

For Six Month Period Ending 1/31/2009
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN (b) Registration No. 5597

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant 730 24th St. NW # 310
WASHINGTON D.C. 20037

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:			
(1) Residence address(es)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	} N/A
(2) Citizenship	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
(3) Occupation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) If an organization:		
(1) Name	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Ownership or control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Branch offices	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in items (a) and (b) above.

N/A

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IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4 AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C¹, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

N/A

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date connection ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his service.

N/A

(b) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
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N/A

(c) During this 6 month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence address	Citizenship	Position	Date assumed
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(c) of the supplemental statement?

Yes No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

N/A

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal² during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principals² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. EXHIBITS A AND B

(a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 8 the following:

Exhibit A³ Yes No
Exhibit B⁴ Yes No

N/A

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

(b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during the 6 month period? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes No

N/A

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9).) A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157), sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155), sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL WROTE LETTERS TO US CONGRESS, PRESIDENT AND OTHER GOVT. OFFICIALS REGARDING PERSECUTION, KILLINGS AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE SIKHS, CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS AND OTHERS IN INDIA. INDIAN GOVT HOLDS 52,268 SIKH POLITICAL PRISONERS IN JAILS WITHOUT TRIALS OR CHARGES. INDIA HAS MURDERED OVER 250,000 SIKHS, 300,000 CHRISTIANS AND 90,000 KASHMIRIS, LETTERS, PRESS RELEASES, ARTICLES AND CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENTS ARE ENCLOSED.
ALSO SEE WEBSITE WWW.KHALISTAN.COM.

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates and places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter. ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN SEEK SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN SIKH HOMELAND, PUNJAB, KHALISTAN TO SECURE SOVEREIGNTY AND FREEDOM FOR THE SIKH NATION BY REMOVING INDIAN OCCUPATION OF PUNJAB KHALISTAN. SIKH NATION DECLARED INDEPENDENCE ON OCT. 7, 1987, NAMING THE NEW COUNTRY KHALISTAN. ALSO EXPOSED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF SIKHS, CHRISTIANS, DALITS AND OTHERS IN INDIA. TO RESERVE THE NATIONAL RESOURCES OF PUNJAB, KHALISTAN SUCH AS WATER, FOOD CROPS FOR THE USE OF PEOPLE OF PUNJAB, KHALISTAN. ALSO SECURE FAIR PRICES FOR THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE OF PUNJAB FARMERS. WHICH WILL IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARD OF THE PEOPLE OF KHALISTAN. WATER IS A NATURAL RESOURCE OF PUNJAB WHICH HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TO HARYANA AND RAJISTHAN FREE OF CHARGE. IT AMOUNTS TO STEALING. PUNJAB MUST RECEIVE A FAIR COMPENSATION FOR IT. ALSO TO GET BACK THE CONTROL OF CHANDIGARH, ITS BHAKHRA DAM AND FAIR MARKET PRICE OF ELECTRICITY USED BY DEHLI AND OTHER AREAS OUTSIDE PUNJAB, KHALISTAN.

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals? Yes No

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activities" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes No

If no, explain why. COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY MONEY FROM ANY SOURCE. IT DOES NOT HAVE A BANK ACCOUNT. THE FILING FEE IS SUPPLIED FROM MY PRIVATE FUNDS WHICH IS \$ 305.00 ONLY.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies⁶.

Date From whom Purpose Amount

N/A

Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fund raising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal? Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal Date received Description of thing of value Purpose

6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. (See Rule 201(e).)

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fund raising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS – MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

