has come under the radar of the Five Eyes nations.”

“It also highlights the massive risk of Bob Blackman making false statements and exaggerating in Parliament. We hope his comments in Parliament have not led to Major Gaurav Arya suggesting gangs are hired to kill Sikhs in the UK.”

“We have told the Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary this should not be seen as an empty threat and provided confidential information.”

“The letter states the UK Government has deliberately not been transparent about the threat faced by Sikhs in this country and counter terror police have suppressed information on threat to life warnings and the arrest of a man by counter terror police with a firearm outside the residence of a prominent Sikh.”

“We have confidentially raised these matters with the Prime Minister and Home Office Ministers, but they do not want to engage and publicly acknowledge the specific threat fearing relations with the Indian government will significantly deteriorate.”

“However, this shocking broadcast requires the UK Government to publicly condemn Major Gaurav Arya and rebuke the Indian authorities for allowing such inflammatory statements encouraging the hiring of gangs to kill Sikhs in the UK.”

“We have reminded them Gaurav Arya, directly threatened Avtar Singh Khanda in a video uploaded to his YouTube channel on 18 April 2023 where he stated: “Khanda, son, you are finished...the NIA [National Investigation Agency] will eliminate him.”

“A month later an NIA team from India came to London to investigate Avtar Singh Khanda. The Metropolitan Police confirmed the NIA were involved in “repressive activities” and they had communicated this to Conservative Home Office Ministers.”

“A few weeks later 35-year old Avtar Singh Khanda suddenly and mysteriously died.”

## **Sikh activist who died in UK could have been poisoned, says** **theguardian** **pathologist**

### **Family of Avtar Singh Khanda, who was thought to be on Indian authorities' radar and died in 2023, call for inquest**

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The family of a Sikh activist who died suddenly in 2023 have made new calls for an inquest after a pathologist found the result of the postmortem exam “does not mean that a poisoning can be completely excluded”. Avtar Singh Khanda, 35, died in June 2023, four days after being admitted to a hospital in Birmingham feeling unwell. The

official cause of death was acute myeloid leukaemia, a blood cancer.

In a letter to the West Midlands coroner Louise Hunt seen by the Guardian, Michael Polak, a barrister acting for Khanda's family, said samples were not tested for “nerve agents, biological agents or nuclear agents”, which could have brought about an aggressive cancer, and urged

her to reverse the previous decision not to open an inquest into his death.



Khanda's death, which family and friends believe was suspicious, happened against the backdrop of India's alleged involvement in an international campaign of transnational repression targeting Sikh separatists, denied by India.

UK police had said there was no reason to suspect foul play in Khanda's case, but Polak's letter includes a witness statement from **Jas Singh, a friend of Khanda and an adviser to Sikh Federation UK**, who said West Midlands police had confirmed in a 2024 meeting that the police investigation did not include "reviewing (Khanda's) phones, laptop, talking to his friends, co-workers, searching his home address (or) considering information about attacks on Sikh activists around the world".

Two activists, also linked to the separatist movement, were murdered within weeks of Khanda's death in Canada and Pakistan, while a third survived an attempt on his life in the US.

Polak's letter includes the report of consultant forensic pathologist, Dr Ashley Fegan-Earl, who was provided with Khanda's death certificate, hospital notes, and a toxicology report. "Consideration should be given as to whether the deceased could have been exposed to substances that may result in the development of an acute leukaemia," he said.

In his statement Fegan-Earl, who was commissioned by lawyers acting for Khanda's

family, noted that "toxicological analysis in hospital did not provide any unusual results" in Khanda's case, but said the "limitations of such analysis must be borne in mind", before describing how "not all poisons leave behind them a defined clinical signature" and how some toxins required specialist testing to detect.

He added: "I make no criticism of the toxicology that has been carried out in this case but hope that the above highlights that a negative drug screen does not mean that a poisoning can be completely excluded, particularly with the use of more exotic substances that are not frequently encountered."

Fegan-Earl added: "I have been involved with a number of cases where there has been suspicion of poisoning by unusual agents. One case required extremely specialised testing at Kew Gardens two other cases involved potential poisoning by foreign powers.

"These involved the use of multiple experts above and beyond the normal expertise of toxicologists, including expertise from Porton Down. There are some poisons that can only be identified if they are suspected."

Khanda applied for asylum in the UK in 2016, saying his life was at risk from Indian authorities. His father and uncle were reportedly murdered in extrajudicial killings after advocating for a Sikh homeland, Khalistan, in the 1990s, and from 2015 onwards, it is understood Khanda was on Indian authorities' radar, against a backdrop of unrest in his native Punjab.

Singh said in the weeks before his death, Khanda feared he was being followed, while his mother and sister had been detained by authorities searching for the Sikh separatist leader Amritpal Singh Sandhu.

Meanwhile, in the letter to the coroner, Polak said Khanda had received "threats to his life" after a "wide-ranging campaign" in which he was falsely accused in Indian media of tearing down the Indian flag outside the Indian high commission in London during March 2023 protests.

The protests became a diplomatic incident, making Khanda, a "chap who delivered parcels in Birmingham, public enemy number one of a superpower", Jas Singh said.

"His funeral was attended by over 5,000 people," Singh added. "And not one person has said: '[Khanda] told me he was ill or knew he was ill.' The loss to the community is huge. He'd be the main

fixture, the main speaker in every gurdwara. Every weekend, he'd be speaking somewhere. His mum and sister are distraught – there is no closure for them.”

