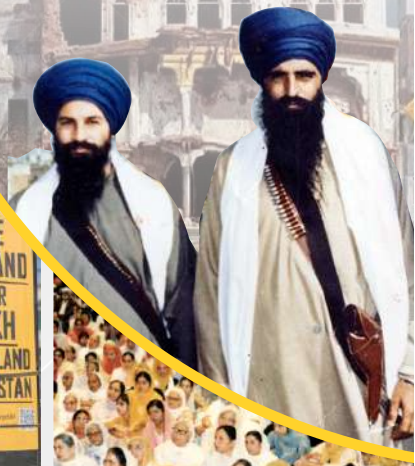


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A message from the Chairman



The Federation is marking its 40th anniversary and this is a significant milestone for the organisation. The range of achievements by the organisation in the last 40 years are immeasurable. The origins of the organisation are unique as they trace back directly to the June 1984 Indian army attack on the Sri Harmandir Sahib Complex in Amritsar which laid the foundation stone for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland. The 40th anniversary signals a time to transform, reorganise and develop over the next decade to grasp the opportunities available.

The focus and objectives of the organisation are on Sikhi, the Sikh identity, human rights and securing an independent Sikh State, these have not changed since September 1984. It has been no accident that the Federation in the UK has been at the forefront of many high profile campaigns and remained the leading Sikh organisation over the last 40 years despite the actions and pressure applied by the Indian government. The leadership of the Federation has been refreshed with new talent allowing it to effectively tackle and address the many challenges that have been presented. The long-term success of the organisation is because it has adapted to the changing situations, but widely respected by the grassroots of the Sikh community as it has remained true and dedicated to its principles and goals.

There has been unprecedented mainstream media coverage, including television appearances in the last 12 months where the Sikh Federation (UK) has led the way. Securing the release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal to the UK and transnational repression by the Indian government targeting Sikh activists in the Diaspora are the two issues that have dominated and there are separate sections for these topics in this booklet.

At the Convention it will be almost a year since the Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau stood up in the Canadian Parliament and accused the Indian government of killing Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Sikh leader on Canadian soil. The Indian government has been in denial, made and carried out threats, but a year later four people are in prison in Canada, awaiting trial and the Indian government has been forced to co-operate with the investigation. Arrests from another foiled plot in Canada from November 2023 have also emerged where it has been reported Canada has forced more staff at India's external spy agency, RAW to depart.

The foiled plot in the US from June 2023 has proved to be the Indian government's Achilles' heel. US intelligence has been at the heart of the public actions by the Canadian authorities and the US has joined in applying public pressure on the Indian government for accountability for their actions on foreign soil. Australia has now joined the US and Canada in publicly exposing the Indian government. These three countries and the UK and New Zealand complete the Five Eyes intelligence alliance.

The public response by the UK and New Zealand governments to India's blatant disregard for the rule of law through transnational repression has to date been muted. It will be interesting to see how this changes in the next 12 months in particular in the UK with a new government and with legal proceedings and the emergence of further revelations. The intelligence agencies and governments of the Five Eyes nations have a major dilemma as they know the trail and responsibility rests with Narendra Modi's National Security Adviser who reports directly to the PM.

The interaction of intelligence agencies with mainstream media contacts explains why the matter has emerged in the public domain over the last 12 months in Canada, US, UK and Australia. The intelligence agencies for the Five Eyes nations have no trust with the Indian government and its operatives. Politicians and governments in the Five Eyes nations will come and go, but given the Indian governments' unflinching support for Russia, Iran and overtures towards China it is only a matter of time before it is officially declared a 'rogue state'. This will require governments in the West advised by their agencies to take action and find a different solution to the geopolitical challenge presented in South Asia. There is a massive appetite to learn more about the global benefits for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland and meetings are now taking place at senior levels to bring this about.

After 14 years of a Conservative government Labour has come to power in the UK with a large, but fragile minority with 12 MPs of Sikh origin. Labour in opposition has made many promises on a range of issues set out in the third edition of the Sikh Manifesto released in June 2024. We are already seeing subtle changes and are quietly confident there will be progress in a number of areas over the next 5 years. Meetings with Ministers in the coming months will make clear the pressures the government face and how quickly and where we can make most progress.

The Federation on the 40th anniversary is making some radical and exciting changes in its structure, leadership and ways of working. We are moving to a Panj Pardhani system of leadership with a 15-member National Executive Team with most being British born or educated Sikhs. They will be supported by over 30 volunteers and advisers. This will include a Working Group of at least 15 Sikh women that will lead on several projects. The organisation will also have a Strategy Board of well-respected individuals with decades of experience providing direction, ensuring accountability and overseeing the strategy of the organisation.

Bhai Amrik Singh
Chair of the Sikh Federation (UK)



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

BRITISH SIKHS: “OUR VOTE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED”

London – 17 September 2023



Over 15,000 Sikhs took part in the 3-day convention at Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick that concluded today and marked the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Sikh Federation (UK).

Those gathered were told that those who manage the 250+ Sikh Gurdwaras in the UK will be encouraged to ensure the Sikh vote is not taken for granted at the next General Election.

In the last 5 years after the David Cameron/Theresa May era the Conservatives with Priti Patel and Rishi Sunak in senior positions have negatively targeted Sikhs and hugely damaged the Conservative reputation within the community.

Those participating in the convention expect to see a Labour Government elected next year that could be in power for at least 10 years. The number of Sikh MPs in a Labour Government is expected to increase with Sikh candidates selected in existing Labour seats in Derby, Huddersfield, Ilford and Southampton and seats Labour are expected to win in Bolton, Loughborough and Wolverhampton.

The Labour leadership has made several commitments about recognising and addressing anti-Sikh hate crimes, the release and return of Jagtar Singh Johal to be with his family in Scotland and an independent public inquiry into UK involvement in the events of June 1984.

However, the community will want a Labour Government to deliver a statutory Code of Practice on the Sikh articles of faith, officially recognise the 1984 Sikh Genocide and working with other governments take this forward on the global stage.

Bhai Amrik Singh, Chair of the Sikh Federation (UK) speaking after the convention said:

“We have developed a strategy for a Labour Government and the Opposition.”

“The two Sikh MPs have proved their community credentials and we are confident several others will follow in their footsteps based on early interactions.”

"We must have a Labour government prepared to publicly lead condemnation of the Indian government's systematic discrimination and promotion of violence towards religious and other minorities in India."

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Rishi Sunak playing dangerous politics ahead of his meeting with Narendra Modi in Delhi by demonising British Sikh minority to simply appease India

London: In recent days it has been reported a large conspiracy group of British MPs wrote to Rishi Sunak urging him as the British PM to call on Narendra Modi to immediately release "conspicuous Jagtar Singh Johal when he meets the Indian PM on Saturday. Jagtar has been tortured and been in arbitrary detention in an Indian jail for nearly 6 years. Much of the British public will however be totally unaware that Rishi Sunak prior to leaving for his India trip established the Press Trust of India where he has demonised British Sikhs who are increasing numbers are legitimately calling for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland. This narrative, but calculated more by Rishi Sunak is a major blunder as it has back-fired as it is seen as appeasement of India and has even been called out on Indian TV as a "disparate move". [See video attached]

British politicians, especially Rishi Sunak, are well aware of Sikh history.

This includes the successful existence of a Sikh homeland for over 50 years that the British annexed in 1849 after the two Anglo-Sikh Wars. Many British politicians claim for the loyalty and sacrifice of Sikhs as part of the British army over the next 100 years.

However, virtually all British politicians conveniently forget the significance of the Anglo-Sikh treaties, the massive role of Sikhs in the Indian independence movement and the role in 1947 of a Sikh homeland by Clement Attlee, a Labour British PM. This came before the disastrous partition and the British decision to divide the Sikh homeland between India and Pakistan. Indian and British politicians are well aware of the long promises by Indian leaders to the Sikh minority since



The video clip at the link below of Rishi Sunak will make many in Britain cringe

He is speaking to ANI, a propaganda tool for the right wing Indian government, and what he says about Narendra Modi, his Hindu faith and the non-existent "Pro-Khalistan Extremists (PKE)" will make many UK MPs and the public uncomfortable. Conservative Members have attributed to Sikh representatives the term "Pro-Khalistan Extremists (PKE)" and a dedicated team in the Home Office to address this has simply been invented to appease the Indian government who are calling for extreme action. The Ministers accept the risk and threat from PKE is virtually non-existent. The term was introduced following a Sikh protestor taking down the flag at the Indian High Commission in London on 13 March 2023. The Indian

government overstated and exaggerated by claiming that the British High Commissioner in Delhi and retaining security. The Conservative are trying to measure and draw a distinction between hundreds of thousands of Khalistan supporters in Britain who they accept are peacefully and democratically campaigning for a Sikh homeland and a handful of individuals who they regard as "extremists" who are Khalistan supporters. Apart from the flag incident the Conservative UK government has struggled to give any concrete examples of extremists, but the disproportionate focus on PKE to appease India is upsetting many UK MPs on all sides, including those in government and the Sikh community. Colin Bloom, the government's lead

advisor, first mentioned the term in a report published in April 2021. Tom Tugendhat, the Security Minister mentioned the term in letters to MPs in June and now the PM has mentioned it in an email to PFI before his visit to India and in an interview on Indian TV. PFI had when the Secretary first mentioned "Sikh extremism" in Britain in a speech in Birmingham DC in November 2021. She was publicly questioned and failed to provide evidence from the police (arrests or convictions or information from the intelligence services). Boris Johnson before he resigned as PM was forced to write and apologise in July 2022 on UK MPs on all sides and over 250 Gurdwaras and Sikh organisations challenged him.

1947 and the discrimination and killing of Sikhs in India, including the 1948 Sikh Genocide where we now know the Conservative government led by Margaret Thatcher had a direct role. The Principal Advisor of the Sikh Federation (UK) said: "It is shocking to see a British Conservative PM, who himself is from a minority community in Britain being allowed to get away with demonising

British Sikhs, especially when his own faith and ideology aligns with the extreme views of the current Indian PM." "What is however even more disturbing is the complete silence of UK politicians on all sides in calling out Rishi Sunak when there is such blatant ganging up against British Sikhs that has been the case since he took office less than a year ago." British politicians should remind Rishi Sunak. His first

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15,000 Sikhs to gather in Smethwick to mark Sikh Federation UK 20th anniversary

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Thousands of Sikhs are set to attend a convention in Smethwick this weekend to mark the 20th anniversary of a Sikh NGO. Around 15,000 visitors are expected to attend the three-day convention, which starts today (September 15), at Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Smethwick to celebrate Sikh Federation's milestone.

Sunday, September 17 is set to be the busiest day according to organisers as a number of key topics will be discussed. These include preparing for the next General Election, Jagtar Singh Johal's case and Sikh hate crime in the UK.

Sikh Federation UK predicts an increase in the number of Sikh MPs. Bhai Amrik Singh, the Chair of the Sikh Federation (UK) said: "We will announce preparing for a Labour Government that could be in power for at least 10 years. At the next

General Election, the number of Sikh MPs in a Labour Government is expected to go from two to at least nine, some of them will be speaking at the convention on a number of issues, including better political representation of Sikhs."

He added: "Rishi Sunak has failed to restore the Conservative's standing with the public and the Conservatives are facing defeat in the next General Election as inflation has made it harder for millions to make ends meet."

"As we have seen with Rishi Sunak's first trip to India as the British PM, he has been unable to defend British values and democratic rights when it comes to Sikhs, such as freedom of expression and the right to peacefully protest. He should not have been forced, while screaming and shouting, to raise the arbitrary detention of Jagtar Singh Johal

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Sikh organizations demand immediate ceasefire in Gaza: Sikh Federation (UK)

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Sikh Siyasat Bureau - November 17 2023

London: According to a press statement released by the **Sikh Federation (UK)**, "hundreds of Gurdwaras and Sikh organisations based in over 40 countries have come together to publicly call on Heads of State and the UN Security Council to prioritise the preservation of human life and deliver an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza".

'Calls from nations, international NGOs and faith communities across the globe for an immediate "humanitarian ceasefire" in Gaza are growing louder after more than five weeks into the armed

conflict following the abhorrent terror attack on Israeli civilians on 7 October and the taking of hostages', reads the statement.

"Most want to see an end to the conflict and the needless killing of tens of thousands of innocents, especially women and children. It is difficult to comprehend the shock and horror of thousands of babies and children being killed and injured who are too young to know or understand what is happening. The conflict has resulted in the killing of a child every ten minutes", it reads further.

"Although Israel has the right to defend itself, many question the decision to cut off food, water, medicine, electricity and fuel for 2.2 million Palestinians and deny access to essentials to survive. The time is right for diplomatic pressure to be applied to bring about an immediate ceasefire as we have already witnessed too much death and destruction. A ceasefire will save the lives of thousands of innocent civilians and bring an end to the downward spiral in Gaza", the press release reads.

"A ceasefire will be the first step that can lead to a negotiated settlement and permanent peace to a conflict that has been going on for decades. This must be the ultimate goal for all concerned", Sikh Federation UK added.

It notes that in late October, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for an "immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce leading to cessation of hostilities". Countries standing with Israel are currently only calling for "humanitarian pauses", but not a "ceasefire". "Truces" or "pauses" woefully fall short of a "ceasefire".

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu previously rejected a "temporary truce", but under pressure has now agreed to implement daily four-hour "humanitarian pauses". Israel is refusing to discuss a ceasefire without the release of the 240 hostages being held by Hamas. This week, Hamas has said it is willing to release 70 hostages in exchange for a five-day "truce".

The dire humanitarian situation with so many killed, injured and displaced demands the need to move beyond these different terms with different meanings. World leaders need to urgently find common ground to move to an unconditional ceasefire with the release of all hostages.

A delay in declaring a ceasefire and releasing all hostages will ultimately make a negotiated settlement much more difficult to achieve. Given the suffering of civilians on both sides in the Israel-Hamas conflict, it is imperative we have an immediate ceasefire that will signal the more difficult task of beginning to deliver long-term security and stability to both Palestinians and Israelis, reads the release.



Bhai Amrik Singh, the Chair of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

"The catastrophe in Gaza demands that world leaders show courage and apply diplomatic pressure to urgently deliver an immediate humanitarian ceasefire."

"We have been liaising with Sikh Gurdwaras and organisations across the globe and are putting our collective voices together in this statement to urge world leaders to bring about an immediate ceasefire."

"Political leaders who drag their feet and miss this opportunity to deliver a ceasefire will face a serious credibility crisis in the eyes of people across the globe. It will forever be a stain on their collective conscience."

TARGETING MPs AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH DEATH THREATS, INTIMIDATION AND VILE ABUSE FOR FAILING TO BACK AN SNP VOTE ON A CEASEFIRE IN GAZA IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE

London – 19 November 2023 - The Pope, Archbishop of Canterbury and other faith leaders across the globe, including Sikh organisations have called for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza as well as heads of state like Emmanuel Macron. They disagree with the current line taken by the UK Government, Labour leadership and other world leaders refusing to back a ceasefire.

Bhai Amrik Singh, the Chair of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

"Whilst we disagree and are disappointed with the UK Government, Labour leadership and world leaders refusing to back a ceasefire we unequivocally condemn those who have resorted to death threats, intimidation and vile abuse that oversteps the mark against UK MPs."

"We deplore threats of violence and abuse of their staff and are deeply concerned that MPs also fear for the safety of their families, including young children who are shamefully being threatened."

"Disagreeing and raising your voice in protest against your MP is your democratic right, but pressure that turns into threats of violence or death threats are totally unacceptable."

"Intimidation that becomes overly abusive and threatening is a crime and utterly deplorable. Perpetrators of criminal or disorderly behaviour or behaviour that causes fear and intimidation should be arrested and prosecuted."

Labour MPs in particular, including some of those supporting a ceasefire have faced terrible hate and threats, including vandalism. The Labour leadership's current position is to call for longer "humanitarian pauses" and for Israel to "protect hospitals" and end the "siege" on water, food and other essentials into Gaza. On Wednesday the Labour leadership therefore decided to abstain from an SNP amendment to the King's Speech backing a ceasefire in Gaza.

The Labour Party is going through emotional turmoil and is divided down the middle on a ceasefire. 56 Labour MPs, including 10 shadow ministers and parliamentary aides, defying the party whip voted in favour of the SNP amendment. Dozens of other Labour MPs followed party discipline and abstained during the vote, but are also supportive of a ceasefire.

Many Western governments are coming under pressure to back a ceasefire in Gaza, with France and Ireland having already done so. Global opinion is gradually shifting against Israel. However, intimidation or threats of violence against elected representatives will be counter productive.

Rishi Sunak and the UK Government is putting British Sikh lives in danger



LBC – 21 January 2024

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser to the **Sikh Federation (UK)** speaking to Matthew Wright this morning on LBC talked about transnational repression by the Indian government.

He also exposed Narendra Modi and the risk of the extreme Hindutva ideology that is being exported across the globe. The mainstream media are increasingly highlighting this global threat.

British national, Jagtar Singh Johal was abducted by Indian police in November 2017 and tortured. Within days he was shown dozens of photographs of Sikh activists.

Dabinderjit revealed for the first time on LBC that four of those Sikh activists have been extrajudicially murdered by the Indian Government, including Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada and Avtar Singh Khanda in the UK.

The UK Government under Rishi Sunak is hanging out Sikhs to dry.

Many Sikhs have come to the conclusion that Rishi Sunak because of his personal prejudices against Sikhs has been unashamedly allowed (by the official Opposition and many UK politicians) to not only demonise, but put British Sikh lives in danger.



Dabinderjit Singh, said: "We believe dozens of British Sikh activists are on India's "hit-list" and the UK Government has this information as the Indian government has been asking the UK Government to silence the same individuals by arresting, imposing restrictions or extraditing them to India."

"The UK Government need to come clean and warn all British Sikhs who are at risk from the Indian government or stand accused of complicity."

"Transnational repression by the Indian government is a step too far and governments across the globe need to take a tough stand, including the UK Government."



ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ, ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਚਹੇੜੂ, ਦਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਹਰਦੀਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਨਰਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਥਾਂਦੀ।

ਭਾਈ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਸਾਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਰਿਹਾਅ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ

ਲੰਡਨ, 27 ਫਰਵਰੀ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੱਧਨੀ ਕਲਾਂ)-ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਵਲੋਂ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ, ਭਾਈ ਹਰਦੀਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲਵਰਹੋਪਟਨ, ਭਾਈ ਦਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਭਾਈ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਚਹੇੜੂ, ਭਾਈ ਨਰਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਥਾਂਦੀ ਨੇ ਭਾਈ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਸਾਥੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਡਿਬਰਗੇਡ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਤੋਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿੱਚ ਲਿਆਉਣ ਅਤੇ ਰਿਹਾਅ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਬਾਕੀ ਭਾਰਤੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਦਿਖਾਵੇ ਲਈ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਤਾਂ ਇਕੋ ਜਿਹੇ ਹਨ ਪਰ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਉਕਤ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਯੂ.ਏ.ਪੀ.ਏ., ਐਨ.ਐਸ.ਏ. ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾਤਰ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਹੀ

ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਸੰਗਠਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਾਨੂੰਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਦੇ ਅੰਕੜੇ ਨਸ਼ਰ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਯਤਨ ਕਰਨੇ ਚਾਹੀਦੇ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਭਾਈ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਸਾਥੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਆਵਾਜ਼ ਬੰਦ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਹੀ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਡੱਕਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੱਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਹੱਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਨਾ ਕਰ ਸਕਣ, ਜੋ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਘੋਰ ਉਲੰਘਣਾ ਹੈ। ਭਾਈ ਹਰਦੀਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਬੈਠਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰਾ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਖੜ੍ਹਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੇ ਇਸ ਵਿਤਕਰੇ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਸ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨਾਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਉਜਾਗਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ।

ਲੰਡਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਪੰਸਦ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਅਤੇ ਕੱਟੜ ਹਿੰਦੂਤਵ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਲਈ

ਮੋਦੀ ਪੱਖੀ ਥਿੰਕ ਟੈਂਕ ਦੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤ



ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 28 ਜਨਵਰੀ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):-ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਵਲੋਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਮਸਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਅੰਤਰ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਪੱਧਰ ਤੇ ਚੁੱਕਣ ਦੀ ਰਾਜਨੀਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਅਤੇ ਕੱਟੜ

ਮੁਹਿੰਮ ਚਲਾ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ, ਯੂਕੇ ਦੇ ਸਿਆਸਤਦਾਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਲਾਬਿੰਗ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਜ਼ੁਲਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਮੱਦ 'ਤੇ ਨੰਗਾ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ। ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ 1984 ਦੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੀ ਰਾਜਨੀਤੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਖਲਅੰਦਾਜ਼ੀ ਅਤੇ ਦਬਾਅ ਬਣਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਨੇ ਸਭ ਕੁਝ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਝੁੱਪ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਫਲ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਹੁਣੇ ਅੰਤਰ-ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਦਮਨ ਅਤੇ ਡਾਇਸਪੋਰਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁਨਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਅੰਤਰਵਾਦੀ ਹਮਲਿਆਂ

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ਹਿੰਦੂਤਵ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਦੀ ਯੂਕੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਲੋਚਨਾ ਦਾ ਮੁਕਾਬਲਾ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਲੰਡਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੋਦੀ ਪੱਖੀ ਥਿੰਕ ਟੈਂਕ ਦੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਰਾਜਨੀਤੀ ਬਾਰੇ ਨਵੇਂ ਥਿੰਕ ਟੈਂਕ ਦੀ ਟਿੱਪਣੀ ਦਾ ਜਵਾਬ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਪਿਛਲੇ 40 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੱਕਾਂ ਲਈ

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ਦਾ ਸਾਹਮਣਾ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੱਦ ਤੱਕ ਲੰਮਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਮੋਦੀ ਪੱਖੀ ਥਿੰਕ ਟੈਂਕ ਦਾ ਇਹ ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਕਦਮ ਸਾਡੀ ਨਿਰੰਤਰ ਮੁਹਿੰਮ ਦੀ ਸਫਲਤਾ ਦੇ ਜਵਾਬ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਮੱਦ 'ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੋਮਲੈਂਡ ਦੀ ਮੁੜ ਸਥਾਪਨਾ ਲਈ ਦਲੀਲ ਜਿੱਤ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ।

PRO-MODI THINK TANK BEING LAUNCHED IN LONDON TO TARGET THE SIKH FEDERATION (UK) AND COMBAT CRITICISM OF THE EXTREME HINDUTVA IDEOLOGY

London – 26 January 2024 - A new pro-Modi think-tank is to officially launch in April in London.

The **International Centre for Sustainability** describes itself as an independent research and strategic advisory organisation, with the aim of fostering a “deeper alliance between the United Kingdom, the West, and India”, with an “integral view of sustainability”.

The organisation's website displays a 23-member team of fellows, researchers, and associates, including the infamous Charlotte Littlewood who is described as the ‘Head of the UK/India desk’. It is unclear how the Centre is being funded and how many of the 23 are paid and how much they are paid. [Charlotte Littlewood when challenged by the Sikh Federation (UK) in a tweet on 3 July 2024 stated she did not work for the centre.]



What is clear, from examining the recent social media output of the Centre's staff, is that a key aim of the Centre is to propagate a pro-Modi perspective in London, especially against criticism of his controversial foreign policy agenda that aligns with Russia.

Recently, much of their activity has been focused on defending the Indian government against allegations of transnational repression, including by the Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau of the Indian government's involvement in the assassination of Canadian Sikh leader, Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

When Ollie Ryan Tucker, a research assistant on conflict and international politics asked the Centre what they were looking to challenge they said: “they would like to see an end to the assumptions that Sikhs adhere to the Sikh Federation's politics” and “to combat the rising tendency to mar British Hindus as extremist”.

Bhai Amrik Singh, the Chair of the Sikh Federation (UK) responding to the comment by the new think-tank about the politics of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

“We have been campaigning for Sikh rights, lobbying UK politicians and exposing the atrocities of the Indian government on the international stage for the last 40 years.”

“The Indian government has been pressuring and interfering in UK politics since the 1984 Sikh Genocide. It has tried everything and failed to silence us.”

“It is now going to extreme lengths with resorting to transnational repression and terrorist attacks on Sikh activists in the Diaspora.”

“This latest move of a pro-Modi think tank is in response to the success of our relentless campaigning and because we are winning the argument on the international stage for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland.”

WE WILL OPPOSE THE CLASSIFICATION OF ANY SIKH ORGANISATIONS AS EXTREMIST

London – 14 March 2024 - The new extremism definition about to be unveiled today in Parliament, on the Sikh New Year, will formalise the engagement ban that leading Sikh organisations that are critical of the Indian government have already experienced.

Sikh organisations that have previously never received government funding, but led engagement with government officials have been unofficially blocked by the Tories from meeting officials and Ministers for the last 5 years at the request of the Indian government.

The Sikh Federation (UK) is the leading grassroots organisation that has been politically active for over two decades and often quoted by the mainstream media. We have been one of the Sikh organisations who has been critical of Indian government actions and faced the unofficial ban.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:



"We often raise difficult questions on a wide range of issue where officials and Ministers have often struggled to respond. This announcement may formalise the ban that already exists, but it will not be able to stop our local and national political lobbying that is a cornerstone of our democracy."

"This policy of appeasement of the Indian government has seen the UK government shift in the last 5 years to only deal with individuals and organisations that are pro-India who have also been backed with government funding."

"This discriminatory policy means the UK Government is totally out of touch with the needs of the Sikh community and it often relies on MPs keeping them honest."

"This approach is a sad indictment of democratic freedoms in Britain and results in poor Sikh community engagement and government policies and practices that will often be criticised and opposed. This strategy unnecessarily wastes community and government resources."

"We await the publication of a list of organisations in the coming weeks that will be impacted and will oppose the inclusion of any Sikh organisations for reasons of political correctness and to appease the right wing Indian government."

"We fully expect the opposition parties to oppose the Tories discriminatory strategy as regards classifying any Sikh community organisations as extremist."

Oasis CEO Apologises to Sikh community for Causing Offence

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Sikh Siyasat - 23 March 2024

London: John Barneby, the Chief Executive Officer of the Oasis Community Learning Multi Academy Trust has apologised for offence caused to the Sikh community for including slides about a Sikh youth organisation in slides about religion, extremism and terrorism.

"A number of Sikh organisations and members of the community were outraged by the inclusion of an image of Sikh Youth UK alongside that of the Ku Klux Klan and the Taliban and challenged the Oasis Community Learning Multi Academy Trust", Jaspal Singh, National Press Secretary of the Sikh Federation UK said.

"The Chief Executive Officer of the Oasis Community Learning Trust has confirmed in a letter to the Sikh Council UK that the offensive slides have now been removed", he added.

Oasis Community Learning Multi Academy Trust is generally held in very high regard and runs 53 academies.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

"It is not enough for the CEO of Oasis to apologise and remove the slides. This targeting of a reputable Sikh organisation and its founder who is pictured in the slides is blatant and should never have taken place."

The Causes of Extremism

Ku Klux Klan Westboro Baptists

Sikh Youth UK Taliban

Should all these people have a voice in society?

"Sikh Youth UK and its founder deal with very challenging subjects like bullying and sexual grooming and this sort of misrepresentation makes their job that much more difficult," Dabinderjit Singh said.

"Oasis should immediately write and apologise to Sikh Youth UK and its founder. Showing his image puts him at risk from criminal gangs and could also have serious legal and other consequences for the Trust," he added.

Dabinderjit Singh further said "This grave misrepresentation by the Trust however needs to be fully investigated as it could be argued Oasis has been spreading racial hatred."

"They must establish how this was allowed to happen, what due diligence took place and take action against those that allowed this serious mistake to occur so it never happens again", he added.

He said: "We have written to the CEO today about these matters following the apology and copied Ofsted and the Department for Education."

"Unfortunately, it is mistakes like this that could be incorrectly used by lazy civil servants to falsely label one or two Sikh groups as 'extremist' under the government's new extremist definition", he added.

"We will not allow Sikh groups to be falsely labelled extremist for reasons of political correctness as



politicians do not want to be seen and accused of picking only on Muslim and right wing groups", said Principal Advisor of the Sikh Federation UK.

Sikh Network publishes manifesto for change

Religion Media News – 7 June 2024

The Sikh Network has published the third edition of the "Sikh Manifesto", outlining demands for action by political parties in the forthcoming general election.

It says the election offers the opportunity for a paradigm shift in government relations with Sikh community organisations which will restore confidence.

Its ten point plan includes more effective representation of Sikh issues in Parliament; systematic collection and use of data on Sikhs by public bodies; promoting a better understanding of the Sikh identity and way of life; tackling hate

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crimes targeting Sikhs and Sikh religious institutions; raising the treatment of Sikhs by the Indian government; the release of Jagtar Singh Johal and Sikh political prisoners from Indian jails; an independent public inquiry into the actions of the UK Government on the storming of the Golden Temple in Amritsar in 1984; self-determination to the Sikhs.

The Sikh Manifesto predicts an increase in the number of Labour Sikh MPs from two to around a dozen and is optimistic that many of its demands will be resolved by a prospective incoming Labour Government.

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Why the 1 million Sikh vote matters

How to use the Sikh Manifesto

Downloaded by The Catholic University of Australia

The list of assurances the federation claimed it had received from the Labour Party did not contain any reference to self-determination or Khalistan.

Several Labour candidates have since been photographed with the manifesto, including Sarah Coombes for West Bromwich and Coventry candidates Zarah Sultana, Taiwo Owatemi and Mary Creagh.

Leading Conservatives have also supported the Sikh Manifesto. Guy Opperman, the candidate for Hexham, was photographed holding the document.

Theresa May was photographed with the manifesto alongside her replacement in Maidenhead, Dr

The document, produced by The Sikh Network with support from the Sikh Federation (UK), also contains demands to recognise "anti-Sikh hate" in the same way as antisemitism or Islamophobia.

"The UK Government has to date intentionally been almost entirely focused on Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia and deliberately ignoring 'Anti-Sikh hate'," the document claims.

It claims that the lack of "an official term for hate crimes committed against Sikhs and subsequent lack of definition of such a term" is a "contributing factor" to why hate crimes against Sikhs are "largely unnoticed, unreported and unrecorded."



Tania Mathias, despite the document heavily criticising the Conservatives.

Caroline Nokes, the Tory candidate for Romsey and Southampton North, was also seen holding the manifesto on a visit.

The endorsements come after a press release last month, in which the Sikh Federation accused Conservative politicians of "appalling xenophobic and unacceptable actions towards Sikhs" and the "deliberate demonisation of Sikhs to appease the Indian government."

Dabinderjit Singh OBE, Principal Adviser to the Sikh Federation UK, said:

"Candidates and leaders of political parties who have read the Sikh Manifesto have universally welcomed it as an invaluable reference document setting out legitimate concerns of British Sikhs and calling for fair treatment and a level playing field."

He added: "The section on Anti-Sikh hate crimes is not demanding any special laws, but equality of treatment with regards to others subject to hate based on the religion and/or ethnicity recognised in British case law for over 40 years."

ਬਰਤਾਨਵੀ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਸਿੱਖ ਚੋਣ ਮਨੋਰਥ ਪੱਤਰ ਲੰਡਨ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਰੀ

ਲੰਡਨ, 7 ਜੂਨ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੱਧਨੀ ਕਲਾਂ)-ਬਰਤਾਨਵੀ ਵਿਚ 4 ਜੁਲਾਈ ਨੂੰ ਹੋ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਆਮ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੁੱਖ ਬੰਧਨੀਆਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਮਸਲਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਮੰਗਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣਾ ਬਣਾ ਕੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੈਟਵਰਕ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸਿੱਖ ਚੋਣ ਮਨੋਰਥ ਪੱਤਰ ਅੱਜ ਲੰਡਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। 32 ਪੰਨਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਇਹ 10-ਨੁਕਤੀ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਸਾਰੇ ਸਿਆਸਤਦਾਨਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਬਰਤਾਨਵੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਮਸਲਿਆਂ, ਚਿੰਤਾਵਾਂ ਦੇ ਖਾਸ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਕਾਰ ਆਪਣਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਮੈਨੀਫੈਸਟੋ ਸਿਆਸਤਦਾਨਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਅਗਲੀ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਪਿਆਨ ਨੂੰ ਕੇਂਦਰਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਮੁੱਖ ਭਰਜੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਰਧਾਰਤ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰਾ ਤਲਾਸ਼ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਮੈਨੀਫੈਸਟੋ ਬਰਤਾਨਵੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਬਦਲਦੇ ਰਵੇਈਏ ਨੂੰ ਦਰਸਾਉਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਸਿਆਸਤਦਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ ਹੱਲ ਮਾਡਲ ਕਮਿਊਨਿਟੀ ਦੇ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਿਫਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਪੁਲ ਬੰਨ੍ਹਣ ਤੋਂ ਬੰਕ ਗਏ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖ ਚੋਣ ਮਨੋਰਥ ਪੱਤਰ ਦਾ ਇਹ ਤੀਸਰਾ ਐਡੀਸ਼ਨ ਹੈ। ਪਿਛਲੇ ਇਕ ਦਹਾਕੇ ਤੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੈਟਵਰਕ ਆਮ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਤਿਆਰ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਨਾਗਰਿਕ ਹੋਣ ਦੇ ਨਾਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਮੰਗ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਸਰਕਾਰ ਪੇਂਟ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਰੋਲ ਮਾਡਲ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਵਜੋਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੋਧੇ ਪੱਖੀ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਵਾਪਸ ਸਮਝੌਤੇ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੱਥ। 4 ਜੁਲਾਈ



ਸਿੱਖ ਚੋਣ ਮਨੋਰਥ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੀ ਬਾਹਰੀ ਜਿਲਦ। ਭਾਸ਼ਣ: ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੱਧਨੀ ਕਲਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕਈ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੋਣਗੇ। ਬ੍ਰਿਟੇਨ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਬੂਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ, ਹਿੰਦੂ ਕੱਟੜਵਾਦ ਦੇ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਵਿਆਪੀ ਖਤਰੇ ਨੂੰ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਹੱਲ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਖੁਦਮੁਖਤਿਆਰੀ ਤੱਕ ਦੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਦਰਜ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ

ਮੈਨੀਫੈਸਟੋ ਵਿਚ ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ 1984 ਦੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਨਸਲਰਸ਼ੀ ਦੇ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਸੁਰੰਤਰ ਜਨਤਕ ਜਾਂਚ, ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਨਾਗਰਿਕ ਜਗਤਕ ਸਿੱਖ ਜੰਗਲ ਦੀ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਬਿਧਾਈ, ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਨਫ਼ਰਤ ਨੂੰ ਯੂਰਪੀ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਅਤੇ ਇਸਲਾਮਿਕਿਸ਼ੀਆ ਦੇ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਕਰਨਾ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਤੱਖ ਪਛਾਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਵਿਤਕਰੇ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਕਣ ਲਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਕਣ ਵਰਗੀਆਂ ਮੰਗਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। 80 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਹਲਕਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਵੋਟਾਂ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵ ਨੂੰ ਦਰਸਾਉਂਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਮੈਨੀਫੈਸਟੋ ਵਿਚ ਹਾਲ ਹੀ ਦੇ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਕੌਂਸਲਰੀਟਿਵ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਰਵੇਈਏ ਅਤੇ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਦੀ

ਅਲੌਚਨਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਵੋਟਰੋਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੇ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਵੋਟਰੋਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਨੇ ਆਮ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੜਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਚੋਣ ਮਨੋਰਥ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਸਿਆਸੀ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਰੱਜ ਕੇ ਅਗਲੇ ਦੇ ਹੜਤੋਂ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਜਵਾਬ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਬੰਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗ ਸਕੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਉਕਤ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਹੱਕ ਵਿਚ ਗੱਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਸ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦਾ ਕਿਹੜਾ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਹਮੀ ਭਰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਭਾਈ ਗਿੱਲ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਖੜ੍ਹਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਅਰੇ ਵੀ ਜਨਤਕ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣਗੇ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਉਹ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਿਤ ਹੋਣ।

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MAKE UP OF LABOUR GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BODE WELL FOR ETHNIC MINORITIES

British Sikhs want answers as we believe the Labour leadership has discriminated against the record-breaking 12 Labour MPs of a Sikh background

London – 10 July 2024 - Ethnic minorities currently number around 20% of the population, it was 18% in the Census 2021.

Whilst there has been an improvement in ethnic minority representation in Parliament following the General Election on 4 July, they remain underrepresented in the House of Commons with 90 out of 650 MPs or 13.8%.

Labour has a higher proportion of ethnic minority MPs with 66 out of 412 or 16%. Most therefore had rightly expected the Cabinet and junior ministerial positions to reflect this ethnic diversity and provide equality of opportunity.

However, when the first photograph of the new Cabinet emerged on 6 July many were disappointed and started to ask about the representation of ethnic minorities, especially visible minorities.

Many rightly contrasted the new Labour Cabinet with the significant visible ethnic minority representation in the previous Conservative governments despite a much lower proportion of ethnic minorities in the Conservative ranks.

With the appointment of junior Ministers in the new Labour government the position for ethnic minority representation at senior levels in a Labour government is dire and within a week the situation for ethnic minorities has gone from bad to worse.

This will become stark and a constant issue for the Conservatives to exploit especially if the new Conservative leader is someone like Kemi Badenoch.

Most if not all appointments to government have now been made and the new Labour Government has failed at the outset to have sufficient representation of ethnic minorities, especially visible ethnic minorities.

It is simply not good enough that there are only around 10% of ethnic minorities in leading political roles compared to 20% of the total population.

To rub salt into the wounds, five MPs have been appointed as junior ministers despite having no parliamentary experience, only one of these is an ethnic minority.

At least four MPs who lost in the December 2019 General Election have been re-elected and immediately taken Ministerial roles, but they do not include any ethnic minorities.

In addition, Keir Starmer has decided to introduce four new Ministers from outside government via new life peerages, again none are ethnic minorities. Surely there are talented and experienced ethnic minorities that could have come via this route.

Many in the Sikh community are asking why the Labour leadership has discriminated against the record breaking 12 Labour Sikh MPs. With around 1 in 4 Labour MPs taking Ministerial roles the British Sikh community had expected to see at least two or three Sikh Ministers.



Most were expecting to see Preet Kaur Gill (the first Sikh woman MP) and Tanmanjeet Singh Dhese (the first turban wearing Sikh MP) take junior Ministerial roles as they have been MPs for over 7 years and had been successfully serving as Shadow Ministers.

Two of the newly elected Sikh MPs were until recently Council leaders in Redbridge and Southampton and could also have been given roles in government. With no Sikh appointed to a ministerial role despite their experience, reputation and loyalty suggests discrimination at the highest levels that is totally unacceptable.

Bhai Amrik Singh, the Chair of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

“The Labour leadership needed to learn from its past mistakes of unnecessarily alienating different communities that resulted in some Labour MPs losing their seats last week and many others facing challenge and abuse.”

