

SIKH FEDERATION (UK)

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26



40th

ANNIVERSARY OF
THE DECLARATION OF
KHALISTAN DAY
SARBAT KHALSA 1986



ADDRESSING
**ANTI SIKH
HATE**

RECENT CASES



RAISING SIKH
CONCERNS

GLOBALLY
SIKH FEDERATION
AT THE UN, GENEVA
AND IN BAKU

1984
**OPERATION
BLUESTAR**

UK GOVERNMENT
PUBLIC INQUIRY
DEMAND FOR TRUTH,
JUSTICE AND
ACCOUNTABILITY



DEFENDING RIGHTS



ADVOCATING JUSTICE



EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Sikh Federation (UK) is widely recognised within the wider community and mainstream media as the most prominent and trusted Sikh political voice in the UK. The organisation is highly visible and lobbies globally for the establishment of a sovereign Sikh State of Khalistan.

The Federation's uncompromising position on Khalistan and its longstanding criticism of the Indian government since the 1984 Sikh Genocide continue to create significant challenges for official UK government engagement. The Federation believes Indian government pressure has contributed to a preference within parts of government for engagement with Sikh representatives who are less critical of India. In September 2024, marking its 40th anniversary, the Sikh Federation (UK) made a major change to its leadership and operating model. Over the last twelve months the organisation has considerably enhanced its mainstream media exposure and political profile, reinforcing its role as a leading Sikh pressure group in the UK.

A serious personal data breach by Home Office officials in early July exposed details of individuals, academics and organisations with whom the government engages from the Sikh community. The next 6-12 months will be important in showing whether the Labour government under new leadership changes its approach to Sikh community engagement, which the Federation believes lacks sophistication and credibility.

This contrasts with engagement by several opposition political parties over the last 12 months, whose leadership teams have privately engaged with the Sikh Federation (UK) and sought to build greater understanding and working relationships around specific issues.

The Sikh Federation (UK) has also considerably increased its international profile. Sikhs across the globe, especially those in Punjab, have recognised the organisation's efforts and role around the 40th anniversaries of the historic Sarbat Khalsa on 26 January 1986 and the Declaration of Khalistan on 29 April 1986.

Over the last two years the Sikh Federation (UK) has re-engaged with European political institutions. While international engagement through Sikh Federation International has expanded considerably. Conferences in Baku and Geneva have generated engagement and interest from a number of nations and leading NGOs around transnational repression by the Indian government targeting Sikh activists campaigning for Khalistan.

As we mark the 25th anniversary of 9/11, Anti-Sikh hate crime remains a major concern. The Sikh Federation (UK) held two dedicated parliamentary lobbies in October 2025, following the attacks in Wolverhampton, Oldbury and Walsall, and in July 2026, following a sharp rise in reported Anti-Sikh hate and the killing of Kirandeep Kaur in Hayes. Cross-party and cross-community support has grown for the government to recognise the scale of Anti-Sikh hate and work directly with Sikh community organisations to tackle it.

The Federation hopes Shabana Mahmood, the Home Secretary, and Angela Rayner, the new Communities Secretary, will address Anti-Sikh hate on a par with Antisemitism and Anti-Muslim hate and recognise the value of a statutory Code of Practice on Sikh articles of faith to address ignorance and institutional discrimination.

Last year we highlighted how Jas Athwal MP and Warinder Juss MP had joined Preet Kaur Gill MP and Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi MP in regularly raising Sikh issues since the 2024 General Election. This year we are also pleased to report Satvir Kaur MP and Harpreet Kaur Uppal MP, both now holding government roles, increasingly appreciate our work and the public stance we have taken on difficult issues such as the tragic murder of Henry Nowak. In the Sikh Federation (UK) booklet released last September we stated "the expectation is the Prime Minister will resign and we will have a new Labour Leader and Prime Minister by the next Convention." Keir Starmer has been forced to resign and Andy Burnham has become the Labour Leader and the new Prime Minister without opposition.

The hope is with Andy Burnham as Prime Minister and Ed Miliband as Foreign Secretary we will finally see progress with:

- 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 as the issue has reached a critical flashpoint with the British Sikh community, a vital democratic demographic; and
- securing the release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal with escalating internal and international pressure.

A portrait of Bhai Amrik Singh, an elderly Sikh man with a long white beard, wearing an orange turban and a white kurta. He is holding a small golden object in his hands.

Bhai Amrik Singh

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



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All Party Parliamentary Group for British Sikhs

RISE OF THE FAR RIGHT & ANTI-SIKH HATE LOBBY EVENT

Also remembering the victims of the November 1984 Sikh Genocide

Tues 29 October 2025 – 7–9pm in Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House Westminster, London

STOP Sikh Hate Crime

1984 Genocide

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COUNTERING INDIAN TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION:

Sikh Resistance & United Nations

March 13, 2025
Exeter, Devon

TRUTH > JUSTICE > FREEDOM

WITHOUT TRUTH THERE IS NO JUSTICE - WITHOUT JUSTICE THERE IS NO FREEDOM

KHALISTAN ZINDABAD 1984

REMEMBRANCE MARCH & FREEDOM RALLY

SUN 7TH JUNE 2026 LONDON

GATHER 11:00AM
MARCH 1:00PM
RALLY 2:00PM

GATHER: WELLINGTON ARCH W5J 7JZ
RALLY: TRAFALGAR SQUARE SW1Y 5BS

#NEVERFORGET84 #SIKHGENOCIDE84

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL GURDWARA FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

HALLOWEEN 10PM-12AM 84A, LITCHFIELD ROAD KINGS CROSS LONDON N1C 4AA | 10PM-12AM 10PM 84A, LITCHFIELD ROAD KINGS CROSS LONDON N1C 4AA

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THE SIKH NETWORK

SIKH LOBBY OF UK PARLIAMENT

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2026

11:30AM - 12:00PM

Lobby of individual MPs in Central Lobby using the Green Card system

1:00 - 3:00PM

Meeting in Committee Room (TBC) to focus on massive spike in Anti-Sikh crimes since 14 May – Implications from Sikh Network Spot Survey

Religious freedoms and tackling ignorance on Sikh articles of faith

#AntiSikhHate

LOCATION: UK PARLIAMENT

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THE DECLARATION OF KHALISTAN

COMMEMORATING THE 49TH ANNIVERSARY OF

SUNDAY 03RD MAY 2026

GURU NANAK GURDWARA SMETHWICK | 130 HIGH STREET | B64 3AP

11:45AM ARDAS
Front Space Outside Gurdwara

12:00PM Flag Raising Ceremony

12:45PM - 2:30PM
Panthic Conference

URGENT SIKH HATE AND KAKAAR PROTECTION PANTHIC MEETING

14 JUNE 3PM START

GURDWARA GURU NANAK PARKASH
HARNALL LN W, COVENTRY, CV1 4FB

CALL BY SIKH COMMUNITY, GURDWARAS, REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS AND YOUTH GROUPS

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

Over the last year the Sikh Federation (UK) has strengthened its political reach through parliamentary lobbying, cross-party engagement, public interventions on major Sikh issues and a growing international profile. This chapter brings together the principal political campaigns and the media coverage that helped extend this reach.

POLITICAL ACCESS AND CROSS-PARTY ENGAGEMENT

The year started with the annual Convention at Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Sedgley Street, Wolverhampton. The main international speakers were Paramjit Singh Mand, the working President of Dal Khalsa, Bhai Moninder Singh and Bhai Prabjot Singh from Sikh Federation Canada.



ਸਿੱਖ ਕਨਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਈ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੰਡ, ਭਾਈ ਮਨਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਪ੍ਰਬਜੋਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਾ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਸਿੱਖ ਆਗੂ ਤੇ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ।
ਤਸਵੀਰ : ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੱਧਨੀ ਕਲਾਂ

ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਦੀ 41ਵੀਂ ਸਾਲਾਨਾ ਕਨਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ

ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਵਧ ਰਹੀ ਨਸਲੀ ਹਿੰਸਾ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੀ ਨਾਕਾਮੀ 'ਤੇ ਜਤਾਈ ਚਿੰਤਾ

ਲੰਡਨ, 29 ਸਤੰਬਰ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੱਧਨੀ ਕਲਾਂ)-ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਦੀ 41ਵੀਂ ਸਾਲਾਨਾ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਨਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸੈਲੀ ਸਟਰੀਟ ਬੁਲਵਾਰਡ ਪੈਟਨ ਵਿਖੇ ਹੋਈ। ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਭਾਈ ਜਸਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਿੰਡਰ ਤੇ ਜਤਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਸੀ ਨੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੇ 350ਵੇਂ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਦਿਵਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਸ਼ਰਾਹ ਦੇ ਝੁੱਲ ਭੇਟ ਕੀਤੀ। ਭਾਈ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਿੱਲ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤੋਂ ਆਏ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਦੇ ਆਗੂ ਭਾਈ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੰਡ, ਜਸਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੰਗ, ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. 'ਚ ਅੰਤਰ-ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਦਮਨ, ਭਾਈ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਤੇ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਰਾਖੀ ਬਾਰੇ ਚਾਹੁਣਾ ਪਾਇਆ ਤੇ 1984 ਪੇਂਡੂਪਾਠ 'ਚ ਬਰਤਾਨੀਆ ਦੀ ਭੂਮਿਕਾ ਦੀ ਨਿਖੇਧ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ। ਸਮਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ

ਨਸਲੀ ਹਿੰਸਾ, ਸਿੱਖ ਲੜਕੀ ਨਾਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਬਲਸ਼ੁਕਰੀ 'ਤੇ ਚਿੰਤਾ ਜਤਾਈ। ਭਾਈ ਦਵਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਫਟਨੀਤੀ ਬੋਰਡ ਦੇ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਹੋ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਵਾਧੂਆਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਲਾਹਾਂ ਕੀਤੀ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਭਾਈ

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Rise in anti-Sikh hate crimes discussed with MPs

BBC - 28 October 2025

Concerns about a rise in anti-Sikh hate crimes across the West Midlands have been raised in Westminster.

Campaigners from the Sikh Federation (UK) have met MPs at a lobby briefing in the Houses of Parliament.

It follows a number of attacks and two racially aggravated rapes in the region, in Walsall and Oldbury, in recent weeks, as well as a violent attack on two elderly Sikh taxi drivers in Wolverhampton.



Preet Kaur Gill, MP for Birmingham Edgbaston and a Sikh herself, attended the lobby and told the BBC it was a real time of worry for her community. The government said it has "zero tolerance for any form of religious hatred".

"This has created a really heightened sense of fear in the community," Ms Gill said.

"As a Sikh woman, it's certainly something I'm now thinking about.

"I walk everywhere, I use public transport. I'm looking around, I'm telling my daughters and other people I speak to to be aware of your surroundings.

"When can I recall a time when I've had to tell women to do that about their own safety? No one should have to worry about going out, especially a woman of colour."

With regard to the two racially aggravated rapes, Ms Gill added: "It's not something I ever thought we would see in modern Britain today.

"It's certainly not something I would expect to see, especially with our diverse communities living side by side for decades."

Distress the attacks have caused to local communities has resulted in a campaign to hand out rape alarms to Sikh students in the region.

The lobby also raised concerns the true number of hate crimes against Sikhs was being masked, because Sikhs are not measured as a distinct category.

'Community feels forgotten'

In the 70,000 racially aggravated hate crimes recorded in the year to March 2025, only 40% included an ethnicity, and the ethnicity categories are broad.

Ms Gill said this was particularly of concern because Sikhs and Jews are not listed as distinct categories.

"This is a big issue, because their ethnicity is not even recorded by any public body," Ms Gill said.

"It matters in terms of fairness. Public bodies only use the current ethnic categories in the ONS census to be able to monitor people and deliver public services - both Sikhs and Jews don't exist in those categories, they're invisible to policy makers.

"So, this community feels forgotten, it feels invisible, and it is saying, 'Enough is enough', it wants to see change."

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, from the Sikh Federation (UK), was also at the lobby.

Mr Singh said: "What we're seeing over the summer and following the summer is really getting us to ask questions of, 'Are the police and Home Office hiding away the true extent to which different communities are affected?'"



"Places of worship must be safe and welcoming for all, which is why this government is investing £70.9m in 2025/26 to support the security and peace of mind of those attending religious sites including gurdwaras."

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Tributes paid to community stalwart after cardiac arrest

Daily Echo

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Tributes have been paid to a leading figure in the Sikh community after he suffered a cardiac arrest.

Bhai Amrik Singh, chair of the Sikh Federation (UK) Strategy Board and a long standing Southampton resident of nearly 50 years, fell ill on December 18.

Members of the community gathered at Gurdwara Khalsa Darbar in Southampton to offer prayers for his recovery.

It has since been confirmed that Bhai Amrik Singh is now making strong progress and is “on his way to a full recovery”.

Among those paying tribute was Caroline Nokes, MP for Romsey and Southampton North, who has known Bhai Amrik Singh and his family for more than two decades.

Speaking at the Gurdwara on Sunday, February 3, the Conservative MP described him as a “strong and committed man”.

Addressing the congregation, she reflected on three qualities that come to mind when she thinks of him, telling worshippers: “He has always welcomed me into his home, he has always been there to provide advice and help when I have needed it when I have sought his wise counsel on issues which have been of concern politically, but he has always done that alongside his family and I am pleased to be able to call them my friends.”

Ms Nokes also praised his dedication to supporting the Sikh community locally, adding: “I think particularly of this building and of the work he has put in with the whole community to make sure there is a Gurdwara in my constituency available



to all Sikhs in the area to come and worship and practice their faith.”

She went on to speak about his personal resilience during his illness.

“Nobody comes through a serious illness without having inner strength,” she said. “He is a strong man, a determined and committed man.”

She added that throughout the 20 years she has known him, “during all of that time he has shown himself to be a man of commitment and inner strength.”

A spokesperson for the Sikh Federation (UK) added: “Thankfully Bhai Amrik Singh is on his way to a full recovery and he has been immensely grateful for all those that have done Ardaas and the hundreds that have sent him their well wishes.”

Holding government to its commitments

UK PM must apologise for Amritsar massacre: Sikh body

Times of India – 14 April 2026

Amritsar: UK based Sikh body, Sikh Federation (UK), has stated that the UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer must show the courage, humility and leadership to honour Labour's promise and issue a formal apology to the worldwide Sikh community for the Amritsar massacre.

Jaspal Singh, Lead Executive, Sikh Federation (UK), claimed that on the 100th anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre on April 13, 1919, there was huge pressure on the then UK Prime Minister, Theresa May, to issue a formal apology to the worldwide Sikh community.

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"She stated in Parliament the massacre was a 'tragedy' that was a 'shameful scar' on British history. She referred to Queen Elizabeth II in 1997 describing the event as a 'distressing example' of our history and we 'deeply regret' what happened and the suffering caused," he said.

He said that this was widely acknowledged as falling short of a formal apology. The Labour Leader at that time, Jeremy Corbyn, pushed for an apology and stated a Labour Prime Minister would put this right. This was also included in the Labour manifesto.

"Last year for Keir Starmer was the first opportunity as Prime Minister to make a formal apology, but Parliament was not sitting and an apology was

avoided. Today is April 13 and Parliament is sitting. It is ironic he has invited Sikhs and Labour MPs with large numbers of Sikh constituents to attend a Vaisakhi reception at 10 Downing Street this evening," he said, adding that the opinion polls suggest the biggest reason why those who voted Labour in July 2024 are defecting is Labour not delivering or breaking promises.

"Today is an opportunity for Keir Starmer to show before the May 7 elections that he does not have the same mindset as Nigel Farage, but has courage, humility and leadership, by honouring a Labour promise and issuing a formal apology for the Amritsar massacre," he added.

SIKH FEDERATION (UK) SEEKS TIMELINE FOR LABOUR LEADERSHIP CHANGE, DEMANDS ACTION ON 1984 INQUIRY AND JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL

12 May 2026 – London. Mounting pressure on Prime Minister Keir Starmer has intensified following a blistering open letter from the Sikh Federation (UK) to Labour MPs. The correspondence demands an "urgent need, in the national interest, for a realistic timetable to elect a new Labour leader," citing the government's failure to honour pre-election promises made to the Sikh community.

After more than 18 months in power, the Labour leadership is facing severe backlash from a demographic representing over one million votes. The Federation's letter places an intense spotlight on three core areas of grievance: the long-delayed public inquiry into UK involvement in the 1984 Harmandir Sahib attack, the ongoing detention of British national Jagtar Singh Johal in India, and the rising threat of India's transnational repression on British soil.