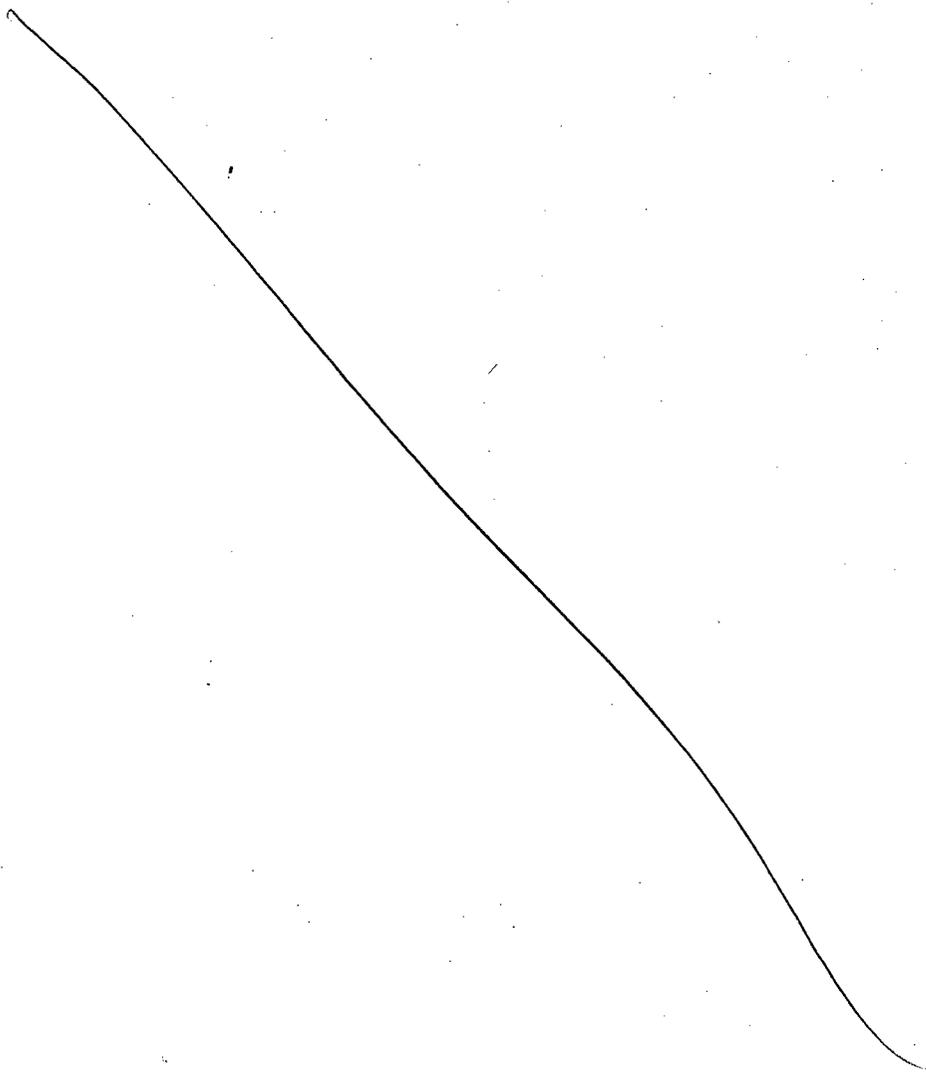
(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes No

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

THERE IS NO MONEY. I WORK IN MY OWN FREE TIME

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To whom	Purpose	Amount
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Total

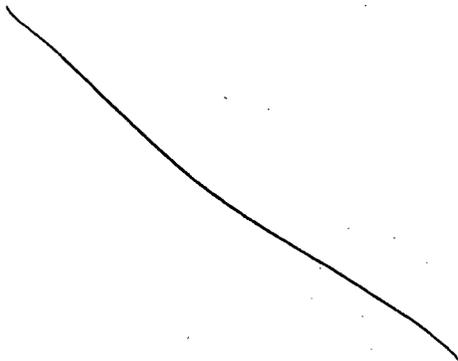
(b) DISBURSEMENTS – THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date disposed	Name of person to whom given	On behalf of what foreign principal	Description of thing of value	Purpose
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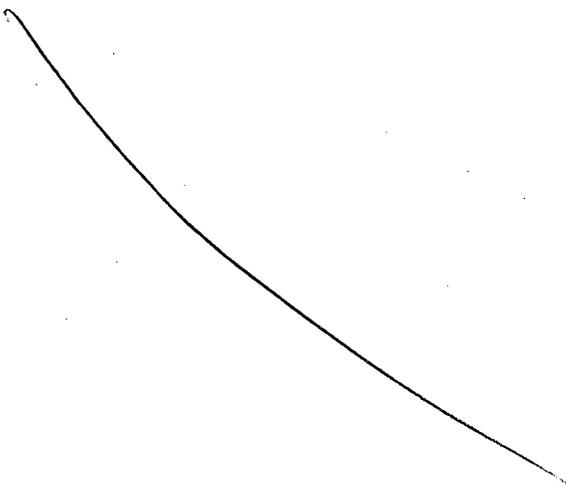
(c) DISBURSEMENTS – POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or thing of value	Name of political organization	Name of candidate
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^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials¹²?
Yes No

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper articles
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Internet
- Other (specify) SIKH TEMPLES AND OTHERS

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) SIKH GURDWARAS AND INDIVIDUALS, WEB SITE WWW.KHALISTAN.COM

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English
- Other (specify) PUNJABI AND URDU

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes No

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Type or print name under each signature¹³)

2/18/09

G. S. Aulakh

GURMIT SINGH AULAKH

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¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.



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SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons of your organization filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not still functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please show the date of termination.

Short Form List for Registrant: Council of Khalistan

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name and Other Names</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Termination Date</u>	<u>Role</u>
Aulakh	Gurmit Singh	03/16/2004		



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SECTION B

In addition to those persons listed in Section A, list below all current employees rendering services directly on behalf of the foreign principals(s) who have not filed short-form registration statements. (Do not list clerks, secretaries, typists or employees in a similar or related capacity). If there is some question as to whether an employee has an obligation to file a short-form, please address a letter to the Registration Unit describing the activities and connection with the foreign principal.