“Keir Starmer should explain why all Sikh MPs, especially those with relevant experience have been overlooked or risk losing much of the one million Sikh vote in future elections.”

“We have reached out to dozens of newly elected Labour MPs, including Ministers in his Cabinet and they have been unable to defend the decision to exclude all Sikh MPs from government and universally condemned the discriminatory approach taken.”

“Keir Starmer has probably gambled on who to drop and bring in realising Sikh MPs like Preet and Tanmanjeet are loyal and would not make a public fuss.”

“The only positive to emerge from this experience is all the Sikhs MPs will be able to work with others to challenge discrimination and raise the full range of issues with government.”

ਕੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਾਂਸਦਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਜ਼ਰ ਅੰਦਾਜ਼ ਕਰ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਲੇਬਰ ਪਾਰਟੀ?



ਐਮ ਪੀ ਤਨਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਢੇਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਗਿੱਲ

ਲੰਡਨ, 15 ਜੁਲਾਈ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੱਧਨੀ ਕਲਾਂ)- ਬਰਤਾਨੀਆ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਲੇਬਰ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨੇ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੀ ਸੱਤਾ ਸੰਭਾਲ ਲਈ ਹੈ। ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਕੀਰ ਸਟਾਰਮਰ ਨੇ ਤੇਜ਼ੀ ਨਾਲ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੇ ਹਾਲਾਤ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਧਾਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਈ ਅਹਿਮ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਲੈਂਦਿਆਂ ਕੰਮਕਾਜ਼ ਆਰੰਭ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹਨ। ਹੁਣ ਤੱਕ ਦਾ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਡਾ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਰਵਾਂਡਾ ਯੋਜਨਾ ਨੂੰ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਰੱਦ ਕਰਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਬੰਦ ਕੈਦੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਘਟਾਉਣਾ ਹੈ। ਕੀਰ ਸਟਾਰਮਰ ਨੇ 5 ਜੁਲਾਈ ਨੂੰ ਅਹੁਦਾ ਸੰਭਾਲਦਿਆਂ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਦਿਨ ਹੀ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਮੰਡਲ ਐਲਾਨ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਕੁਝ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਰਾਜ ਮੰਤਰੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਵੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਪਰ ਨਵੇਂ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਮੰਡਲ ਵਿਚ ਹੁਣ ਤੱਕ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੂੰ ਥਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ। ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਮੀਦ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਲੇਬਰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਮੰਡਲ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਖਾਸ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਐਮ. ਪੀ. ਤਨਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਢੇਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਐਮ. ਪੀ. ਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਗਿੱਲ ਦੇਵੇਂ ਤੀਜੀ ਵਾਰ ਸੰਸਦ ਬਣੇ ਹਨ। ਦੇਵੇਂ ਸੈਫ਼ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਮੰਡਲ ਵਿਚ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਦੇ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਨਵੇਂ ਚੁਣੇ ਸਾਂਸਦਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਗੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੋਸ਼ਨ ਅਤੇ ਜਸਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਠਵਾਲ ਵੀ ਲੇਬਰ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੇ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਨੇਤਾਵਾਂ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਵਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਬਿਆਨ 'ਚ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਵਿਚ ਹੁਣ ਤੱਕ ਕਿਸੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਾਂਸਦ ਨੂੰ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਮੰਡਲ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਨਾ ਕਰਨ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਸਵਾਲ ਉੱਠ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਾਂਸਦ ਜਦੋਂ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਧਿਰ ਵਿਚ ਰਹਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਕੰਮ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਪੱਖਪਾਤ ਦਾ ਸਾਹਮਣਾ ਕਿਉਂ ਕਰਨਾ ਪੈ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਜ਼ਿਕਰਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਬਰਤਾਨੀਆ ਵਿਚ 20 ਫੀਸਦੀ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਭਾਈਚਾਰਾ ਹੈ ਜਦ ਕਿ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿਚ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਸਿਰਫ 13.8 ਫੀਸਦੀ ਹੈ, ਲੇਬਰ ਵਿਚ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ 16 ਫੀਸਦੀ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਸਾਂਸਦ ਹਨ।

2. DEFENDING AND PROMOTING THE SIKH IDENTITY

Sikh 'barred from Birmingham jury service' for religious sword



BBC – 29 October 2023 - A Sikh man said he felt "embarrassed and discriminated against" after being prevented from taking part in jury service due to his religious sword.

Jatinder Singh, from Smethwick, was summoned to serve as a juror at Birmingham Crown Court on Monday.



But, he said, a security guard refused him entry at the court over his kirpan, the sword carried by all Sikhs.

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) said Mr Singh was released from his duties as there was a surplus of required jurors.

Meanwhile, His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS) has apologised to Mr Singh.

Khalsa Sikhs carry the five Ks with them at all times, as a symbol of their faith.

These include Kesh or uncut hair; Kara which is a steel bracelet; the Kanga, a wooden comb; Kacha or cotton underwear and the Kirpan.

Mr Singh, who has served as president at Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick and as secretary

general of the Sikh Council UK, said this was the second time he has been summoned for jury service, the first passing with no issue.

On this occasion, he entered the morning session with no problems, but when he tried to return to the court after lunch he was pulled aside by a security guard and told he could not go in.

"The security guard said I could take [my kirpan] off and leave it with him and collect it at the end of the day," he said.

"I felt like a child who has gone to school and taken something they shouldn't and had it confiscated."

"To have that happen to me, I felt embarrassed, I felt discriminated against, I didn't expect it to happen to me."

He called for the (MoJ) to work with Sikh and other religious organisations to create easily accessible guidelines that can be provided to staff.

Dabinderjit Singh, the principal adviser to **the Sikh Federation UK** said it had written to Justice Minister Alex Chalk asking him to condemn the treatment of Mr Singh.

The MoJ said members of the Sikh community wishing to enter a court building could bring in a Kirpan which was not more than six inches long (15cm) and with a blade no more than five inches (12cm) in length - which Mr Singh said his was.

A spokesperson for HMCTS added: "We have apologised to Mr Singh for any distress caused and have reminded our contracted security officers of the correct steps to take to prevent this incident from happening again."

UPDATE ON IMPROVED GUIDANCE AND TRAINING FOR HMCTS STAFF AND SECURITY ON THE WEARING OF THE KIRPAN

Since the above incident Sikh organisations, including the Sikh Federation (UK), Sikhs in Law, Sikh Council UK and The Sikh Network have constructively worked with HMCTS to improve guidance relating to the wearing of the Kirpan.



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Over half a dozen meetings have taken place with HMCTS and new guidance has been produced and approved that focuses on the size of the blade and has dropped reference to the size of the handle that was an unnecessary complication.

The new guidance that is to be rolled out with training for security staff will make it easier for Amritdhari Sikhs in the HMCTS environment (barristers, solicitors, jurors etc.) to wear the Kirpan, within the confines of the HMCTS guidance.

'Astonishing' decision by EU court allows government offices to ban religious symbols

euronews.

Euronews - 30 November 2023

The wearing of the hijab has divided Europe for years and it is back in the spotlight, but the issue is not just confined to Muslim women.

The EU's top court has ruled that government offices across the bloc can prohibit their employees from visibly wearing signs of religious belief.

The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) said in a statement on Tuesday that it aimed to create a "neutral administrative environment".

This could in theory mean that Muslim headscarves, Sikh turbans, Christian crosses on pendants or earrings, red Kabbalah string bracelets, even a St. Christopher medallion could be banned for staff.



"Such a rule is not discriminatory if it is applied in a general and indiscriminate manner to all of that administration's staff and is limited to what is strictly necessary," the court added.

The ruling came after a Muslim employee of the eastern Belgian municipality of Ans was told she could not wear a headscarf at work.

In the wake of that decision, the municipality altered its terms of employment to prohibit all workers from wearing overt signs of ideological or religious affiliation.

After hearing the case, a court in Liège asked the top court whether this strict neutrality rule imposed

by the municipality rose to discrimination contrary to EU law.

In a decision that holds for public sector offices across the EU, the Luxembourg-based court said the rule "may be regarded as being objectively justified by a legitimate aim".

But it added that each member state had a margin of discretion and an opposite policy authorising the wearing of religious symbols would also be justified.

'Astonishing' decision

According to the **Sikh Federation in the UK**, this ban is not just about Muslim women and the headscarf. Principal Adviser Dabinderjit Singh told Euronews that "all people of faith will be astonished" by the CJEU's decision.

In the UK there are no bans on headscarves or other religious symbols.

Guidance from the British Government states that employers should be flexible in their approach to religious symbols and dress, and not prevent employees who choose to wear crosses, head coverings or other symbols of their religion unless it directly interferes with their ability to carry out their duties.

In 2015 it was ruled that Sikhs across the UK would no longer face disciplinary action for wearing turbans in workplaces.

"Secular extremism is a massive challenge in many EU countries, especially with the growing strength of the right-wing," said Singh.

"How can discrimination against people of faith deliver a neutral administrative environment? What comes next – colour of skin or race?"

Singh noted that the EU court's decision says clothing or religious items could be limited except for "what is strictly necessary" - and for practising Sikhs their articles of faith, such as not cutting their

hair, or wearing a turban, are "non-negotiable" he explained.

"Although national courts have a 'margin of discretion' Sikhs are a tiny minority in most EU countries and will not be able to take up public sector jobs" if the ruling was used to enact country-level bans, Singh said.

The CJEU has found in favour of banning headscarves on a number of occasions since it first ruled on a case in 2017.

In 2021, it ruled that private sector employers could limit the expression of religious, political or philosophical beliefs when there was a "genuine need" to "present a neutral image towards customers or to prevent social dispute".

NGO, Human Rights Watch, said in response to the court's decision at that time, that "Muslim women shouldn't have to choose between their faith and their jobs".

1 lakh assert Sikh ethnicity in England census

Times of India – 16 December 2023

Nearly 1 lakh respondents chose Sikh as their "ethnicity" in England and Wales' most recent census conducted in 2021 even though they could have selected "British Indian". The Office of National Statistics (ONS) on Friday published the data for the first time. Also, 97,910 people (18.6%) identified as Sikh through both the ethnic and religion question, 1,725 (0.3%) identified as Sikh through only the ethnic question, and 4.26 lakh (81.1%) identified as Sikh through the voluntary religion question.



Of the 1,725 who identified as Sikh only through the ethnic question, 55.4% did not report their religion, 13.6% reported their religion as Muslim, 8.7% reported their religion as Christian, and 12.5% said they had no religion.

The ONS added up all three figures to conclude that England and Wales had 5.25 lakh Sikhs, an

increase of 22% from the 2011 census when 4.30 lakh had identified as Sikh, which is more than the general population increase of 6.3%. The category box options to tick in the ethnic-group question included "Indian" or "Pakistani", or there was a "write in box".

Sikh Federation UK principal adviser Dabinderjit Singh said: "We encouraged Sikhs to register a protest by rejecting the options given and write in 'Sikh'. Nearly 1 lakh Sikhs did this, but we estimate their actual number to be closer to 9 lakh. How many Sikhs did not answer the optional religious question or chose 'no religion'?"

In 2020, Federation chairman Amrik Singh Gill had brought a judicial review against the Cabinet Office in the High Court, challenging the lack of a specific Sikh ethnic tick-box.

The ONS said: "Most people who identified as Sikh did so through the religion question. 5.24 lakh people identified as Sikh through that, which is 99.7% of all people who identified as Sikh." The census shows that 56.5% of these Sikhs to be born in England and 34.1% born in India. The next most common countries of birth were Kenya (2.5%) and Afghanistan (2.5%).

In England, the most common "national identity" for Sikhs was "British only" (75%), while 13% identified as "Indian". Sikhs have higher rates of home ownership and marriage than the general population, but a higher percentage reported having no qualification.

Child 'scared' as Sikh swords removed on Eurostar

BBC NEWS

BBC News - 7 May 2024

A woman said her young son was scared the family would be arrested when "aggressive" Eurostar staff asked her to take their kirpans - religious miniature swords worn by Sikhs - out of their suitcase.

Karen Kaur was travelling home from Paris to Bedfordshire with her family when she was told they had to put their kirpans in a tray.



Mrs Kaur claimed she checked the train operator's website before setting off but the religious blade was not mentioned as an item that was banned or needed to be handed in.

Eurostar told the BBC kirpans were not permitted but apologised that the message was not delivered in a sensitive way.

Mrs Kaur is an Amritdhari Sikh (initiated Sikh) who wears a kirpan.

The kirpan is an article of faith to protect others and its part of the religious uniform to be worn at all times.

She said: "I had assumed it would be fine as the kirpan is legal to carry in the UK."

After the blade was detected, she said staff "were really aggressive".

"It got heated and a manager was called, while demanding to put our kirpans in the tray. We eventually put the kirpans in the tray but continued to protest," she said.

"It was tiring and disturbing and my son cried - he was frightened we'd be arrested. I was enraged inside."

Mrs Kaur said she had travelled via train from Paris to London before but added: "This is the first time they have said I can't take my kirpan at all. I was completely baffled."

She claimed the manager told her "daggers" were not allowed on the Eurostar but agreed to let her on board "if the driver was fine with it".

"The manager then made an executive decision and rushed us to the train. She changed our seats to first class," she said.

"I was bamboozled because it sounded like she had a complete U-turn when she went to speak to 'the train driver' or whoever."

'Stinks of racism'

Dabinderjit Singh, principal adviser of the **Sikh Federation (UK)**, said he had never been stopped on Eurostar journeys while wearing his kirpan.

"If Eurostar is now stating their policy has always been to only allow retractable blades, meaning kirpans are banned, the public should boycott Eurostar until they change their discriminatory policy," he said.



He said the stance "makes no sense" as other permitted blades "could easily be taken out and used to cause much more serious damage and harm."

He added: "Since 2010, international aviation rules have in effect allowed fully practising Sikh passengers to be able to wear small kirpans when flying on a plane.

"I have always worn a kirpan when flying out of the UK and Eurostar need to realise their policy is daft and stinks of racism."

TORY GOVERNMENT DELIBERATELY IGNORED ANTI-SIKH HATE

British Sikh community looking to Keir Starmer to honour his pre-General Election promise to treat Anti-Sikh hate on a par with Antisemitism and Islamophobia

London - 3 August 2024 - We are seeing the extreme far right exploit the fatal stabbing of three young girls in Southport by a 17-year old born in Cardiff with unrest and hate in towns and cities across the UK directed towards those who are visibly different.

We have had many questions in the last 48 hours about the experience of the British Sikh community, how we are feeling and government support for the Sikh community for Anti-Sikh hate compared to the Muslim and Jewish communities.

In February 2024, Rishi Sunak announced £72 million to fund security for Jewish communities. In March 2024, James Cleverly announced £117 million to protect Mosques and Muslim schools. There have been independent advisers to government on antisemitism and Islamophobia for 5 years.



The Conservative government for 14 years deliberately ignored Anti-Sikh hate as though it did not exist despite attacks on Gurdwaras, Sikh places of worship and high profile attacks on Sikhs.

There have been no government announcements in the UK to specifically address community support to tackle Anti-Sikh hate through what has popularly been referred to as 'mistaken identity' that came to prominence as a world-wide phenomenon more than two decades ago following the 9/11 terror attack.

The only community support available has been £3.5 million funding for all other (non-Muslim and non-Jewish) faiths through the 'Places of Worship Protective Security Funding Scheme'. A handful of the 250+ Gurdwaras (Sikh places of worship) have benefited from this derisory support. There has been no funding for security of Sikh ethos schools or for the community to increase third-party reporting of Anti-Sikh hate crimes.

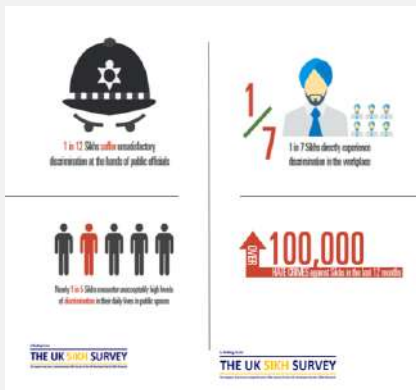
When Neo-Nazi, Zac Davies tried to behead a Sikh dentist with a machete in a Tesco store in North Wales a decade ago we were told by the Home Office official who drafted the first Hate Crime Action Plan in 2016 that Number 10 had the case study removed. Right-wing extremism targeting Sikhs "complicated" matters as Number 10 wanted the narrative to focus entirely on Islamophobia and Antisemitism.

Keir Starmer promised the British Sikh community before the General Election to treat Anti-Sikh hate on a par with Antisemitism and Islamophobia by taking on board the suggestions in the All Party Parliamentary Group for British Sikhs report on Anti-Sikh hate published in October 2020 that the Conservative Government totally ignored.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

"We have seen racists and far-right extremists target Gurdwaras and Sikhs in the last 48 hours following the fatal stabbing in Southport."

"Sikhs are arguably the most visible minority community in the world, especially those with turbans and beards and it is unacceptable we have faced attacks and experienced hate across the globe for over two decades with governments doing little to protect us."



"Although it is early days the British Sikh community is rightly asking when the new Labour Government will announce an independent adviser on Anti-Sikh hate to see how Gurdwaras, especially those where the community is small in numbers can be better protected."

"There are estimated to be around 1.2 million Sikhs in the UK, more than double the number of Jews, with massive under-reporting of Anti-Sikh hate crimes as the previous government did not want the extent of Anti-Sikh hate officially acknowledged."

"We pay more than our fair share of taxes so it is only right one of the most law-abiding communities in the UK is given sufficient government funding to protect the community and our institutions from hate and racist attacks."

3. RAISING AWARENESS & CAMPAIGNING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Deteriorating Human Rights Situation in India Urgently Requires a Special Rapporteur: Sikh Groups Urge UN

SIKH SIYASAT
NEWS

Sikh Siyasat Bureau – 17 October 2023

Geneva, Switzerland: Sikh representatives from across the globe held a rally in Geneva outside the United Nations on Friday 13 October from 1-4pm.

It follows Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's explosive statement in the Canadian Parliament on 18 September 2023 on Indian government involvement in the assassination of Sikh leader, Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil. It has highlighted the Indian authorities are worryingly challenging the rule of law and sovereignty of other countries.

Those gathered raised awareness of the deteriorating human rights situation in India and developments in the last few weeks exposing massive Indian government interference abroad and taking extreme actions to target and silence Sikh activists campaigning for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland, reads a press release by **Sikh Federation (UK)**.

Complaints were submitted earlier today (12 October 2023) to the Special Procedures

regarding the extrajudicial killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar and the disappearance of Jaswant Singh Khalsa.

"The Sikh Federation (UK) has also sent a letter today (12 October) to the Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (and the International Criminal Court) about the 1984 Sikh Genocide. A complaint to Special Procedures regarding the mysterious death of Avtar Singh Khanda in the UK was discussed", the press release reads further.



Meetings were arranged with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and a detailed Memorandum submitted to the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights that suggests the deteriorating human rights situation

in India urgently requires a Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in India, a representative of Sikh Federation UK told Sikh Siyasad News.