The demand for a 1984 Public Inquiry

For over a decade, the Labour Party repeatedly promised to uncover the truth regarding Margaret Thatcher's administration's actions against the Sikh community. The Federation notes that over 200 MPs, including more than 100 Labour MPs, have backed a judge-led public inquiry in writing.

However, since taking office, progress has stalled. The letter points to "the reluctance of civil servants in FCDO" as a major roadblock. The Federation expressed hope that a change in leadership would finally bring accountability, stating, "We believe a new Prime Minister will understand the importance to Sikhs across the globe to be provided the truth and will have the courage to honour the promise."

Missed opportunities for Jagtar Singh Johal

The case of Scottish Sikh Jagtar Singh Johal, who has been arbitrarily detained in India since 2017, remains a high-priority diplomatic failure in the eyes of the Sikh community. The letter explicitly calls out Starmer for missing "several opportunities" in 2025 to secure Johal's return, notably after Johal was acquitted of terror charges by a district court in Punjab in March 2025.

Despite a recent statement from ten UN human rights experts calling for the Indian government to drop the remaining charges and release Johal immediately, the UK government's response has been viewed as deeply insufficient. The Federation argues that a "new Prime Minister will therefore have the mandate to push for Jagtar's immediate release."

Transnational repression and the death of Avtar Singh Khanda

The Federation's letter sounds the alarm on increasing transnational repression by the Indian government targeting Sikh activists living in the UK. The organisation is demanding greater transparency and urging the UK Government to "publicly call this out for it to be a deterrent."

Specifically, the letter highlights the mysterious death of Sikh activist Avtar Singh Khanda in June 2023. Calling the handling of the case as a "cover up," the Federation insists that "there needs to be an inquest and an inquiry into his death" to quell major concerns circulating within the community.

Surging Anti-Sikh Hate Crimes

Beyond international diplomacy, the letter addresses critical domestic failures, particularly concerning hate crimes. Despite Starmer's opposition-era promises to tackle Anti-Sikh hate on a par with Antisemitism and Anti-Muslim hate, the Federation claims Labour has been "too slow to recognise, acknowledge and tackle" the issue.

The letter references high-profile racist attacks in the West Midlands over the past year, including two racially aggravated rapes of young Sikh women. The Federation criticises the classification of these incidents merely as "racially aggravated" rather than specific Anti-Sikh hate crimes. By utilising anonymised Census data, the Federation estimates that the actual number of Anti-Sikh hate crimes may be "twenty times higher than currently reported."

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Sikh voters and a changing political landscape, Sikh Federation calls for Andy Burnham to back Golden Temple public inquiry

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The Sikh Federation has called on Andy Burnham to support calls for a public inquiry into British involvement in the storming of the Golden Temple in 1984 during which hundreds of people were killed.

More than 10,000 Sikhs are expected to gather in central London on Sunday to mark the anniversary of the attack, the federation said.



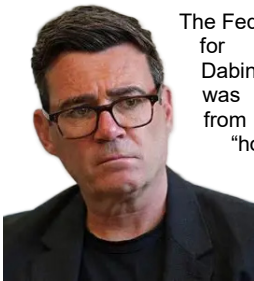
In 2014 the government released documents which showed the UK was aware of the then-Indian president Indira Gandhi's plans for troops to raid the temple at Amritsar in northern India, to break up a protest by Sikh separatists who wanted an independent homeland to be formed, called Khalistan.

The documents indicated Margaret Thatcher's government sent an SAS officer to help the Indian government plan the attack in 1984.

The Federation said it wrote to the mayor of Greater Manchester in May, to ask him to order a judge-led public inquiry to "deliver the truth" about Lady Thatcher's actions, should he become prime minister by winning the Makerfield by-election and challenging Sir Keir Starmer for the Labour leadership.

The letter urged Mr Burnham to follow through on promises his party made while in opposition.

A public inquiry into the attack has previously received backing from the prime minister, and was pledged in Labour's 2017 and 2019 manifestos.



The Federation's chief executive for political engagement Dabinderjit Singh said there was a "massive reluctance" from the Foreign Office to "honour Labour's promise", claiming officials are concerned an inquiry could damage the UK's trade and relationship with India.

Mr Singh said: "Based on our previous engagement with Andy Burnham, we are hopeful if he became PM, he will deliver on the promise, and he has made known his views about undue Indian pressure."

Security will be stepped up for this year's remembrance march, which comes after "two weeks of unprecedented media coverage and unwarranted hate towards Sikhs", the Federation said.

It follows violent protests in reaction to the murder of 18-year-old Henry Nowak, who was stabbed in Southampton by Vickrum Digwa, who used a ceremonial knife he carried as part of his Sikh religion.

Several people have faced charges after a night of disorder in the city on Tuesday, as community leaders warned of the anxiety felt by members of the Sikh faith.

After the release of documents in 2014, an internal government review found the UK's role in the 1984 attack was "purely advisory" and given months beforehand.

Then-foreign secretary William Hague said British military advice was given to India ahead of the attack but said it had only "limited impact".

In June last year, then-Commons leader Lucy Powell responded to calls for a public inquiry in Parliament, telling MPs she had not received a response after following the issue up with the Foreign Office.

'Petrol on the fire': Sikhs in UK reconsider Reform support over **the**guardian response to Henry Nowak murder

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"There's a genuine battle going on between Reform UK and Labour for Sikh voters," says Dabinderjit Singh, of the Sikh Federation (UK).

Until the case of Henry Nowak, the 18-year-old stabbed to death by Vickrum Digwa, a British Sikh, hit headlines across the country, traditional support for Labour among British Sikhs was slumping, while support for Reform was rising from a low base. But now the fledgling alliance between some British Sikhs and the populist right is facing its toughest test.

The Reform party is facing questions from its own Sikh membership about Zia Yusuf's threat to stop British Sikhs from carrying ceremonial kirpan blades, while community leaders blame comments from the Reform leader, Nigel Farage – who called for "pure, cold rage" after Nowak's killer was jailed for life – for contributing to anti-Sikh hate crime.

Reform's deputy leader, Richard Tice, met Sikh leaders after some "furious" Sikh Reform activists warned him the party risked losing their vote for good, the Guardian has learned.

Sikh community organisations say the blade Digwa used was not a kirpan – the small blade Sikhs are permitted to carry by UK law – but a Persian blade

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'Petrol on the fire': Sikhs in UK reconsider Reform support over response to Henry Nowak murder

Recent success among Sikh voters in doubt after party's proposed kirpan ban adds to sense of racist scapegoating



that Digwa wore as part of his membership of Nihang, a Sikh warrior subculture. Nonetheless, the case has triggered a debate that goes to the heart of Sikh identity.

On 29 May, Reform's home affairs spokesperson, Zia Yusuf said: "I don't care what religion you are ... Reform will repeal the exemption for Sikhs to carry the kirpan", in a post on X. Days later, Farage said British people should respond with "pure, cold rage" to the murder case.

Dabinderjit Singh, who is the Sikh Federation's chief executive for political engagement, said Yusuf's comments had "no basis in logic" and that Farage's "unforgivable" words had intensified a backlash against the law-abiding majority of British Sikhs, among whom a survey is being circulated collating experiences of hate crime in recent weeks.

It is understood that last week Labour government ministers met MPs to discuss anti-Sikh hate. Sikh organisations want an inquiry into police contacts with Digwa, whose behaviour had been reported to police by British Sikhs before he went on to kill.

"There have been dozens of physical attacks on Sikhs in the UK and there are Canadian cases, American cases," Singh added. "This is 9/11 for us all over again," Singh added, referring to the abuse Sikhs faced after the World Trade Center terror attacks, from racists who mistook them for Muslims.

"Basically, there was a fire and Farage just threw petrol on it," Singh added.

Support for Reform among Sikhs, whose community has grown since the last census when it was recorded at 525,000, had been increasing. In 2024, 3% of Sikhs voted for Reform, but by 2025, 7% backed Reform, with support strongest among men and younger people, according to the British Sikh Report.

Support for Labour fell from 40% to 18% over the same period, those who did not intend to vote increased from 12% to 13%, and "prefer not to say" increased from 11% to 19%, suggesting a significant number of British Sikhs' votes are up for grabs. Support for the Conservative party fell from 20% to 18%.

Dabinderjit Singh says Sikh voters are critical in seats where Reform is second to Labour MPs – such as Smethwick, Wolverhampton South East and Coventry East – and seats where Labour is challenged by independents, such as Slough, Walsall and Bloxwich, Ilford North and Ilford South.

Dabinderjit Singh says hard lessons have been learned, however. "When these things happen they can become generational," he added. "If you upset communities, they remember."

KEIR STARMER NEEDS TO PUT COUNTRY FIRST AND ANNOUNCE THE END OF HIS PREMIERSHIP

London – 19 June 2026

Keir Starmer at the weekend needs to reflect carefully with his family on what he does next. He needs to put country and the Labour Party before his desire to continue as Prime Minister.

The massive victory for Andy Burnham in Makerfield makes it almost inevitable that he will become the next PM.

Labour MPs and supporters know Andy Burnham and a new team is needed to carry forward the “hope and optimism over division and hate” theme to confront the threat from the right that was successful in attracting the majority of voters.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Chief Executive for political engagement at the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

“We have been pushing the line of hope and optimism over division and hate with Number 10 and Andy Burnham.

“When Nigel Farage made the “pure, cold rage” comment and Zia Yusuf made deeply offensive comments against the Sikh faith we made it our mission to show leadership and tackle Reform UK head on.

“On the eve of the by-election in Makerfield Reform UK failed to condemn the hundreds of Anti-Sikh hate attacks when given the opportunity despite direct contact with the Deputy Leader, Richard Tice. For us these actions by Reform UK were the last straw.

“On Monday the Prime Minister should announce the end of his premiership and leave gracefully and with dignity.

“We have suggested there should be a caretaker Prime Minister, like the Deputy Leader Lucy Powell, who is very close to Andy Burnham for a few weeks while Andy Burnham brings together his new team with a mandate and energy to make real positive changes.

“It would be a massive mistake if Keir Starmer listened to the wrong voices and decides to fight a contest he would not be able to win. This would be the worst thing he could do for Labour and the country.”

GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO ADDRESS ANTI-SIKH HATE CRIMES AND MUCH MORE WHEN ANDY BURNHAM BECOMES THE PRIME MINISTER

London – 17 July 2026 - In July, Sikhs from throughout the UK lobbied MPs in Parliament. More than 130 MPs received letters from constituents in advance and around 25-30 MPs and their staff from across the political spectrum attended the two-hour meeting in Committee Room 14.

Jas Athwal MP, Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for British Sikhs and Labour MP for Ilford South, chaired the meeting.

The Sikh Network has today published the findings of a nationwide survey revealing a **deeply concerning rise in Anti-Sikh hate crimes since mid-May**. Mankamal Singh, a founder of the Sikh Network shared with Parliamentarians much of this data at the lobby.

Ministers and government officials in the Home Office and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have been offered the opportunity to discuss and reflect on the results of the Sikh Network survey. Neither has yet responded as they appear to be waiting for a new Prime Minister and new Ministers to give them a steer.

SIKH LOBBY AT UK PARLIAMENT



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MEMBERS OF THE
SIKH COMMUNITY
ATTENDED

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MPs ENGAGED
WITH THE
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**MEETING HELD IN
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WE SET OUT OUR PRIORITIES

**TACKLING
ANTI-SIKH
HATE CRIMES**
Strong action.
Zero tolerance.

**A JUDGE-LED
PUBLIC INQUIRY
INTO THE UK
GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS
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Truth, Justice,
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that are accountable to
the community.

**A STATUTORY
CODE OF PRACTICE
FOR SIKH KAKAARS**
Protect faith,
Uplift rights.
Ensure consistency.

Michael Wegier, Chief Executive of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, addressed the lobby on the respective responsibilities of government departments, global institutions and affected communities in tackling Anti-Sikh hate.

MPs were reminded by Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Chief Executive for political engagement at the Sikh Federation (UK) and a former Director at the National Audit Office, that Keir Starmer as leader of the Opposition told the Sikh community in a video message that successive governments since 9/11 had failed the Sikh community on Anti-Sikh hate because of their visible identity. Keir Starmer promised a Labour government would put this right, but after two years there has been little or no progress despite suggestions from the Sikh community.



Jas Singh, Principal Adviser of the Sikh Federation (UK), updated MPs on the high profile Anti-Sikh hate cases in Wolverhampton, Oldbury and Walsall and on more recent violent attacks. He also referred to the killing of 24-year-old Kirandeep Kaur in Hayes; at the time of the report, her family had urged police to investigate whether racial hatred played any part in the attack.

In his closing remarks Jas Athwal confirmed Sikh MPs recently had a very productive meeting with Andy Burnham and had raised with him a number of promises made to the Sikh community by the Labour leadership while in opposition that Andy Burnham needs to address after he becomes Prime Minister next week.

This included the promise to recognise and tackle Anti-Sikh hate alongside Antisemitism and Anti-Muslim hate, especially given the recent high profile cases and massive spike in the last two months that have been brought to the attention of different police forces. **Andy Burnham was also asked to clarify his position on Sikh articles of faith, in particular legislation regarding the sacred Kirpan. Those at the lobby were told Andy Burnham had confirmed he shared the view there was no need for any change to the law as regards the sacred Kirpan.**

In the lobby Sukhvinder Singh, a Lead Executive at the Sikh Federation (UK) who previously worked at the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) went into detail why there was a need for a statutory Code of Practice for Sikh articles of faith (the five Kakaars and Dastaar) to deal with ignorance and discrimination. MPs listened carefully to the proposal and **MPs that spoke backed the demand for a statutory Code of Practice for Sikh articles of faith** that Sikh community organisations have already drafted.

Another important issue raised with Andy Burnham was for Labour **to deliver the 1984 judge-led public inquiry looking at Margaret Thatcher's Anti-Sikh actions in the 1980s**, that was in previous Labour Manifestos and written promises by the Labour leadership. Andy Burnham understands the damage and negative legacy of Margaret Thatcher that must be exposed so the same mistakes by a UK government are not repeated.

Another issue discussed with Andy Burnham that was also raised at the lobby was to **seek the release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal**. Those gathered were told by Balvinder Kaur Saund, the Chair of the Sikh Womens' Alliance that Labour must get Jagtar home having been arbitrarily detained for more than eight and a half years in an Indian jail.



Several opportunities were missed by Keir Starmer in 2025 to make progress after Jagtar was acquitted in March 2025 in the only case that has come to a conclusion in court and at the time of the trade deal and his subsequent visit to India. Ten UN human rights experts have recently called on the Indian

government to drop the remaining charges and release Jagtar without delay. Andy Burnham will therefore have the mandate to push for Jagtar's immediate release.

Senior politicians from across the political spectrum condemned Anti-Sikh hate. These included Caroline Nokes MP, Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons and Conservative MP for Romsey and Southampton North; Richard Tice MP, Deputy Leader of Reform UK; and Preet Kaur Gill MP, then a Minister in the Department of Health and Social Care. Gill spoke in Punjabi and welcomed the Board of Deputies' support for recognition of Sikhs alongside Jews as ethnic as well as religious groups.

Jas Athwal MP, was supported by the three other office bearers of the APPG who all spoke passionately in support of the Sikh community, including protecting the hard fought rights to safeguard Sikh articles of faith. This included both Vice Chairs of the APPG, Joy Morrissey, the Conservative MP for Beaconsfield, Sureena Brackenridge, the Labour MP for Wolverhampton North East and Dr Lauren Sullivan, the Secretary of the APPG and Labour MP for Gravesham.

A number of other MPs also spoke, including Jen Craft, Labour MP for Thurrock and the elected representative for Henry Nowak's family and, John McDonnell, Labour MP for Hayes and Harlington, who spoke about the killing of Kirandeep Kaur in his constituency. Mr McDonnell said Labour would not row back on hard-fought rights won by the Sikh community over the last 50 years regarding the Sikh identity.

Bhai Amrik Singh, the Chair of the Sikh Federation (UK) Strategy Board at the end of the meeting thanked all those that participated from across the country. He welcomed the issues discussed with Andy Burnham, but said the jury was out for the Labour government under new leadership as far as the Sikh community was concerned. He said Sikhs would continue to raise issues and Labour will be judged by its actions, including the extent to which it conducts proper direct community engagement.

Andy Burnham has after becoming the new leader of the Labour Party today said his top team will reflect all communities and he wants to do things differently. Sikhs will judge how the Sikh community is reflected in his top team that will be announced next week.

Sikhs at the lobby called for a complete overhaul of Government engagement with the Sikh community. Andy Burnham's new Ministers need to be radical and engage with the Sikh community and deal directly with leading Sikh community organisations that are accountable to the community they serve.