Jagjit Singh, Khanda's next of kin in the UK, said: “We want answers. How did Avtar die amidst all these threats? If it was Russia or Iran involved

rather than India, this investigation would have been a whole different scale. Too many questions remain unanswered.”

West Midlands police were approached for comment. Birmingham and Solihull coroners office said they were “unable to comment on specific cases”.

## ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਅਚਾਨਕ ਹੋਈ ਮੌਤ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਮੁੜ ਤੋਂ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਉਠੀ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 4 ਜੁਲਾਈ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):- ਯੂਕੇ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਅਖਬਾਰ ਦ ਗਾਰਡੀਅਨ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਸੰਪਾਦਕੀ ਲੇਖ ਅੰਦਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਐਕਟੀਵਿਸਟ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਅਚਾਨਕ ਹੋਈ ਮੌਤ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਕਈ ਸੱਕ ਜਾਹਿਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਹਨ। ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਲੇਖ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਨਵੀਂ ਛਾਣਬੀਣ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। 2023 ਵਿੱਚ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਬਰਮਿੰਘਮ ਦੇ ਇੱਕ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ, ਜਿੱਥੇ ਉਹ ਬਿਮਾਰ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਦਾਖਲ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ, ਮੌਤ ਦੀ ਵਜ੍ਹਾ ਐਕਿਊਟ ਮਾਈਲੋਇਡ ਲੀਕੇਮੀਆ (ਪੁਨ ਦੀ ਕੈਂਸਰ ਦੀ ਗੰਭੀਰ ਕਿਸਮ) ਦੱਸੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ।



ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦੇ ਵਕੀਲ ਮਾਈਕਲ ਪੋਲਕ ਵਲੋਂ ਵੈਸਟ ਮਿਡਲੈਂਡਜ਼ ਕੋਰਨਰ ਲੁਈਸ ਹੰਟ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜੇ ਗਏ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਹਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਨਰਵ ਏਜੰਟ, ਬਾਇਓਲੋਜੀਕਲ ਜਾਂ ਨਿਊਕਲੀਅਰ ਪਦਾਰਥਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਕਿ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਲਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਇਨਕੁਆਰੀ ਨਾ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਣ ਦਾ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਵਾਪਸ ਲਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ। ਪੋਲਕ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਵੀ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੀ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਫੋਨ, ਲੈਪਟਾਪ, ਦੇਸਤਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਸਹਿਕਰਮੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ, ਘਰ ਦੀ ਤਲਾਸ਼ੀ ਜਾਂ ਹੋਰ ਸੰਭਾਵਤ ਹਮਲਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਨਜ਼ਰਅੰਦਾਜ਼ ਕੀਤਾ। ਇਹ ਮੌਤ ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਹੋਈ ਜਦੋਂ ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਐਕਟੀਵਿਸਟਾਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਹਮਲਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਲੰਬੀ ਲੜੀ

ਚੱਲ ਰਹੀ ਸੀ। ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਅਤੇ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਐਕਟੀਵਿਸਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਹੱਤਿਆ ਹੋਈ, ਜਦਕਿ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਰ ਇਕ ਐਕਟੀਵਿਸਟਾਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਹਮਲਾ ਹੋਇਆ, ਜੋ ਬੱਚ ਗਿਆ। ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਫੋਰੈਂਸਿਕ ਪੈਥੋਲੋਜਿਸਟ ਡਾ. ਐਸ਼ਲੀ ਫੀਗਨ-ਅਰਲ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਹਸਪਤਾਲੀ ਟੈਸਟਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਜ਼ਹਿਰ ਦਾ ਸਿੱਧਾ ਕੋਈ ਨਤੀਜਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਮਿਲਿਆ, ਪਰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਇਸ਼ਾਰਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ “ਕਈ ਖਾਸ ਜ਼ਹਿਰੀਲੇ ਪਦਾਰਥ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਛੱਡਦੇ” ਅਤੇ ਜਦ ਤੱਕ ਸੱਕ ਨਾ ਹੋਵੇ, ਉਹ ਪਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਲੱਗਦੇ। ਡਾ. ਅਰਲ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੋਰਟਨ ਡਾਊਨ, ਕਿਉਂ ਗਾਰਡਨਜ਼ ਵਰਗੀਆਂ ਖਾਸ ਲੈਬਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਅਨੁਭਵੀ ਵਿਗਿਆਨੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਮੌਦਦ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਣੀ ਪੈਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਪੋਲਕ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਦੇਸਤ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੇ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ ਜਸਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਾ ਇੱਕ ਗਵਾਹ ਬਿਆਨ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਵੈਸਟ ਮਿਡਲੈਂਡਜ਼ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ 2024 ਦੀ ਇੱਕ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਜਾਂਚ ਵਿੱਚ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਫੋਨ, ਲੈਪਟਾਪ ਦੀ ਸਮੀਖਿਆ ਕਰਨਾ, ਉਸਦੇ ਦੇਸਤਾਂ, ਸਹਿਕਰਮੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲ ਕਰਨਾ, ਉਸਦੇ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਪਤੇ ਦੀ ਖੋਜ ਕਰਨਾ ਜਾਂ ਦੁਨੀਆ ਭਰ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁਨਾਂ ‘ਤੇ ਹਮਲਿਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ‘ਤੇ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਕਰਨਾ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਵੀ ਇਹ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਦੀ ਨਿਆਂਪੂਰਕ ਜਾਂਚ ਹੋਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਸੱਚਾਈ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਆ ਸਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਇਨਸਾਫ ਮਿਲ ਸਕੇ।

### JOINT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE NAMES INDIA ALONGSIDE 11 OTHER COUNTRIES IN ITS REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY ON TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION IN THE UK

30 July 2025 - The Committee received 181 written evidence submissions. However, only 91 have been published.

At least one anonymous submission on Sikhs, including Sikh MPs being targeted was initially published and subsequently removed due to concerns about the person being identified and potential reprisals.