1984 ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਹੁਣ ਤੱਕ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਬੇਇਨਸਾਫੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਸਮੇਤ ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਉਲੰਘਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਯੂ ਐਨ ਓ ਪਹੁੰਚੇ

ਲੰਡਨ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੰਧਨੀ ਕਲਾਂ) ਸਾਕਾ ਨੀਯਤਾਵਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਨੂੰ ਅਗਲੇ ਸਾਲ 40 ਵਰ੍ਹੇ ਹੋਣ ਜਾਰੀ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਅਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਨਸਾਫ ਨਹੀਂ ਮਿਲਿਆ। 1984 ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਹੁਣ ਤੱਕ ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਸਹਿ ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਬੇਇਨਸਾਫੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਸਮੇਤ ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਉਲੰਘਣਾਵਾਂ ਦੇ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਨਜ਼ਰਸਾਨੀ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਸਬਿਤੀ ਤੇ ਨਜ਼ਰ ਰੱਖਣ ਲਈ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦਾ ਗਠਨ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ ਕੇ ਦੇ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਦਵਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਿਧੂ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਬੀਤੇ ਦਿਨੀਂ ਜਨੇਵਾ ਵਿਖੇ ਯੂ ਐਨ ਓ ਦੇ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਵਿੰਗ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਮੰਗ ਪੱਤਰ ਵਿੱਚ 1984 ਵਿੱਚ ਸਾਕਾ ਨੀਯਤਾਵਾਂ, ਨਵੰਬਰ 1984 ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਈ



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SIKH MESSAGE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY (10 DECEMBER 2023)

London – 9 December 2023 - Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of the Sikh faith was a revolutionary who taught Sikhs to be activists and serve all of humanity.

He was well ahead of his time and challenged all forms of inequality more than 550 years ago. He rejected religious hatred and promoted social responsibility by encouraging the sharing of one's earnings with others and to help those less fortunate.

He encouraged engagement and activism and taught that a spiritual person cannot remain silent in the face of injustice and Sikhs must challenge abuse and tyranny.

Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's actions and universal principles encouraged and inspired people to think and reflect on what they do and why they do it.

The Sikh Gurus called for universal freedom and the establishment of the benevolent rule of justice for all, and the fundamental message in Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, the Sikh holy scriptures, is the welfare and dignity of all human beings.

Sacrifices made by the Sikh Gurus to protect religious freedoms, Sikh teachings and the Sikh way of life compel Sikhs to be human rights champions.

Sikhs worldwide have been urged to observe #BlackTurbanDay on 10 December 2023 to mark the 75th anniversary of one of the world's most ground breaking global pledges: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The United Nations theme on the 75th anniversary for 2023 is "Freedom, Equality and Justice for All" that Sikhs have been promoting for more than 550 years.

The United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948 in the hope of creating a better world after the horrors of World War II. It was the first time that countries had agreed to protect fundamental rights and freedoms on a universal scale, for all people.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights stresses the supremacy of individual rights over those of states. The declaration inspired all post-war treaties, and is regarded as the foundation of international human rights law.

Hitler argued human rights were exclusively an internal affair to prevent foreign interference. The declaration 75 years ago was universal and encouraged the "right to intervene" in another country on humanitarian grounds.

However, the declaration and interventions have not been able to prevent violations of the rights it espouses, including genocide, although the UN Convention on Genocide was adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1948. It signified the international community's commitment to 'never again' after the atrocities committed during the Second World War.

Sikhs have rightly stood up to those running India since its creation in August 1947 and refused to sign the first Indian Constitution in 1950 that promoted assimilation of Sikhs. We then had continuous discrimination against Sikhs and their homeland culminating in the 1984 Sikh Genocide that has been recognised by the highest courts in India and accepted by the ruling BJP Indian government.

India continues to indefinitely detain Sikh political prisoners and in recent months has been caught red-handed in cases of transnational repression, including assassination of Sikh activists in the Diaspora.

India is the world's most populous country, but India has worrying shifted from a democracy to an autocracy with escalating violence against Dalits, women and religious minorities with evidence of regime complicity.

The independence of key institutions like the judiciary, media and progressive civil society associations - BBC, Amnesty International, Oxfam, Greenpeace etc. have been totally undermined and India has slipped precipitously on every index of democracy and freedoms.

The current Indian government is using exactly the same logic and tactics as Hitler, does not respect universal human rights, and regards criticism as interference in internal matters. Governments need to wake up and realise the Hindutva ideology represents a massive challenge to the world.

On the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights we encourage governments across the globe to raise their voices against injustices and human rights abuses no matter where they may occur, especially in India where Sikhs continue to be persecuted across the globe.

1984 SIKH GENOCIDE PARLIAMENTARY E-PETITION

23 May 2024 - Towards the end of April 2024 a Parliamentary e-petition for the UK Government was launched to formally recognise and commemorate the 40th anniversary of the 1984 Sikh Genocide.

The Petitions Committee (made up of MPs from three political parties) took nearly 4 weeks to approve the wording of the e-petition as they were concerned with the use of the word "genocide" that has legal consequences. Eventually they were convinced with arguments and evidence to accept the use of the word "genocide" twice in the wording of the e-petition.

The 1984 Sikh Genocide e-petition reached its initial target of 10,000 signatures in the first month. This triggered a written response from UK Government to all those who signed the 1984 Sikh Genocide e-petition.



Constituents for over 500 MPs or nearly 80% of all MPs signed the e-petition in the first month demonstrating it is a matter of public interest across the UK. The aim was to make a big push in June to get over 100,000 signatures in the 6 months allowed.

However, when the Prime Minister announced that the General Election would take place on 4 July all Parliamentary e-petitions closed on 30 May when Parliament was dissolved. The aim is to lobby MPs later in the year to secure a debate on the 1984 Sikh Genocide in the last three months of this 40th anniversary year and exert pressure on the new government to open a judge-led inquiry that has been promised.

25 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਾਉਂਕੇ ਦੇ ਕਤਲ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਤਿਵਾੜੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਰੀ ਰੋਹ

■ ਬਾਦਲ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫ਼ਸਰਾਂ ਖਿਲਾਫ਼ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਦੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਮੰਗ • ਸਾਰੇ ਵਰਤਾਰੇ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਵਾਲੇ ਬਦਮਾਸ਼ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦਾ ਸਵਾਂਗ ਰਚਾਉਣਾ ਤੇ ਫਿਰ ਵੋਟਾਂ ਖਾਤਰ ਬਿਨਾ ਮੰਗਿਆਂ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਮੁਆਫ਼ੀ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਹਿਰਦੇ ਵਲੋਂ ਪੁਰਨੇ ਅਤੇ ਕਰੋੜਾਂ....

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ, 8 ਜਨਵਰੀ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):—25 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਦ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਾਉਂਕੇ ਦੇ ਕਤਲ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਤਿਵਾੜੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਦ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਰੀ ਰੋਹ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਵਿਚ ਦੋਸ਼ੀਆਂ ਖਿਲਾਫ਼ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ ਯੋਗ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਰਖਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਰਵਉੱਚ ਅਸਥਾਨ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਮਿਲੀ ਹੈ। ਅੱਜ ਤੋਂ 25 ਸਾਲ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਇਸ ਅਸਥਾਨ ਦੇ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਕਾਉਂਕੇ ਨੂੰ ਉਸ ਵਕਤ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਾਲਮ ਹਕੂਮਤ ਦੇ ਕਹਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਕੋਹ ਕੋਹ ਕੇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ। ਉਸ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਜੋ ਜਾਂਚ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਬਣਾਈ ਗਈ ਸੀ ਉਸਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਵੀ ਅੱਜ ਪੂਰੇ 31 ਸਾਲ ਬਾਦ ਜਨਤਕ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਬੀ ਪੀ ਤਿਵਾੜੀ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਵੱਲ ਲਿਜਾਉਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੇ ਕਈ ਦਹਾਕੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੀ ਘਿਨਾਉਣੇ ਜ਼ੁਲਮ ਹੋਛਾਏ ਹਨ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਜ਼ੁਲਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਲਪੇਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਕਾਉਂਕੇ ਵੀ ਆ ਗਏ ਆਮ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀ ਕੀ ਹਾਲਤ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਭਲੀ ਭਾਂਤ ਸਮਝਦੇ ਹੋ। ਸਮੇਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫ਼ਸਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹੇ ਆਮ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਖੂਨ ਨਾਲ ਹੱਥ ਰੰਗੇ ਤੇ ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਹੀ ਜ਼ਾਲਮ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫ਼ਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੁਸ਼ਤ ਪਨਾਹੀ ਕੀਤੀ। ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਖਿਲਾਫ਼ ਕੋਈ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਈ। 1978 ਦੇ ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰੀ ਕਾਡ਼ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਵਾਲੇ ਕਾਡ਼ ਤੱਕ, ਝੂਠੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ, ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਕਾਉਂਕੇ ਨੂੰ ਅਣਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਤਸੀਹੇ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਕਰਨਾ ਇਸਤੇਰਾਜ ਅਮ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਤੇ ਹੋਏ ਅਣਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਤਸੀਹੇ ਦਾ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਆਦਾਸ਼ ਲਗਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋ। ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਡੀ ਭਾਜੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਤੇ ਬੁਰਜ ਜਵਾਹਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਾਲੇ ਤੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਔਲਾਨੀਆ ਤੋਰ ਤੇ ਭੇਜਦੀ ਦਾ ਦੌਰ ਚਲਾਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਦ ਖ਼ਾਤਮਤੀ ਬਾਣੀ ਪੜ੍ਹਦੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਗੱਲੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾ ਕੇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਕਰਨਾ। ਸਾਰੇ ਤਸੀਹੇ ਦਾ ਦੌਰ ਚਲਾਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫ਼ਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੁਸ਼ਤ ਪਨਾਹੀ ਕਰਨੀ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਤਰੱਕੀਆਂ ਦੇਣੀਆਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਪੰਥ ਨਾਲ ਬਹੁਕ ਵੱਡਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਬਾਦਲ, ਕੈਪਟਨ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਕਮਾਇਆ ਹੈ। ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਉਮਰਨਗਲ, ਸਵਰਨੇ ਘੋਟਣੇ ਦਾ ਮੁੰਡਾ ਸੁਮੈਧ ਸੋਣੀ ਵਰਗੇ ਅਨੇਕਾਂ ਹੋਰ ਜ਼ਾਲਮ ਅਫ਼ਸਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਰਖਵਾਲੀ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਖੂਨ ਦੀ ਹੌਲੀ ਖੋਲਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਇੱਕ ਹੀ ਸ਼ਖ਼ਸ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਬਾਦਲ ਤੇ ਉਸਦਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਸੁਖਬੀਰ ਬਾਦਲ ਹੀ ਹੈ। ਸਾਰੇ ਵਰਤਾਰੇ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ



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ਸਾਬਕਾ ਜਥੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਦਹਿਸ਼ਤ ਦੇ ਸਿਰ ਤੇ ਵਖਰ ਏ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਮਾਣ ਲੈ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖ ਪੰਥ ਨੂੰ ਇਨਸਾਫ਼ ਦੀ ਉਮੀਦ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਹੀ ਹੈ। ਤਿਵਾੜੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਜੋ ਵੀ ਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਹਨ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਤੇ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹੋਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ। ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਸਨਿਮਰ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਰਬ ਉੱਚ ਅਸਥਾਨ ਦੇ ਸਰਬਰਾਹ ਹੋਣ ਦੇ ਨਾਤੇ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਕਾਉਂਕੇ ਦੇ ਕੇਸ ਦੀ ਪੈਰਵਾਈ ਲਈ ਆਪਣੀ ਦੇਖ ਰੇਖ ਹੇਠ ਕੋਈ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕਰੋ। ਅਸੀਂ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੱਸਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਮੰਗ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਜਲਦੀ ਤੋਂ ਜਲਦੀ ਬਾਦਲ ਪ੍ਰੀਵਾਰ ਕੋਲੋਂ ਵਖਰ ਏ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਮਾਣ ਵਾਪਸ ਲਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ ਅਤੇ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਾਉਂਕੇ ਨੂੰ ਅਣਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਤਸੀਹੇ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਰੀਰ ਦੇ ਟੋਟੇ ਕਰਕੇ ਦਰਿਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੋੜ੍ਹਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਮੁਲਾਜ਼ਮਾਂ ਤੇ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ। ਲਾਵਾਰਿਸ਼ ਕਹਿ ਕੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਲਾਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਨਾਖਤ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਹੱਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਲੰਕਾਰ ਸਰਦਾਰ ਜਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਬਾਦਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਲਾਸ਼ ਬਣਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਤੇ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਾਉਂਕੇ ਵਾਂਗ ਹੀ ਦਰਿਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੋੜ੍ਹ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ। ਇਹ ਸਾਰੇ ਜ਼ੁਲਮਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੁਖਵੀਰ ਬਾਦਲ ਖ਼ੁਦ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਐਂਗ ਜਿਹਾ ਕਲੰਕਿਤ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਸ਼ਹੀਦਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਦਾ ਮੁਖੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦਾ ਇਸ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਜਲਦੀ ਹੀ ਤਲਬ ਕਰਕੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਦੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਮਾਰਦਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਲਾਂਭੇ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਫ਼ਲਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਪਦਵੀ ਤੇ ਬਿਰਾਜਮਾਨ ਹੋ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਪਾਸੋਂ ਉਸ ਸੇਵਾ ਦੀ ਆਸ ਕਰਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਜੋ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਫ਼ਲਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇ ਰੁਕਮਰਾਨਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਨਿਡਰ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ। ਇਹ ਸਮਾਂ ਬਹੁਤ ਨਾਜ਼ੁਕ ਹੈ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੱਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਪੂਰੇ ਸੰਸਾਰ ਦੇ ਅਗਾਂਹਵਧੂ ਮੁਲਕਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਚੱਲ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਆਪ ਜੀ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਹੱਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਰੱਖੋ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੱਸਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਨਾਲ ਹੋ ਤੁਰਨਗੇ। ਸਾਨੂੰ ਪੂਰੀ ਆਸ ਹੈ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਸਾਡੀ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨ ਕਰੋਗੇ। ਭਾਈ ਦੁਬਿਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂਕੇ ਵਿਚ ਉਪਰਕਤ ਬਿਆਨ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ।

ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ. ਕੇ. ਵਲੋਂ ਭਾਈ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਥ ਹਿਤੈਸ਼ੀ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਹਮਾਇਤ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ



ਲੰਡਨ, 22 ਮਈ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੱਧਨੀ ਕਲਾਂ)-ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਨੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿਚ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਸਮੂਹ ਪੰਥ ਹਿਤੈਸ਼ੀ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਹਮਾਇਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਭਾਈ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਹਮਾਇਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਵੋਟਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ। ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ. ਕੇ., ਭਾਈ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਚਰੇਡੂ, ਭਾਈ ਦਰਬੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਭਾਈ ਹਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਨਰਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਥਾਂਦੀ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਲਗਭਗ 70 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਕਾਬਜ਼ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਕ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਬੁਰੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਲੁੱਟਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਮਾਰਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਵਾਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਜ਼ਾਦ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਖੜ੍ਹੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਪੰਥਕ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੇ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਵੋਟ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਦੇਣ ਜੋ ਪੰਥਕ ਸਿਧਾਂਤਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਪਹਿਰਾ ਦੇਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਹੋਣ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਭਲੀਭਾਂਤ ਪਤਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕਿਹੜੇ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਿਧਾਂਤਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਯੋਗ ਹਨ। ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਅਸੀਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਵੱਖਰੇ ਮੁਲਕ ਖ਼ਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਜੱਦੋ-ਜਹਿਦ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ ਪਰ ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਅੱਜ ਦੁਨੀਆ ਦੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਸਾਰੇ ਮੁਲਕ ਲੋਕਤੰਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹਨ ਇਸਦੇ ਮੱਦੇਨਜ਼ਰ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖ ਚਿਹਰੇ ਮੁਹਰੇ ਵਾਲੇ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜਿਤਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਯਤਨਸ਼ੀਲ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਖ਼ਡੂਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਹਲਕੇ ਤੋਂ ਭਾਈ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਹਮਾਇਤ ਕਰਨੀ ਬਣਦੀ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਰਸਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲਟੋਹਾ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਖਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ ਦੀ ਆਲੋਚਨਾ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਪਿਛਲੀਆਂ ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਪੰਥ ਮਾਰੂ ਨੀਤੀਆਂ ਕਾਰਨ ਹੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੂੰ ਅੱਜ ਅਨੇਕਾਂ ਦੁਸ਼ਵਾਰੀਆਂ ਝੱਲਣੀਆਂ ਪੈ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਖ਼ਡੂਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਹਲਕਾ ਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਬੀਬੀ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਖਾਲੜਾ ਨੂੰ ਨਾ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਦੇਣ ਦਾ ਲੱਗਾ ਦਾਗ਼ ਪੈਣ ਦਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਹੈ।

OVER 25,000 SIKHS TO MARK 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNE 1984 SIKH GENOCIDE

Remembrance March and Freedom Rally in London

London - Sunday 16 June 2023 - Over 25,000 Sikhs are expected later today to mark the 40th anniversary of the June 1984 Sikh Genocide by gathering at Wellington Arch.

A Remembrance March will commence at 1pm running from Wellington Arch through Piccadilly and the Haymarket through to Trafalgar Square. A Freedom Rally will take place in Trafalgar Square between 2:00-4:30pm.

The Remembrance March and Freedom Rally commemorate the thousands of victims of the attack on Sri Harmandir Sahib (popularly known as the Golden Temple) in Amritsar by the Indian army in June 1984.

The first march and rally took place in London 40 years ago on 10 June 1984.

UK government papers released after more than 30 years showed how the Indian High Commissioner based in London urged Home Office Minister, Douglas Hurd on 7 June 1984 to arrest and intern the Presidents of all UK Gurdwaras to sabotage the first protest. Special Branch told Home Office Ministers this was not possible. The Indian Foreign Secretary then suggested to the British High Commissioner in Delhi the next day on 8 June 1984 that Sikh protesters in London could be shot dead.

The 40th anniversary event comes less than three weeks before the General Election and assurances have been given by Shadow Cabinet Ministers that a Labour Government that is expected to be elected on 4 July will launch later this year an independent judge-led public inquiry into the 1984 British

Government involvement in the June 1984 massacre and anti-Sikh measures against British Sikhs at the request of the Indian authorities in the 1980s.



The other important backdrop to the 40th Anniversary event today is the transnational repression by the Indian Government targeting Sikh activists in the Diaspora. Yesterday marked the first anniversary of the mysterious death of 35-year old Avtar Singh Khanda in the UK. The lawyer acting for the family is pushing for an inquest and public inquiry into his death.

A year later, the number of questions that remain unanswered have increased about the muzzling by the UK Government of British intelligence officers who indicted foul play, the botched police investigation by the West Midlands Police, the incompetence of the coroner who failed to carry out an autopsy and blocked a private autopsy, and what is increasingly looking like a cover up by the UK Government.

Avtar Singh Khanda's mysterious death came three days before the high profile assassination of Canadian Sikh leader, Hardeep Singh Nijjar outside the Gurdwara where he was President in Surrey BC. A few weeks later in early July India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) told Indian TV they had killed three Sikhs in six weeks, including Hardeep Singh Nijjar and Avtar Singh Khanda and the NIA produced a hit-list of 20 other Sikhs, but the authorities failed to take appropriate actions.

Ten days ago (6 June 2024) Sikh representatives met Craig Guildford the Chief Constable for the West Midlands in a follow up meeting (previous meeting was 22 February 2024), but it demonstrated negligence and incompetence as the police failed to properly investigate Avtar Singh Khanda's death and the claims on Indian television.

Everything changed in Canada when the US provided specific intelligence and Justin Trudeau, stood up in the Canadian Parliament on 18 September last year and dramatically said there was credible intelligence of Indian government involvement in the assassination of a Sikh leader on Canadian soil. This public accusation resulted in a massive deterioration in relations between Canada and India. Some have suggested the cover up exists in the UK Government as it could not afford the same sort of fall out as Canada over the death of Avtar Singh Khanda.