When it comes to Sikh community engagement it was pointed out by the community and MPs there has been little or no change under Labour in the last two years with the Tories being pre-occupied with appeasing India with the likes of Rishi Sunak and Priti Patel holding senior positions in government.

If Sikh community engagement does not change, Labour will be challenged and criticised as it will be recognised as ignoring the Sikh community and will continue to make mistakes and be punished at the ballot box. Labour has to demonstrate it is different under Andy Burnham as a recent personal data breach by the Home Office has exposed those Ministers and officials continue to consult are often those that have little or no credibility in the Sikh community.

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EXTENDING THE SIKH POLITICAL VOICE INTERNATIONALLY

January 2026 marked a historic first with an international conference in Baku, Azerbaijan. Sikh Federation International used the event to raise awareness of Sikh teachings, Gurdwaras, Sikh history and the Sikh right to self-determination, while also expanding the Federation's international political reach. The human-rights, transnational repression and 1984 work arising from Baku and subsequent international conferences is covered in Section 3.

Baku hosts international conference on violence against Sikhs and other minorities in India



Azertac – 16 January 2026

On January 16, Azerbaijan hosted for the first time an international conference titled "Racism and Violence Against Sikhs and Other Minorities in India: The Reality on the Ground." The event was organized by the Baku Initiative Group (BIG) and dedicated to the repressive policies pursued by the Indian government against ethnic minorities.



Prior to the conference, participants viewed a commemorative exhibition honouring Sikhs killed by Indian armed forces in 1984. The exhibition presented key historical events, personal testimonies, and archival materials illustrating the scale of the violence and its long-term impact on Sikh communities in India and abroad.

The conference began with a minute of silence in memory of Sikh leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar, assassinated in Canada in 2023, as well as other

members of the Khalistan movement who lost their lives.

Abbas Abbasov, Executive Director of the Baku Initiative Group, spoke about the organization's activities aimed at supporting peoples affected by various forms of colonialism and protecting their violated rights.

During the event, a video showcasing BIG's international activities and achievements was screened, along with a short film highlighting violations and crimes committed against Sikhs by the Indian government, as well as systemic discrimination faced by other ethnic minorities in India.

The Baku Initiative Group and Sikh Federation International called for global action against violence and discrimination targeting Sikhs and other minorities in India, urging governments, civil society organizations, and international institutions to demonstrate solidarity with the Sikh community.

The conference also focused on strategies to keep the issue on the international agenda, including the investigation of extrajudicial killings by the UN Human Rights Committee and the documentation of rights violations by UN Special Rapporteurs for international monitoring.

Participants additionally reviewed the role of international and local NGOs and academic circles, emphasizing how their reports and legal assessments can influence international decision-making mechanisms.

Sikhs stood for equality, religious freedom for centuries



Report AZ - 16 January 2026

Executive Director of the Sikh Federation (UK), said during a conference in Baku entitled "Racism and Violence Against Sikhs and Other Minorities in India: The Reality on the Ground," Report informs.

He noted that 556 years ago, Guru Nanak Dev Ji openly spoke out against social inequality, championed women's equality, and condemned the caste system and the medieval practice of sati,

2. DEFENDING AND PROMOTING THE SIKH IDENTITY

The year was dominated by serious attacks on Sikhs, growing concern about Anti-Sikh hate and a major public debate over the sacred Kirpan following the Henry Nowak case. The Sikh Federation (UK) supported victims and families, challenged misinformation, pressed police and government for action, and worked with the Sikh Network to gather evidence on the scale of Anti-Sikh incidents.

A man was first arrested in mid-September for the Oldbury rape after a Sikh community demonstration, but was released a few days later on bail.

Supporting victims and demanding justice

Family of Oldbury rape victim condemn 'horrific' attack

THE
INDEPENDENT

Relatives of the Sikh woman say they will only be able to rebuild their lives once the perpetrators are behind bars.

Independent – 3 October 2025

The family of a Sikh woman who was subjected to a "racially motivated" rape in the West Midlands have said they will not be able to rebuild their lives until those responsible are caught and convicted.

In a statement issued to the PA news agency through the **Sikh Federation (UK)**, the family of the woman described her ordeal as horrific and thanked community organisations for their support.

reward of up to £20,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the rape of the woman in Oldbury, Sandwell.

Crimestoppers said the victim, a woman in her 20s, was attacked in the Tame Road area, close to the M5, shortly before 8.30am on Tuesday September 9.

In their statement, the woman's family said: "No one should have to go through this horrific ordeal.

"Cases of racially aggravated rape are rare, but should never be swept under the carpet.

"The Sikh community organisations that have been directly supporting us have been amazing and are keeping up the pressure on the police and others to do their job.

"We need to rebuild our lives and stay strong as a family. This will only be possible when we know the perpetrators are behind bars."

West Midlands Police said the inquiry into the attack is ongoing and appealed for members of the public who have not yet spoken to officers to come forward with information.

Officers are seeking information from anyone who may have seen two white men in the area. One had a shaved head, was of heavy build, and was reported to be wearing a dark sweatshirt and had gloves on.

BREAKING NEWS!

Woman raped in 'racially aggravated' attack

Police have arrested a 30yr old on suspicion of a rape and is in custody, investigation continues

POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

The Sikh community has offered a £10,000 reward for information leading to charges and convictions, while the Crimestoppers charity has put up a

The second man was reportedly wearing a grey top with a silver zip.

A police spokeswoman said on Friday: "We are committed to bringing those responsible to justice and have dedicated officers working flat out on this investigation.

"The victim is at the heart of our inquiries and we continue to have specialist officers supporting her during this traumatic time.

"We have set up a dedicated public portal and would urge anyone with dash-cam or doorbell footage that might help our investigation to upload to the portal.

"Crimestoppers, which is independent of the police, is supporting this investigation by offering a £20,000 reward for information they exclusively receive that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the rape."

The Sikh Federation (UK), which is urging people to write to their MP to voice their concerns about anti-Sikh hate, said the offence in Oldbury and an attack on two elderly Sikh taxi drivers in Wolverhampton are "indicative of the growing racial hatred and violence faced by the most vulnerable in the Sikh community

A month later, in mid-October a man and woman were arrested over the Oldbury rape, but also bailed. Disappointingly, more than a year later the West Midlands Police has failed to find the perpetrators in the Oldbury rape.

Pair arrested in rape investigations are bailed



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

BBC News - 20 October 2025

Two people arrested in connection with what police have previously described as the racially aggravated rape of a Sikh woman have been bailed.

The 49-year-old man and 65-year-old woman were arrested on Friday on suspicion of two counts of rape.

They include the attack on a Sikh woman in her 20s in Tame Road, Oldbury, on 9 September, and a rape that took place at Hurst Green Park in Halesowen on Thursday, which is not being treated as racially aggravated.

West Midlands Police said on Monday both people had been bailed, pending further inquiries. The news sparked concern in the Sikh community, however, whose leaders said community confidence in the police was at an "all time low".

The assault in Oldbury led to protests and vigils last month, and concern from Birmingham Edgbaston MP Preet Gill over an increase in hate crime.

After Friday's arrests, **Inderjit Kaur from the Sikh Federation (UK)** questioned how long the investigation had taken and highlighted "huge community concern".



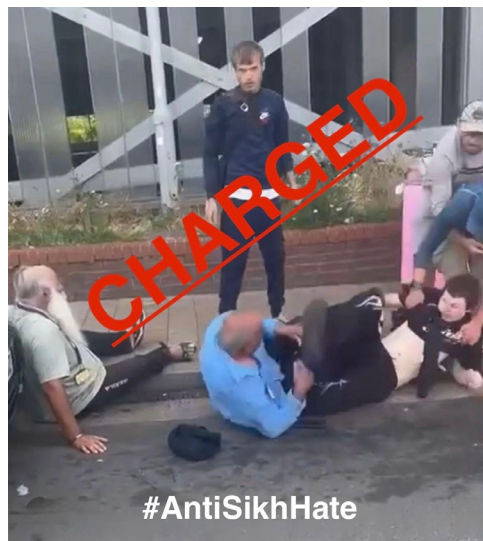
Another man, arrested on suspicion of rape in connection with the Oldbury attack, was released on bail last month.

The force said the victims of both attacks were being supported by specialist officers.

Three charged over assault on elderly Sikh taxi drivers in **Express & Star** Wolverhampton

Express and Star – 29 January 2026

Three people have been charged and released on bail in connection with an assault on two elderly Sikh taxi drivers in Wolverhampton.



The assault that took place in August last year was caught on video and three men were immediately arrested by British Transport Police (BTP).

Zackery Hall, 20, from Dudley, has been charged with Grievous Bodily Harm (GBH), a racially aggravated public order offence, and three further public order offences. Nathan Edwards, 25, from Darlaston, has been charged with GBH, Actual Bodily Harm (ABH), two public order offences, criminal damage and resisting arrest. Leon Willetts, 18, from Rowley Regis, has been charged with GBH and resisting arrest.

They have been bailed to appear at Dudley Magistrates' Court on Thursday, March 5.

BTP Superintendent Sue Peters said: "We understand the concern this incident has caused to the victims and their families, as well as the local Sikh community and wider public. A thorough investigation has taken place, and three men have now been charged in connection.

"It's vital that the judicial process is allowed to continue without interference, and that nothing is

said or published which could prejudice the ongoing court proceedings. We remain in close contact with the victims and continue to engage with the Sikh community and partner agencies."

Officers were called to an assault at around 1.45pm on Friday, August 15 outside Wolverhampton railway station.

Three men were arrested at the scene, taken to custody for questioning, and later released on police bail while enquiries continued.

The victims, two Sikh men – one aged in his 60s and the other in his 70s – attended hospital for treatment and were discharged. They and their families have been informed of these charges.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, Lead Executive at the Sikh Federation (UK) said: "We are pleased the three men have been charged and would like to thank British Transport Police for their investigation and local MPs for keeping up pressure.

"Given the three men were arrested on the spot for the horrific attack, there was video evidence that went viral and the attack was witnessed there was huge frustration it has taken more than five months for the Crown Prosecution Service to be satisfied before laying charges.

"There was a clear racist element to the attack on the two elderly Sikh men and we note one of the three has been charged with a racially aggravated public order offence."

The wheels of justice turn very slowly when it comes to Anti-Sikh hate crimes as demonstrated in the horrific assault on two elderly Sikh taxi drivers in Wolverhampton in August 2025. Although the attackers were arrested on the scene and there was video footage of the attack they were not charged until January 2026. When the three men appeared in court in April 2026 the three denied the attack and the trial has been set for 10 September 2029. In England and Wales, a GBH case with a not guilty plea typically takes 9 to 18 months from the initial offence or arrest to completion of the trial. Many have therefore been shocked the trial will be four years after the attack demonstrating justice for Anti-Sikh hate is not taken seriously by the authorities.

Man, 32, charged with 'strangling and raping' Punjabi student



Metro – 26 October 2025

A white British man has been charged with rape following an alleged racially aggravated attack on a Sikh student in her 20s.

John Ashby, 32, of no fixed abode, will appear in court to face one count of rape and sexual assault following an alleged attack on a woman who was not known to him.



John Ashby caught on CCTV holding a stick (left) and following his victim (right). Pic: West

Ashby was also charged with intentional strangulation, racially aggravated assault occasioning actual bodily harm, and robbery in relation to the same victim.

Neighbours heard the woman scream for help during the alleged assault in the Park Hall area of Walsall on Saturday evening.

Police confirmed the rape was being treated as 'racially aggravated'.

The victim is believed to be a Sikh student, **the Sikh Federation (UK)** said.

West Midlands Police were called to the Park Hall area of Walsall just after 7.15pm on Saturday after a woman was reported to be distressed in the street.

Ben Samples, Head of the CPS West Midlands Rape and Serious Sexual Offences Unit, said: 'We have decided to prosecute John Ashby with rape,

sexual assault, intentional strangulation, racially aggravated assault occasioning actual bodily harm, and robbery.

'This follows an investigation by West Midlands Police which looked at the rape and assault of a woman in her 20s at a property in Walsall.

'Our prosecutors have worked to establish that there is sufficient evidence to bring this case to court and that it is in the public interest to pursue criminal proceedings.

'John Ashby will appear at a court to be confirmed on 29 October 2025 for his first hearing.

'We remind all concerned that criminal proceedings against the defendant are active and that he has the right to a fair trial.

'It is vital that there should be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could in any way prejudice these proceedings.'

Chief Superintendent Phil Dolby, of Walsall Police, said: 'We know the fear and concern this attack has caused in our communities.

'We continue to speak to people in the community to listen to and understand their concerns.

'Officers have visited faith establishments in Walsall and spoken with local leaders about women's safety and what measures men can take to make women feel more comfortable.

'We need to continue to maintain those conversations and how we build on women's safety in the community.'

Detective Superintendent Ronan Tyrer from West Midlands Police's public protection unit said: 'The woman who was the subject of the attack has been informed of the charging decision this evening.

'She is continuing to be supported by our specially-trained officers.'

Man admits rape and religiously aggravated assault after court confrontation **theguardian**

Guardian - 21 April 2026

A man who racially abused a Sikh woman as he raped her has pleaded guilty to the assault after being confronted in court by a member of the public.

John Ashby pleaded guilty to rape, religiously aggravated assault, intentional strangulation, and robbery of the woman at her home in Walsall.

The judge said Ashby had been "convicted of very serious offences" and warned that he was

considering the imposition of a life sentence. "It seems to me that anybody who commits these offences ... is a very dangerous individual," Justice Pepperall added.

Prosecution lawyer Philip Bradley KC told the court on Monday that Ashby had followed the woman home in Walsall in October last year. The victim had returned home from work and had gone upstairs to change her clothes when she heard a noise downstairs, the prosecution said.

Man pleads guilty to religiously aggravated rape



A man has pleaded guilty to the religiously aggravated rape and assault of a Sikh woman in her home in Walsall.

"As she was home alone, she had no reason to lock the bathroom door but now rushed to do so," Bradley said. "She was too late."

The attack provoked fear among Sikh women in Midlands who said they had "changed everything" about their daily routines.

Ashby is due to be sentenced at the crown court on Friday morning.

Ch Supt Samantha Batey, of Walsall police, called the incident "an abhorrent and violent attack" which was "made all the worse by the language which Ashby used during the ordeal".

Batey said the police continued to support the victim and their thoughts remained with her and her loved ones.

"We understand the impact this horrific attack had on communities in the West Midlands and beyond," she said.

"We have spoken with faith and community leaders in the aftermath of what happened and remain committed to doing everything we can to make women safer, and feel safer."

The Sikh Federation (UK) also welcomed the plea but described the "lack of accountability" shown by Ashby to be "deeply unacceptable".

Jas Singh, principal adviser to the federation, said: "The court has heard disturbing evidence of the abusive language used during a violent attack carried out in the victim's own home ... we now expect the court to reflect the seriousness of this offence in its sentencing."

The organisation also called on the government to do more to tackle anti-Sikh hate.

Man given life sentence for rape and religiously aggravated assault of Sikh woman

BBC NEWS

BBC News - 24 April 2026

'No leniency': Sikh Federation plea after woman raped and racially abused by stranger in her Walsall home



A man who raped a Sikh woman in her home while subjecting her to a tirade of religiously aggravated abuse has been given a life sentence.

During his attack in Walsall, John Ashby beat the woman - in her 20s - with a stick, while also shouting anti-Muslim abuse, wrongly believing her to be of that faith.

In a sentencing hearing at Birmingham Crown Court on Friday, the judge described the 32-year-old as a "deeply unpleasant racist and Islamophobe".

Ashby was told he would serve a minimum term of 14 years in prison.

Making Anti-Sikh hate visible in official data, Labour appears to back recording Sikh as ethnicity in UK census

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UK's Labour government appears to be backing a campaign by British Sikh groups and MP Preet Kaur Gill to have data recorded and collected about Sikhs as an ethnicity rather than religion. UK govt departments do not currently collect ethnicity data on Sikhs or Jews but sometimes collect religious data.



The Government Statistical Service (GSS) recently finished a public consultation on adding additional ethnicities to its “ethnicity harmonised standard” — a list of ethnic groups used in govt surveys — to be used in the next census.

At a Westminster Hall debate on Wednesday organised by Gill, Cabinet Office minister Satvir Kaur said: “Let me be clear: the govt, ONS and GSS all recognise that Sikh identity and Jewish identity are ethnic as well as religious identities. Under the Equality Act, Sikhs and Jews are a racial group by reference to their ethnic origins. Both are also religious groups.”