Representatives of the Sikh Federation (UK) attended the Joint Human Rights Committee hearing on Transnational Repression in the UK on 21 May and listened to the assurances given by the Security Minister, Dan Jarvis to communities in the UK impacted by transnational repression. The visible presence of a number of Sikhs was well received and noted.

It was mentioned more than once by the Committee Chair, Lord David Alton, that Keir Starmer, the Prime Minister has referred to the importance of investigating transnational repression and is carefully following the work of the Committee and its recommendations.

There were many statements from the Security Minister on behalf of the UK Government to foreign powers engaged in transnational repression that are targeting activists and communities.



Dabinderjit Singh OBE said: “Around 20% of the published submissions mention the involvement of the Indian government in targeting Sikh activists in the UK.”

“The 32-page submission by the Sikh Federation (UK) was very sensitive and the Committee only published around 20 pages.”

“The Committee spoke privately with representatives of the Sikh Federation (UK) on 21 May.”

“We are extremely disappointed the report does not accurately reflect the evidence submitted and published about the threat the Indian government poses Sikh activists.”

“The report has downplayed the role of the Indian government and failed to mention Sikh activists, including Sikh MPs being targeted.”

“We suspect this reflects pressure from the UK Government as it does not want to upset India in the same way as Canada.”

“We have been given assurances by the Committee leading up to publication of today's report that relevant Ministers will look into the detailed evidence we submitted.”

“However, this falls short of what we expected and is an extension of UK Government policy since 1947 to give into India's transnational repression and resort to private diplomacy when it comes to targeting Sikh activists in the UK.”

ITV News - 2 August 2025

India has launched a blistering counterattack against a UK parliamentary report that accused it of waging “transnational repression” on British soil and misusing global policing tools like INTERPOL to silence political dissidents.

In a strongly worded statement India's foreign ministry denounced the allegations as “baseless,” “politically motivated,” and “drawn from dubious and discredited sources.”

“The deliberate reliance on unverified inputs from proscribed entities with a long record of anti-India hostility calls into question the credibility and objectivity of the entire report,” said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal, dismissing the claims as an orchestrated smear.

The rare diplomatic rebuke was triggered by the release of a hard-hitting report titled “Transnational Repression in the UK” on July 30 by the UK Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights — a powerful cross-party body comprising lawmakers from both the House of Commons and House of Lords.

The report accuses multiple foreign governments of targeting exiled dissidents, activists, and journalists who have sought refuge in the UK, creating what it describes as a “chilling effect” on diaspora communities.

India was named among 12 countries, including China, Russia, Iran, and Saudi Arabia, allegedly involved in such practices.

While the report reserves its sharpest criticism for what it terms the “three most flagrant perpetrators” — China, Russia, and Iran — India's inclusion, particularly the accusation of abusing INTERPOL's Red Notice mechanism for political ends, has sparked sharp pushback from New Delhi.

The committee's findings draw heavily from evidence submitted by UK-based Sikh advocacy groups, including the Sikh Federation (UK) and Sikhs for Justice.



These groups allege that Indian authorities have sought to weaponize international policing tools to harass and intimidate diaspora voices, especially those supporting the Khalistan separatist movement — a claim India has long dismissed as misinformation propagated by extremist elements.

While the report has reignited debate within Britain over how to protect residents from foreign interference, India's sharp reaction signals a potential diplomatic flashpoint — particularly amid already sensitive ties following the killing of Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada last year, which also raised questions around cross-border intelligence operations.

As both countries navigate a delicate relationship shaped by strategic partnerships and domestic political pressures, the fallout from this latest allegation is likely to echo beyond Westminster and Raisina Hill.

## 5. CAMPAIGN TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL

*The #FreeJaggiNow campaign has seen some significant developments in the last 12 months. This section of the booklet provides some key highlights of the campaign with the support of the Sikh Federation (UK).*

### **POLITICAL PRESSURE TO BE INCREASED ON PM AND FOREIGN SECRETARY TO BRING JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL BACK HOME FOLLOWING 7<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ARBITRARY DETENTION IN AN INDIAN JAIL**

6 November 2024 - A week ago Jagtar Singh Johal's brother Gurpreet Singh Johal, a Labour councillor in Scotland and his Labour MP Douglas McAllister from West Dunbartonshire met David Lammy, the Foreign Secretary to discuss the release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal to his family in Scotland.



After the meeting Gurpreet Singh Johal said the meeting was positive and expressed hope that the Labour Government would do "what is right". David Lammy unlike his predecessors listened to what they had to say and the solutions that were proposed to get Jagtar released and back to Dumbarton.

On the following day Gurpreet met Scottish Labour MPs who agreed to write to the Prime Minister to get Jagtar released and back home. Monday, when the letter from Scottish Labour MPs was delivered to Keir Starmer, marked the 7th anniversary of the torture and arbitrary detention of Jagtar. The letter was signed by 16 Scottish MPs including the chairman of the Scottish Affairs Select Committee Patricia Ferguson (Glasgow West), Euan Stainbank (Falkirk) and Katrina Murray (Cumbernauld and Kirkintilloch).