The transnational repression targeting Sikhs in western nations has created considerable interest in Sikhs campaigning to re-establish their homeland. Matters have become increasingly complicated for the Indian Government by the election of Bhai Amritpal Singh, a strong advocate for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland, in a landslide victory. He has been in an Indian jail awaiting trial for over a year and was a very close associate of Avtar Singh Khanda.

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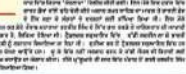




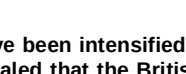
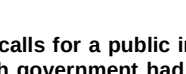


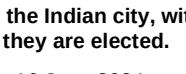
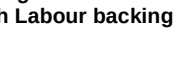


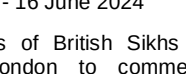
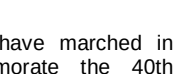


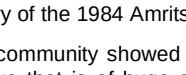
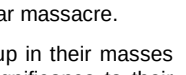


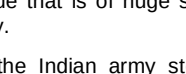
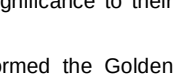


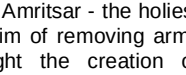
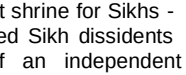




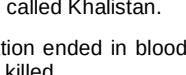
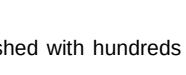



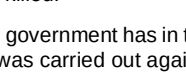
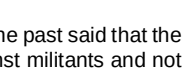



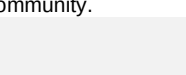
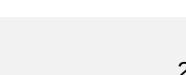



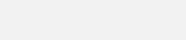
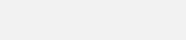



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The Sikh community showed up in their masses for an issue that is of huge significance to their community.

The operation ended in bloodshed with hundreds of civilians killed.

The Indian government has in the past said that the operation was carried out against militants and not the Sikh community.



Some 40 years on, there remains anger - not just against the Indian government, but also the British government.

In 2014, declassified documents released under the 30-year rule revealed that the British government at the time sent an SAS officer to help guide the Indian government with the attack.

The secret documents also suggested that the then prime minister Margaret Thatcher knew the SAS was advising the Indian government.

The Labour party's deputy leader Angela Rayner tweeted on 1 June: "Labour stands with the Sikh community in calling for an inquiry into the historic role Britain played," adding: "A Labour government will work to determine the best way to find out the truth."

The Sikh Federation (UK) - which organised the march - said it expects an inquiry to start later this year, if a Labour government is elected.

Speaking to Sky News at the rally, Dabinderjit Singh said: "I think 40 years later, we're hopeful an incoming Labour government will give us the truth, the truth of the UK government's involvement."

"But ultimately it's about justice and freedom, and we don't think we'll ever get justice in India until we have our own Sikh homeland."

EXILED SIKH LEADER AND FOUNDER OF THE ISYF PASSES AWAY

7 December 2023 - The Sikh Federation (UK) and the Sikh nation continue to mourn and remember Bhai Lakhbir Singh Rode who sadly passed away this week. While some questions around his death remain, we honour his legacy and life dedicated to the Sikh struggle for freedom and the establishment of Khalistan, as well as fighting the continued Indian state genocide and mass human rights abuses.

As co founder and convener of the International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF) and a foundational leader in the global struggle for Khalistan, the Sikh Federation has always had a very close and special relationship with Bhai Sahib and all his family.

His father Shaheed Bhai Jagir Singh Rode (older brother of Sant Jarnail Singh Ji Khalsa Bhindranwale) and two of his brothers Shaheed Bhai Sawaran Singh Rode and Shaheed Bhai Hardeep Singh Rode all sacrificed their lives in 1984. The Sikh Federation (UK) extend our deepest condolences to Bhai Sahib's family.

ਜਲਾਵਤਨੀ ਭਾਈ ਲਖਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੋਡੇ ਦੇ ਅਕਾਲ ਚਲਾਣੇ 'ਤੇ

ਬੰਦੀ ਸਿੰਘ, ਜਲਾਵਤਨੀ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ੀ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਡੂੰਘੇ ਦੁੱਖ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਾਵਾ

ਨਵੀਂਦਿੱਲੀ 5 ਦਸੰਬਰ (ਮਨੁੱਖੀਤਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਖਾਲਸਾ):-
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ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਕਈ ਜਾਨ ਲੈਣਾ ਹਮੇਲਾ ਵੀ ਹੋ ਸਕਦਾ। ਇਸ ਦੁੱਖ ਦੀ ਘਡੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੱਖ ਵੱਖ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਅੰਦਰ ਬੰਦ ਭਾਈ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਭਿੰਦਰਾ, ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਤਾਰਾ, ਭਾਈ ਕੁਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਨਪੁਰੀ, ਜਲਾਵਤਨੀ ਸਿੰਘ ਭਾਈ ਗਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ, ਭਾਈ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੰਮਾ, ਭਾਈ ਜੀਤਾ ਸਿੰਘ, ਇਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਪੰਥ ਦਲ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਭਾਈ ਕਪਤਾਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਯੂ. ਐੱਸ. ਭਾਈ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਇਟਲੀ, ਭਾਈ ਨਵੰਤਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਸਟ੍ਰੀਆ, ਭਾਈ ਕਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਹੇਲੰਡ, ਭਾਈ ਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਮਰਾ, ਭਾਈ ਸਰਜਨੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਭਾਈ ਲਵਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਡੱਲਵਾਲ, ਭਾਈ ਸੁਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਠੀਕਰੀਵਾਲ, ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂਕੇ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਿੱਲ, ਭਾਈ ਜਤਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਭਾਈ ਜਸਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਭਾਈ ਨਰਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਭਾਈ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੜ੍ਹਤ, ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਮਰਾ, ਭਾਈ ਦੁਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਜਲਾਨ ਤੋਂ ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਨਿਆਣ, ਭਾਈ ਲਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਲੀ, ਭਾਈ ਰੋਸਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੰਬਰ, ਭਾਈ ਸਤਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੰਬਰ, ਭਾਈ ਰਾਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੰਬਰ, ਭਾਈ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੰਬਰ, ਭਾਈ

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ਪਰਿਵਾਰਕ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਕੌਮ ਲਈ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ। ਭਾਈ ਲਖਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਰੋਡੇ ਦੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਜਗੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਅਤੇ ਭਰਾ ਸਵਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਜੂਨ 84 ਦੇ ਘੱਲੂਘਾਰੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਫੌਜਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜੁੜੇ ਹੋਏ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰ ਗਏ ਸਨ। ਭਾਈ ਲਖਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਰੋਡੇ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਇਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਸਿੱਖ ਯੂਥ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਕਨਵੀਨਰ ਰਹੇ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਅਗਵਾ ਘਰ ਖਾਲਸਾਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਜੰਦ ਜਹਿਦ ਕਰਦੇ ਰਹੇ। ਆਪਣਾ ਘਰਬਾਰ ਕਾਰੋਬਾਰ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਛੱਡ ਕੇ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਇੰਗਲੈਂਡ ਆਏ ਤੇ ਫਿਰ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਚਲੇ ਗਏ ਪਰ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਵੀ ਭਾਈ ਲਖਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਰੋਡੇ ਨੂੰ ਰਹਿਣ ਦੀ ਇਜਾਜ਼ਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ। ਬਹੁਤ ਲੰਬਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਜਲਾਵਤਨੀ ਕੱਟੀ ਪਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਕੋਈ ਸਮਝੌਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਲੰਬਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਪੰਥਕ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਰਹੇ ਪਰ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਲਾਲਚ ਜਾਂ ਡਰਾਵਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਫਟ ਕੇ ਸੇਵਾ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਜਾਗਦੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਰ ਦਾ ਸਬੂਤ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਆਖਰੀ ਸਾਹ ਤੱਕ ਖਾਲਸਾਤਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਰਪਿਤ ਰਹੇ। ਮਰਦਾਂ ਵਾਂਗ ਆਪਣੇ ਅਗੇ ਦੇ ਤੋਂ ਕਦੇ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਟੇ ਤੇ ਆਖਰੀ ਸਾਹ ਤੱਕ ਪੰਥ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਰਪਿਤ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਨਿਭਾਉਂਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਗੁਰੂ ਚਰਨਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾ ਬਿਰਾਜੇ ਹਨ। ਜਿਕਰਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕੁਝ ਸਮਾਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹਿੰਦ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਨੂੰ ਜਬਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ ਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਜਲਾਵਤਨੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਵਿਖੇ

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4. CHALLENGING INDIA'S TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION

In 12 months the Indian government has been exposed on the international stage for its transnational repression targeting Sikh activists in the Diaspora. There has been unprecedented media coverage and interest in Khalistan. Many governments and agencies are questioning the trustworthiness of those running the Indian State and asking about the global benefits of the re-establishment of a Sikh State based on the teachings of the Gurus for the well-being of all.

RISHI SUNAK NEEDS TO DISCLOSE WHAT ACTIONS THE UK GOVERNMENT IS TAKING AGAINST INDIA FOLLOWING CONFIRMATION THE INDIAN STATE IS INVOLVED IN TERRORIST ATTACKS AGAINST SIKH ACTIVISTS ABROAD

London – 18 September 2023 - Justin Trudeau has today stood up in the Canadian Parliament and in no uncertain terms accused the Indian government of involvement in the killing of Canadian Sikh leader, Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister, Melanie Joly has confirmed a high-ranking Indian diplomat has been expelled from Canada over the connection between the Indian government and the assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Hardeep Singh Nijjar was the President at Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara in Surrey, BC and was shot dead by assassins in the Gurdwara car park on 18 June 2023.

Justin Trudeau has confirmed he brought the matter to the direct attention of Narendra Modi at the G20 Summit in September 2023.



India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) recently gave Indian TV a 'hit list' of 20 Sikhs, including Hardeep Singh Nijjar and six Sikh activists from the UK.

The NIA has also harassed and raided the homes of the families of UK Sikh activists living in Panjab.

The threats and actions of the NIA have been brought to the attention of the Foreign Secretary and Home Secretary by MPs.

Sikh representatives have also discussed the matter with counter

terrorism police who confirmed they were deeply concerned with the 'criminal' activities of the NIA on UK soil.

They admitted the term Pro-Khalistan Extremism (PKE) has been invented by politicians for their own purposes.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

"There is now proof those running the Indian State are involved in terrorist attacks against Sikh activists abroad legitimately calling for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland."

“This should stop the UK Government appeasing India by continuously bringing up ‘Pro-Khalistan Extremism’ that simply does not exist and focus efforts on the extreme ideology and terrorist actions of the Indian State.”

“The UK Government should be defending British Sikhs rights to freedom of expression and the right to self-determination.”

“We need a firm global response to the threats and terrorism being perpetrated by the Indian State on foreign soil.”

SUNAK’S DESPERATION FOR A TRADE DEAL WITH INDIA IS PUTTING BRITISH SIKH LIVES AT RISK

London – 20 September 2023 - The UK Government should be protecting and standing up for the rights of British Sikhs and supporting the Canadian Government following the serious allegations against the Indian government of involvement in the assassination of a Sikh leader in Canada.

The explosive statement by Justin Trudeau in the Canadian Parliament on Monday has brought into focus the safety and security of British Sikhs and the role of the UK Government.

It has also led to questions about the UK Government when it comes to India, the desperation of the Conservative Government for a trade deal and unfair targeting of the British Sikh community.

The UK Government know British counter terrorism police have serious concerns about the activities of India’s National Investigation Agency (NIA) that has been increasingly targeting Sikhs in the UK.

This started in April 2023 when an NIA team visited the UK and inappropriately started sharing video footage and still photographs on social media of Sikhs protesters outside the Indian High Commission.

British counter terrorism officers told Sikh representatives in a meeting in late June the activities of the NIA on social media could be deemed to be “hostile activities” by a foreign government and amount to criminal activity or “state repression”.

The NIA then foolishly issued a ‘hit list’ in early July on Indian television of 20 Sikhs living abroad - providing names, photographs and the countries in which they reside. Six of the twenty live in the UK. On the same TV clip they claimed they had eliminated Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada and Avtar Singh Khanda in the UK.

MPs representing the six Sikhs in the UK that were publicly threatened on Indian television wrote to the Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary specifically mentioning the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada.

Following the statement by Justin Trudeau on Monday we have established from Conservative MPs who want to remain anonymous that the Foreign Office raised serious concerns about the NIA and the hit list with the Indian authorities.



This almost certainly led to a tit-for-tat by the NIA that raided the family homes in Panjab, India of around 40 Sikhs permanently living in the UK, harassed family members and summoned them to the NIA court in Delhi in early August. This included the families of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Sikh Federation (UK) who took up the matter with their MPs.

The White House accepts Justin Trudeau’s statement calling out the Indian government. The Canadian Government has also confirmed they worked “very closely” with the United States on the intelligence behind Trudeau’s accusation.

Bob Rae, Canada’s representative at the United Nations told CNN yesterday that very reliable information was shared with India several weeks ago and they were forced to shift from ‘quiet diplomacy’ to the statement in Parliament.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

“Rishi Sunak’s desperation for a trade deal with India in putting British Sikh lives at risk.”

“Prior to and during the G20 Summit the focus was on Rishi Sunak failing to call for the release of British citizen, Jagtar Singh Johal who has been tortured and been in arbitrary detention in an Indian jail for nearly six years”

“It is safe to assume Canada as a close ally of the UK and as part of the “Five Eyes” intelligence-sharing alliance know the intelligence the Canadian Government hold from multiple sources is compelling.”

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RELEASE INFORMATION TO TURN THE SCREW ON THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT

Canada’s allies must now back them up and condemn India

London – 22 September 2023 - CBC has reported that the Canadian government has amassed both human and signals intelligence, including communications involving Indian diplomats present in Canada and intelligence provided by the US.

Canada's National Security and Intelligence Adviser Jody Thomas was in India over four days in mid- August and five days this month. She engaged in quiet diplomacy, but India's negative attitude forced Justin Trudeau to make the explosive statement on Monday in the Canadian Parliament.

Canadian sources say that, when pressed behind closed doors by Jody Thomas, no Indian official denied the bombshell allegation at the core of this case — that there is evidence to suggest Indian government involvement in the assassination of a Canadian citizen on Canadian soil.

The latest information and details emerging from Canadian government sources suggests allies will have to stand with Canada and condemn the Indian government for assassinating a Sikh leader on Canadian soil and challenging Canada's sovereignty.

The UK Government is in the most difficult position with Rishi Sunak hoping for a trade deal with India to help his electoral chances.

Dabinderjit Singh, the principal adviser of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

“It is increasingly becoming clear the Indian government has carried out an extrajudicial killing of a Sikh leader on Canadian soil for peacefully campaigning for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland.”

“We now know when senior Indian intelligence sources were presented the evidence in mid-August in New Delhi by Canada's National Security and Intelligence Adviser there was no denial.”

“Canada's allies know the actions of the Indian government amount to state terrorism on foreign soil, is totally unacceptable and there must be serious consequences.”

“They must take tough collective measures against India and make clear Sikhs have the right to peacefully campaign for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland.”

“Britain will be the last to go along with this as Rishi Sunak is an admirer of Narendra Modi. We believe the actions and ideology of the Indian government are an affront to the free world and it would be in their interests for India to be broken up into separate friendly nations, including an independent sovereign Sikh State.”



Sikh Federation wants ministers to set out how UK activists will be protected, after killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar

Guardian - 28 Sep 2023

British Sikhs have been asked to write to their MPs in an effort to get Rishi Sunak and Suella Braverman to explain what steps police will take "to alert Sikh activists who may be under threat" after the murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada.

The Sikh Federation is concerned that British officers have given no security advice to high-profile individuals or Gurdwaras and the community, after Canada said last week that India was probably behind Nijjar's murder in June.

The representative body has drawn up a letter for Sikhs to send to Parliament, asking their MP to press Sunak on how far he has taken up the issue with his Indian counterpart, Narendra Modi, and what security measures are being taken in the UK.

Concern has increased among the Sikh community, numbering over 500,000 people in the UK, after the Canadian prime minister, Justin Trudeau, said in the country's parliament that there were "credible allegations potentially linking" India to Nijjar's death.

Nijjar, a prominent supporter of a Sikh independent state in the Punjab region of India, was shot dead in a car park outside a Sikh temple in Surrey, British Columbia. But it was not until mid-September, after India hosted the G20 summit, that Trudeau went public with the accusation.

Dabinderjit Singh, principal adviser to the Sikh Federation, said that we have had no advice. The UK has so far remained silent, yet there is a sizeable Sikh community here."

The only recent contact, Singh added, had been from police officers offering to give to Gurdwaras anti-terror Prevent support, which is aimed at preventing people from becoming radicalised. Even then, the effort was patchy, he added, last week officers did not turn up to a scheduled meeting in Gravesend, Kent.

Earlier this week it emerged that the US FBI had warned three Americans active in the Sikh community that their lives were in danger in the immediate aftermath of Nijjar's murder. While there may be no such threats in the UK, Singh said there



had been no effort at reassurance from police since Trudeau went public.

Former Whitehall sources have indicated that Britain is aware of Indian espionage activity in the UK, some of which has been directed against individuals in the Sikh community. But the UK has not been willing to discuss the issue publicly.

The Five Eyes intelligence-sharing relationship between the UK, Canada, the US, Australia and New Zealand means that Britain is likely to be aware of the evidence underpinning Trudeau's statements.

Community concerns in the UK were already heightened after the sudden death of another pro-Khalistan activist in the summer. Avtar Singh Khanda, 35, passed away in a Birmingham hospital on 15 June, three days before Nijjar was shot.

West Midlands police said "no suspicious circumstances" were involved in Khanda's death after what it said was a thorough investigation, although his mother, Charanjeet Kaur, has said he was "killed by poisoning".

Six British Sikhs were also among 20 pro-Khalistan activists named as "enemies of the state" in a list put out by India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) that the Federation said aired on video on the pro-Modi government Aaj Tak channel in July.

It is understood the six received practical advice from police at the time, but there has been no further contact with British authorities since. One, Kulwant Singh Mothada, told the Times last week he feared for his safety after seeing the film aired.

Sikhs are now planning to hold a demonstration on Monday outside India's high commission in central London about the alleged state involvement in Nijjar's death, part of a coordinated set of protests around the world.

In doing so, Sikhs are returning to the scene of a controversial protest in March. A single pro-Khalistan demonstrator removed the Indian flag from outside the building in front of a group of about two dozen protesters. The incident

prompted immediate complaints from Delhi and the opening of an NIA investigation.

NIA investigators were allowed to travel to the UK to continue with their inquiries and in June the agency released photographs of 45 individuals taken from CCTV footage asking for public help in identifying them. In August, the agency raided homes in India belonging to family members of 40 British Sikhs.

Questions raised about sudden death in Birmingham after Canada links India to murder in British Columbia

the guardian

Guardian – 2 October 2023

The family of Avtar Singh Khanda, the 35-year-old Sikh activist who died in a Birmingham hospital after a short illness this summer, is seeking a formal inquest into his death from the chief coroner for England and Wales.



The request by the family, in conjunction with the **Sikh Federation UK**, comes on the heels of a claim by Canadian prime minister, Justin Trudeau, that India was linked to the murder of another Sikh activist, Hardeep Singh Nijjar, in British Columbia.

Nijjar and Khanda were members of the separatist Khalistan movement.

Khanda died on 15 June after he suddenly fell ill and was admitted to a hospital in Birmingham. The official cause of death declared was acute myeloid leukaemia, a blood cancer. Nijjar, who was 45, was killed three days later, on 18 June, in a hail of gunfire outside his place of worship. Friends said he was warned multiple times by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service that his life was in danger.