Name	Function	Date Hired
	NONE.	

Signature: C.S. Aulakh

Date: 2/18/09

Title: PRESIDENT

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NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE KHALSA PANTH

Let 2009 Bring Freedom to the Sikh Nation

May Guru Bless the Khalsa Panth in 2009

With Freedom, Happiness, Dignity, and Prosperity

Liberating Khalistan Must Be Focus of New Year

Dear Khalsa Ji:

WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA, WAHEGURU JI KI FATEHI!

The New Year is here. Please let me take this opportunity to wish a Happy New Year to you and your family and the Khalsa Panth. May 2009 be your best year yet. I wish you health, joy, and prosperity.

The flame of freedom continues to burn brightly in the heart of the Sikh Nation. No force can suppress it. Guru Gobind Singh blessed the Khalsa Panth, saying "*In grieb Sikhin ko deon Patshahi.*" ("I bless the Sikh nation with sovereignty.") The Sikh Nation must dedicate this year to working hard to achieve that goal. Self-determination is the right of all peoples and nations and self-determination is the essence of democracy.

James Madison, the primary author of the U.S. Constitution and the fourth President of the United States, warned of the "tyranny of the majority." That is why the U.S. constitution has strong protections for minority and individual rights and a republican, decentralized governmental structure. India, the self-proclaimed "world's largest democracy," is proof that Madison was absolutely right. Without effective protection for individual rights and those of communities and states, the majority runs roughshod over the rights, interests, and lives of the minorities. India does this to Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, Bodos, Assamese, Manipuris, Dalits, and so many others.

It is time for the Sikh Nation to flourish. Sikhs have suffered too much already under the yoke of Indian persecution since independence, especially over the past 25 years. We have seen the attack on the Golden Temple, over 250,000 Sikhs murdered and over 52,000 held as political prisoners, the murder of the Akal Takht Jathedar, more than 50,000 Sikh youth tortured, murdered, then declared unidentified and secretly cremated, their bodies never returned to their families. Their families continue to suffer. We must help their widows and orphans. Let us find the vision to throw off this repression. With that vision, the Sikh Nation will flourish; without it, we will perish and India's effort to eliminate Sikhism will succeed. The sooner we can liberate Khalistan, the better.

The Brahminocracy has stepped up its efforts to destroy the Sikh religion and deny Sikhs an environment to flourish. Until we get a sovereign, independent Khalistan, we will continue to be slaves. The Brahmins will choke the Sikh Nation like a boa constrictor.

Although Prime Minister Singh blamed the December 2008 attack in Bombay on the government of Pakistan, saying that only the government had the resources to carry out such an attack, India's government also has such resources and it has a pattern of engaging in such attacks (such as the Golden Temple attack, Air India, Chithisinghpura, and others) in the guise of minorities. The organization that claimed responsibility for the attacks was previously unheard of. India's leading newsmagazine, *India Today*, reported that India itself created the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE.) It has heavily infiltrated and controlled several Sikh and other minority organizations. Could it have created the organization that claimed responsibility for the Bombay bombing?

The Indian government has planted its agents among the Sikh diaspora. Mr. Makkar came to America and was escorted to Gurdwaras by the mysterious Indian agent Amarjit Singh. Among those who met with Mr. Makkar was Rajwant Singh

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of Washington, DC, who has served as an Indian mouthpiece for a very long time, diverting the efforts of the Sikh Nation to useless causes while meeting with public officials to stab the freedom-loving Sikh Nation in the back.

We must stop drug addiction in Punjab. While the desperation of many is understandable, drug addiction is a scourge that will destroy our people and our nation. There is a law that prohibits strong intoxicants within 100 meters of a school. Let us see to it that this is strongly enforced so that children don't have easy access to cigarettes, beetlenut, pawn, smack, zarda, and other drugs. Use of such products, especially by our youth, destroys the will and the fabric of the Sikh Nation and plays into the hands of the Brahminocracy's effort to destroy Sikhism. We must not allow this to occur.

It is time to bring our religious tenets into practice. We must stop infanticide. We must practice equality for women. Currently in Punjab, there is a ratio of a thousand boys for every 878 girls. Young Sikh men, unable to find Sikh women to marry, pay Rs 50,000 for Nepalese or Bengali wives. What kind of Sikhs can they be producing? These practices only sustain India's effort to destroy Sikhism.