But she said it was for the ONS to “reach an impartial, evidence-based decision” and pointed out not all ethnicities in the UK would fit on a survey.

The new list of recommended ethnic groups will be announced in autumn. They will be selected based on strength of user need, whether the information can be collected elsewhere, such as via a religion question, and whether people of that ethnicity accept the question.

As part of the consultation process, the Office of National Statistics (ONS) consulted with the **Sikh Federation (UK)**.

At Wednesday's debate, Gill argued that collecting data on Jews and Sikhs as ethnicities would allow public bodies to understand inequalities and

recognise discrimination. She added racially aggravated crimes against Sikhs were not recorded as such, preventing targeted protections from being put in place.

At the 2021 census around 100,000 Sikhs wrote their ethnicity as Sikh in a “write in box”, rejecting the “British Indian” ethnicity option. The GSS said that an ethnic group that frequently appeared in the write-in box will have a stronger case for inclusion.

In 2020, Amrik Singh Gill, chair of SFUK, brought a judicial review in the high court against the Cabinet Office challenging the lack of a Sikh ethnic tick-box in the 2021 census. The judge rejected the challenge, saying “there are diverging views as to whether Sikh is an ethnic group”.

In early December 2025 when Henry Nowak was killed in Southampton there was no mention in the mainstream media of the perpetrator being a Sikh or the murder weapon that was used. However, when the trial of Vickrum Digma for the murder of Henry Nowak commenced nearly 6 months later in mid-May considerable attention was unnecessarily drawn in court to the Sikh community and the sacred Kirpan in part due to inappropriate comments by politicians based on false information.

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The Sikh Federation (UK) with one or two others has had to take the initiative in mainstream media to counter the negative portrayal of Sikhs and set the record straight in terms of ignorance of the sacred Kirpan. Institutional ignorance and discrimination remains a significant challenge that we continue to address, but is undermined by those only too prepared to compromise simply for recognition and a seat around the table with government officials and Ministers.

Henry Nowak, the Kirpan and a national backlash

the **guardian**

Sikhs wary of UK backlash as they condemn 'moment of madness'

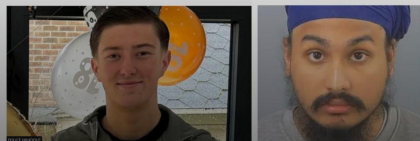
Community leaders express disgust at Vickrum Digwa over murder of Henry Nowak amid fears of rise in racial tensions

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Amandeep Singh, an educator with the charity Basics of Sikhi, is proud of his community's deeply rooted place in British society.

"We're a community that has properly been celebrated as one that is very successfully integrated into the British value system," he said. "We've worn kirpans for hundreds of years and since we've been invited to settle in this country," he said.

Murder trial racism claim 'wicked lie', court told



No excuses. No defence. No community cover.

The murder of Henry Nowak was evil and indefensible.

The Sikh community condemns Vickrum Digwa's actions outright.

His violence does not represent Sikhi, Sikh values, or Sikh people.

But in the last few days, Singh continued, something had shifted for Sikhs across the UK in response to the murder of 18-year-old Henry Nowak by Vickrum Digwa, 23. "At least 15 people have been accosted on the streets by collectives of white individuals surrounding Sikhs and asking, 'Have you got a kirpan?', trying to stir up racial tensions."

After recent incidents in which older Sikhs have had their turbans knocked off in racist assaults, many were fearful that the same might happen again, he said.

Like Singh, other Sikh and anti-racist leaders have condemned the murder unequivocally, but also

warned that inflammatory political rhetoric after the conviction was fuelling a backlash against the wider community.

Digwa was sentenced on Monday to life in prison with a minimum term of 21 years. When police arrived at the scene, he falsely claimed that Nowak had racially abused him and knocked off his turban, leading officers initially to arrest and handcuff the seriously injured teenager before they realised the extent of his injuries.

In a joint statement, Sikh community groups condemned what they called "a moment of madness" by one individual, while stating that the wider Sikh community had since faced considerable abuse and hate.

"We really feel for Henry's family," said Kuldeep Singh Deol, former president of Guru Nanak Gurdwara Smethwick and an IT consultant. "The wider Sikh community is really upset as things have unfolded. Last night the police bodycam footage came out and I think that's actually made things even more painful for everyone to take in."

"This isn't representative of the Sikh community. This was one man."

As well as widespread "disgust" and "betrayal" among the Sikh community at Nowak's killing, there were fears of what the political reaction could bring.



The Reform UK leader, Nigel Farage, has called for “pure cold rage” over the case, which has sparked widespread criticism.

Under current law, practising Sikhs are permitted to carry a kirpan, a small curved blade worn as an article of faith, for religious purposes. But Reform UK have vowed to ban them if they get into government.

The prosecution told the jury at Southampton crown court that while Digwa was wearing a small kirpan under his clothing around his neck, which met his religious obligation, he also chose to carry the much larger knife.

The Crown Prosecution Service described both blades as kirpans and said the judge, who described the weapon Digwa was carrying as a “large Sikh dagger”, accepted that assessment.

But the **Sikh Federation (UK)** said the blade used by Digwa was not a kirpan, while the Sikh Press Association said plans were under way to ensure every initiated Sikh in the UK was addressed directly regarding kirpan rules and responsibilities.

“The kirpan basically means ‘kirpa’, meaning grace, and ‘aan’, meaning defence,” Deol said. “It should never be used in anger. It should never be used to attack anyone. It’s supposed to be there to protect the needy, protect those that are being attacked.”

Sikhs were angered and saddened that Digwa’s actions had cast a shadow over the wider community. “This person has brought the Sikh community into disrepute and we’re really upset about that.

“I talk about the history, 150 to 200 years with the United Kingdom, and it’s only taken one case. Some of the stuff that’s coming out from politicians and some of the right wing views are just really painful to read.”

Both Deol and Singh warned a ban against the kirpan would unfairly penalise the wider community, and reiterated that the weapon used was not one.

“None of that takes away from the senseless loss and violence that Henry and his family have gone through,” Singh said.

Jayanti Shah, an anti-racism campaigner and community organiser in Southampton, said the wider political climate had heightened concerns that cases like this would lead to collective blame of minority communities.

“Just because one person who is bad is from a particular religion or particular belief doesn’t mean all of that religion and all of that belief should be condemned,” he said. “It is not the whole community. All communities are not homogeneous.”

He warned that minority communities have already changed their behaviour – becoming more cautious in public – following the 2024 summer race riots.

Singh said his grandfather was part of a wave of Sikhs to arrive in the UK during the 1920s and serve in the army. He was among several Sikh leaders to point to quotes by Winston Churchill praising the contribution of Sikhs to the war effort.

Singh said the Sikh community had a clear message to the rest of the country: “We stand with you in condemning the horrible, grotesque violence that that young lad had to endure. We stand completely in solidarity with the British public at large. But please understand that those actions do not reflect the Sikh faith in any way.

“And that’s not just words. Our history confirms that. Our rich and dignified history confirms that.”



Sikh Federation (UK) Demands Accountability from CPS and Police Over Henry Novak Murder Weapon Misinformation

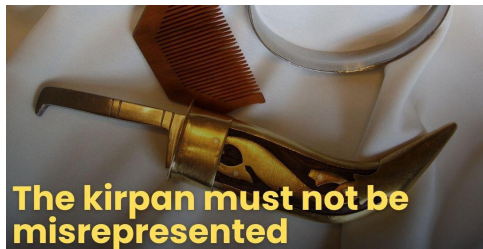
Sikh Siyasat Bureau – 3 June 2026

The Sikh Federation (UK) has issued a strong statement condemning the Crown Prosecution

Service (CPS) and Hampshire Police for their mishandling of the Henry Novak murder case, specifically regarding widespread misinformation about the murder weapon. A copy of the written

release issued by the organization is available with Sikh Siyasat News (SSN).

The Sikh Federation (UK) highlighted what it described as a “massive blunder” by the CPS, which compounded “huge mistakes” made by police officers who first arrived at the scene where Henry Novak lay dying. The core of the organization’s grievance is the failure of the prosecution to clarify during the trial that the weapon used by the convicted individual, Digwa, was not a Kirpan—one of the sacred 5 Ks of the Sikh faith.



The kirpan must not be misrepresented

The kirpan is one of the five articles of the Sikh faith. It is carried with responsibility, discipline, and spiritual meaning, not aggression. It's carried by a very small minority of fully practising Sikhs.

*Court stated Digwa was wearing a small kirpan, but prosecutors said the murder weapon was a much larger 21cm knife – **NOT THE KIRPAN***

“The murder weapon is of Persian origin and known by an entirely different name,” the press release stated. The organization emphasized that it is not a Sikh ceremonial knife, does not start with the letter ‘K’, and “has an entirely different purpose.”

Despite Digwa’s recent sentencing, the Federation criticized the CPS for controversially refusing to release a photograph of the actual murder weapon. However, Hampshire Police have officially

confirmed that the weapon was not a sacred Sikh Kirpan.

The misidentification of the weapon sparked an unwarranted political backlash. The Federation noted that it was forced to intervene last week when right-wing politicians and commentators, including those affiliated with Reform, “jumped on the bandwagon and started to incorrectly call for the sacred Sikh Kirpan to be banned.”

In a letter sent to the Home Secretary last week, the Sikh Federation (UK) provided clarity on the weapon’s true origin, sharing a photograph of a weapon similar to the one actually used in the crime. The defense lawyer for Digwa had already confirmed the actual name of the murder weapon following the guilty verdict.

The Sikh Federation (UK) is now demanding retractions from public figures who fueled the misinformation. “Politicians and commentators on the right that have made controversial statements based on incorrect information should have the decency to recognise the facts and stop attacking the Sikh identity,” the statement read.

The organization stressed that public focus should instead be directed toward exposing the systemic failings of the CPS and police. These blunders, they argued, have “unnecessarily brought our sacred Kirpan into disrepute and increased verbal and physical abuse against Sikhs in the last couple of weeks.”

Concluding the statement, the Sikh Federation (UK) reminded the British public of the long-standing, positive relationship between the nation and the Sikh community. The organization noted that Britain has promoted the identity of fully practicing Sikhs for over 150 years, a mutual respect that led to “over 100,000 visible Sikh soldiers sacrificing their lives for the freedoms we all enjoy today.”

Sikh group demands public inquiry into Henry Nowak’s murder: ‘Catastrophic failures’

THE INDEPENDENT

‘Serious questions’ remain about whether the student’s death was preventable, group says

Independent – 8 June 2026

The government needs to hold a public inquiry into the “catastrophic multi-agency failures”



surrounding the murder of student Henry Nowak, a Sikh lobby group says.



Mr Nowak, 18, was killed in Southampton by Vickrum Digwa in December 2025, using a knife prosecutors said that Digwa – a Sikh – carried as part of his religion.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Sikh Federation's chief executive of political engagement, has now written to Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood, Justice Secretary David Lammy and Attorney General Richard Hermer calling for an inquiry.

He said that misinformation about the murder weapon had been "highly damaging" to Sikhs.

"Serious questions" remain about whether Mr Nowak's death was preventable, the letter said, and it called the Independent Office for Police Conduct's (IOPC) investigation into Hampshire Police "entirely insufficient".

"While criminal justice has been served against the perpetrator, the wider systemic failures exposed by this case demand immediate, independent and transparent investigation," Mr Singh wrote.

He said the conduct of police officers and cultural issues during the trial were among "catastrophic multi-agency failures".

"Local intelligence indicates that Digwa was well known to law enforcement and 'on the police radar,'" he wrote.

"A wider inquiry must establish why this critical intelligence failed to inform the responding officers' risk assessments, and whether systemic biases contributed to the immediate criminalisation of the dying victim.

"A statutory public inquiry is the only mechanism capable of delivering accountability."

Digwa used a ceremonial knife with a 21cm blade, which prosecutors said during the trial was a kirpan he carried as part of his Sikh religion.

While he was wearing a small ceremonial kirpan knife, his second blade, described by the trial judge as "a large Sikh dagger", was used as the murder weapon.

"Under the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 and its July 2022 statutory guidance, a kirpan is clearly defined and understood to feature a curved blade," the letter said.

"The prosecution and police possessed the weapon for over six months; they knew, or ought to have known, that the blade of the weapon was straight, not of Sikh origin, and could not be a kirpan.

"By allowing a convicted murderer's false characterisation of the weapon to stand unchallenged in open court, the justice system facilitated a highly damaging wave of misinformation."

Thousands of Sikhs marched in London on Sunday, marking the 42nd anniversary of the storming of the Golden Temple in Amritsar, India, in which hundreds of people were killed.

The march took place in the wake of violent protests in reaction to the murder of Mr Nowak.

Mr Singh said at the march that attacks on Sikhs have taken place "up and down the country" every day since Digwa was given a life sentence with a minimum term of 21 years in prison.

Digwa had been investigated by police in 2023 on suspicion of stealing ceremonial blades from a Sikh temple in Southampton but no further action was taken.

As well as the IOPC investigation, the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) announced it would review anti-racism guidance – which advises police to treat ethnic minorities differently to get them better outcomes – that some have blamed for the actions of the officers who arrested Mr Nowak.

Attacks 'up and down the country' echo storming of temple at Amritsar, says Sikh Federation (UK) director

Daily Telegraph - 8 June 2026

A Sikh leader has compared the backlash over Henry Nowak's murder to a massacre in India, which left hundreds of people dead.

Dabinderjit Singh, a senior executive at the Sikh Federation (UK), said attacks on followers of the faith had taken place "up and down the country" every day since Vickrum Digwa was sentenced for the 18-year-old's murder.

He made the comments at a march held in London to commemorate the 42nd anniversary of the storming of the Golden Temple in Amritsar in June 1984.

The march drew thousands of Sikhs to the capital following violent protests over the police response to Mr Nowak's murder.



Body-worn footage released last Monday showed Mr Nowak being handcuffed after being fatally stabbed, as he told police: "I can't breathe." Officers believed Digwa's lies when he accused his victim of racism.

The footage caused a major row when Nigel Farage, the Reform UK leader, said people should respond to it with "pure, cold rage".. Kemi Badenoch and Sir Keir Starmer accused him of seeking to politicise the killing against the wishes of the family.

On Friday, JD Vance, the US vice-president, waded into the row and called for "righteous anger" and blamed the murder on immigration.

Mr Singh, who has been described as a leading supporter of an independent state for Sikhs, said:

"What happened since last Monday, which brings home what happened 42 years ago, is that when that bodycam footage came out, there was real anger.

"We understand that – we were just as angry with the police officers, and obviously Digwa, because he's a murderer, [and] those lies he told, but unfortunately, every single day since Monday, Sikhs up and down the country have been assaulted.

"Children, men, women, pensioners, doctors, people going shopping, people walking in the park. One person went to the gym, and he was told, 'We're going to hang you by your turban'. What if somebody gets killed?"

He added: "We were the first ones to condemn it and yet our community has experienced exactly what we experienced 42 years ago. If you're a Sikh, then you're a potential victim."

The 1984 massacre, codenamed Operation Blue Star, is one of the most controversial events in recent Indian history. The Indian army's assault on the Golden Temple was aimed at flushing out Sikh separatists who had been demanding an independent homeland – called Khalistan – in the Punjab.

Mr Singh, who previously served as a director at the National Audit Office (NAO), has been described as a long-standing campaigner for the creation of a sovereign Sikh state. In 2021, Sir Keir, then leader of the Opposition, ditched plans to give him a peerage.

At the march, Mr Singh said comments about Nowak's death made by politicians such as Mr Farage and Mr Vance had provoked a "worldwide frenzy".

Mr Singh said: "If politicians can take a sad occasion, like the death of Henry, to promote hate, they do need to look at themselves in the mirror. But that's why we're saying to all of them, 'Look at the facts'.

"Once you've established the facts, let's work together to make sure we don't have another incident like we saw last year, of Henry being killed through no fault of his own."

Politicians using murder to 'promote themselves'



Davinder Singh, who attended the march, accused politicians of turning Mr Nowak's murder into a racial and religious issue to "promote themselves".

The retired doctor from Kent said: "The people who have got their vested interests, the politicians

especially, they want to use this incident to propagate their popularity. They do not understand, this is not a Sikh or another faith issue.

"This is somebody who committed a murder, or who committed a crime, so it should be regarded as that, rather than making it a racial issue or religious issue. Those people who are making this kind of issue, they've got other vested interests ... trying to promote themselves."

His wife, Pritpal Kaur, a retired researcher, described Digwa's crime as "horrendous" and said he did not represent Sikhism. Ms Kaur said: "It's important to understand that the person who committed the atrocity – that was completely against the principles of Sikhism."