The FBI privately issued warnings to several Sikh Activists in the US after the murder in Canada under "duty to warn" laws. The Sikh Federation UK has said it is concerned that British authorities have not given security advice to high-profile individuals or to Gurdwaras.

The call for an inquest, which is being announced at a press conference in London on Monday, is being led by the barrister Michael Polak, who is calling for the chief coroner for England and Wales to direct an inquest into Khanda's death and whether the activist's right to life was properly protected given the public threats against him in India.

In an interview with the Guardian, Polak – who focuses on human rights cases – said Khanda had been declared "enemy No 1" in press reports after being investigated in April by Indian intelligence services in connection to a March protest in front of the Indian mission in London, during which an Indian flag was pulled down and some security guards were reportedly injured.

Shamsher Singh, a close friend of Khanda, said media reports in India that portrayed Khanda as having orchestrated the protest were categorically false, as were reports that he had been arrested or charged in the UK.

Polak has alleged that British police should have understood that Khanda was potentially in danger.

There are also unanswered questions about the days leading up to Khanda's death. His supporters and family have said they have not received medical records they have sought, nor evidence that backed the leukaemia diagnosis. His mother, who was not able to attend the funeral after being denied a visa by the Home Office, has said she believed he was poisoned.

In a statement, West Midlands police said they had undertaken a "thorough review" of Khanda's death and that they had concluded there were "no suspicious circumstances".

But Shamsher Singh disputed that characterisation, saying there had been no indication of what kind of review the police executed, nor the nature of the investigation.

Polak said he could not definitively state that India was behind Khanda's death, but that the circumstances clearly merited an investigation.

"If it was happening in a vacuum and we believed India was a law-abiding country, we would say that it is unlucky. But there were threats against him and he was named as enemy No 1 [in the media]. At the very least it is suspicious," he said.

India has denied any role in Nijjar's killing in Canada. The Indian embassy in Washington did not respond to a request for comment on Khanda's death.

US secretary of state, Antony Blinken, said he was "deeply concerned" about Trudeau's allegations and called on India to cooperate with Ottawa's investigation.



The government of Narendra Modi, the Indian prime minister, has been heavily criticised for supporting authoritarian tactics by human rights advocates. A report by Human Rights Watch recently concluded that authorities had "intensified efforts" to silence activists and journalists by using politically motivated criminal charges to jail individuals who criticised the government or exposed government abuses.

Dabinderjit Singh, the principal adviser of the Sikh Federation UK, said Khanda's death needed to be "fully investigated" and called for any information on the case that may have been collected by the Five Eyes intelligence alliance members – the US, Canada, UK, Australia and New Zealand – to be released.

Sikh separatists gather in London to protest after activists' deaths the guardian

Demonstrators stage protest outside Indian high commission questioning UK government's response to killings

Guardian - 3 October 2023

Supporters of the Sikh separatist Khalistan movement gathered outside the Indian high commission in central London to call for the UK government to stand alongside Canada after the killing of a prominent Sikh leader.

Monday's protest on Aldwych came two weeks after Canada's prime minister, Justin Trudeau, said his government was looking at "credible allegations potentially linking" India with the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, in British Columbia. Nijjar,

who was 45, was killed on 18 June in a hail of gunfire outside his place of worship.

"We stand shoulder to shoulder with the Canadian government that sacrificed a lot taking big risks. But there are major questions to ask of the UK government and its role," said Dabinderjit Singh, principal adviser for the NGO **Sikh Federation UK**.

"If Sikhs are being targeted in this country, it raises a question mark over the sovereignty of Britain as well," he said. "We're just completely silent. Can't they simply stand with Canada?"



In the immediate aftermath of Nijjar's death in June, the FBI warned at least three Americans active in the Sikh community that their lives were in danger. The federation has said it is concerned that British authorities have not given security advice to high-profile individuals or Gurdwaras. British Sikhs have been asked to write to their MPs to urge them to address security measures for the Sikh community, who number more than 500,000 in the UK.

On Friday, India's high commissioner to the UK attempted to visit a gurdwara in Glasgow, which Indian officials said was disrupted by three protesters.

"I want the UK government to take this matter seriously and not prioritise their trade deals or agreement over the lives of British Sikhs living in the UK. The British Sikh community wants to know how they are protected, and what the government is doing for their safety," said Sarabjit Singh Banur,

a freelance journalist and former executive member of his local gurdwara who has lived in Britain for 25 years.

He has not returned to India since 2011 after being questioned by government officials for his journalism. Banur says in 2019 he was placed on a list compiled by India's counter-terrorism National Investigation Agency (NIA). The homes of his family in Punjab have been raided several times, he said, and his image has been circulated on Indian media outlets labelling him a terrorist.

"It's extremely worrying that as a British citizen, a British-Sikh journalist, I am targeted for speaking against oppression through my writing," he said.

Banur has raised the matter with his local MP. However, he has since stopped doing community work for local cancer and domestic violence charities and avoids large crowds.

"We're scared because we have children," said Banur's wife and former Slough councillor, Kamaljit Kaur. "We're British citizens, we should be protected by the British government."

Standing at the edge of the crowd at the Indian high commission, Sukhbir Singh said the UK government appeared to be "losing its way" by aligning with India for geostrategic and economic gain.

"We have British citizens like myself who are entering into what looks like a tiered system of citizenship, where our rights are compromised, or are up for negotiation, in order to please a foreign government," he said.

A prominent UK Sikh died just before another activist was killed in BC. Some see a connection



Family pushes for inquest into death of Avtar Singh Khanda, who died 3 days before Hardeep Singh Nijjar

CBC News – 7 October 2023

For many Sikhs at the Guru Nanak Gurdwara near Birmingham, UK the circumstances surrounding the sudden death of a local Sikh independence activist just don't add up.

Now they see a killing in Canada as a compelling reason why Britain's government needs to probe deeper.

Avtar Singh Khanda, 35, died in a Birmingham hospital on June 15, three days before the shooting death of Canadian Sikh activist Hardeep

Singh Nijjar, who was gunned down outside a temple in Surrey, BC.

Friends and family say Khanda went to the hospital after he suddenly fell ill and was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia — a type of blood cancer. He died four days later of a blood clot, his family says, which is the official determination on his death certificate.

Both men openly supported the Khalistan movement, or the creation of an independent Sikh homeland.



So Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's recent assertion that the Indian government played a role in Nijjar's death is being hailed by many here as validation of their suspicions.

"I think that [Nijjar's death] just convinced everybody that they are now eliminating Sikhs," said **Jas Singh, a friend of Khanda's and an advisor to the Sikh Federation UK**, which works to promote Sikh issues in British politics.

"Something is not right," he said of Khanda's death. "Something has happened here that's resulted in Avtar losing his life."

Although the circumstances of the two men's deaths are very different, friends say that given Khanda's prominence in the Sikh independence movement, his controversial political activities and his appearance on at least one so-called "hit list" broadcast on Indian television, the British government needs to conduct a formal inquiry to dispel any doubts of homicide.

Another friend and colleague from the Punjab Broadcasting Channel, where Khanda sometimes went on TV to discuss separatist politics, said he also has questions about Khanda's death.

"In all honesty, it probably wouldn't be a shock [if it were a homicide]," said Amrit Singh, the station's manager, suggesting Indian security forces have killed "many Sikhs in India."

"Whether he was physically poisoned before he went to hospital, whether he was given some kind

of clotting agent, or whether something was given to expedite his deterioration and ultimate demise, are all working theories within the community," said Jas Singh.

Community suspicious

Earlier in the year, on March 19, Khanda took part in a pro-Khalistan protest outside of India's High Commission in London, where one demonstrator climbed onto the building and tore down the Indian flag. The protest was widely reported in Indian media and Khanda was labelled as the chief instigator in several reports.

Khanda and his family were already well known to Indian security forces. In 1992, his father, Kulwant Singh Khukhrana, also a staunch supporter of the Sikh independence movement, was killed by those security forces.

As a teenager, Khanda came to the UK on a student visa while other family members remained behind.

After his death in June, his mother and sister were denied UK visas to attend his funeral. Sky News reports that the refusal letter indicates Khanda's participation in the High Commission protest was a contributing factor in that decision.



But it was Canada's allegation of Indian involvement in Nijjar's killing, along with subsequent reports of US authorities warning Sikhs in that country to be vigilant, that amplified concerns at the Guru Nanak Gurdwara.

The Indian government has called Canada's claims "unsubstantiated" and in retaliation has stopped issuing visas to Canadians wanting to travel to India. Other reports say India has told Canada to withdraw dozens of diplomats from its embassies and consulates abroad.

For its part, the British government has kept its comments about Nijjar's case deliberately vague, calling Canada's allegations "serious" but saying little else.

'False charge'

Indian television has since broadcast a number of so-called "hit lists" of alleged "Khalistan supporters" that the country's intelligence services allegedly want to eliminate. While it's impossible to verify the authenticity of such lists or even if they originated with India's security services, the Sikh Federation (UK) says it is taking the threats seriously.

One person on one of those lists is Kulwant Singh Mothada, 61, another Khalistani advocate who is involved with the Guru Nanak Gurdwara.

Mothada showed CBC News part of the broadcast where he was named a "Sikh terrorist," saying the photo of him was taken before 2010, when he moved to the United Kingdom.

Mothada said he was tortured by Indian security forces for his pro-independence activities in the late 1990s, but has since led a quiet life in Britain.

Another supposed "hit list" circulating in Indian media has Avtar Singh Khanda's face on it, with a red X splashed through. And the British lawyer representing the Khanda family said any threat should be taken seriously.

"In cases that I've done before in relation to Indian intelligence ... there's a very close relationship between the Indian government and lots of the press there," said Michael Polak. "They seem to publish things at the behest of the Indian government."

When you take into account Canada's allegations of an extrajudicial killing, Khanda's history as an opponent to the Indian government, and the fact Indian intelligence agencies were constantly

raising his name, Polak says he believes it should be more than enough for England's Chief Coroner to launch a formal inquiry.

"In this case, when you put everything together, how can you say there's no reasonable suspicion?" Polak said in an interview.

British police have already ruled that Khanda's death was not suspicious, while England's coroner has not yet commented on the calls for an inquiry.

Movement stronger outside India

While the calls for an independent homeland has preoccupied some Sikhs for decades, the dream may resonate more strongly with the diaspora outside of India than within.

Over the years, many Sikhs who support independence have fled to Canada or the UK.

Among the faces lining the walls of the Birmingham-area temple is Talwinder Singh Parmar, a Canadian citizen notorious for masterminding the 1985 Air India bombing, which killed 329 people, the vast majority of whom were Canadians.

Parmar — an advocate for the Khalistan movement — was never brought to justice in Canada and died in a shootout with Indian police in 1992.

Asked whether the photo was defending Parmar's actions, Jas Singh, of the Sikh Federation UK, insisted it was not.

"No Sikh condones terror," he said. "Sikhs have always been open to truth and reconciliation. It is the Indian state that has continued this demonization."

UK MINISTERS ARE SELLING OUT BRITISH SIKH ACTIVISTS TO APPEASE THE EXTREME RIGHT-WING LEADERSHIP OF INDIA COMMITTED TO A HINDU RASHTRA



London – 15 November 2023 - The Indian Foreign Minister, Dr S Jaishankar has today concluded his 5-day trip to the UK. He met Rishi Sunak, James Cleverley, David Cameron, Grant Shapps and Lord Ahmad. This morning he met Tim Barrow, Rishi Sunak's National Security Adviser and the Shadow Foreign Secretary, David Lammy.

It has been reported in the Guardian Jaishankar has raised concerns about anti-India activities of British Sikh activists, asking for co-operation for information requested by India's National Investigation Agency (NIA).

In recent weeks British Sikhs have been writing to their MPs to raise concerns about the illegal activities and threats of the NIA in the UK and extrajudicial killing of a Sikh leader in Canada calling for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland. In responses received from the FCDO Minister, Lord Ahmad who has responsibility for India states:

"The UK Government is . . . clear that all countries should respect sovereignty and the rule of law. It is important Canada's investigation runs its course, with the perpetrators brought to justice."

"Domestically, the UK Government continually assesses potential threats to individuals in the UK, and takes the protection of individuals' rights, freedoms, and safety very seriously. Through our intelligence agencies and police forces, we use all tools at our disposal to combat threats to the UK."

The Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau on 18 September following intelligence from the US, corroborated by British intelligence with information from India stood up in the Canadian Parliament and accused the Indian authorities for the extrajudicial killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil. Trudeau repeated these allegations and went further to criticise India for its heavy-handed approach in unilaterally removing diplomatic immunity for over 40 Canadian diplomats.

The US Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken told media last Friday in Delhi he had once again raised the need for the Indian Government to co-operate with the Canadian investigation with the Indian Foreign Minister, Dr S Jaishankar. The US President, Joe Biden raised the matter with Narendra Modi at the G20 Summit in Delhi.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

"Rishi Sunak despite being specifically briefed by Justin Trudeau showed he is weak and a light-weight leader by failing to raise the extrajudicial killing of the Canadian Sikh leader with Modi at his meeting at the G20 Summit."

"Sunak in his desperation in the last 12 months has created the myth of Pro-Khalistan Extremism (PKE) so Ministers can appease representatives of the Indian government in meetings and explain what they are doing to disrupt British Sikh activists."

"Despite cross-party pressure and the 6th anniversary of the arbitrary detention of Jagtar Singh Johal we have had total silence this week from Rishi Sunak and his Ministers on calling for his immediate release and the targeting and threats against UK Sikh activists with the NIA issuing a 'hit-list'."



In contrast Jaishankar in a speech in Westminster Hall in the presence of Lord Ahmad talking about "what has changed in India" chillingly said in one word "Modi". He should have been reminded following the massacre of thousands of Muslims in Gujarat in 2002 Britain, the US and a number of European countries on the basis of the evidence and intelligence held Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister of Gujarat responsible for failing to stop the violence and imposed a de facto 10-year travel ban on him.

The UK Government led by the Conservatives unilaterally lifted the ban on Modi in 2012 to improve bilateral ties with India knowing Modi was gaining popularity and could become Indian Prime Minister. He became Indian PM in May 2014 and almost eight years to the day he made his first visit to the UK as Prime Minister.

During that trip it was widely reported Modi gave a dossier on Sikh activists to PM David Cameron. Indian media reported at that time that the dossier named Avtar Singh Khanda who mysteriously died at the age of 35 in a Birmingham hospital in June this year and three days before Canadian Sikh leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar was shot dead in Canada.

But many Sikhs believe Jagtar Singh Johal may also have been mentioned in the dossier given the reference to Glasgow Gurdwara and that Britain is avoiding calling for his release as British intelligence has colluded with India in his abduction, torture and arbitrary detention. Number 10 has amazingly

denied the existence of the dossier. An inquest and a public inquiry into the death of Avtar Singh Khanda may yet reveal the existence and contents of the dossier.

UK GOVERNMENT NEGLECTING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF BRITISH SIKH ACTIVISTS

Increasing evidence from the US, Canada and UK that the Indian authorities are hell-bent on assassinating and eliminating Sikhs on foreign soil who are peacefully campaigning for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland

London - 22 November 2023 - News has emerged in the last 24-hours that the US authorities thwarted the assassination of lawyer, Gurpatwant Singh Pannum, a leading Sikh activist campaigning for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland.



It has been reported the US administration issued a diplomatic warning, probably in late June to the Indian government over concerns it was involved in the assassination plot. It is understood the US informed allies, like Canada and the UK of the assassination plot following the extrajudicial killing of Canadian Sikh leader, Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil on 18 June 2023 and the mysterious death of 35-year old Avtar Singh Khanda in the UK three days earlier.

It is understood US federal prosecutors have filed a sealed indictment against at least one alleged perpetrator of the plot in a New York district court and the US justice department is debating whether to unseal the indictment and make the allegations public. India remains silent on the attempted assassination in the US where the perpetrators have been identified.

There is now no doubt the Five Eyes nations, including the UK, must be deeply concerned with India's pattern of unacceptable behaviour on foreign soil. The US and other nations must consider a different strategy for India, including its breakup and the emergence of friendly states, like a Sikh homeland (Khalistan) that can be trusted partners.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser of the Sikh Federation (UK) said:

"There are dozens of British Sikh activists peacefully campaigning for the re-establishment of a Sikh homeland who believe they are on hit-lists and could be assassinated in the UK by agents of the Indian government."

"Unlike the US and Canada where the authorities have foiled assassinations, warned Sikh activists facing a threat or publicly called out India, we believe the UK Government is totally neglecting the safety and security of British Sikhs activists."

"We have raised specific concerns with UK Ministers following the mysterious death of 35-year old Avtar Singh Khanda in June who was receiving direct threats to his life. This includes the illegal activities of India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) that has put out a hit-list of Sikh activists in other countries on Indian television and claimed responsibility for the killing of several Sikh activists abroad."

"The official line from UK Ministers is anyone concerned for their safety should contact the police. This utterly fails to recognise the evidence and intelligence held by the British authorities on the criminal activities of Indian agents."