The Indian government has kept Punjabi-speaking areas out of Punjab while supporting an influx of Hindus into Punjab. As you know, Sikhs are prohibited from buying land in Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh. Yet there are no restrictions on land ownership in Punjab by non-Punjabi Hindus. People from anywhere can buy land in Punjab, including people from Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh. India is trying to subvert Khalistan's independence by overrunning Punjab with non-Sikhs while keeping Sikhs from escaping the brutal repression in Punjab. We must prevail upon the political leadership in Punjab to get these Sikh lands back from Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. They rightfully belong to Punjab.

On several occasions, Sikhs were arrested for making speeches in support of Khalistan and raising the Khalistani flag. The Indian regime is clearly worried about the rising tide in support of Sikh sovereignty. In Nankana Sahib, faced with 15,000 Sikhs chanting "Khalistan Zindabad," the regime sent its consul to meet with me to try to stop my efforts to liberate Khalistan. The Brahminocracy realizes that this office is effective. Let us dedicate our energy this year to achieving the establishment of Khalistan. Any organization that sincerely supports Khalistan deserves the support of the Sikh Nation. When Khalistan is free, Sikhs can resolve all issues in a way that benefits the Khalsa Panth. However, the Sikh Nation needs leadership that is honest, sincere, consistent, and dedicated to the cause of Sikh freedom if we are to continue to move the cause of freedom for Khalistan forward in 2009 as we did in 2008.

Remember the words of former Jathedar of the Akal Takht Professor Darshan Singh: "***If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh.***" I ask the Akali Dal Badal to look themselves in the mirror and ask themselves, **are they Sikhs? If they are Sikhs, they must work for Khalistan.** Khalistan is the only way that Sikhs will be able to live in freedom, peace, prosperity, and dignity. It is time to start a *Shantmai Morcha* to liberate Khalistan from Indian occupation. We must achieve our freedom by peaceful, democratic, nonviolent means. Let that be the mission of 2009.

India is not a single country. It is a polyglot of many nations thrown together by the British colonialists for their administrative convenience. It has 18 official languages. History shows that such countries do not long endure. Austria-Hungary, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia are some examples. The breakup of India is inevitable. We pray that it will be peaceful like the breakup of Czechoslovakia and not violent like that of Yugoslavia.

Sikhs will never get any justice from Delhi. Ever since independence, India has mistreated the Sikh Nation, starting with Patel's memo labelling Sikhs "a criminal tribe." What a shame for Home Minister Patel and the Indian government to issue this memorandum when the Sikh Nation gave over 80 percent of the sacrifices to free India. How can Sikhs continue to live in such a country? There is no place for Sikhs in supposedly secular, supposedly democratic India. In a free Khalistan, minorities will have equal rights and all will be respected.

Let us work to make certain that 2009 is the Sikh Nation's most blessed year by making sure it is the year that we shake ourselves loose from the yoke of Indian oppression and liberate our homeland, Khalistan, so that all Sikhs may live lives of prosperity, freedom, and dignity. Now it is up to us. Do not waste this opportunity.

May Guru bless the Khalsa Panth.

Sincerely,



Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh
President
Council of Khalistan

HISTORICAL FACTS OF THE INDIAN DEMOCRACY AND THE SIKHS

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Associate Professor (Retired), Medical Microbiology and Immunology
Director (Former), National Centre for Mycotoic Diseases CANADA

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"It (Hinduism) is like the boa constrictor of the Indian forests. When a petty enemy appears to worry it, it winds round its opponent, crushes it in its folds, and finally causes it to disappear in its capacious interior....Hinduism has embraced Sikhism in its folds; the still comparatively young religion is making a vigorous struggle for life, but its ultimate destruction is, it is apprehended, inevitable without State support."

-Max Arthur Macauliffe (1903)

Hinduism has always been hostile to Sikhism whose Gurus powerfully and successfully attacked the principle of caste which is the foundation on which the whole fabric of Brahminism has been reared. The activities of Hindus have, therefore, been constantly directed to undermining of Sikhism both by preventing the children of Sikh father from taking Pahul and reducing professed Sikhs from their allegiance to their faith. Hinduism has strangled Buddhism, once a formidable rival to it and it has already made serious inroads into the domain of Sikhism.

-D. Petrie, Assistant Director, Criminal Intelligence, Government of British India (Intelligence Report of 11th August, 1911)

"...in future, the Congress shall accept no constitution which does not meet with the satisfaction of the Sikhs" **-The Lahore session of the Congress Party. December 31, 1929**

"...the brave Sikhs of Punjab are entitled to special considerations. I see nothing wrong in an area set up in the North of India wherein, the Sikhs can also experience the glow of freedom."

-Jawahar Lal Nehru, Lahore Bulletin, January 9, 1930

"I ask you to accept my word and the Resolution of the Congress that it will not betray a single individual much less a community. Let God be the witness of the bond that binds me and the Congress with you (the Sikhs). When pressed further Gandhi said that Sikhs would be justified in drawing their swords out of the scabbards as Guru Gobind Singh had asked them to, if Congress would renege on its commitment." - Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (Young India, March 19, 1931)

In 1940, Dr Vir Singh Bhatti demanded the formation of Khalistan." -Dr Vir Singh Bhatti

"In 1942, Master Tara Singh demanded the Azad (Sovereign and Independent) Punjab."