Measuring the rise in Anti-Sikh hate

The debate around the Henry Nowak case was followed by a sharp rise in reported Anti-Sikh incidents. To move the discussion from individual cases to evidence, the Sikh Network conducted a nationwide survey of more than 1,000 respondents, which was then presented to parliamentarians.

British Sikh groups claim sharp rise in anti-Sikh incidents

The Tribune – 16 July 2026

British Sikh organisations will lobby MPs in Parliament this week, accusing the UK Government of failing to tackle what they describe as a sharp rise in anti-Sikh incidents following the fatal stabbing of a young Sikh woman in west London.

The campaign comes days after 24-year-old Kirandeep Kaur, originally from Tarn Taran in Punjab, was killed in a double stabbing in Hayes, west London. A second victim, a man in his 20s, was found nearby with stab injuries and remains in hospital.

A 44-year-old man, Daniel Sean James, has been charged with murder, attempted murder and possession of a bladed article. The Metropolitan Police have not publicly identified a motive for the attack, but Kirandeep Kaur's family has urged detectives to examine whether racial hatred played any part.

Appearing before magistrates last Monday, James was remanded in custody. Detective Chief Inspector Allam Bhangoos described the attack as

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"a shocking incident which has tragically resulted in one woman losing her life and another man in hospital with injuries".

The parliamentary initiative is being led by the **Sikh Federation (UK) and its associated Sikh Network**, which say they will urge MPs to press the Government to recognise and tackle hate crimes against Sikhs more effectively.

The campaign comes against the backdrop of the murder of Henry Nowak in Southampton and the subsequent conviction of Vickram Digwa. That case sparked political debate about the Sikh kirpan which enjoys legal protection in Britain for religious purposes. Sikh organisations argue that public discussion of the kirpan following the case has contributed to increased hostility towards members of the community.

Britain is home to more than 525,000 Sikhs, one of the largest Sikh communities outside India. While police record religiously aggravated offences, there are no routinely published national statistics specifically identifying hate crimes against Sikhs, making it difficult to independently verify claims of a recent surge.

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ਸਿੱਖ ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਰਵੇਖਣ

14 ਮਈ 2026 ਤੋਂ ਚੱਲਾਵਾ



ਸੁਰੂ ਤੋਂ ਹੁਣ ਦੇ ਹਿੰਸਾਵਾਦੀ
1,000 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ
ਜਵਾਬ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਹੋਏ।



40% ਉੱਤਰਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ
ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਮੱਧ ਮਈ ਤੋਂ ਆਖਰ ਵਿੱਚ
ਹਿੰਸਾਵਾਦੀ ਘਟਨਾ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਭ
ਸਾਹਮਣਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂ ਉਹ ਵੇ
ਖਾਧਾ ਸੀ।



500 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਦੇ
ਉਦਾਹਰਣਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਝਦਿਆਂ
ਸਰਵੇਖਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ
ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ।



ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ 90% ਉੱਤਰਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ
ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਮੱਧ ਮਈ ਤੋਂ ਆਖਰ
ਵਿੱਚ ਹਿੰਸਾਵਾਦੀ ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ
ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਾਧਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ।
61% ਨੇ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਵੱਡਾ ਵਾਧਾ ਦੱਸਿਆ।

ਦੇ-ਹਿੰਸਾਵਾਦੀ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਉੱਤਰਦਾਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਮੰਨਣਾ ਸੀ
ਕਿ ਇਸ ਵਾਧੇ ਦਾ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰਪਤੀ ਆਗੂਆਂ
ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰਿਤ ਕਿਰਪਾਨ ਬਾਰੇ ਗੱਲਾਂ-ਗੱਲਾਂ
ਅਧਿਐਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਹਨ।

84% ਉੱਤਰਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ
ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ
ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਤੋਂ ਆਖਰ ਉਹ
ਵੱਡਾ ਖਤਰਾ ਹੈ।

ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਹਿੰਸਾਵਾਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਭੇਦ
60% ਉੱਤਰਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ
ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ
ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਤੋਂ ਆਖਰ ਉਹ
ਵੱਡਾ ਖਤਰਾ ਹੈ।

70% ਉੱਤਰਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਹ
ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ
ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਤੋਂ ਆਖਰ ਉਹ
ਵੱਡਾ ਖਤਰਾ ਹੈ।

53% ਉੱਤਰਦਾਰਾਂ
ਅਸਰਦਾਰ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ
ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਪੁਰਾਣੇ ਆਪ
ਨੂੰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਮੰਨਦੇ ਹਨ।

ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਹਿੰਸਾ
50% ਕਿਰਪਾਨ ਦੀ ਸੰਭਾਵਨਾ
ਕਾਰਨ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।
25% ਆਖਰੀ ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ
ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ
15% ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ
ਬਾਰੇ
10% ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ
ਬਾਰੇ

ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ
ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ।
6% ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ
ਨੂੰ
10% ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ
ਨੂੰ

ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ
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SURVEY ON ANTI SIKH HATE

SINCE 14 MAY 2026



Over 1,000
responses from
Sikhs across the UK.



40% of respondents
indicated they have
experienced or witnessed
Anti-Sikh hate crimes
since mid-May.



Over 500 examples
of hate crime have
been personally
experienced or
witnessed by
respondents.



Nearly 90% of respondents
stated hate crimes have
increased since mid-May
61% indicating a
significant increase.

More than two-thirds indicated
the significant increase coincided
with politicians inappropriately
questioning the sacred Kirpan.

84% Sadly 84% are
having to take
precautions
since the trial.

REPORTING & CONFIDENCE IN POLICE
60% Although 60% stated
they knew how to
report a hate crime to
the police,

70% stated they were
not confident the police
would take it seriously.

53% 53% of all
respondents,
particularly the
elderly are not
feeling safe.

TYPES OF HATE CRIME EXPERIENCED
NEARLY 50% Nearly 50% of the hate
crimes reported in the
survey were verbal abuse
while undertaking routine
daily activities.

25% A further 25%
experienced or
observed online abuse.

15% Almost 15% classified
the hate crime as
harassment and
intimidation.

10% Worryingly nearly 10%
experienced vandalism,
assaults, or grievous
bodily harm.

These findings highlight the urgent need for action to
address Anti-Sikh hate and ensure the safety and dignity
of the Sikh community across the UK.

The Sikh Federation (UK) said a survey conducted by its associated Sikh Network, based on more than 1,000 responses from Sikhs across Britain, indicated what it described as a significant increase in anti-Sikh incidents since mid-May. According to the survey, 40 per cent of respondents said they had experienced or witnessed anti-Sikh incidents, nearly 90 per cent believed such incidents had increased, and more than half said they no longer felt safe. Only six per cent of incidents referred to in the survey had been reported to the police.

The survey has not been independently verified and was conducted among self-selecting respondents rather than a representative sample of Britain's Sikh population.

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, the Federation's Chief Executive for Political Engagement, accused ministers of failing to address hate crimes against Sikhs despite repeated representations to the Government.

"We have been raising concerns about anti-Sikh hate crimes and the misrepresentation of the sacred kirpan directly with the Home Secretary and Policing Minister since late May," he said. "We have, however, faced a complete wall of silence."

He said the Federation would urge MPs to press the Government to recognise hate crimes against Sikhs on a par with other forms of religious and

racial hatred and to engage directly with Sikh organisations on the issue.

The Metropolitan Police have not said they are treating the Hayes murder as a hate crime, and investigations into the circumstances surrounding Kirandeep Kaur's death are continuing.

Labour MP Jas Athwal said: "It is deeply distressing to learn of the tragic death of Kirandeep Kaur, who was fatally stabbed at a property on Uxbridge Road. I also understand that another man was found nearby with stab injuries and remains in hospital. My thoughts are with him, and I wish him a full and swift recovery."

"My heartfelt condolences are with Kirandeep's family, friends and loved ones, and with the family





of the injured man, as they face unimaginable grief, trauma and uncertainty.”

“Kirandeep was a mother. That makes this tragedy all the more devastating. A young woman has had her future stolen in an act of appalling violence, and

a child will now grow up without their mother. No family should ever have to endure such unbearable loss.”

“As the police continue their investigation, it is important that speculation is avoided and the facts are allowed to emerge. But there can be no ambiguity about one thing: violence like this destroys lives, shatters families and leaves scars that last a lifetime.”

“I hope everyone affected receives the care, compassion and support they will need in the difficult days, weeks and months ahead.”

A spokesperson for the British Home Office in London told The Tribune, “Our thoughts are with the family of Kirandeep Kaur following her death. As the circumstances are currently subject to a live police investigation, it would not be appropriate for us to comment on it.

“British Sikhs make an outstanding contribution to the strength and richness of our country. There is absolutely no place in our society for hatred or prejudice.”

The findings fed directly into the Federation's July parliamentary lobby. More than 130 MPs received constituent letters in advance, with MPs and staff from across the political spectrum attending. The Federation and other Sikh organisations used the lobby to press for formal recognition of Anti-Sikh hate, stronger government engagement and a statutory Code of Practice covering Sikh articles of faith. Further detail on the political engagement is set out in Section 1.

ਯੂਕੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ ਚਿੰਤਾਜਨਕ ਪੱਧਰ 'ਤੇ, ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਭਰੋਸੇ 'ਤੇ ਉੱਨੇ ਸਵਾਲ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ, 17 ਜੁਲਾਈ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):— ਯੂਕੇ ਅਧਾਰਿਤ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੈੱਟਵਰਕ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਦੇਸ਼-ਵਿਆਪੀ ਸਰਵੇਖਣ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਗੰਭੀਰ ਚਿੰਤਾਵਾਂ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਰੱਖੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਸਰਵੇਖਣ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ 14 ਮਈ 2026 ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਯੂਕੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਨਫ਼ਰਤੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਤੇਜ਼ ਵਾਧਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਕਾਰਨ ਵੱਡੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਅਸੁਰੱਖਿਤ ਮਹਿਸੂਸ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। 1,000 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀ ਭਾਗੀਦਾਰੀ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਰਵੇਖਣ ਵਿੱਚ 40 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਉਤਰਦਾਤਾਵਾਂ ਨੇ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਖੁਦ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ ਦਾ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਰ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ ਜਾਂ ਅਜਿਹੀਆਂ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਦੇ ਗਵਾਹ ਬਣੇ ਹਨ। ਸਰਵੇਖਣ ਦੌਰਾਨ 500 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਨਫ਼ਰਤੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਦਰਜ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ। ਲਗਭਗ 90 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਮੰਨਣਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮਈ ਦੇ ਮੱਧ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਵਾਧਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ, ਜਦਕਿ 61 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਨੇ ਸਥਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਬੇਹੱਦ ਗੰਭੀਰ ਕਰਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਦੋ-ਤਿਹਾਈ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਉਤਰਦਾਤਾਵਾਂ ਨੇ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਕਿ ਕੁਝ ਸਿਆਸਤਦਾਨਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਪਵਿੱਤਰ ਕਿਰਪਾਨ ਬਾਰੇ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਗੈਰ-ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰਾਨਾ ਜਨਤਕ ਟਿੱਪਣੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਮਾਹੌਲ ਨੂੰ ਹੋਰ ਭੜਕਾਇਆ। 53 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਲੋਕਾਂ, ਖ਼ਾਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਬਜ਼ੁਰਗ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ, ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਉਹ



ਹੁਣ ਜਨਤਕ ਥਾਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਮਹਿਸੂਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੇ, ਜਦਕਿ 84 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਲਈ ਰੋਜ਼ਾਨਾ ਜੀਵਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਾਧੂ ਸਾਵਧਾਨੀਆਂ ਅਪਣਾਉਣੀਆਂ ਪੈ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਦਰਜ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਰੀਬ 50 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਜਨਤਕ ਥਾਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਮੌਖਿਕ ਦੁਰਵਿਵਹਾਰ, 25 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ, 15 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਧਮਕੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਡਰਾਉਣ-ਧਮਕਾਉਣ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਸਨ, ਜਦਕਿ ਲਗਭਗ 10 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਤੋੜਵੇੜ, ਸਰੀਰਕ ਹਮਲੇ ਅਤੇ ਗੰਭੀਰ ਸੱਟਾਂ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਸਨ। ਸਰਵੇਖਣ ਨੂੰ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਭਰੋਸੇ ਦੀ ਘਾਟ ਵੀ ਉਜਾਗਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ। ਭਾਵੇਂ 60 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਫ਼ਰਤੀ ਅਪਰਾਧ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਇਤ ਦਰਜ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਹੈ, ਪਰ ਕੇਵਲ 6 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਹੀ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਤੱਕ ਪਹੁੰਚੀਆਂ। ਕਰੀਬ 70 ਵੀਸਦੀ ਉਤਰਦਾਤਾਵਾਂ ਦਾ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਭਰੋਸਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਿ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਨਫ਼ਰਤੀ ਅਪਰਾਧਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੜਦੀ ਗੰਭੀਰਤਾ ਨਾਲ ਨਜਿੱਠਦੀ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਨੈੱਟਵਰਕ ਨੇ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ, ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ, ਭਰੋਸੇ ਦੀ ਬਹਾਲੀ ਅਤੇ ਨਫ਼ਰਤੀ ਅਪਰਾਧਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵਸ਼ਾਲੀ ਰੋਕ ਲਈ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਅਤੇ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਕਦਮ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਜਾਣ।

Sikhs Raise Anti-Sikh Hate, 1984 Inquiry and Jagtar Singh Johal's Release in UK Parliament

New Delhi, July 23 (Manpreet Singh Khalsa):



130 Members of Parliament at Westminster to highlight a range of key issues affecting the Sikh community,

including the rise in anti-Sikh hate crimes, protection of Sikh identity, a public inquiry into the UK's role during the 1984 events, and the release of Jagtar Singh Johal. The parliamentary lobby was led by Jas Athwal, Labour MP for Ilford South and Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for British Sikhs.

Around 25-30 MPs and their staff from different political parties participated in the meetings. The Sikh Network presented findings from a nationwide survey indicating a concerning increase in anti-Sikh hate incidents since mid-May. The survey results were shared with the Home Office and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, urging immediate action. However, no formal response has yet

been received, reportedly due to the transition to a new Prime Minister. Michael Wegier, Chief Executive of the Board of Deputies, called on the UK Government and international institutions to fulfil their responsibility to tackle anti-Sikh hatred and ensure equal protection for the Sikh community. During the

tangible progress had been made over the past two years. Jas Singh highlighted several recent anti-Sikh incidents in Wolverhampton, Oldbury and Walsall, as well as the racist killing of 24-year-old Kirandeep Kaur in Hayes. MPs were also informed about a recent meeting with Andy Burnham, during which Sikh

protections concerning the Sikh Kirpan (Sri Sahib) and called for a statutory code of practice safeguarding the Sikh articles of faith, including the Dastar (turban) and the Five Ks. According to organisers, MPs expressed support for these demands. Sikh organisations also urged Andy Burnham to establish an independent

judge-led public inquiry into the alleged anti-Sikh actions of Margaret Thatcher's government during 1984. They additionally called for the immediate release of Jagtar Singh Johal, who has remained in custody in India for more than eight and a half years. MPs from across political parties unanimously condemned anti-Sikh hatred during the parliamentary discussions.

Amrik Singh, Chair of the Sikh Federation (UK), said the new Labour leadership would now be judged by its actions rather

than its promises. He warned that unless the Government begins direct and meaningful engagement with the Sikh community, Labour could face political consequences.

lobby, representatives of the Sikh Federation (UK) stated that Labour leader Keir Starmer had previously pledged to address anti-Sikh hate while in opposition, but claimed that little

representatives called for anti-Sikh hate to be recognised on par with anti-semitism and Islamophobia. They further urged that there should be no changes to existing legal



3. TRUTH & JUSTICE FOR 1984 AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

The 40th anniversary of the historic Sarbat Khalsa of 26 January 1986 and the 40th anniversary of the Declaration of Khalistan on 29 April 1986 provided an important backdrop to the year. Alongside these anniversaries, the Federation's human-rights work focused on transnational repression, securing the release of Jagtar Singh Johal pursuing accountability for the 1984 Sikh Genocide.

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Forty years: Sarbat Khalsa and the Declaration of Khalistan

Sikh community holds protest in front of European Parliament in Brussels



Kashmir Media Service – 1 May 2026

Brussels: A huge protest was held by the Sikh community in Luxembourg Square in front of the European Parliament in the capital of the European Union, Brussels, under the slogan "Free Khalistan".