ਰਿਸ਼ੀ ਸੁਨਕ ਅਤੇ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦਾ ਆਪਣੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਲਈ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਹੱਕ ਵਿਚ ਖੜੇ ਹੋਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਮਰੱਥ ਹੋਣਾ ਅਫਸੋਸਜਨਕ - ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂਕੇ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 14 ਦਸੰਬਰ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):--ਅਮਰੀਕਾ, ਕੈਨੇਡੀਅਨ, ਆਸਟ੍ਰੇਲੀਅਨ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨ ਅਤੇ ਸਿਆਸਤਦਾਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਧਰਤੀ 'ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਅੰਤਰ-ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਦਮਨ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਕਣ ਲਈ ਚੇਤਾਵਨੀ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਜਨਤਕ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਜਾ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ। ਮੀਡੀਆ ਨੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਗਰੂਕ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਹਿਮ ਭੂਮਿਕਾ ਨਿਭਾਈ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ ਭਾਈ ਦੁਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਰਿਸ਼ੀ ਸੁਨਕ ਅਤੇ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਬਾਰੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਅਫਸੋਸ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਆਪਣੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ



ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਲਈ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਹੱਕ ਵਿਚ ਖੜੇ ਹੋਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਮਰੱਥ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖ ਹਲਕਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਨੁਮਾਇੰਦਗੀ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ 100 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਪਿਛਲੇ 48 ਘੰਟਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੱਤਰ ਭੇਜੇ ਹਨ ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਰਿਸ਼ੀ ਸੁਨਕ ਨੂੰ ਚੁਣੌਤੀ ਦੇਣ, ਸੰਸਦੀ ਸਵਾਲ ਉਠਾਉਣ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਅੰਤਰ-ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਦਮਨ 'ਤੇ ਯੂਕੇ ਦੀ ਸੰਸਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਬਹਿਸ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੱਤਰ ਭੇਜਣ ਲਈ ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੀ ਵੈੱਬ ਸਾਈਟ 'ਤੇ ਮਿਆਰੀ ਪੱਤਰ ਪੜ੍ਹਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਡਾਊਨਲੋਡ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਭਾਈ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਬਾਰੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਯੂਕੇ ਤੋਂ ਮੁੜ ਨਵੀਂ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਮੰਗ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 20 ਦਸੰਬਰ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):-- ਮਰਯੁਮ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁਨ ਭਾਈ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਨੇ 'ਬਰਤਾਨੀਆ' ਦੇ ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਜੂਨ ਮਹੀਨੇ ਹੋਈ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਅਚਾਨਕ ਹੋਈ ਮੌਤ ਦੀ ਪੂਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਤੰਤਰ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਇੱਕ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਬਲ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕਰੇ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਏ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਤਲ ਅਤੇ ਕਤਲ ਦੀ ਕੌਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਨਾਲ ਮੇਲ ਖਾਂਦਾ ਸੀ। ਭਾਈ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰਕ ਵਕੀਲ ਮਾਈਕਲ ਪੋਲਰ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਂਚ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਵੈਸ਼ਵਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੀਆਂ ਚਿੰਤਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੂਰ ਕਰੇਗਾ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਰਤ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀ ਸਿਆਸੀ ਸਵਾਰਥ ਲਈ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਜਿਕਰਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਮਾਮਲਾ ਭਾਈ ਖੰਡੇ ਦੀ ਹੋਈ ਅਚਾਨਕ ਮੌਤ ਨਾਲ ਜੁੜਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਬਗ਼ਮਿਪੰਥ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਹਿੰਦਾ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਲਹਿਰ ਦਾ ਇੱਕ ਜਬਰਦਸਤ ਅਮਰਬਕ ਸੀ, ਜੋ ਇੱਕ ਵੱਖਰੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਾਜ ਦੀ ਸਿਰਜਣਾ ਦਾ ਅਮਰਬਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਭਾਈ ਖੰਡੇ ਦੀ ਬਗ਼ਮਿਪੰਥ ਦੇ ਇੱਕ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ ਵਿੱਚ



ਬੀਤੇ 15 ਜੂਨ ਨੂੰ ਮੌਤ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ, ਯੂਕੇ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਬਾਅਦ ਵਿੱਚ ਗੰਭੀਰ ਮਾਈਨੋਰਿਟ ਲਿਊਕੇਮੀਆ ਦਾ ਮਾਮਲਾ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਆਪਣੀ ਮੌਤ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਮਹੀਨਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ, ਭਾਈ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਦੋਸਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਾ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪ੍ਰੈਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਚਲਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਇੱਕ ਭੀੜ ਪਰੇਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਮੁਹਿੰਮ ਦਾ ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਸੀ ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਉਸ ਉੱਤੇ ਨੰਬਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਹਾਈ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਰਿਸ਼ੀ ਲੈਣ ਦਾ ਝੂਠਾ ਦੋਸ਼ ਲਗਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਇਥੇ ਪਿਆਨ ਦੇਣ ਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਮਾਰਚ ਵਿਚ ਯੂਕੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਏ ਇੱਕ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਪ੍ਰਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਈ ਖੰਡਾ ਨੂੰ ਕਦੇ ਵੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਅਪਰਾਧ ਲਈ ਦੋਸ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਠਹਿਰਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਜਦਕਿ ਉਸਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਮਹੀਨਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ, ਭਾਈ ਖੰਡਾ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਵਾਰ-ਵਾਰ ਬੁਲਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਮਾਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਭੈਣ ਤੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਬੱਧ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਹਿਰਾਸਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੀ ਲਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਯੂਕੇ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਈ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਜਦੋਂ ਵੈਸਟ ਮਿਡਲੈਂਡਜ਼ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ

ਕੇਸ 'ਤੇ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਕਿ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਦੀ ਚੰਗੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਜਾਂਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ, ਤਦ ਜਾਂਚ ਦੀ ਪੁਕਿਰਤੀ ਬਾਰੇ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਸਿੱਧ ਗੱਦੀ-ਗੱਦੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਹਟ ਗਈ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਦੋਸ਼ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਕਦੇ ਵੀ ਭਾਈ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੀ ਰਿਹਾਇਸ਼ ਦਾ ਮੁਆਇਨਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂ ਉਸਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਉਸਦੇ ਦੋਸਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਹਿਯੋਗੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਇੰਟਰਵਿਊ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ। ਵੈਸਟ ਮਿਡਲੈਂਡਜ਼ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਅਪਰਾਧਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਹੀ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਫਲ ਰਹਿਣ ਲਈ, ਵੈਸਟ ਮਿਡਲੈਂਡਜ਼ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਉਪਾਵਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਧੀਨ ਰੱਖਣ ਦੇ ਇੱਕ ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਕਦਮ ਦਾ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹੋਏ, ਭਾਈ ਖੰਡਾ ਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਨੇ ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਉਸਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਦੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਲਈ ਇੱਕ ਹੋਰ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਬਲ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ। ਉਹ 29 ਦਸੰਬਰ ਤੱਕ ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਤੋਂ ਜਵਾਬ ਮੰਗ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਮਾਮਲੇ 'ਤੇ ਟਿੱਪਣੀ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਇਨਕਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ।

ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੇ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ ਜਸ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਦੁਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ, ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਅੰਤਰ-ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਦਮਨ ਦੇ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਖੁਲਾਸਿਆ ਦੇ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਵਿੱਚ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਧਾਰੀ ਖੁੱਲੀ ਬਰਤਾਨਵੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਲਈ ਬਹੁਤ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੀ ਹੈ। ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਗੈਰ-ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਗਤੀਵਿਧੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਜ਼ਰਅੰਦਾਜ਼ ਕਰਨਾ ਜਾਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਰੱਖ ਸਕਦੀ।

UK Sikhs urge French President to skip India's Republic Day parade



The Sikh Federation, the largest group of Sikhs in Britain, accused India of "transnational repression", specifically the "targeting" of Sikh activists in its diaspora.

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British Sikhs on Thursday called for French President Emmanuel Macron to withdraw from India's Republic Day parade because of the alleged targeting of Sikhs in other countries.

India announced last month that Macron had accepted an invitation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to be guest of honour at the January 26 celebrations.

US President Joe Biden backed out earlier following diplomatic ructions over an alleged Indian plot to kill a Sikh separatist in the United States.

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The group said it had written to Macron urging him to "pull out" of India's Republic Day festivities "or raise concerns directly with Narendra Modi when he sees him".

The US Justice Department in November charged an Indian citizen with plotting the killing, alleging that an Indian government official was involved in the planning.

Canada also had a major diplomatic spat with India after Canadian leader Justin Trudeau in September linked New Delhi to the June killing of Canadian citizen Hardeep Singh Nijjar, also a Sikh separatist activist.

The British Sikh group wanted to "show solidarity" with the US and Canadian governments and "send a strong signal" to Modi that India "must come clean and cooperate with the ongoing investigations by law enforcement agencies," said the federation's principal adviser, Dabinderjit Singh.

The US Justice Department says the man allegedly targeted on US soil was a vocal critic of the Indian government and leads a US-based organisation that advocates for the secession of Punjab, a northern Indian state with a large population of Sikhs.

India shares close ties with France, which has become a key military supplier. Modi was Macron's guest of honour at France's annual Bastille Day celebrations in July last year.

Police issue "threat to life" warnings to UK Sikhs



Tortois - 16 January 2024

Last year, US security services secretly filmed Indian citizen Nikhil Gupta allegedly trying to pay a hitman \$100,000 to carry out an assassination of a prominent Sikh separatist leader and joint US-Canadian citizen in New York. The news set off a storm of anxieties and conspiracy theories about New Delhi hit squads traipsing around the West

trying to kill Sikhs who were encouraging dissents back home in India's Punjab region.

Now West Midlands Police have started to issue "threat to life" warnings to Sikhs living in Britain, according to reporting by The Times. But Jas Singh from the **Sikh Federation UK** said Sikh leaders in the UK were already taking measures including not travelling alone.

ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁੰਨ ਕਦੇ ਵੀ ਡਰ ਕੇ ਘਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਬੈਠਣਗੇ ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਾਜ ਲਈ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਕਰਦੇ ਰਹਿਣਗੇ : ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀਆਂ ਸਿਮਰਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਮਲੇ ਦੀ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਨਿਖੇਧੀ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 2 ਫਰਵਰੀ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):—ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਅੰਦਰ ਸਿਮਰਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਹਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਿੱਥਰ ਦੇ ਕਰੀਬੀ ਸਨ, ਦੇ ਘਰ ਉਪਰ ਬੀੜੀ ਰਾਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਤੇ ਨਕਾਬਪੋਸ਼ਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਗੋਲੀਬਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਅੰਦਰ ਰਹਿ ਰਹੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਂ ਅੰਦਰ ਨਿੰਦਾ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਇਸ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਹੱਥ ਹੋਣ ਦਾ ਖਬਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਧਰਤੀ 'ਤੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਦਾ ਅੰਤਰ-ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਦਮਨ ਅਤੇ ਅੰਤਰਵਾਦ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ ਦੁਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਕ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁੰਨ ਦੇ ਕਤਲ ਦੀ ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਦੀਆਂ



ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਨਿਊਜ਼ ਵਰਲਡ



ਖਬਰਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਕਿਰਿਆ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਕਿਹਾ ਇਹ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੋਮਲੈਂਡ ਦੀ ਮੁੱਖ ਸਥਾਪਨਾ ਦੀ ਥਕਾਲਤ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁੰਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ 'ਤੇ ਤੁਲੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ।

ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਭਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ, ਖਾਸ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਵਾਲੇ ਫਾਈਵ ਆਈਥੀ ਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਹਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਿੱਥਰ ਦੇ ਨਜ਼ਦੀਕੀ ਦੋਸਤ ਦੀ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਈ ਤਾਜ਼ਾ ਗੋਲੀਬਾਰੀ

ਅਤੇ ਹੱਤਿਆ ਦੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਲਈ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਨਿੰਦਾ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ। ਸਮਾਂ ਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਜੋ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਦੇ ਸ਼ਾਸਨ, ਹੋਰ ਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਭੂਸੱਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੋਮਲੈਂਡ, ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਲਈ ਮੁਹਿੰਮ ਚਲਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਆਪਣੇ ਜਮਹੂਰੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਬਰਤਾਨਵੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੋਣ ਦੇ ਨਾਤੇ ਅਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਦੇਖਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਕੀ ਯੂਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਖੜ੍ਹੀ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਫੇਰ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ, ਬਲਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁੰਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਵੀ ਇੱਕਮੁੱਠਾ ਦਿਖਾਉਣੀ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ

ਦਹਿਸ਼ਤੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਖਤਰੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਹਨ। ਸਾਰੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁੰਨ ਦੇ ਘਰ 'ਤੇ ਚਲੀਆਂ ਗੋਲੀਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਬੀਸੀ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਦੇ ਮੁਖੀ ਮੇਨਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਜ਼ਿੰਬਾਬਵੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਯਕੀਨ ਨਾਲ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਵਾਰਦਾਤ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਹਿੰਦ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦਾ ਹੀ ਹੱਥ ਹੈ। ਉਹ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਡਰਾ ਕੇ ਘਰ ਬਿਠਾਉਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ ਪਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁੰਨ ਕਦੇ ਵੀ ਡਰ ਕੇ ਘਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਬੈਠਣਗੇ ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਾਜ ਲਈ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਕਰਦੇ ਰਹਿਣਗੇ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਗੰਭੀਰ ਦੋਸ਼ ਲਾਉਂਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਡਰਾਉਣ ਧਮਕਾਉਣ ਜਾਂ ਬੇਢਾਦਾ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਸਟੇਟ ਬਿਲਕੁਲ ਕਾਮਯਾਬ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕੇਗੀ।

ਸਿੱਖ ਹੋਮਲੈਂਡ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁੰਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਤਲ ਦੀ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋਈ ਵੀਡੀਓ ਨਾਲ

ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨ ਦਾ ਅੰਤਰ-ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਜਬਰ ਬੇਨਕਾਬ: ਦੁਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ

ਨਵੀਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ 10 ਮਾਰਚ (ਮਨਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ):— ਜਾਰੀ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਸਬੂਤਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਤਾ ਚੱਲਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤੀ, ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਮੋਦੀ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੋਮਲੈਂਡ

ਤੋਂ ਜੋ ਨਾਮ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਆਉਂਦਾ ਰਹਿੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਉਹ ਹੈ ਸਮੇਤ ਕਮਾਰ ਗੋਇਲ ਰਿਸ਼ਰਥ ਅੰਤਰ-ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੁਖੀ ਜੋ 30 ਜੂਨ 2023 ਨੂੰ ਉਸ ਦਿਨ ਸੰਘਪਾਕਤ

ਰਹਿੰਦਾ ਸੀ ਜਿਸ ਦਿਨ ਨਿਖਿਲ ਗੁਪਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਚੋਕ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਵਾਅਦਾ ਗ੍ਰਿਫਤਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਅਤੇ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਚਿੱਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਜੋੜ ਸੁਣੀ ਦੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਸਮੇਤ ਗੋਇਲ ਦਾ ਅਤੀਤ ਬਹੁਤ ਖਰਾਬ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੋਮਲੈਂਡ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁੰਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਮਜ਼ੋਰ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਯੂਕੇ, ਜਰਮਨੀ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਥਾਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਵਿਵਾਦਤ ਸਿੱਖ ਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਭਾਰਤ ਲਈ ਰਾਤੀ ਲਈ ਖੁਫੀਆ ਜੱਥੇਵਾਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਪਰੇਸ਼ਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਹਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੇ ਬੁੱਲਾ 'ਤੇ ਸਵਾਲ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸੀਸੀ 1 ਕੌਣ ਹੈ? ਕੀ ਇਹ ਸਮੇਤ ਗੋਇਲ ਜਾਂ ਜੀ ਸੀਸੀ 1 ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਸੀ? ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਗੋਇਲ ਮੋਦੀ ਦੇ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ ਅਜੀਤ ਭੱਠਾਲ ਦਾ ਬਹੁਤ ਕਰੀਬੀ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸੀ ਸੀ। ਸਿੱਖ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ (ਯੂ.ਕੇ.) ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਮੁੱਖ ਖ਼ੁਲਾਰੇ ਦੁਬਿੰਦਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਵੱਧ ਗੱਲਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਅੰਤਰ-ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਵਿੱਚ 'ਸਾਡਾ ਮੋਮਣਾ' ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਕੌਲ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਮੋਦੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ ਅਜੀਤ ਭੱਠਾਲ ਦੀ ਸਲਾਹ 'ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਾਰਕੁੰਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਹੱਤਿਆ ਨੂੰ ਅੱਗੇ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਖੋਜ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਸ਼ਲੇਸ਼ਣ ਵਿੱਚ (ਆਰੇਡਬਲਯੂ) ਦੇ ਮੁਖੀ, ਸਮੇਤ ਗੋਇਲ ਨੂੰ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰੀ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਪੁੱਛਣਾ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਪੱਛਮੀ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰ ਲਈ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। 'ਅਮਰੀਕਾ, ਹੋਰ ਵਾਈਆਂ ਵਾਈਆਂ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰ ਅਤੇ ਯੂਰਪ ਦੇ ਸਹਿਯੋਗੀ ਸਾਥਣ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਕਤਲੇਆਮ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਾਂਗ ਦੁਖਿਤੀ ਹੈ। ਦਿੱਲੀ ਬੋਲ 'ਤੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਰਸਤੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਲੰਬੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਅਰਥ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੱਟਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵਸ਼ਾਲੀ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਦੇ ਮੁੜ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਚੁੱਟਿਆ ਜਾਣਾ ਲਗਭਗ ਤੈਅ ਹੈ।

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Rishi Sunak and the UK Government is Putting British Sikh Lives in Danger

SIKH SIYASAT
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Sikh Siyasat Bureau - 22 January 2024

In a press release by **the Sikh Federation UK**, it is said that the organization's Principal Adviser Dabinderjit Singh has criticized the risk of the extreme Hindutva ideology that is allegedly being exported by the current Indian government across the globe.

Dabinderjit Singh maintained that British national, Jagtar Singh Johal was abducted by Indian police in November 2017 and tortured. Within days he was shown dozens of photographs of Sikh activists.

He further said that four of those Sikh activists have been extrajudicially murdered by the Indian Government, including Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada and Avtar Singh Khanda in the UK.

The UK Government under Rishi Sunak is hanging out Sikhs to dry, he added.

In this statement (copy available with SSN) Dabinderjit Singh, said: "We believe dozens of British Sikh activists are on India's "hit-list" and the UK government has this information as the Indian government has been asking the UK Government to silence the same individuals by arresting, imposing restrictions or extraditing them to India."

"The UK government need to come clean and warn all British Sikhs who are at risk from the Indian government or stand accused of complicity."



ARE THE UK AUTHORITIES FAILING TO PROTECT BRITISH SIKHS

London - 14 February 2024 - This morning Kulwant Singh Mothada gave an exclusive interview to Sky News.

On 10 July 2023 Kulwant was sitting at home in Wolverhampton watching Sky Channel 710 when the Indian television channel Aaj Tak categorically stated he was one of twenty Sikhs in the Diaspora on a hit list of India's National Investigation Agency (NIA).



He was shocked and horrified that his photo and name had been broadcast.

On the same television broadcast they showed the photographs of three Sikh activists the Indian authorities claimed to have already killed. The three photo graphs were of:

Paramjit Singh Panjwar shot dead and killed in Lahore, Pakistan on 6 May 2023

Avtar Singh Khanda who had been receiving death threats from Indian police officers and mysteriously died in a Birmingham hospital on 15 June with suspected poisoning

Hardeep Singh Nijjar a Canadian Sikh leader shot dead in Vancouver, Canada outside the Gurdwara where he was President on 18 June

These killings were consistent with the US Department of Justice unsealed indictment of 29 November 2023 that revealed the US authorities in June 2023 had thwarted a specific assassination plot in the US

directed by the Indian government. The indictment mentioned there was many more [Sikh] targets - two or three a month.

Pat McFadden, the MP for Kulwant Singh Mothada's immediately wrote to the Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary in July 2023 about the hit list being broadcast in Britain by an Indian news channel and also took it up directly with the police.

Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi, the MP for Slough also took up the matter of one of his Sikh constituents (Sarabjit Singh Banur) on the hit-list who is a journalist (his wife is a former Labour councillor in Slough). Thames Valley Police were also informed.

Dabinderjit Singh, the principal adviser of the Sikh Federation (UK said:

"The UK Government need to join the US administration and Canadian Government to take tough action against the Indian government for making death threats and taking responsibility for killing Sikh activists in the Diaspora."

"The mainstream media can also smell a rat when it comes to the activities of India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) in the UK."

"Why has Ofcom, several police forces and UK Government Ministers not taken any action against the death threats and taking responsibility for killing Sikh activists on a channel televised in Britain?"

"The UK Government shockingly is turning a blind eye towards India's transnational repression. The only conclusion we can reach is that it is because Rishi Sunak has a soft spot for Narendra Modi and his extreme Hindutva politics."



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5. CAMPAIGN TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL

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

Just prior to the Convention last year there was unprecedented media coverage relating to Jagtar Singh Johal with Rishi Sunak attending the G20 Summit in Delhi. Keir Starmer and David Lammy in opposition accepted Jagtar was held in arbitrary detention and were challenging the Conservative government to follow UK policy and call for Jagtar's immediate release and return to the UK. We now have a new Labour Government that has given assurances to Jagtar's family, but we must maintain pressure as David Lammy seems to be backtracking in raising the matter directly with India.

Rishi Sunak urged to raise Indian detention of British man

BBC – 6 September 2023 (extract)

A cross-party group of MPs are calling on Rishi Sunak to intervene in the case of a British man who is facing the death penalty in India.

More than 70 MPs signed a letter urging the PM to call on Narendra Modi to "immediately release" campaigner Jagtar Singh Johal, when he travels to Delhi for the G20 leaders' summit.