"You have seen the Hindus as co-slaves and you will know when they will be your masters and you (the Sikhs), their slaves"

-Janab Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Quid-e-Azam, The Father of Pakistan

"Lord Mountbatten's message to the Sikh Nation: Viceroy's Report No. 8, CAB 127/11, XCA 04623 dated May 23, 1947."

"The Sikhs as a community are a lawless people and a menace to the law-abiding Hindu community. The deputy commissioners should take special measures against them." -An official circular of the Government of India, October 10, 1947

"...Master Tara Singh saw me on his return from Delhi, and seemed really concerned at the approaching departure of the British. He demanded Khalistan, with transfer of population, or a new state from Jumna to Chenab, in which the Sikhs would not be oppressed"

-Sir E. Jenkins (Governor of the Punjab), 15th April, 1946

"Mulak Hindu ka, Raj Tikri ka (trio, Jawaharlal Nehru, V. B. Patel and Chandu Lal Trivedi), **Guru** (the Lord) **Rakha Bhai Sikhre ka"**

-Sirdar Kapur Singh, Indian Civil Service, National Professor of Sikhism

"Kya main taqat dushman (the enemy -the Sikhs) **ke haath main de dun** (How can I entrust power into the hands of the enemies)." -Jawahar Lal Nehru (1961)

"Mrs Gandhi has admitted that she was opposed to demands for Punjabi home province, for fear of losing Hindu votes. She was prepared to block the creation of a Punjabi-speaking province, in 1966 or ever" -Indira Gandhi (My India; daughter of JL Nehru)

"Kill the language, kill the culture and kill the literature, ultimately one succeeds in destroying a community" -Pritam Singh Gill, M. A., 1975, Principal, Doaba College, Jalandhar

"...the individual known to common Indian masses as chacha (uncle) Nehru, the so-called messiah of peace and secularism, was, in fact, the main architect of anti-Sikh policies and practices, in India and abroad" -Dr Harjinder Singh Dilgeer

"Sikhs are the finest soldiers in the world because they have the best combination of mental and physical endurance" -General Atiqu-ur-Rehman, Pakistan Army

"Indira Gandhi rewarded the Pandey brothers with Congress (I) tickets for U. P. legislative assembly elections, when they highjacked an Indian Airlines plane to secure her (Gandhi) release from jail in 1977." -S. Jalandhari, 1983

"Physical death I do not fear, death of conscience is a sure death" -**Saint-soldier Jarnail Singh Khalsa** (Bhindranwale)

"I don't give a damn if the Golden Temple and whole of Amritsar are destroyed, I want Bhindranwale dead" -**Indira Gandhi** communicating with Gen. Vaidya during "Operation Blue Star"

"We have broken the back of the Sikhs and we will get them elsewhere." -**M. M. K. Wali**, Indian Foreign Secretary, June 7, 1984 (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Radio 740, As It Happens)

"Let us teach these bastards (the Sikhs) a lesson." -**Rajiv Gandhi**, October 31, 1984

"The Sikh nation declared independence on 29th April, 1986"
-**Sarbat Khalsa held at the Darbar Sahib Complex**

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"Freedom of Khalistan was the only proper solution of the Sikh nation's future." -**Brig. Gen. Ben Blaz, Member of the United States Congress**, October 7, 1989

"Nowhere in the world has any government pursued the kind of genocidal policies against a religious minority as in India since the Second World War." -**Lt. Col. Pratap Singh, President, Khalsa Raj Party** (1991)

"... a threat to the villagers that all males would be killed and their women taken to army camps to breed a new race if there was any militant activity in their village." -**Brig. R. P. Sinha, Indian Army**, March 8, 1991

"You do not know the might of our armed forces. We will eliminate 10,000 Sikh youths and the world will know nothing about it."
-**Chander Shekhar, former Prime Minister of India** (CK, 21st October, 1991)

"...that the Sikhs are Sikhs just like East is East and West is West and twin shall never meet. We have no choice but to seek our independence in a sovereign state, the Republic of Khalistan." -**Sardar Simranjit Singh Mann**, President, Shromani Akali Dal, in his letter of 12th July, 1991 to the Governor of Punjab, O. P. Malhotra

"to preserve the unity of India, if we have to eradicate 2-kror (20-million) Sikhs, we will do so"
-**Balram Jakhar, a former Indian Cabinet Minister and colleague of the former Indian Prime Minister, P. V. Narsimhanrao**

"the world's largest democracy is really a tyranny willing to commit any act of brutality or terrorism to maintain its corrupt occupation of Khalistan. ...showing the American public that India's claim of being a democracy is just more disinformation."

-Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President, Council of Khalistan (The Washington Post, April 25, 1994)

Indian democracy led by AB Vajpayee has carried out the 21st Century's genocide of innocent Muslims in Gujarat State (February-, 2002-). The genocide in which more than 700 Muslims (unofficially more than 15,000) have been killed.

The excerpts of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh made at the United Nations session on Human Rights in Vienna, AUSTRIA, on 24th June, 1993, appear in inverted commas.

Many belonging to the Sikh faith as well as the propaganda of Brahmins autocracy have propagated the thought that Manmohan Singh, the only choice to his master, Madam Sonia Gandhi, and his non-Sikh, anti-Sikh party, Congress-I, is Mr Clean. Now a Sikh is a prime minister of Brahmins autocracy, or India, so what? Has any Sikh, who calls Manmohan Singh an honest and clean person examined his state-delivered address before the Human Rights Commission Delegates in Vienna, Austria, on 24th June (14 to 25th June June), 1993? The same Manmohan Singh, then Finance Minister of the PV Rao administration, said that "...*he being Sikh finds no abuses of Human Rights of Sikhs much less any minorities in India.*" And another person, Manmohan Singh's colleague of Islamic faith, Shahabuddin, said the same for Muslims of India as did Manmohan Singh for the Sikhs' abuses of Human Rights in the Sikhs' holy and historic Homeland, Punjab, Khalistan (under the Indian alias the Brahmins (elite) autocracy's occupation, since 15th August, 1947). Manmohan Singh's statement was 'refuted' in the strongest possible words by the human rights and peace loving citizens (delegates) of North America and elsewhere.

"In early 1984, MS Iyer (Mani Shankar Iyer), to the hearing of all, mentioned that at the instance of Indira Gandhi, "he was given an unpleasant job of portraying Sikhs as terrorists." A few days later, Iyer stated that "against his wishes he had done that job." This was before "Operation Bluestar, the orders for which had been delivered in January 1984" -*The Sikh Bulletin*, October-November 2005, p. 11.

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January 14, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President-elect of the United States
Blair House
1651 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear President-elect Obama:

In just a few days, you will be sworn in as President of the United States. Congratulations. We welcome you. Many Sikhs supported you and there is a large group of Sikhs coming from California to be in your inaugural parade.

You are stepping into a very big responsibility. You will be carrying the responsibility of leading not just our country, but the Free World.

One of the critical situations that will face you when you take office is the situation in South Asia. India and Pakistan are both nuclear powers and the subcontinent is one of the most dangerous places in the world. America, as the world's superpower, must strike a balance in its policy towards that troubled region.

India has been repressing the Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, and other minorities ever since it achieved independence. It has killed over 250,000 Sikhs, more than 90,000 Muslims in Kashmir, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, over 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, and tens of thousands of other minorities. It holds over 52,000 Sikhs as political prisoners and tens of thousands of other minorities are in the same position. Christians have been the targets of choice since Christmas 1998.

The essence of democracy is the right to self-determination. India's repression in Punjab, Khalistan and elsewhere undermines that basic right. Khalistan declared its independence from India on October 7, 1987. It has been under occupation. India is not one country, but a multinational polyglot thrown together by the British to make it easier for them to rule. History has shown that such countries collapse. Like Austria-Hungary, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia, among others, they inevitably fall apart. We hope and pray that India's breakup, when it comes, will be a peaceful one. We urge you to work for freedom for all people in South Asia through a free and fair vote, allowing everyone to exercise the right to self-determination.

Once again, congratulations on your imminent swearing-in as President of the United States.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh
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January 14, 2009

Dr. Zafar Cheema, Director
Dyal Singh Research & Cultural Forum
25-Nisbet Road
Lahore, Pakistan

Dear Dr. Cheema:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your outstanding publication, *Panjab Rang*. I look forward to reading it for a long time.

I have put you on my email list and will send you all my press releases and articles. Please feel free to publish any or all of our materials.

We appreciate your efforts on behalf of the Sikh Nation.

Sincerely,

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December 10, 2008

Bundeskanzleramt
Bundeskanzlerin Angela Merkel
Willy-Brandt-Straße 1
10557 Berlin Germany

Dear Chancellor Merkel:

Thank you for releasing Harvinder Singh, who was recently arrested by your Federal Police while entering Germany. We are very pleased that Harvinder Singh has returned to his family and his business. This is a victory for the Sikh Nation, the Sikhs of Germany and Belgium, and for all who believe in freedom and justice. Your government's action certainly saved Harvinder Singh's life.