The letter stated: "Jagtar has had seven years of his life cruelly stolen from him... we urge you to send a message about the priority that your government places on protecting its citizens from abuse abroad. We ask you to make securing Jagtar's release a priority, and ensure your government does whatever it takes to bring him home to his family in Dumbarton."

Douglas McAllister asked Keir Starmer: "Monday of this week marked the seven-year anniversary of my constituent Jagtar Singh Johal's arbitrary detention in India. Can the Prime Minister assure me that he and his government will do all they can to secure Jagtar's immediate release and bring him home?"

Keir Starmer replied: "Yes. We are committed to pushing the Government of India on this important case. The Foreign Secretary has raised it and will continue to do so, and we will ensure that we speak to my hon. Friend as we do so."

## KEIR STARMER PRESSURED TO RAISE ARBITRARY DETENTION OF JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL AND TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION AT G20 SUMMIT IN BRAZIL

17 November 2024 - At the G20 Summit in Delhi in September 2023 Rishi Sunak was pressured and forced to raise the case of Jagtar Singh Johal. The difference now is Keir Starmer accepts Jagtar Singh Johal has been tortured and been in arbitrary detention in an Indian jail for over 7 years.



Also at Prime Ministers Questions on 6 November Jagtar's MP Douglas McAllister asked for a reassurance from the Prime Minister and his Government that "they would do all they can to secure Jagtar's immediate release and bring him home".

In response Keir Starmer said "Yes. We are committed to pushing the Government of India on this important case."

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Sikh Federation's Lead Executive for political engagement said:

"Keir Starmer has a fantastic opportunity at the G20 Summit to show he is a strong Prime Minister and a man of his word who stands up for British citizens."

"He must follow up on the promise he made in Parliament to Jagtar's Labour MP on 6 November and push Narendra Modi in Rio de Janeiro to immediately release Jagtar and bring him home."

"He should be telling Narendra Modi in no uncertain terms that the UK has no trust in a system that allows torture, confessional statements obtained under duress and has produced no evidence in 7 years."

"Keir Starmer accepts Jagtar and his family have suffered enough in the last 7 years while he has been in prison awaiting trial. He must bring the anguish and suffering for Jagtar and his family to an end."

Yesterday the Sikh Federation (UK) wrote to Keir Starmer and made reference to the British Sikh community looking for public reassurances on their safety and security at a critical time when Sikhs in the Diaspora are being targeted by transnational repression by the Indian government.

The letter pointed out Justin Trudeau telephoned and briefed Keir Starmer on 14 October when Canada was forced to expel six top Indian diplomats for their direct involvement in the targeted killings, threats and extortion of Sikhs in Canada.

The letter also pointed out that it has also emerged that the Canadian government have directly implicated the Indian Home Minister Amit Shah, who is the Indian Prime Minister's right hand man and closest confidant.

When the G20 meeting took place in Delhi in September 2023 we now know Joe Biden, Justin Trudeau and Anthony Albanese raised the Indian government's transnational repression targeting Sikhs in the Diaspora, India's lack of respect for the rule of law and a challenge to their sovereignty.



Dabinderjit Singh added:

“All British Sikh eyes are on Keir Starmer at the G20 Summit and what he will say to Narendra Modi.”

“Unlike Rishi Sunak we are confident he will stand shoulder to shoulder with Joe Biden, Justin Trudeau and Anthony Albanese as the Five Eyes nations intelligence gathering and sharing alliance is far too important.”

“However, the jury is out on the extent to which he will publicly call out the Indian government’s transnational repression targeting Sikh activists in the Diaspora, including the UK.”

“In our letter to Keir Starmer we have told him of “threat to life” warnings by British intelligence services to Sikhs in the West Midlands after the killings and plots against Sikh activists in June 2023.”

## Jagtar Singh Johal facing death penalty in India is **THE** **TIMES** cleared in first court trial

**The Briton has been detained in India since 2017 and has now been cleared of one charge — but he still faces the death penalty**

The Times – 5 March 2025

The government has been urged to act to free a British man facing “arbitrary detention” and the death penalty in India despite being cleared of terrorism charges.



Jagtar Singh Johal, 37, has been detained since 2017, at times in solitary confinement, on what his family say are trumped-up charges of supporting Sikh extremists.

Johal, a Sikh activist from Dumbarton, near Glasgow, was in Punjab, northern India, for his wedding when he was arrested and bundled into an unmarked car.

On Tuesday he was acquitted on all charges in a case in Punjab after a court rejected the allegations against him made by the Indian authorities.

Reprieve, the human rights organisation, said that the prosecution had supplied no credible evidence to support the case against Johal, who has faced nearly 150 court hearings during his seven years of incarceration.

In May 2022 a UN panel of human rights experts found that his detention was arbitrary and called for his immediate release.

Reprieve warned that Johal still faced the death penalty and further detention because India’s National Investigation Agency has brought eight other cases, which are essentially duplicates, at federal level.

They are all based on the same confession. Johal says that he signed his name on a blank piece of paper after police tortured him with electricity, brought petrol into his cell and threatened to burn him alive.

The central allegation in all nine cases is that Johal transferred money to supposed co-conspirators, and that this was used to fund attacks in Punjab in 2016-2017. He has denied all wrongdoing and Reprieve said that prosecutors had produced no physical evidence such as CCTV footage, bank transfers or emails.

David Lammy, the foreign secretary, is being asked to raise the case during his trip this week to India for talks on trade and investment. In 2022, a United Nations panel acknowledged that Johal had been arbitrarily detained in India.