ਯੂਰਪੀਅਨ ਸੰਸਦ ਦੇ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ "ਆਜ਼ਾਦ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ" ਦੇ ਨਾਅਰੇ ਹੇਠ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਵਿਸ਼ਾਲ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨ, ਭਾਰਤ ਦੇ ਅੰਦਰ ਚੱਲ ਰਹੇ ਅੰਦੋਲਨ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਉਭਰੇਗਾ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ



According to Kashmir Media Service, a large number of political, social and business figures of the Sikh community from all over Europe, including Belgium, participated in the Freedom Rally organized by the Sikh Sangat Organization and the Gurdwara Administration.

The protesters raised slogans against the Modi government and called Indian democracy fake. They said India can no longer suppress the right of Sikhs to self-determination.

Exposing and internationalising transnational repression

UK spies handed over intel to Canada on Nijjar killing: Report

Call intercepts suggest three targets — Nijjar, Avtar Singh Khanda and Gurbatwant Singh Pannun, mentions documentary

Hindustan Times – 9 November 2025

It was with the help of British spy call intercepts that the Canadian authorities drew alleged links between India and the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar in June 2023, a new documentary released this week has claimed.

The report — Inside the Deaths that Rocked India's Relations with the West — by Bloomberg Originals mentioned that a British intelligence agency — believed to be the UK's

Sikh leader Gardial Singh in his address said that for the freedom movement, their elders rendered immense sacrifices, which will not be allowed to go waste.

He expressed his determination that the 40th anniversary of the declaration of Sikh Khalistan at the Akal Takht in Amritsar will be celebrated in a grand manner.

According to a statement issued by the **Sikh Federation (UK)**, an important press conference has also been scheduled at the Brussels Press Club, in which India's violation of UN resolutions and the oppression of minorities through Hindutva ideology will be exposed.

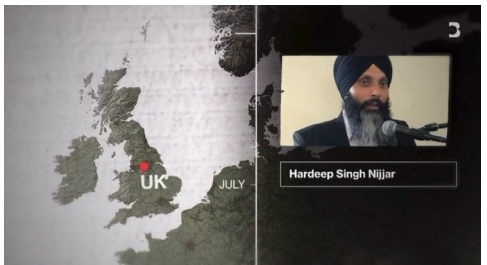
The protesters, citing the changing attitudes of world powers, including the US, China, UK and Germany, said that the world now considers India an unreliable country.

The participants of the rally made it clear that the ongoing independence movements within India will divide it into at least eight different states, including Khalistan, will emerge on the world map.

Sikh leaders on this occasion also appealed to the Pakistani military leadership to give moral support to their movement for the right to self-determination.

The protest continued for several hours, in which strong slogans were raised in favour of Khalistan.

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government communications headquarters (GCHQ), often referred to as the country's listening post – intercepted calls that appeared to be discussing three targets.

Nijjar, a Canadian Sikh designated a terrorist by India in 2020 for Khalistani extremism, was allegedly among the names on the intelligence passed on to the Canadian authorities under the 'Five Eyes' intelligence sharing agreement between the UK, US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

The video documentary claims, "In late July 2023, there was a breakthrough in the Nijjar murder investigation case when the UK obtained relevant information." The British intelligence would only be shared under strict conditions: hand-delivered to Ottawa and kept off electronic systems and only a handful of Canadian officials, pre-approved by London, could see it, it is claimed.

"The file was a summary of conversations intercepted by a British intelligence agency between individuals who analysts believe were working on behalf of the Indian government," the documentary claims. "They had discussed three potential targets: Nijjar, (Avtar Singh) Khanda and (Gurpatwant Singh) Pannun. Later, there was an exchange about how Nijjar had been successfully eliminated," it alleges.

Khanda, a British Sikh pro-Khalistani activist, died in June 2023 at a hospital in the city of Birmingham in the West Midlands region of England. He was terminally ill with blood cancer and despite allegations from some groups in the UK, the British authorities ruled there were "no suspicious circumstances" surrounding the death.

In the wake of the documentary, **Sikh Federation (UK)** said it has written to security minister Dan Jarvis to demand why the British government has intelligence from July 2023 that it has not shared or referred to "when specifically asked by MPs representing the Sikh community. We are particularly concerned about British intelligence

held that is relevant to the mysterious death of Avtar Singh Khanda," the letter reads.

Meanwhile, US-based Pannun, designated a terrorist by India for his Khalistani extremism, is interviewed in the Bloomberg documentary surrounded by armed bodyguards and claims to be in fear for his life.



India has strongly rejected Canadian allegations as "absurd and motivated" and a "deliberate strategy of smearing India for political gains." The issue triggered a massive diplomatic row when the then prime minister Justin Trudeau made a statement in the Canadian Parliament in 2023 that its security forces were "actively pursuing credible allegations" linking Indian government agents to the murder of Nijjar in British Columbia.

In October 2024, India recalled its high commissioner and five other diplomats after Ottawa attempted to link them to the Nijjar case. India also expelled an equal number of Canadian diplomats. However, Liberal Party leader Carney's victory in the parliamentary election in April this year helped begin the process of resetting relations.

In June, Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with his Canadian counterpart Mark Carney on the margins of the G7 summit at Kananaskis in Canada.

In August, India and Canada appointed envoys to each other's capitals, signalling their efforts to repair ties.

SIKH FEDERATION UK DEMANDS TRUTH ON THREATS TO SIKH ACTIVISTS

13 November 2025 – London - The Sikh Federation (UK) has called on Security Minister Dan Jarvis to urgently disclose information allegedly withheld by the previous Conservative government concerning threats to Sikh activists in Britain.

In a statement issued on Monday 10 November 2025, the Federation confirmed that it has sent a follow-up letter to Jarvis "requesting an urgent meeting," following its earlier letter last week prompted by the

Bloomberg documentary Inside the deaths that rocked India's relations with the West and the accompanying article Finish Him Brother.

According to the Sikh Federation, "the UK Government is nervous about India's reaction" after "dozens of critical media reports in India" referred to the previously unreported role of British intelligence. The group noted that Sky News had interviewed Moninder Singh of Sikh Federation Canada and Jas Singh of the Sikh Federation (UK) on 8 November regarding the matter.

The Federation said Jarvis has now been provided with additional information about a key meeting held on **18 July 2023** between Labour MPs and then **Security Minister Tom Tugendhat**. The meeting followed the "mysterious death of Avtar Singh Khanda in Birmingham on 15 June and the assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada on 18 June."

During that meeting, the Federation said, "Labour MPs raised concerns about the operation of India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) in the UK," including reports that "in early July 2023 a 'hit-list' of Sikh activists" was broadcast on Indian television, with the NIA "claiming responsibility for the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar and Avtar Singh Khanda."

The Sikh Federation's latest letter urges Jarvis to "come clean" and end what it describes as a "cover up" that took place "under the Tory watch," when "Indian RAW agent Sarvesh Raj was quietly expelled from the UK without explanation in July 2023."

"The fact the Indian authorities made little or no fuss about the expulsion of Sarvesh Raj adds to the suspicion that he was up to no good in the UK," the statement reads. The group warned that the current Labour government "will get blamed for what emerges about what took place under the Tory watch" if it fails to act transparently.

The Federation also cautioned that "the UK will be nervous" as more details could surface from "court proceedings in Canada or the US or from Five Eyes partners providing further details of British intelligence that was kept secret."

Sikh representatives are expected to raise the issue again on Tuesday evening, when "dozens of MPs" will attend a meeting in Committee Room 10 in Parliament from 6–9pm.

The letter to Dan Jarvis has also been copied to Yvette Cooper, the Foreign Secretary, who, according to the Federation, "will be aware of India's reaction following the revelation by Bloomberg."

CAMPAIGNING FOR JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL

The Sikh Federation (UK) alongside the family of Jagtar Singh Johal has continued to exert political pressure on the UK Government in the last 12 months to secure the release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal. Initially it was when Keir Starmer visited India and met Narendra Modi in October 2025. Later it was through a letter writing campaign pressuring MPs.



The Federation then took the issue into international diplomatic and institutional settings. Work in Baku and Geneva linked research, media attention and direct engagement with permanent missions, international organisations and human-rights bodies.

Baku Initiative Group, International Sikh Federation urge international community to take action against violence



Azertac – 16 January 2026

The Baku Initiative Group (BIG) and the Sikh Federation International have called on the international community to take decisive action against violence and discrimination targeting Sikhs and other minorities in India.

The issue of mass violence against Sikhs in India in 1984, as well as the climate of impunity that has persisted for decades, was discussed at the international conference titled “Racism and Violence Against Sikhs and Other Minorities in India: The Reality on the Ground.”

Global Action Urged Against Indian Transnational Repression Following New UN-Aligned Report in Geneva

SIKH SIYASAT
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Sikh Siyasat Bureau - 16 March 2026

The Sikh Federation (UK) has issued a formal statement outlining a renewed international diplomatic push to address alleged rights violations targeting the global Sikh community. According to the official release, a copy of which is available with Sikh Siyasat News (SSN), a comprehensive new report titled **Beyond Borders: Indian transnational repression against the Sikh Diaspora** was officially launched last week at the Geneva Press Club.



The launch of the report followed a specialised morning conference at the InterContinental Hotel titled, **“Countering Indian Transnational Repression: Sikh Resistance and the United Nations.”** Both events were organized jointly by the Baku Initiative Group and Sikh Federation International, strategically timed to coincide with the 61st session of the UN Human Rights Council.

UN and International Engagement

Participants of the event called for accountability for politicians and law enforcement officials involved in acts of violence, as well as justice and compensation for victims, the protection of witnesses, and the adoption of strict anti-violence legislation.

The Baku Initiative Group and the Sikh Federation International urged governments, civil society organizations, and international institutions worldwide to demonstrate solidarity with the Sikh community.

According to the statement, a representative from the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) attended the conference. Follow-up meetings have already been arranged with the OHCHR to discuss the report's recommendations, specifically focusing on the UN's role and broader policies concerning transnational repression.

Highlighting the scale of international diplomacy involved, Dabinderjit Singh, Lead Executive at the Sikh Federation (UK), noted the widespread diplomatic interest in the issue.

“Engagement commenced with over 25 permanent missions of various countries prior to the conference and press briefing as Indian transnational repression directly impacts on Sikhs living in their countries,” Singh stated.

The release specifies that this engagement included representatives from the “Five Eyes” intelligence-sharing nations—the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand—as well as multiple European countries such as Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland, and Portugal.

Establishing “ITR” in Diplomatic Circles

A primary objective outlined by the Sikh Federation International is to firmly establish the term “Indian Transnational Repression (ITR)” within the UN and broader international corridors.

According to Singh, the international response has been proactive. “Several permanent missions have been in contact and suggested a working group specifically focused on ITR should be set up supported by several leading international NGOs to

take forward some of the recommendations in the report,” he said.

To build this coalition, the organization has commenced dialogue with several prominent intergovernmental bodies, inviting them to join the working group or act as observers. These include:

- The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)
- The European External Action Service (EEAS)
- The European Parliament Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI)

Report Recommendations

The press statement outlines that the newly released report pushes for strict international measures. Key recommendations include:

- **State Transparency:** Calling for individual states to demonstrate transparency regarding instances of ITR within their borders.
- **Accountability:** Demanding full accountability for those—whether in India or operating in other countries—responsible for executing transnational repression.

Details of India's repression against Sikh Diaspora revealed

Report AZ – 19 March 2026

The document highlights facts about Sikh activists who were forced to leave India due to the Indian government's repressive policies against Sikhs, leaders of diaspora organizations currently living in foreign countries, as well as their family members being subjected to attacks and terror threats by Indian authorities.

The serious risks created by organized attacks, transnational pressures, and threats are noted in the document.

The document also analyzes the potential impacts of such pressures and threats on the security of diaspora communities and their socio-political activities.

It notes that the occurrence of such incidents restricts the ability of Sikh activists living abroad to freely express their political positions and operate on international platforms. It is stated that such events are among the factors that create an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty among diaspora members. This, in turn, leads to a weakening of civic organization and political activism.

- **Sanctions and Consequences:** Urging coordinated diplomatic and security consequences, including targeted sanctions, against India.

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individuals associated with them collect information about Sikh activists and pass it on to criminal groups.

German courts have convicted individuals who collected information about Sikh and other political activists and passed it on to Indian intelligence. These events prove that India systematically operates to build spy networks in various countries and keep diaspora activities under surveillance.

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Scotland, faces multiple cases filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

On the eve of Starmer's visit, the Sikh Federation (UK) released a letter, written to the UK PM in the recent past, urging him to press for Johal's release during his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi later this week.

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 26 ਨਵੰਬਰ (ਅਨਪੀਰ) ਸਿੱਖ ਖਾਲਸਾ:-ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ, ਯਥੇਤ ਕੁਪਰ 'ਤੇ ਦਬਾਅ ਪਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਸੁਰਿੰਮ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਪਹਿਲੇ 24 ਘੰਟਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ 100 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਪੰਡਰ ਮਿਲੇ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਨਾਗਰਿਕ, ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੌਹਲ ਦੀ ਰਿਹਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਅਥਿਅਕਾ ਲੀਡੀ ਕਾ ਸ਼ਕੇ। ਪੰਤਰ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ



ਘਮਕੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਸੀ। ਕੁਝ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਮੀਦ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇਕਰ ਯਥੇਤ ਕੂਪਰ ਅਗਲੇ ਹਫ਼ਤੇ ਦੇ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਗਰਾਹ ਤੋਂ ਪਛਿਰਾਵ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲਣ 'ਤੇ ਜਵਾਬ ਦੇਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਰਫ਼ ਰਹਿੰਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਅਗਲੇ ਕੁਝ ਹਫ਼ਤਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਸੰਸਦੀ ਸਫ਼ਾਲ ਪੱਖ ਕਰਨ ਜਾਂ ਹਾਊਸ ਆਫ ਕਮਨਸ ਦੇ ਵਲੋਂ 'ਤੇ ਮਾਮਲਾ ਉਠਾਉਣਗੇ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੇ ਨੀਫ਼ ਐਗਜ਼ੀਕਿਊਟਿਵ ਕੋ-ਫੋਰਮਜ਼ੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਓ ਕੀ ਈ. ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਯਥੇਤ ਕਾਮ ਨੂੰ ਜਗਰਾਹ

ਕੱਚੇਵੇਟਿਓ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਜਗਤਾ
ਰੀ ਹਿਗਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਟਾਪੂਉਤ
ਅਤੇ ਸਕਾਟਲੈਂਡ ਵਿਚਿ ਉਸੇ
ਪਤਿਯਾਰ ਨਲਾ ਟਾਪੂਰਾ ਮਿਲਣੀ ਏ
ਮੇਲ ਗੀਰੀ ਹੈ। ਸਿੰਧ ਟਾਪੂਰਾ ਨੂੰ
ਲਿਖਿ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿਚਿ ਭਿਯਾ ਗਿਯਾ ਹੈ
ਕਿ ਵੇਲੇ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਟਰਾ 500 ਦਿਨਾ
ਕਿ ਟਾਪੂਰਾ ਟਰਾ ਸੱਤਾ ਗਿਯਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ
ਜਗਤਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਅਨੇ ਟਾਪੂਰਾ ਟਰਾ ਵੇਲੇ
ਕਿ ਟਿਕ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਵਿਚਿ
ਲਮਬਾਨੀ ਨਲਾਗੀਰੀ ਹਨ ਗੰਥਿਆ
ਗਿਯਾ ਹੈ। ਸਿੰਧ ਕਿ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ
ਅਤੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਨੇ ਵਾਰ-ਵਾਰ
ਜਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਧ
ਸਕਾਟਲੈਂਡ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਲਮ ਨੂੰ ਅਪਣਾ
ਗੁਰੂਤ੍ਵਾ ਹਲਕੇ ਨਲਾ ਉਨ੍ਹਉਚੀ
ਗਿਯੇ ਹਨ, ਕਿ ਆਪਣੇ ਸਿੰਧ
ਮੇਲਾਂ ਰਾਹੀ ਹੁਨੇ ਟ੍ਰਾਪ ਟਰਾ ਸਿੰਧ
ਮੇਲਾਂ ਰਾਹੀ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਨੂੰ ਉਮੀਦ ਸੀ
ਕਿ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਗਿਯਾ ਹਕਾਰਾਉਤ
ਅਤੇ ਉਸੇ ਪਤਿਯਾਰ ਟਰਾ ਧਾਪਮ
ਲਿਖਾਉਤ ਨਲਾ ਲੇਖਤ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੇ

ਅਧੀਨ ਅੰਤਰਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਪੁਸ਼ੀਤ ਦੇਖਣ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲਦਾ। ਯਥੇਤ ਰੂਪ ਨੂੰ ਜਨਕਕ ਰੇਰ ਨੂੰ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਦੀ ਰਿਗਿਰੀ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਅਪੀਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇਹ ਯੁਕਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਨੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ 'ਵਿਦਿਅ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ' ਦੀ ਰਿਗਿਰੀ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਹ 'ਵਿਦਿਅ' ਵਿਚ ਮਿਲਦਾਨ ਦੇਵੇ ਜਾ ਰਿਗਿਰੀ ਕਰਦਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਗਿਰੀ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਇਹ ਦੀ ਦੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਰਿਗਿਰੀ ਜਾ ਰਿਗਿਰੀ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ 8 ਸਾਲ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਭਵਾਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਸਾਣ ਨੂੰ ਬਾਅਦ ਯੁਕਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਜਾਂਗੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇਵੇ ਤੇ ਕਰਦੇ ਦੇ ਦੇਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਿਧ ਵਿਚ ਕੀ ਕਰਦਾ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰੇ ਨਾਨ ਨੂੰ। ਜਾਂਗ ਰਿਗਿਰੀ ਦੀ ਰਿਗਿਰੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕੀ ਯੁਕਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਇਸ ਮਿਲਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਯੁਕਤ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਪੀਸਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੀਤੇ, ਜਿਥੇ ਕਿ ਯੁਕਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਅੰਨ ਸਾਲ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ 'ਅਧਿਕ ਦੀ ਰਾਧਾਰੀ' ਕਰਨ ਦੀ

ਸਿੱਖ ਜੰਗਲ ਦੀ ਹਿਰਾਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਨੂੰ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਯਤਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਮਸ਼ਹੂਰੀਯੋਗਤਾ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਚਾਹੀਦ ਹੈ। ਇੱਕ ਵਿਸ਼ਿਸ਼ਟ ਨਾਗਰਿਕ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਜੰਗਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨਾਨੀ ਨਗਰਬੰਦੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੱਖਣ ਲਈ 8 ਸਾਲ ਬਹੁਤ ਲੰਮਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਹੈ। ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਯਮਿਤ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਅਮਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੌਰੇ ਮਾਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਵਾ ਦਸ ਹੈ। ਸੰਤਾਂ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਲੇਬਰ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਕੁਟਨੀਤਕ ਦਬਾਅ ਪਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਕਾਫ਼ੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਬਿਤਾਇਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਹੁਣ ਜੰਗਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਯੋਜਨਾਵਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੀ ਹਿਰਾਦੀ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਜੰਗਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੇ ਦਬਾਅ ਵਾਧੂਤਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।

Dabinderjit Singh, lead executive for political engagement at the Sikh Federation (UK), claimed that authorities had failed to produce evidence against Johal over the past eight years. "Over 100 MPs wrote to the foreign secretary in April following Jagtar's acquittal in one case, but sadly, there was no meaningful progress towards securing his release and return to the UK," Dabinderjit wrote.

Expressing disappointment over Starmer's previous meeting with Modi, where no breakthrough was achieved in Johal's case, the letter adds, "Whilst we understand you raised the case of Jagtar Singh Johal at every opportunity with your Indian counterpart over the past 15 months, the Sikh community expected to see concrete progress towards Jagtar's release and return when you last met Modi in the UK at the end of July."

The Sikh Federation (UK)'s letter concludes, "We hope you will return from India with good news for Jagtar's wife and family, and reassurance to the Sikh and wider community on the other two issues."

Stارmer's visit to India is expected to begin on Wednesday. Johal, a resident of Dumbarton in

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Hundreds of cross-party MPs have been urged by constituents to put pressure on the government to secure the release and return of British national Jagtar Singh Johal from India, campaigners said today.

Mr Johal has been held in an Indian jail since November 4, 2017. The British government has previously accepted that he was tortured and subjected to arbitrary detention.

Expectations of a breakthrough grew in 2025 after Mr Johal was acquitted on March 4, when the first case against him finally concluded.

The remaining eight cases are based on the same evidence, and Indian authorities chose not to appeal the acquittal.

ਯੂਕੇ ਦੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੌਹਲ ਦੀ ਰਿਹਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕੂਟਨੀਤਕ ਯਤਨਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਅਪਡੇਟ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ ਚੁਣੌਤੀ

ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਾਲਸਾ,
ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ, ਰੱਬ ਸੱਚ ਦੀ ਬਾਣੀ

ਪਿਛਲੇ ਛੇ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੈਂਕੜੇ ਹਲਕਿਆਂ ਨੇ 150 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੱਤਰ ਲਿਖ ਕੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਖਾਦੇ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਇਹ ਚੰਸ਼ਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਲੇਬਰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਨਾਗਰਿਕ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੌਹਲ ਦੀ ਰਿਹਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਅਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਰਤਾ ਕੂਟਨੀਤਕ ਦਬਾਅ ਪਾਇਆ ਹੈ। ਜਗਤਾਰ 8 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨਮਾਨੀ ਨਜ਼ਰਬੰਦੀ ਅਧੀਨ ਹੈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਅਗਵਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਰਿਹਾਸਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ ਉਸਨੇ ਤਸੱਦਦ ਦੇ ਦੋਸ਼ ਲਗਾਏ ਸਨ ਜਿਸ ਲਈ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ 8 ਸਾਲ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਸਮੇਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ 'ਸਖ਼ਤ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ' ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੇ ਬੀਪੀਓ ਭਾਈ ਦੁਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਨੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਖਾਦੇ

ਕੁਮਾਰ ਦੀ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਦੇ ਭਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਫ਼ਗਲਸ ਮੈਕਐਲਿਸਟਰ ਐਮਪੀ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਈ



ਮੁਲਾਕਾਤ ਬਹੁਤ ਨਿਰਾਸ਼ਾਨਕ ਸੀ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਪਿਛਲੇ 6 ਮਹੀਨਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਯੂਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਪਣੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਹਮਲੂਕਾ ਨਾਲ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਦੋ ਮੀਟਿੰਗਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀਤਾ ਸਟਾਰਮਰ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਦੱਸਣਾ ਉਸ ਲਈ ਸੰਤੁਸ਼ਟੀਜਨਕ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਉਸਨੇ ਸਿਰਫ਼ 'ਚਿੰਤਾ' ਪੈਦਾ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਸਨ, ਪਰ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਦੀ ਰਿਹਾਈ ਲਈ ਜ਼ੋਰ

ਪਾਉਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਿਰਾਸਤਦਾਰ ਸੀ। ਸਾਂਸਦਾਂ ਨੇ ਵੀਰਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਰਾਊਸ ਆਫ਼ ਕਮਨਜ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਉਠਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਵਾਅਦਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਦੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਕੂਟਨੀਤਕ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਬਾਰੇ ਸਟਨ ਨੂੰ ਰਾਮਪੀ ਅਪਡੇਟ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਕਿਹਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇਹ ਸਾਰੇ ਪਾਸਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਲਈ ਬਹੁਤ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਚਿੰਤਾ ਦਾ ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਹੈ। ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਰਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਤੇਜ਼ੀ ਨਾਲ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਰਿਹਾਈ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਲਈ ਹਰ ਸੰਭਵ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਜਦੋਂ ਉਹ ਸਵੀਕਾਰ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨਮਾਨੀ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਨਜ਼ਰਬੰਦ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਸਾਂਸਦ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਤੋਂ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਨਿਧੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਇੱਕ ਵਕਲਾ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲਣ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।

Sir Keir Starmer is reported to have raised Mr Johal's case with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi last July, when the two countries signed a

trade deal, and again during a visit to India in October.

The Prime Minister also confirmed that Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper would meet Mr Johal's family in the coming weeks.

Ms Cooper met Mr Johal's brother Gurpreet, a Labour councillor, and Douglas McAllister, Labour MP for West Dunbartonshire, on December 1.

The pair reported that both were deeply disappointed, with no new information or progress outlined.

Sir Keir and Ms Cooper are now facing mounting criticism that the government failed to use key diplomatic opportunities in 2025 to apply sufficient pressure to secure Mr Johal's release.

Dozens of MPs have written to the Foreign Secretary demanding answers, with several calling for a meeting between a cross-party delegation and representatives of the Sikh Federation (UK), which has co-ordinated the letter-writing campaign.

Dabinderjit Singh of the Sikh Federation (UK) said: "Keir Starmer and Yvette Copper know the Indian authorities did not appeal against Jagtar's acquittal on March 4, and the High Court and the Supreme Court have requested the other eight cases to be expedited — but to date not one witness has been called by the prosecution against Jagtar.

"The UK government know this is a clear-cut case of double jeopardy...

"The softly, softly approach of quiet diplomacy with India has not worked for more than eight years."

He called on the government to "apply maximum pressure" to negotiate his release or "publicly call out the Indian authorities if they are not listening."

The first section of the annual report provided details of the wider impact of the first international conference in Baku, Azerbaijan in January 2026. This section of the booklet focuses on human rights, transnational repression and the 1984 Sikh Genocide covered in the January Baku conference, March Geneva conference and Press Club event and the June visit to the Azerbaijan Parliament, heritage site associated with Guru Nanak Dev Ji in Baku and the 1984 Sikh Genocide conference at Baku University.

REPORT

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ਸੰਘਾਂ, ਜੋ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪੰਥ 'ਤੇ ਨਵੀਂ ਚਰਚਾ ਨੂੰ ਜਨਮ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ, ਜੋ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪੰਥ 'ਤੇ ਨਵੀਂ ਚਰਚਾ ਨੂੰ ਜਨਮ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ, ਜੋ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪੰਥ 'ਤੇ ਨਵੀਂ ਚਰਚਾ ਨੂੰ ਜਨਮ ਦੇ



ਸਿੱਖ ਨੁਮਾਇਸ਼ਦਾਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਿਚੋਂ 'ਤੇ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਭਾਗਨੇਸ਼ਵਰੀ ਉਭਾਰਿਆ ਹੈ। ਬਾਬੂ ਵਿੰਚ ਉਭਰ ਗਏ, ਸਭਾਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਿਨਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਦੋਂ-ਜ਼ਿੰਦਗੀ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਬਾਰੇ ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਪੱਧਰ ਉੱਠਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ। ਇਸ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਕਸਰ ਉਠਾਏ ਦੇ ਇਤਿਹਾਸਕ ਸਫ਼ਾਰੀ ਜਾਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਹੋ, ਜੋ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਤਰੀ ਸਫ਼ਾਰੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੇ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

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Indian Officials Face Risk of International Prosecution for 1984 Sikh Genocide, Explores Sikh Federation (UK)

SIKH SIYASAT
NEWS

Sikh Siyasat Bureau – 6 June 2026

In a major development concerning transnational justice, the Sikh Federation (UK) has announced that Indian officials could face prosecution abroad for the crime of genocide stemming from the events of June 1984. A copy of the written release detailing these legal explorations is available with Sikh Siyasat News (SSN).



The statement follows a one-day conference held at Baku State University on June 3, 2026, titled **'Amritsar: June 1984 – Transnational Repression as a Continuation of Genocide'**. During the gathering, Dabinderjit Singh OBE, Chief Executive for political engagement at the Sikh Federation (UK), addressed academics, politicians, and global Sikh representatives,

asserting the necessity of proving the genocide orchestrated by the Indian state in an international or national court.

Exploring Universal Jurisdiction Under the UN Genocide Convention

Because India does not accept the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, the Sikh Federation (UK) is pivoting toward universal jurisdiction frameworks. To navigate the complexities of international law, the organization is "exploring the possibility of launching a prosecution working with NGOs in up to a dozen friendly countries that are sympathetic to the Sikh cause."

This legal strategy relies on the 153 nations that have signed the UN Genocide Convention and possess domestic legislation allowing perpetrators of international crimes to be prosecuted regardless of where the crimes occurred. According to the release, these efforts have caused concern in Delhi, compounding existing scrutiny over the transnational repression of Sikh activists by the Indian government.

To meet the strict legal threshold of the 1948 UN Genocide Convention—which requires a proven intent to destroy a protected national, ethnic, racial, or religious group—Dabinderjit Singh presented evidence that the June 1984 military assault was premeditated.

Building long-term international partnerships Baku Initiative Group, Sikh Federation International forge cooperation pact

caliber.az

Caliber.Az – 3 June 2026

The Baku Initiative Group (BIG) and the Sikh Federation International have signed a memorandum of cooperation.

The agreement was signed by BIG Executive Director Abbas Abbasov and Sikh Federation International representatives during the international conference "Amritsar June 1984: Transnational Repression as an Extension of Genocide" held in Baku, Caliber.Az reports via local media.

The memorandum is aimed at expanding cooperation in the fields of academic, historical, and cultural research. It envisages cultural and scientific exchanges, as well as visits by researchers, historians, cultural experts, academics, and other specialists to take part in consultations, discussions, and research-related activities. The document also provides for the organisation of conferences, roundtables, and other events.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Abbasov noted that the memorandum would make a positive contribution to strengthening cooperation between

the Baku Initiative Group and the Sikh Federation International.

Sikhism is a monotheistic religion founded in the Punjab region by Guru Nanak Dev Ji in the late 15th century. The faith emphasises equality, justice, service to humanity, and the rejection of caste distinctions, with Sikhs regarding the Guru Granth Sahib Ji as their eternal spiritual authority.

A core principle of Sikhism is that all people are equal regardless of caste, gender, or social status. The Sikh tradition of *sewa* (selfless service) encourages community welfare and humanitarian assistance without discrimination.

Following the assassination of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in October 1984, large-scale anti-Sikh violence erupted in several parts of India, particularly in Delhi. Human Rights Watch has documented that despite numerous eyewitness accounts implicating political figures and police officers, accountability and prosecutions remained limited for many years.

The legacy of the 1984 anti-Sikh violence remains a significant issue for many Sikhs worldwide, with survivors and advocacy groups continuing to seek justice and recognition for victims decades after the attacks.

SIKH FEDERATION STRENGTHENS HISTORIC TIES DURING STRATEGIC VISIT TO AZERBAIJAN

4 June 2026 - London



Sikh Federation International concluded a series of high-level engagements in Baku, Azerbaijan this week, marking a significant milestone in the advancement of Sikh diplomacy and international advocacy. According to an official written release, a copy of which is available with the Sikh Siyasat News (SSN), the strategic visit was designed to “strengthen global awareness of Sikh human rights, including the right to self-determination through the establishment of an independent Khalistan.”

Representatives from Australia, Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and across Europe participated in a coordinated program of governmental, academic, and cultural engagements. These meetings aimed to further international dialogue

on Sikh issues and solidify longstanding ties between the Sikh people and Azerbaijan.

Governmental Dialogue and Historical Recognition

During the visit, delegates met with representatives of the Government of Azerbaijan to continue an ongoing dialogue regarding Sikh issues and regional cooperation. Participants discussed the historical relationship between Sikhs and Azerbaijan, alongside the critical need to preserve this shared heritage. Addressing the dark chapters of modern Sikh history, the discussions formally highlighted “the 1984 Sikh genocide that was carried out by the Indian state.” Azerbaijani representatives acknowledged the importance of these commemorations and reiterated a mutual commitment to strengthening ties with the Sikh people.

Commemorating Sikh Heritage at Ateshgah

Delegates also participated in a commemorative event at the historic Ateshgah, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its deep historical connections to the Sikh community. Academics and historians provided detailed presentations regarding documented accounts of Guru Nanak Dev Ji’s travels through the region during the *Udasis* (spiritual journeys). The event successfully highlighted “the deep historical roots of Sikh engagement beyond the Indian subcontinent” and reaffirmed the necessity of preserving global sites of Sikh heritage.

Strategic Partnership with the Baku Initiative Group

A major diplomatic outcome of the visit was the formalization of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Sikh Federation International and the Baku Initiative Group. This landmark agreement establishes a “framework for sustained cooperation in historical research, documentation, preservation, and public education relating to Sikh connections with Azerbaijan and the wider region.” The partnership represents a significant step toward strengthening people-to-people ties and promoting Sikh culture on the international stage.