The Indian government has a long record of torturing and killing asylum seekers, minorities, and other dissidents. India has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, according to figures compiled by the Punjab State Magistracy and human-rights groups and reported in the book *The Politics of Genocide* by Inderjeet Singh Jaijee. It has also killed over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims since 1988, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, and thousands of Christians and Muslims elsewhere in the country, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits ("Untouchables," the dark-skinned aboriginal people of South Asia), Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "**worse than a genocide.**"

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The Honorable Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani
Prime Minister of Pakistan
Islamabad, Pakistan

Dear Prime Minister Gilani:

It was a pleasure to meet you in Islamabad during my visit to Pakistan to celebrate Guru Nanak's birthday.

We have heard that you have already done the survey for the construction of the road from Kartarpur Sahib to the Indian border. The Sikh Nation appreciates this very much and we thank you. In addition to the thanks of the Sikh Nation, you have the blessing of Guru Nanak Sahib.

Sikhs are struggling to free our homeland, Khalistan, from Indian occupation. Khalistan was declared independent on October 7, 1987. We will be good neighbors and supporters of each other. India will not be able to threaten Pakistan as they are doing now. Khalistan will be a buffer between India and Pakistan. We will not allow Indian forces to pass through Khalistan to invade Pakistan. The people of Khalistan and Pakistan will be able to cross the border freely.

Sikhs will be very appreciative when all Sikhs can freely come to pay our respects to Guru Nanak and perform this religious pilgrimage to this sacred place. When we achieve our independence, India will no longer be able to block Sikhs from going to Nankana Sahib.

Thank you for laying the foundation for the road to help make his happen. We can only hope that India will do its part.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh
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December 4, 2008

The Honorable Barack Obama
President-elect of the United States
713 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear President-elect Obama:

Congratulations on becoming the President-elect. We know that you, Vice President-elect Biden, and your team will do everything that you can to protect the interests of the United States.

One of the challenges you will face as president is the situation in South Asia, which has been brought into sharper focus recently with the bombings in Mumbai. As you may know, India has murdered over a quarter of a million Sikhs since 1984, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. It has killed more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, as well as tens of thousands of Christians in other parts of the country. Over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, and tens of thousands of Muslims throughout India have been killed as well. India holds 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners under the repressive TADA law, which expired in 1995. It is also holding tens of thousands of other minorities without charge or trial.

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The Honorable Joseph Biden
Vice President-elect of the United States
201 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Vice President-elect Biden:

Congratulations on becoming the Vice President-elect. We know that along with President-elect Obama, you and your team will do everything that you can to protect the interests of the United States.

One of the challenges you will face as Vice President is the situation in South Asia, which has been brought into sharper focus recently with the bombings in Mumbai. Since foreign affairs has been one of your areas of expertise in the Senate, I am sure you know that India has murdered over a quarter of a million Sikhs since 1984, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. It has killed more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, as well as tens of thousands of Christians in other parts of the country. Over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, and tens of thousands of Muslims throughout India have been killed as well. India holds 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners under the repressive TADA law, which expired in 1995. It is also holding tens of thousands of other minorities without charge or trial.

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December 4, 2008

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
United States Senate
476 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Clinton:

Congratulations on being nominated as Secretary of State. We know that along with President-elect Obama and Vice President-elect Biden you will do everything that you can to protect the interests of the United States.

One of the challenges you will face as Secretary of State is the situation in South Asia, which has been brought into sharper focus recently with the bombings in Mumbai. You know the Sikh situation very well. Sikhs have supported your campaigns. As you know, India has murdered over a quarter of a million Sikhs since 1984, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. It has killed more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, as well as tens of thousands of Christians in other parts of the country. Over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, and tens of thousands of Muslims throughout India have been killed as well. India holds 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners under the repressive TADA law, which expired in 1995. It is also holding tens of thousands of other minorities without charge or trial.

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December 4, 2008

The Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense
1400 Defense Pentagon
Washington DC 20301-1400

Dear Secretary Gates:

Congratulations on being nominated to continue as Secretary of Defense. We know that along with President-elect Obama and Vice President-elect Biden you will do everything that you can to protect the interests of the United States.

One of the challenges you face as Secretary of Defense is the situation in South Asia, which has been brought into sharper focus recently with the bombings in Mumbai. The American response to the situation could be critical. As you may know, India has murdered over a quarter of a million Sikhs since 1984, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. It has killed more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, as well as tens of thousands of Christians in other parts of the country. Over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, and tens of thousands of Muslims throughout India have been killed as well. India holds 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners under the repressive TADA law, which expired in 1995. It is also holding tens of thousands of other minorities without charge or trial.

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The Honorable Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico
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Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Governor Richardson:

Congratulations on being nominated as Secretary of Commerce. We know that along with President-elect Obama and Vice President-elect Biden you will do everything that you can to protect the interests of the United States.