Douglas McAllister, Johal’s MP, said: “The government must act now to secure Jagtar’s release.

“This is a unique opportunity to secure a resolution with the Indian authorities and bring this young British man back to his family in Dumbarton.

"Without decisive diplomatic action, he faces being imprisoned for decades while the remaining trials drag on, despite the complete lack of credible evidence against him."

Dan Dolan, Reprieve's deputy executive director, said: "For Jagtar to remain imprisoned and facing a death sentence after this acquittal would be a mockery of justice. The eight essentially duplicate cases against him flagrantly violate the 'double jeopardy' principle, which protects people from being put on trial twice for the same crime and is enshrined in both international and Indian law.

The remaining cases against him should be dropped, and Jagtar set free."

The Sikh Federation said that it was a "massive step forward" in efforts to free him and urged the UK government to keep up pressure.

A spokesperson for the Foreign Office said: "We welcome the progress in the case.

"The UK government remains committed to working for faster progress on Jagtar's case, and the FCDO continues to work to support Mr Johal and his family.

"The foreign secretary met Mr Johal's brother, member of parliament and a representative from Reprieve on October 30, 2024."

## **FOREIGN SECRETARY UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE TO SECURE RELEASE AND RETURN OF JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL**

### **West Midlands Police asked to investigate foreign political interference after two Labour Sikh MPs unexpectedly withdraw signatures from letter**

1 May 2025 - It has been widely reported over 100 MPs have urged David Lammy to use all diplomatic efforts to secure the release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal.



David Lammy will be meeting Jagtar's brother next week and will be asked what actions the UK Government has taken to exert pressure on the Indian authorities since Jagtar's acquittal on 4 March.

The acquittal after a seven year wait proved the Indian authorities have no credible evidence to continue to keep Jagtar in prison.

The Sikh Federation (UK), that provides the Secretariat for the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for British Sikhs wrote individually to all MPs calling for their support for the letter.

Although 119 Parliamentarians signed the letter there is widespread speculation regarding two Labour Sikh MPs who at first signed the letter, but mysteriously withdrew their names yesterday morning.

Many directly aware have concluded there may have been illegal political interference by staff working for the Indian government in the UK that forced the two MPs in the West Midlands to unexpectedly change their stated position.

This would be an offence under the National Security Act 2023 that needs to be investigated as staff working for a foreign power have interfered in the political process and undermined our democracy.

On Tuesday 29 April representatives of the Sikh Federation (UK) in a weekly evening programme on Akaal Channel mentioned the Sikh MPs by name who had signed the letter to the Foreign Secretary and urged others who could sign to do the same.

However, two of the Labour Sikh MPs named who had signed and were mentioned mysteriously withdrew their signatures from the letter yesterday morning with little or no explanation why they had controversially changed their position.

Jagtar's bother, who is a Labour councillor has written to the two Sikh Labour MPs asking them to justify the change in their position, but has had no response.

The Sikh Federation (UK) has proof that Gurinder Singh Josan the Labour MP for Smethwick and Sonia Kumar the Labour MP for Dudley initially signed the letter.



Their unexplained U-turn has cast a shadow over their credibility and whether they can be trusted if they are at the beck and call of the Indian government.

Most are of the view that pressure must have been applied on them after their names were disclosed on TV on Tuesday.

The matter has been reported as a potential crime and the West Midlands Police may investigate to see if an offence has been committed under the National Security Act 2023.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE said: "We have had overwhelming support across the political spectrum for the immediate release and return of Jagtar to be reunited with his family."

"Dozens of Ministers, including five Cabinet members who are prevented from signing such letters have confirmed they have taken up Jagtar's case with the Foreign Secretary since our communications and his acquittal in March."

"When David Lammy meets Jagtar's brother and MP we hope he will be able to convince them the UK Government has doubled its efforts to get Jagtar released."

"We know from the responses we have had the Foreign Secretary is under huge pressure to bring Jagtar home."

"There will also be the added twist of a possible police investigation into potential Indian government political interference targeting Sikh MPs, that could result in an arrest and prosecution."

Update: The police are understood to have twice interviewed the two Labour Sikh MPs to find out if pressure was applied to explain their change of position. On 29 August the West Midlands Police responded by stating: "neither were able to provide any evidence that would assist in investigating the crime further so the matter has been finalised from a police perspective." The head of SO15 has however recently been in contact with the Sikh Federation (UK) to learn more about this potential crime.

## ਸੱਤ ਸਾਲ ਪੁਰਾਣੇ ਕੇਸ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਬਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਨਾਲ ਜੱਗੀ ਜੋਹਲ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਹੋਰ ਸਾਰੇ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਖਤਮ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਖੁਲਿਆ ਰਾਹ: ਦਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ, ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਉਪਰ ਦਬਾਅ ਬਣਾ ਕੇ ਜੱਗੀ ਜੋਹਲ ਨੂੰ ਜਲਦੀ ਘਰ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਕਰੇ ਉਪਰਾਲਾ



ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 5 ਮਾਰਚ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):- ਭਾਰਤ ਦੀ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਅੰਦਰ ਬੰਦ ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਨਾਗਰਿਕ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੱਗੀ ਜੋਹਲ ਦੇ ਇਕ ਕੇਸ ਅੰਦਰ ਬਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਖਬਰ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਕਿਰਿਆ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ, ਡੀ.ਜੀ.ਐਮ. ਲੀਡ ਦੇ ਐਗਜ਼ੀਕਿਊਟਿਵ ਸਰਦਾਰ ਦਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਓ.ਬੀ.ਈ. ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਭਰੋਸੇਯੋਗ ਸਬੂਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਘਾਟ ਕਾਰਨ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਦਾ ਬਰੀ ਹੋਣਾ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਰਿਹਾਅ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਦੁਬਾਰਾ ਮਿਲਣ ਲਈ ਯੂਕੇ ਵਾਪਸ ਜਾਣ ਲਈ ਇੱਕ ਵੱਡਾ ਕਦਮ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ

ਉਸਦੇ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਹੋਰ ਸਾਰੇ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਖਤਮ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਰਾਹ ਖੋਲ੍ਹਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਹੁਣ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਰਿਹਾਅ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਜਿੰਨੀ ਜਲਦੀ ਹੋ ਸਕੇ ਰਸਮੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਆਪਣੀ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਗੀ ਦੇ 7 ਸਾਲ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਅੰਦਰ ਗੁਆ ਚੁੱਕਾ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਦਬਾਅ ਬਣਾਏ ਰੱਖਣ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਜਲਦੀ ਘਰ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਤਿਆਰੀ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਉਹ ਆਪਣੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਰਹਿ ਸਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਆਹੁਤਾ ਜੀਵਨ ਦਾ ਅਨੰਦ ਲੈਣਾ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰ ਸਕੇ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਖੀਤੇ ਦਿਨ ਆਲਸਤ ਵਲੋਂ ਬੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਾਰਿਆਂ ਲਈ



ਇੱਕ ਪ੍ਰਮਾਣਿਕਤਾ ਹੈ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਅਣਥੱਕ ਮੁਹਿੰਮ ਚਲਾਈ ਹੈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਉਸਦੀ ਰਿਹਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਲਈ ਉਹ ਜਾਣਦੇ ਸਨ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਬੇਕਸੂਰ ਸੇ

ਅਤੇ ਇੱਕ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨਮਾਨੇ ਵੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਨਜ਼ਰਬੰਦ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨਮਾਨੇ ਵੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਨਜ਼ਰਬੰਦ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਖੁਲ੍ਹੇ ਹੋਣ ਲਈ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਉੱਤੇ ਦਬਾਅ ਬਣਾਏ ਰੱਖਣ ਲਈ ਅਸੀਂ ਫਰਵਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੇ ਸਾਰੇ 400 ਤੋਂ ਦਸੰਬਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ ਸੰਸਦੀ ਈ-ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ ਜਿਸਦਾ ਸਿਰਲੇਖ ਸੀ: ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨਮਾਨੇ ਵੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਨਜ਼ਰਬੰਦ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਰਿਹਾਈ ਵਾਪਸ ਜਾਣ ਲਈ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਕਰੋ। ਈ-ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਉੱਪਰ ਵਡੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਹਸਤਾਖਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਹਨ। 13 ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ (9 ਲੇਬਰ, 3 ਕੰਜ਼ਰਵੇਟਿਵ ਅਤੇ 1 ਊਨਾਇਟਾ ਹੈ।

# ਜਗਤਾਰ ਜੌਹਲ ਦੀ ਰਿਹਾਈ ਤੇ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਨੂੰ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ 'ਤੇ ਭਾਰੀ ਦਬਾਅ

ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਤੋਂ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਲਏ ਵਾਪਸ, ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਦਖਲਅੰਦਾਜ਼ੀ ਦਾ ਖਦਸ਼ਾ

ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ, ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ  
3 ਮਈ, ਹਰ ਸ਼ੱਬ ਦੀ ਬਾਣੀ

ਇਹ ਵਿਆਪਕ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ 100 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਡੇਵਿਡ ਲੈਮੀ ਨੂੰ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੌਹਲ ਦੀ ਰਿਹਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਾਰੇ ਕੂਟਨੀਤਕ ਯਤਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ। ਡੇਵਿਡ ਲੈਮੀ ਅਗਲੇ ਹਫ਼ਤੇ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਦੇ ਭਰਾ ਨਾਲ ਮੁਲਾਕਾਤ ਕਰਨਗੇ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪੁੱਛਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਕਿ 4 ਮਾਰਚ ਨੂੰ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਦੀ ਬਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਦਬਾਅ ਪਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਕੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਕਰਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸੱਤ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਉਡੀਕ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਲੋਂ ਇਕ ਕੇਸ ਵਿਚ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਬਰੀ ਨੇ ਸਾਬਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਕੋਲ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੱਖਣ



ਲਈ ਕੋਈ ਭਰੋਸੇਯੋਗ ਸਬੂਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਨੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੱਤਰ ਲਈ ਸਮਰਥਨ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਵਿਅਕਤੀਗਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਲਿਖਿਆ। 119 ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਪੱਤਰ 'ਤੇ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਸਨ, ਪਰ ਦੋ ਲੇਬਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਵਿਆਪਕ ਅਣਕਲਾਂ ਹਨ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਪੱਤਰ 'ਤੇ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਸਨ, ਪਰ ਕਾਲੂ ਸਵੇਰੇ ਰਹੱਸਮਈ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਮ ਵਾਪਸ ਲੈ ਲਏ। ਨੂਕੇ ਪਿਛਵਾਂ ਪਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਕੀ ਦੇ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਐਕਟ 2023 ਦੇ ਤਹਿਤ ਇਹ ਅਪਰਾਧ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਜਿਸਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਹੈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ

ਸ਼ਕਤੀ ਲਈ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਟਾਫ਼ ਨੇ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਪ੍ਰਕਿਰਿਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਖਲ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਲੋਕਤੰਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਕਮਜ਼ੋਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਕੋਲ ਸਬੂਤ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਸਮੇਂਬਧਿਕ ਤੋਂ ਲੇਬਰ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਗੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੋਸਨ ਅਤੇ ਡਡਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਲੇਬਰ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸੋਨੀਆ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਨੇ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੱਤਰ 'ਤੇ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਸਨ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਣਜਾਣ ਯੂ-ਟਰਨ ਨੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਭਰੋਸੇਯੋਗਤਾ 'ਤੇ ਪਿਛਵਾਂ ਪਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਕੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਭਰੋਸਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ ਜੇਕਰ ਉਹ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਇਸ਼ਾਰੇ 'ਤੇ ਹਨ। ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਇਦ ਦੋ ਲੇਬਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਸਦ

ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਇੰਟਰਵਿਊ ਲੈਣ ਲੋੜ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਇਹ ਪਤਾ ਲਗਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ ਕਿ ਕੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਹੁਦੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਬਦੀਲੀ ਦੀ ਵਿਆਖਿਆ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਦਬਾਅ ਪਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੇ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਸ਼ਮੂਲੀਅਤ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਦਫ਼ਿਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਓ.ਬੀ.ਈ. ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਦੀ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਰਿਹਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਉਸਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਲਈ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਸਪੋਕਟਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਰੀ ਸਮਰਥਨ ਮਿਲਿਆ ਹੈ। ਦਰਜਨਾਂ ਮੰਤਰੀਆਂ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਜ ਕੈਬਨਿਟ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹਨ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਪੱਤਰਾਂ 'ਤੇ

ਦਸਤਖਤ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਰੋਕਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ, ਨੇ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਮਾਰਚ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਾਡੇ ਸੰਚਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਉਸਦੀ ਬਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਦਾ ਮਾਮਲਾ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਕੋਲ ਉਠਾਇਆ ਹੈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਡੇਵਿਡ ਲੈਮੀ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਦੇ ਭਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਅਸੀਂ ਉਮੀਦ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਯਕੀਨ ਦਿਵਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਯੋਗ ਹੋਣਗੇ ਕਿ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਰਿਹਾਅ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਅਪਣੀਆਂ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੁੱਗਣਾ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਸਾਨੂੰ ਦੋ ਮਿਲੇ ਜਵਾਬਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਘਰ ਲਿਆਉਣ ਲਈ ਭਾਰੀ ਦਬਾਅ ਹੇਠ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਸੱਭਾਵੀ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਦਖਲਅੰਦਾਜ਼ੀ ਦੀ ਸੱਭਾਵਿਤ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਜਾਂਚ ਦਾ ਇੱਕ ਹੋਰ ਮੋੜ ਵੀ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ, ਜਿਸਦੇ ਨਤੀਜੇ ਵਜੋਂ ਗ੍ਰਿਫਤਾਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਮੁਕੱਦਮਾ ਚਲਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।

## ਜੱਗੀ ਜੌਹਲ ਨਾਲ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਦੇ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੂਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰਵਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਦੀ ਯੂਕੇ ਪਾਰਲੀਮੈਂਟ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਮੰਗ

ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਜੱਗੀ ਦੀ ਨਜ਼ਰਬੰਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਦੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਗੰਭੀਰਤਾ ਨਾਲ ਲਵੇ: ਅਮਰੀਕੀ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ



ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 7 ਮਾਰਚ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ) - ਬ੍ਰਿਟੇਨ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੌਹਲ ਦੇ ਬਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਦੇ ਦੀ ਪੂਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਜਾਂਚ ਲਈ ਜਨਤਕ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਦੇ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ।

4 ਮਾਰਚ ਨੂੰ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੌਹਲ ਦੇ ਬਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਜਸ ਅਠਵਾਲ ਐੱਮ.ਪੀ., ਫ਼ਿਉਸਿ ਸਿੰਘ ਲਈ ਏਪੀਪੀਜੀ ਦੇ ਚੇਅਰ ਡਗਲਸ ਮੈਕਐਲਿਸਟਰ ਐਮਪੀ ਨੇ ਬੀਤੇ ਦਿਨ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੁਣਨ ਨਾ, ਲੂਸੀ ਪਾਕੇਲ ਨਾਲ ਪ੍ਰਮਾਣਿਟਸ ਆਫ਼ ਆਰਡਰ ਉਠਾਏ ਹਨ। ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਉਪਰ

ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੌਹਲ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ "ਤਖ਼ਤ ਦੇ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੂਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਜਾਂਚ" ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰਕੇ ਦਬਾਅ ਨੂੰ ਵਧਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਗੱਲ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੂਸੀ ਪਾਕੇਲ ਨੇ ਕਹੀ। ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਮੰਤਰੀ, ਡੈਨ ਜਾਰਵਿਸ ਨੇ ਵੀ 3 ਮਾਰਚ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਨੂੰ ਪੱਤਰ ਲਿਖ ਕੇ ਇਹੀ ਗੱਲ ਕਹੀ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਦੇ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। "ਹੋਰ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਵੀ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੌਹਲ ਦਾ ਮਾਮਲਾ ਉਠਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਤਿਆਰ ਸਨ ਅਤੇ ਚਾਰ ਆਲ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਪਾਰਲੀਮੈਂਟੀ ਗਰੁੱਪਾਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਤਾਕਮਲ ਵਾਲੇ

ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਅੰਤਰ-ਪਾਰਟੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ 100 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਉਮੀਦ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਮਸਲੇ 'ਤੇ ਥੈਕਵੈਚ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੀ ਖੁਫੀ ਬਹਿਸ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਸੰਭਾਵਨਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕੀ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਜੇ ਗੱਲ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਕਰ ਰਹੀ ਸੀ ਓਹੀ ਗੱਲ ਬੀਤੇ ਦਿਨ ਆਉਸ ਆਫ ਕਾਮਨ ਵਿਚ ਪਾਰਲੀਮੈਂਟ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਨੇ ਕਹੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੱਗੀ ਜੌਹਲ ਦੀ ਮਨਮਾਨੀ ਨਜ਼ਰਬੰਦੀ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਟਾਓਰਚ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਹੁਣ ਜੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਲੋਂ ਜੱਗੀ ਜੌਹਲ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ



ਹੋਰ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਪੁਖਤਾ ਸਬੂਤ ਨਾ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਬਰੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਜੱਗੀ ਦੀ ਨਜ਼ਰਬੰਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਦੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਗੰਭੀਰਤਾ ਨਾਲ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ।

## KEIR STARMER EXPECTED TO RAISE RELEASE AND RETURN OF JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL AND INCREASING EVIDENCE OF TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT TARGETING SIKH ACTIVISTS IN THE UK WITH MODI TOMORROW

23 July 2025 - Over 450 UK Gurdwaras and Sikh organisations wrote to Keir Starmer yesterday about a judge-led public inquiry into Thatcher's role in assisting with the June 1984 massacre of Sikhs and anti-Sikh measures against the Sikh community to appease the Indian government.

### Letter to the Prime Minister on Sikhs implementing a no platform policy for Labour MPs failing to back a judge-led public inquiry until the government makes a formal announcement

22 July 2025

RE: Hon. Sir Keir Starmer MP  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
London  
SW1A 2AA

Dear Keir,

Judge-led public inquiry into UK involvement in the June 1984 Indian army assault and anti-Sikh measures in Britain under Margaret Thatcher (1979-1990)

We write to you with increasing concern and disappointment as we have yet to receive a response to our earlier communications. This is our third letter, with the first sent on 31 March 2025<sup>1</sup> urging you to honour your written commitment to hold an independent judge-led public inquiry into the UK's involvement in the June 1984 assault on Sri Harmandir Sahib (the Golden Temple) and wider anti-Sikh measures during the Thatcher era.

It has been over a year since Labour came to power and a number of public inquiries have been formally announced with the latest into the Battle of Orgreave announced yesterday. Despite repeated outreach over the last ten months from Labour Council Leaders, Labour MPs, including Ministers and the Sikh community there has been a wall of silence on when a judge-led public inquiry will commence<sup>2</sup>. This silence stands in stark contrast to public commitments made by the Labour leadership over the past decade — commitments that helped earn the trust and support of the British Sikh community.

We last wrote to you on 1 June informing the Labour leadership that in the absence of tangible progress on when a judge-led public inquiry will take place and given the feeling within the wider community we would regrettably move forward with a "no platform" policy from 1 August for all Labour MPs that are not supporting a judge-led public inquiry<sup>3</sup>. This is in response to the growing frustration and sense of betrayal among the Sikh community.

We acknowledged in the letter that Keir Starmer would be meeting Narendra Modi for the first time in the UK since he became Prime Minister last July. Whilst Narendra Modi is here to sign the UK-India trade deal there is every expectation from the Sikh community that Keir Starmer will raise the immediate release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal.

The other matter Keir Starmer should raise with Narendra Modi is increasing evidence of transnational repression by the Indian government targeting Sikh activists in the UK. The Joint Human Rights Committee has been conducting an inquiry since February into transnational repression in the UK.

It has been confirmed by Sir David Alton, the Chair of the Committee that the Prime Minister has taken a close interest in their report that is expected to be published in the next few days after Modi's visit. The Committee has

been busy publishing evidence and we expect their report will mention the Indian government poses a serious threat to Sikh activists in the UK based on the many submissions received that mention India as presenting a major threat.

The Committee may also refer to Indian government interference in UK politics that became illegal after the National Security Act 2023. The Committee has had evidence of targeting of Sikh politicians and Sikh organisations, like the Sikh Federation (UK) that are active in lobbying the UK Government.





# SIKH LEGAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

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The Sikh Legal Assistance Board (SLAB) is a Scottish registered charity that was set up in April 2019 by Gurpreet Singh Johal, a solicitor by profession and the elder brother of Jagtar Singh Johal (Jaggi). SLAB works closely with Jaspal Singh Manjpur & Panjaab Lawyers to provide much needed legal representation for Sikh prisoners.

SLAB's fantastic representation work has led to the direct release of 70 Sikh political prisoners and SLAB is supporting on approximately 120 cases overall.

To get the charity off the ground the Sikh Federation (UK), its members and supporters have been providing regular monthly donations for the five years. The Sikh Federation (UK) its members and supporters have directly provided over 75% of the financial support to secure the release of political prisoners held in Indian jails.



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