They say Mr Johal has been "arbitrarily detained" for over five years.

The PM's spokesperson would not confirm or deny if the case would be raised.



He travelled to India in October 2017 to get married. The campaign group Reprieve says that while he was out shopping with his wife, he was hooded, bundled into a car by men in plainclothes, "severely tortured", and made to sign blank pieces of paper.

BBC NEWS

Tory MP David Davis told the

BBC that "the first duty of a state should be to prevent a citizen getting harmed", and that if a citizen had been harmed and subjected to injustice, "the government should be raising the most serious protests".

He added: "That does not seem to be happening at the moment and that is a failure of the Foreign Office to do its most fundamental duty."

In their letter, the MPs say that "upon his arrest, Jagtar's interrogators electrocuted him, and threatened to douse him in petrol and set him alight. To make the torture stop, Jagtar recorded video statements and signed blank pieces of paper."

Almost six years on, Mr Johal remains in prison in India. His family say court proceedings have started but been adjourned repeatedly.

Asked if Mr Sunak would raise the case, the Prime Minister's official spokesperson said: "I am not going to pre-empt what they will or won't discuss."

In a letter sent to Gurpreet Singh Johal in July and seen by the BBC, Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said he had decided it was best not to press India over the issue.

Mr Cleverly wrote: "I do not consider that calling for Jagtar's release would result in the Indian authorities releasing him. Indeed I fear this could impact the co-operation we depend on... to conduct consular visits, resolve welfare concerns and attend court hearings."

That has angered both Mr Davis and Mr Johal's family. Gurpreet Singh Johal said: "It's basically saying 'I'm not going to do it, and I'd rather have him rot in jail', that's the impression I get."

Mr Davis said it set "a terrible precedent" and "it encourages more governments to be prickly about complaints".

Gurpreet Singh Johal said he believed the UK's reluctance to speak up about the case now was connected to Mr Sunak's desire to sign a trade deal with India.

"Their focus appears to be that India are an up-and-coming country and they want this trade deal signed off with them, and they are putting trade over human rights," he said.

Mr Davis said he was clear a trade deal should come second to legal rights of a British citizen.

He added: "You don't have to be Palmerston to understand that the rights of a British citizen are the paramount concern of a British government

and we do not accept torture as the price of a trade deal. Full stop."

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser of the **Sikh Federation (UK)** said:

"Rishi Sunak has an opportunity and must show courage as the UK PM when he visits India to stand up for a British citizen who has been in arbitrary detention for nearly 6 years."

"The British public and politicians are watching Rishi Sunak closely, the last thing he should be doing is appeasing India and discriminating against Jagtar Singh Johal because he is a Sikh activist."

"If Rishi Sunak misses this opportunity in Delhi at the G20 Summit he will stand accused of being nothing more than a lame duck PM who is more interested in pleasing Narendra Modi and furthering his personal family and financial ties before he is removed as PM."

Jagtar Singh Johal: Sunak raises the detention of Scot with Indian PM



BBC News – 10 September 2023 (extract)



The Prime Minister has confirmed that he raised the case of a Scottish Sikh who has been held by Indian authorities since 2017, in talks with the country's Prime Minister.

Rishi Sunak had faced pressure to highlight the case of Jagtar Singh Johal, from Dumbarton, whose family claim, has been the victim of torture.

More than 70 MPs demanded that Mr Sunak lobby for his release.

Earlier this week, the Foreign Office ruled out intervening in the case.

However, after speaking to his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi, Mr Sunak confirmed he raised the case along with other consular issues.

He did not provide details, but said: "The foreign office are continuing to provide support to Mr Johal's family and will continue to do so".

'Talk is meaningless'

Johal is currently facing eight charges of conspiracy to murder, linked to political violence in India, and could receive the death penalty.

He denies the charges against him and says his arrest and trial are political.

The UK government has previously refused to call for Mr Johal's immediate release - saying it could be seen as interference in the judicial process and would not be in his best interests.

On the plane to Delhi, when asked if he would be raising the case, Mr Sunak had said: "I'll be raising a range of things with Prime Minister Modi - this is something that, just so people are reassured, has already been raised on multiple levels on multiple occasions."

On Friday, Mr Johal's brother Gurpreet - a lawyer and Labour councillor - accused Mr Sunak of allowing Mr Johal to "rot in jail."

After hearing about Mr Sunak's involvement he said: "I am pleased that the prime minister has raised my brother's case with his counterpart, but raising is not enough unless he has called for Jagtar's release in line with the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention's findings."

"Clearly, the prime minister had no option other than to raise Jagtar's case, after so many MPs demanded he do so."

"I fear that this is just more talk from the UK government and no action. The campaign continues until Jagtar is back home in Scotland."

'Lack of leadership'

Human rights group Reprieve's Director Maya Foa said: "Theresa May 'raised' Jagtar's case. So did Boris Johnson. But six years after his abduction and torture he's still in prison, facing a possible death sentence for something he didn't do."

"The government often says ministers have raised the case a hundred times, as if that makes their failure to seek the release of an arbitrarily detained British national any less shameful."

"What did Rishi Sunak say to Narendra Modi about the case and how did he respond? Without

Senior lawyers criticise handling of case of Sikh activist held in India

Peers express fears that Jagtar Singh Johal will not receive 'due process' in India amid torture claims

Guardian – 5 November 2023

Assurances by a UK minister that a British man imprisoned in India will receive a fair trial fly in the face of evidence that he has been tortured and arbitrarily detained, three lawyers who held senior public roles have warned.



answers to these questions, the Prime Minister's talk is meaningless."

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser to the **Sikh Federation (UK)**, said Mr Sunak had appeared "very reluctant" to press the Scot's case since entering No 10 almost a year ago until being "forced through pressure" from MPs to do so.

He added: "He has, however, demonstrated his weakness and lack of leadership by shamefully failing to stand up for the rights of a British citizen and calling for Jagtar's immediate release."

"Rishi Sunak and his Foreign Office ministers are now talking utter nonsense in terms of Jagtar's best interests and justice."

"They appear scared and clueless on how best to apply diplomatic pressure on India and are leaving it to the corrupt Indian judicial system. "The allegations on the UK's intelligence agencies will be explored fully during the litigation, "which is the right place to do so", say FCDO.

The Indian government has been contacted for comment.

To coincide with the sixth anniversary of Jagtar Singh Johal's detention, Ken MacDonald KC, Elish Angiolini KC and Jim Wallace KC have written to the UK Foreign Office minister Lord Ahmad asking him to retract his recent comments saying that the British citizen would receive "due process" in India.

Lord MacDonald, a former director of public prosecutions for England and Wales, and Lady Angiolini and Lord Wallace, who were lord advocate and advocate general respectively for Scotland, say "there can be no due process where proceedings have been tainted by torture", or where charges are politically motivated and punish freedom of expression.

In a debate about Johal's case in the House of Lords in September, Ahmad said the UK would not call for the release of an individual or interfere in

another country's legal process "where a due process is being followed".

In their letter to Ahmad, MacDonald and Wallace write: "There is no possibility of due process in Jagtar's case, which is based around a so-called confession obtained under days of brutal torture. The UK government has acknowledged Jagtar's serious allegations of torture by state officials whilst in pre-trial detention, including electrocution, beatings, stress positions and threats to burn him alive. To bring an end to the torture, Jagtar was forced to sign blank pieces of paper, subsequently represented by the authorities as a 'confession'. This is the primary basis for his continued detention."

The peers' letter says that in the six years he has been in jail, no credible evidence has been

forthcoming, and it calls on Ahmad to retract his "unsustainable" comments about due process.

In September, Johal's MP, Martin Docherty-Hughes, accused Rishi Sunak of prioritising a trade deal with India over Johal's release, after a letter from Ahmad said the government would not call for his release, claiming that taking such a position would not be in his best interests.

Johal's brother, Gurpreet, said: "My brother's trial is a sham and the prime minister and foreign secretary know it. They won't do what it takes to bring him home, so they come up with excuses. It's been six years of endless delays, and while prosecutors drag the process out without presenting any credible evidence, Jagtar is slowly dying in an Indian jail."

Foreign Office called out for 'utter disregard' for Jagtar Singh Johal THE NATIONAL

The National – 10 January 2024

SNP MP Martin Docherty-Hughes has called out the "utter disregard" being shown as 35-year-old Dumbarton man Jagtar Singh Johal still faces a possible death penalty in India.



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Speaking in the Commons, Docherty-Hughes, the MP for West Dunbartonshire, said Johal was facing his "seventh year in arbitrary detention".

We previously told how Docherty-Hughes had called on Foreign Secretary David Cameron to secure the release of the 35-year-old with the MP now saying he has not had a response to a letter he sent calling for a meeting.

Speaking on Wednesday, the MP said he and the family of Johal had "lost count" of the number of people to hold the foreign secretary role.

"I must say in recent weeks I have never seen such an utter disregard for most likely the most important consular case on the Foreign Secretary's desk," he said.

He said Cameron had shown a "willingness" to meet with him and Johal's family at a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

However, Docherty-Hughes added: "It is clear for me that the Foreign Secretary in that response may not have been aware of my letter dated 14 November 2023 which sought to have a meeting.

"I have to date had no formal response though unsurprisingly, before PMQs, I and the family received a holding response from the department which replies - requesting a meeting with the Foreign Secretary are being processed.

"I have no doubt that after two months, I will eventually maybe get a formal response from the Foreign Secretary."

He stressed that "speed is of the essence" and called for clarity on whether or not it was normal for a senior minister to correspond so poorly with an MP "when time is critical".

Tory MP David Davis also said that he was "dissatisfied" with the Foreign Office's response to the issue and that it was "a matter felt across the floor".

Family of Briton jailed in India left 'frustrated' after meeting with David Cameron

iNews

News – 12 February 2024

The family of a British man held in an Indian prison for six years is "frustrated" that a meeting with Foreign Secretary David Cameron ended without any promise that the UK government would push for his release.

The former Prime Minister met the family of Jagtar Singh Johal, a 37-year-old Sikh activist from Dumbarton, Scotland, on his first visit to Scotland since his return to frontline politics.

Lord Cameron said the Indian government should "speed up" the case of the Briton facing the death penalty over his campaigning for Sikh rights – but stopped short of calling for his release.

Jagtar's brother Gurpreet Singh Johal told i that he was "frustrated" by his meeting with Lord Cameron on Monday, adding: "He didn't provide answers we were looking for."

"They have not said what they're doing to bring about a resolution," said the campaigner, who is also a Labour councillor. "They have not said they will call for his release – that's what we are seeking."

He said previous meetings with three former foreign secretaries – Jeremy Hunt, Liz Truss and James Cleverly – had not led to any progress.

He added: "[Lord Cameron] did say he will look at the matter again, so at least there will be some follow up. I'm hoping he can use all his skills to bring Jagtar home."

"It's time to bring my brother home. Every day that goes by and he is in jail, his life is being wasted."

The former PM said: "What I have said to the family is I am going to go back to my office and look at the paperwork all over again. I am going to take into account what they have said and see whether there is a different approach we should be taking."

"I've made absolutely no promises that it will be different, but what I have said is I take these cases very seriously. I am going to re-examine everything and make sure we are doing the right thing," he added.

Pressure on the UK government to act has grown since a UN panel of human rights experts ruled in 2022 that Mr Johal's detention was arbitrary, and called for his release.

Martin Docherty-Hughes, the SNP MP for West Dumbartonshire who has pushed the case in parliament, said Lord Cameron seemed to "spin a similar narrative" to his predecessors.

"It's as though repetition of the same old narrative will buy them time, which for Jagtar may be running out," the MP told i.

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser of **the Sikh Federation (UK)** said:

"Many believe David Cameron has the experience and presence to stand up for British nationals, not give in to India's bully boy tactics and call for Jagtar's immediate release and return to the UK to be reunited with his wife."

"Jagtar and his wife only spent a couple of weeks together after they were married in India before Jagtar was abducted by Indian police while the couple were out shopping. He was subject to third degree torture and death threats before he was forced to sign a confession that would never stand up in a British court."

"Jagtar and his family have been waiting patiently



for over 6 years while he has been in arbitrary detention for the UK Government to show some backbone knowing Jagtar faces the possibility of being executed."

He added: the "jury is out" on whether Lord Cameron will have an impact.

David Lammy urged to use India trip to call for release of Jagtar Singh Johal



A group of Sikh activists in the UK have urged the new Foreign Secretary to use his maiden voyage to secure freedom for the jailed Briton.

London Evening Standard – 18 July 2024

A leading UK Sikh action group has called on the Foreign Secretary to use his first trip to India next week to push for the release of detained British citizen Jagtar Singh Johal.

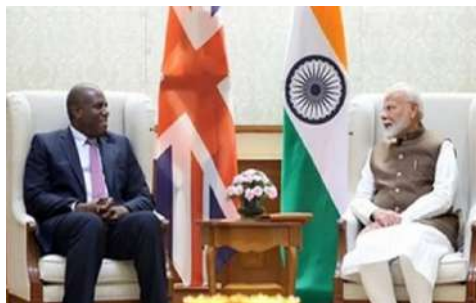
Principal adviser of the **Sikh Federation (UK)**, Dabinderjit Singh, said his action group has been rallying officials in the newly-appointed Labour Government and staff within the Foreign Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO) to push for Mr Johal's return to the UK ahead of David Lammy's visit.

"The visit represents an opportunity to push for Jagtar's release and return," Mr Singh said.

Mr Singh referenced comments made in 2022 by then-Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer, who urged then-prime minister Boris Johnson to request Mr Johal's release.

According to the BBC, Sir Keir wrote: "When a UK national has been so gravely mistreated, with no legal basis, the UK Government must act decisively to negotiate their release."

In letters reportedly seen by The Guardian, Mr Johnson agreed the Indian government had arbitrarily detained Mr Johal since 2017, however, the UK government did not formally request his return to British soil.



Mr Singh said: "This acknowledgement by the prime minister should have resulted in the UK Government following its own policy of calling for Jagtar's immediate release and return to the UK as is the case for all British subjects held in arbitrary detention in another country."

He also said the Sikh Federation (UK) has written to Mr Lammy to express the "British Sikh community expect better from a Labour Government given the commitments Keir Starmer has given to Jagtar's family and public statements while in Opposition".

Mr Singh added: "We have reminded David Lammy of his address to FCDO staff on July 10 when he reiterated, he would 'stand up for the rule of law at home and abroad' as without it we cannot have security."

Foreign Secretary asks for progress over Scot detained in India



BBC – 24 July 2024



Foreign Secretary David Lammy has told the BBC he wants to "see progress" in the legal case

against a Scottish man detained in India since 2017.

Speaking on a visit to New Delhi, Mr Lammy said he was raising the case with his Indian counterpart.

Mr Johal's family welcomed the intervention, but urged the new Labour government to go further and secure his release.

Mr Lammy criticised India's judicial process for moving "very slowly", but declined to call for Mr Johal's release or say that he had been detained arbitrarily.

Previously, while Labour was in opposition at Westminster, Mr Lammy had written a number of social media posts about the case.

In June 2022 he wrote that Mr Johal had been in prison for 1,700 days "without due process".

He called for former prime minister Liz Truss to end the "arbitrary detention" and said "she must secure his release".

Later he wrote that Mr Johal had been detained "with no legal basis".

Mr Lammy, who was appointed foreign secretary less than three weeks ago, did not use the same language on his current visit to India.

He said: "I am here as foreign secretary today. This is a serious issue that I have raised in the past and I am raising again."

"I can't go into detail about those issues."

"They are appropriately made in private, but it has been taking a long while so I pressed the Indian authorities again on this issue."

Mr Lammy is the seventh foreign secretary to be in post since Mr Johal's arrest.

He added: "We want to see progress and the judicial system take its course."

"He has been charged, there is a judicial system taking place, but it is moving very slowly."

Mr Lammy said it was important that Mr Johal had received consular access.

The case was also previously raised by Sir Keir Starmer, who wrote to Prime Minister Boris Johnson in 2022 to express his concerns.

In his letter to Mr Johnson, Sir Keir wrote: "When a UK national has been so gravely mistreated, with no legal basis, the UK government must act decisively to negotiate their release."

Mr Johal's brother Gurpreet, a Labour councillor, welcomed Mr Lammy's move, but said there needed to be a solution to "bring Jagtar back home".

He said the family was "hopeful" of a breakthrough under the Labour government.

He added his brother was "as well as he can be" and kept in touch via a phone call every three weeks.

FOREIGN SECRETARY CHALLENGED BY OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT ON JAGTAR SINGH JOHAL'S ARBITRARY DETENTION AND RELEASE

London – 30 July 2024 - The Foreign Secretary, David Lammy was challenged earlier today in Parliament by Alicia Kearns, the Shadow Minister at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and former Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee.



She said on human rights: "We on the Conservative Benches welcome the fact that the Foreign Secretary raised with his counterpart the case of Jagtar Singh Johal, a British national whom the UN has determined to be arbitrarily detained, with reports that he was subject to torture."

Alicia Kearns asked: "Will the Foreign Secretary confirm before the House today that he still believes, as he did a month ago, that Jagtar is being arbitrarily detained?"

She continued: "Will he today publicly call for Jagtar's release, just as, from this Dispatch Box, he repeatedly urged the last Foreign Secretary to do?"

Alicia Kearns asked David Lammy if he would meet Jagtar's family and when he would announce the appointment of a special envoy for Britain's wrongly detained abroad.

David Lammy in response to the arbitrary detention of Jagtar Singh Johal said "this is a very serious case" and he remained "absolutely committed to pushing for faster progress and to resolving this issue".

He continued: "I of course raised it with the Minister of External Affairs in India last week."

This public response left it unclear if David Lammy specifically referred to Jagtar's "arbitrary detention" when meeting External Affairs Minister, Dr S Jaishankar.

Our sources suggest David Lammy did specifically discuss Jagtar's arbitrary detention and he told the External Affairs Minister that the UK Government policy requires them to call for the release and return to the UK of all UK nationals held in arbitrary detention.

Apparently, India's response to David Lammy was very defensive. They argued that Jagtar was facing very serious charges and the UK Government should not be seen to be interfering in India's judicial process.

David Lammy went on further to state: "We continue to raise our concerns, particularly about allegations of torture and the right to a fair trial. Of course I will meet the family over the coming weeks."

Dabinderjit Singh, the Principal Adviser to the Sikh Federation (UK), responding to the issue being raised in Parliament earlier today said:

"David Lammy has agreed to meet Jagtar's family over the coming weeks. This will be a private meeting when he will need to explain if he demanded Jagtar's release or what his strategy is to reunite Jagtar with his family in Scotland."

"We understand when he met his counterpart, he did refer to Jagtar's arbitrary detention and UK policy over this matter, and also understand why at this stage he wants to keep this private."

"India is understood to be annoyed with David Lammy's interview with NDTV after he met Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi."



"In the interview he cleverly sidestepped the issue of Pro-Khalistan Extremism invented by Rishi Sunak and when asked about Hinduphobia he avoided commenting."

David Lammy discussed the need for the Indian government to fully co-operate with the Canadian authorities investigating the assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar on Canadian soil and the murder plot of Sikh activists in the US and Canada. This follows his face to face meetings with Melanie Joly and Anthony Blinken since he became Foreign Secretary.

He told the External Affairs Minister the Indian government must respect the rule of law and stop its repressive activities abroad against Sikh activists, including on UK soil.

India as expected raised concerns about Sikh activists in the UK and elsewhere campaigning for an independent Sikh State, Khalistan. We understand David Lammy was receptive and listened to concerns, but he reiterated Sikhs in Britain like others also enjoy the freedom to campaign for self-determination and the UK Government could not interfere unless any activities were deemed unlawful according to UK law.

Political commentators on both sides note a significant shift by the new UK Labour Government from the predecessor Conservative Government led by Rishi Sunak as it is not prepared to demonise Sikhs to secure a trade deal.





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

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



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