Academic Conference on 1984 and Transnational Repression

ਸਿੱਖ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਦੇ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ 'ਚ ਭਾਰਤ ਖ਼ਿਲਾਫ਼ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਅਦਾਲਤਾਂ ਦਾ ਦਰਵਾਜ਼ਾ ਖੜਕਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਤਿਆਰੀ : ਦਬਿਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ

ਨਵੀਂ ਵਿੱਲੀ • ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ
ਜੂਨ 1984 ਦੀਆਂ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਲਈ ਇੱਕ ਨਵੀਂ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਚੁਣੌਤੀ ਖੜ੍ਹੀ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ। ਅਜ਼ਰਬਾਈਜਾਨ ਦੀ ਰਾਜਧਾਨੀ ਬਾਕੂ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਈ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਕਾਨਫਰੰਸ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਇਹ ਐਲਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਦੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਅਦਾਲਤਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਟਹਿਰੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਖੜ੍ਹਾ ਕਰਨ ਦੀਆਂ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ਾਂ ਤੋੜ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਜੂਨ 1984 - ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਦੀ ਲਗਾਤਾਰਤਾ ਵਜੋਂ ਸਰਹੱਦਾਂ ਪਾਰ ਚਮਨ ਵਿਖੇ 'ਤੇ ਹੋਈ ਕਾਨਫਰੰਸ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂਐੱਫ) ਦੇ ਸ਼ਾਨੀਅਰ ਆਗੂ ਭਾਈ ਦਬਿਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਓਬੀਏ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਜੂਨ 1984 ਦੌਰਾਨ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਰਾਜਕੀ ਹਿੰਸਾ ਨੂੰ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਅਧੀਨ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਸਾਬਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਲੜਾਈ ਲੜੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਭਾਰਤ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ

ਅਪਰਾਧ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਖੇਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਨਹੀਂ ਮਿੰਨਦਾ, ਪਰ ਸੰਯੁਕਤ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰ ਜਨੇਸਾਈਡ ਕਨਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ ਨਾਲ ਜੁੜੇ ਕਈ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਹਨ ਜੋ ਮਨੁੱਖਤਾ ਵਿਰੁੱਧੀ ਅਪਰਾਧਾਂ ਲਈ



ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ ਖ਼ਿਲਾਫ਼ ਵੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਦੀ ਇਜਾਜ਼ਤ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਭਾਈ ਦਬਿਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਦੋਸ਼ ਲਾਇਆ ਕਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਉੱਤੇ ਹਮਲਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਅਚਾਨਕ ਜਾਂ “ਅਚਾਨਕ ਚਾਰਜ” ਨਹੀਂ ਸੀ, ਸਗੋਂ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਯੋਜਨਾ ਕਰੀ ਮਹੀਨੇ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਤਿਆਰ ਕਰ ਲਈ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਫੌਜੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਚਰਚਾਨਵੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਦਾ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਹਾਲੇ

ਦੀਆਂ ਤਿਆਰੀਆਂ 1982 ਤੋਂ ਹੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕੀਆਂ ਸਨ। ਕਾਨਫਰੰਸ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਪੱਤਰਕਾਰੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪੱਤਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਹਵਾਲੇ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਇਹ ਦਾਅਵਾ ਵੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ

ਬੰਗੁਨਾਧ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂ, ਔਰਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਇਸ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਦਾ ਸ਼ਿਕਾਰ ਬਣੇ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਕੁਝ ਸਿੱਖ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਕਈ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਸੰਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਮਿਲ ਕੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਰਣਨੀਤੀ ਤਿਆਰ ਕਰ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਜ਼ੋਰ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਗਿਆ ਕਿ ਜੂਨ 1984 ਦੇ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ 1984 ਦੇ ਮੁੱਦਾ ਇੱਕ ਵਾਰ ਫਿਰ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਅਦਾਲਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਮੱਦਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਗੂੰਜ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਲਈ ਕੂਟਨੀਤਕ ਅਤੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਚੁਣੌਤੀਆਂ ਵੱਧ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ।

Furthering their advocacy efforts, delegates participated in an international academic conference hosted at Baku State University, titled “June 1984: Transnational Repression as a Continuation of Genocide.” The conference brought together Sikh leaders, legal experts, academics, and human rights advocates to examine the historical, legal, and contemporary dimensions of the June 1984 assault on Darbar Sahib.

Attended by dozens of academics and law students, the presentations tackled crucial themes such as the initial invasion, collective memory, intergenerational trauma, “transnational repression targeting Sikh communities, and questions of international law, accountability, and self-determination.”

Continued Commitment to Human Rights and Khalistan

The recent events in Baku reflect the continued maturation of Sikh engagement on the international stage. As foreign governments, academic institutions, and civil society actors increasingly engage with Sikh perspectives, meaningful opportunities are emerging for dialogue regarding historical justice and the future of the Sikh people.

The official release concluded with a firm reaffirmation of the organization’s core goals, stating that the Sikh Federation International “remains committed to expanding international partnerships, preserving Sikh culture and heritage, combating transnational repression, and boldly asserting the collective rights of the Sikh people, including the right to self-determination through the establishment of an independent Khalistan.”

Since the June conference, Indian media reports have expressed concern about the Baku Initiative Group’s links with Sikh Federation International and Azerbaijan’s increasingly critical stance towards India. The Federation views this coverage as evidence that its international engagement is attracting greater attention.

A media report on 5 August indicated concern about Azerbaijan becoming the epicentre for the Khalistan movement. The article also expressed concern about Western democracies such as Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States and Australia.

Azerbaijan is an important developing relationship for the Federation given the country has strategic partnerships with over 30 countries, including the United States, China, UK and one-third of European Union member states, including Germany and Italy.



KHALISTAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION MAKE HISTORY WITH 6-0 VICTORY OVER CSG ÉIRE

15 August 2026 - Birmingham

Khalistan FA made history on with a commanding 6-0 victory over CSG Éire in a landmark international football fixture at the Guardian Warehousing Arena in Willenhall.

The result was significant on the pitch, but the occasion carried a meaning far beyond the final score. For Khalistan FA (KFA), it represented another major step in establishing itself within the world of international football and providing a sporting platform for Sikh identity and culture.



KFA became an official member of the **Confederation of Independent Football Associations (CONIFA)** in April 2026. The organisation provides international football opportunities to teams representing stateless nations, regions, minorities and cultural communities that are not represented within FIFA.

Membership gives KFA access to a global football community and the possibility of competing in major CONIFA tournaments, including the CONIFA World Football Cup. For a team unable to participate in FIFA

competition, CONIFA offers an alternative international stage on which football and cultural identity can exist side by side.

The fixture therefore represented an important milestone. It gave players the opportunity to represent their community on an international football field, while supporters could see the colours and symbols of their identity displayed prominently at a competitive sporting event.

The opening ceremony formed an important part of the occasion, with both teams able to present their own national anthems, colours and flags before kick-off. For KFA supporters, these were more than ceremonial details: they were expressions of Sikh identity and national aspiration.

Once the football began, however, KFA's focus quickly turned to the task on the pitch. The side dominated proceedings and eventually ran out **6-0 winners**, recording a historic first international victory. Prem Singh was among the scorers, with his goal reported as the first for the Khalistan men's team.

For CSG Éire, the evening was equally historic in its own right. The Irish-language side represents a community seeking greater opportunities to express its cultural identity through sport, making the fixture a meeting of two teams with strong connections between football, language, culture and community.



For KFA, participation in an organised international football body also represents what its supporters regard as an important form of **soft-power representation**. International sporting relationships can create opportunities for engagement with other communities and stateless nations while strengthening links between supporters and reinforcing a shared sense of national identity.

There was no mistaking the significance attached to the occasion. The six goals ensured that KFA

would leave Willenhall with a historic result, but the wider achievement was securing a place on an international football stage.

Khalistan FA 6–0 CSG Éire. A landmark scoreline, and for KFA, the beginning of what its supporters hope will become a much larger international football journey.

#FREEJAGGINOW

THE ONGOING ARBITRARY DETENTION OF
BRITISH NATIONAL JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL

198
PRE-TRIAL
PRELIMINARY
HEARINGS
HEARINGS – NOT YEARS

151
TRIAL HEARINGS
IN PUNJAB
(acquired in all charges
on 04 March 2025)
HEARINGS – NOT YEARS

72
TRIAL HEARINGS
IN DELHI
(NO EVIDENCE PRODUCED
TO DATE)
HEARINGS – NOT YEARS

Despite the Indian Government claiming to have all evidence against Jagtar on 07 Nov 2017, the High Court direction of 18 Sept 2024 and the Supreme Court direction of 20 May 2025, the NIA have failed to call the one alleged witness against Jagtar to give evidence.

A COMPREHENSIVE TIMELINE OF PROSECUTION DELAYS

04 NOV 2017
ABDUCTION & TORTURE
Abducted and bundled into a van whilst not sleeping with newly married wife. Subjected to beatings, torture and inhuman treatment.

07 NOV 2017
GOVERNMENT CLAIM
The Indian Government claimed they had all evidence against Jagtar.

DEC 2017
CASES TRANSFERRED TO NIA
Jagtar was accused of being the mastermind in ten cases; eight cases were transferred to the NIA in Dec 2017. The NIA has transferred all charges to the relevant ten cases from 04 Nov 2017 until January 2018.

JAN 2018
ENTERED JUDICIAL CUSTODY
Entered judicial custody in January 2018.

FEB 2018
NIA FILE TO TRANSFER CASES
NIA file to transfer cases from Patna jail to Delhi jail in February 2018.

MAY 2019
TRANSFERRED TO DELHI
Supreme Court grants the transfer and Jagtar is transferred from Patna to Delhi jail in May 2019.

MAY 2019 – AUG 2023
DELAY IN DELHI
NIA continued to delay proceedings in Delhi.

MAY 2019 – AUG 2023
UN WORKING GROUP
UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention conclude the detention is arbitrary and call for release and return.

04 MAR 2025
ACQUITTAL IN PUNJAB CASE
Jagtar was acquitted in Punjab on 04 March 2025 – 88 months to sentence. There are still eight ongoing cases based on the earlier charges in Delhi.

TO DATE
DELHI CASES
72 trial hearings held. No evidence produced to date. The absent witness still not examined.

PROSECUTION'S CLAIM	REALITY TO DATE
CLAIMED EVIDENCE: 07 NOV 2017	NO ALLEGED WITNESS CALLED TO DATE
CASE TRANSFERRED TO DELHI: MAY 2019	DELAY OF 4+ YEARS BEFORE CHARGES & PLEAS CALLED (AUG 2023)
HIGH COURT ORDER: 18 SEPT 2024	DIRECTIONS IGNORED NO WITNESSES CALLED
SUPREME COURT ORDER: 20 MAY 2025	DIRECTIONS IGNORED WITNESSES STILL NOT PRODUCED

COURT ORDERS TIMELINE & WHAT HAPPENED

COURT DIRECTIONS	SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS
18 SEPT 2024 HIGH COURT OF DELHI ORDER DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 2024 The Trial Court sought to take urgent steps to expedite the trial. The NIA is also directed to lead the evidence of its witnesses including the protected witness on or early date so as to ensure that the trial proceeds in a expeditious manner. — Para 13, CLJ 5481/2024 & 577/2024	18 SEPT 2024: Expedite trial & examine the two protected witnesses on early dates. Witness still not produced.
20 MAY 2025 SUPREME COURT OF INDIA ORDER DATED 20 MAY 2025 We have heard the learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned AG appearing for the respondent(s). The Trial Court is also at liberty to consider examining the two protected witnesses expeditiously. — Para 5, SLJ/CJ 148, 3968-3974/2025	20 MAY 2025: Expedite trial & examine the two protected witnesses expeditiously. Seven bail hearings followed between May 2025 and July 2026.
08 MAY 2026 SUPREME COURT OF INDIA ORDER DATED 08 MAY 2026 We are inclined to give the said indulgence on a last chance and thus, let the matters on 15.07.2026.	08 MAY 2026: Last chance / Witness expected within 2 months (15 July 2026). On 15 July 2026, NIA raised a new alibi – witness in foreign country.
15 JULY 2026 LAST CHANCE: Protected witness to be examined by 15 July 2026. — Para 11, SLJ/CJ 148, 3968-3974/2025	15 JULY 2026: Bail applications remitted to High Court. Fresh consideration by High Court within 2 months.
15 JULY 2026 – LAST CHANCE EXPIRED NIA used the alleged witness was fearful of attending in person and sought a procedure to summon the witness from abroad. Bail applications submitted to the High Court for fresh consideration within 2 months.	
14 OCT 2026 14 OCTOBER 2026 – ALLEGED WITNESS DUE TO GIVE EVIDENCE Confirmed at the Trial Court on 21 August 2026.	
SUMMARY OF PROSECUTION FAILURES	
- Indian Government claimed all evidence on 07 Nov 2017, but to date no evidence has been produced. - NIA have failed to call the one alleged witness against Jagtar who is abroad, despite court directions. - Repeated adjournments and delays by the NIA for over 9 years.	- One protected witness has passed away, yet the bail produced no evidence. - Court directions from High Court (18 Sept 2024) and Supreme Court (20 May 2025) have been repeatedly ignored. - NIA claims and excuses have changed repeatedly and contradicted themselves. - The NIA have made a mockery out of the Indian judicial system and denied Jagtar his fundamental right to a fair and speedy trial.

9 YEARS
IN DETENTION

198
PRE-TRIAL
HEARINGS

151
TRIAL HEARINGS
IN PUNJAB

72
TRIAL HEARINGS
IN DELHI

NO EVIDENCE PRODUCED TO DATE IN THE 72 DELHI TRIAL HEARINGS

ONE ALLEGED WITNESS STILL NOT EXAMINED

JUSTICE DELAYED IS JUSTICE DENIED. FREEDOM FOR JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL. #FREEJAGGINOW

This infographic summarises information and court directions provided by the campaign/defence. It is not a substitute for the court record.

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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 & Pannaab 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.



SLABs excellent reputation and results now means it is inundated by those still in prison who have been let down and require support so they can be released. To enable SLAB to meet this increased demand individuals, organisations and Gurdwaras are requested to set up monthly donations to help secure the release of Sikh political prisoners.

£10

£20

£50

£100

£250

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With the blessings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji

KARTARPUR SAHIB YATRA COMMITTEE U.K.

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PILGRIMAGE TO HISTORIC SIKH GURDWARAS IN PAKISTAN

15 NOVEMBER – 30 NOVEMBER 2026

We invite all sangat to join this sacred Yatra to the historic Sikh Gurdwaras in Pakistan to celebrate Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Parkash Gurburab. This Yatra is a religious journey to visit holy shrines, strengthen our faith and unite with Sangat.

PLACES INCLUDED	COST OF YATRA	IMPORTANT NOTES
- Gurdwara Panja Sahib - Gurdwara Sacha Sauda - Gurdwara Rohri Sahib - Gurdwara Bhai Lalo Ji Khui - Gurdwara Choa Sahib - Gurdwara Dera Sahib (Lahore) - Gurdwara Sri Kartarpur Sahib - Gurdwara Darbar Sahib - Gurdwara Rori Sahib - Gurdwara Janam Asthan Nankana Sahib - Gurdwara Tambu Sahib - Gurdwara Sacha Sauda (Ferozqabad) - Gurdwara Nankana Sahib PLUS APPROX. 25 HISTORIC GURDWARAS IN TOTAL	£1,600 PER PERSON Includes - Pakistan Visa - Taxes - Return Air Ticket - Transport in Pakistan TRAVEL INSURANCE IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL TRAVELLERS Responsibility of Travel Insurance is of the passengers themselves. DEPOSIT £800 TO BOOK YOUR SEAT Balance payment to be made before travel. Tickets and visa will only be issued once full payment has been received.	- British passport holders must have at least one blank page in their passport. - Passports must be valid for the required period. - The aim of this Yatra is purely religious – to help pilgrims visit the historic Sikh Gurdwaras.

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OUR VALUES



DEFENDING RIGHTS

Standing against injustice and defending the rights of Sikhs everywhere.



ADVOCATING JUSTICE

Pursuing truth, justice and accountability through law, policy and diplomacy



EMPOWERING COMMUNITY

Empowering the Sikh community through education, engagement and solidarity.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to promote Sikh values, defend Sikh human rights, and advocate for self-determination through political engagement.



“ WE ARE COMMITTED TO FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION, **INEQUALITY AND EXPOSING HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.**
WE ARE THE UNCOMPROMISING SIKH VOICE GLOBALLY AND REMAIN VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS. ”

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