One of the issues affecting international commerce that you will face as Secretary of Commerce is the situation in South Asia, which has been brought into sharper focus recently with the bombings in Mumbai. These bombings are likely to have a damaging effect on the business situation and commerce there. India already has 843 million people living on less than a dollar a day. These kinds of incidents do nothing to raise their standard of living or promote commerce between them and other nations. America's response to this incident should be strong and tough.

You are very familiar with the Sikhs in America and the Sikh situation in Punjab, Khalistan, from your days in the House. As you know, India has murdered over a quarter of a million Sikhs since 1984, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. It has killed more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, as well as tens of thousands of Christians in other parts of the country. Over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, and tens of thousands of Muslims throughout India have been killed as well. India holds 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners under the repressive TADA law, which expired in 1995. It is also holding tens of thousands of other minorities without charge or trial.

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December 4, 2008

Letters to the Editor
The Washington Times
3600 New York Ave. NE
Washington, DC 20002

To the Editor:

Georgie Anne Geyer raises some good points in her article about the Mumbai bombings ["South Asian opportunity," December 4], but she misses the point and presents a distorted picture of India.

Geyer is right to condemn the lack of security that was displayed. Terrorism is wrong and must be defeated, whether it comes from Al Qaeda, Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), or any other source. Lax security only invites attacks.

We noted with interest Geyer's comment that America warned India about just such an attack in advance, but India did nothing. It is almost as if India wanted the attack. Indeed, sources in South Asia, as well as *Newsweek*, have suggested that the RSS and its political arm, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), are the ultimate beneficiaries of this terrorism. The RSS is certainly capable of such an attack. But Geyer is wrong to claim that the government of Pakistan supports Lashkar. Pakistan has outlawed the organization. Meanwhile, India continues to openly support and tolerate the RSS.

India is no stranger to militant terrorism. On January 2, 2002, the *Times* reported that India supports cross-border terror in the Pakistani province of Sindh. India's leading newsmagazine, *India Today*, reported that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which has been designated a terrorist group by the U.S. government, was created by the Indian government and its leaders were put up in Delhi's finest hotel by the government. The Indian newspaper *Hitavada* reported that India paid the late governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, \$1.5 billion to foment and support terrorist activity in Punjab, Khalistan, and in Kashmir. Meanwhile, it has violated its promise to the United Nations in 1948 to hold a free and fair plebiscite in Kashmir on its status. Instead, India has sent over 700,000 troops to Kashmir and over 500,000 troops to Punjab, Khalistan in an unsuccessful effort to crush the legitimate freedom movements there.

In 2006 at a Hola Mahallah celebration in Punjab, Sikh leaders from Dal Khalsa and other organizations passed a resolution for an independent Khalistan. This follows Khalistan's declaration of independence of October 7, 1987. The Sikhs of Khalistan are among 17 freedom movements within India's borders, including those in Kashmir, Nagaland, and

others.

While we condemn terrorism, these attacks are a response to the oppression that India has inflicted on its minorities. India has murdered over a quarter of a million Sikhs since 1984, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. It has killed more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, as well as tens of thousands of Christians in other parts of the country. Over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, and tens of thousands of Muslims throughout India have been killed as well. India holds 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners under the repressive TADA law, which expired in 1995. It is also holding tens of thousands of other minorities without charge or trial. India attacked the Golden Temple, the holiest shrine of the Sikh religion.

India is unreliable as an ally, is democratic only for the upper caste Hindus, and is unworthy of the increasing U.S. support it is receiving. Geyer notes that if Pakistan has to divert any of its 100,000 troops that are trying to control the Taliban in the Northwest Territory to fighting India, it will severely damage the War on Terror. Indeed, such a scenario happened a few years ago carrying out a joint anti-terror operation.

We call for the most severe punishment for whoever carried out the Mumbai bombings, and we also call for a more balanced approach to news coverage of South Asia. We thank Geyer for discussing Pakistan's efforts against terrorism. Now it is time to expose India's support for terrorism. The international community should pressure India to act like a democracy and allow self-determination in Khalistan, Nagaland, Kashmir, and wherever the people seek their freedom.

Sincerely,



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Letters to the Editor
The Washington Post
1150 15th St. NW
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To the Editor:

Shame on Nimai Mehta. He sounds like an operative of the Indian regime in the disinformation he spews in his letter ["India's Islamists and Secular Justice", December 4]. Whether the Mumbai bombing was carried out by Al Qaeda, Lashkar-e-Taiba, the previously unheard-of "Deccan Mujahideen", the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), or some other party, whoever carried it out should face the most severe punishment available. However, the fact remains that India has been a major supporter of terrorism and has oppressed the minorities living within its artificial borders.

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Kashmir, and wherever the people seek their freedom.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. S. Aulakh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "G".

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POLITICIANS INVOLVED

1. HKL BHAGAT, MINISTER OF STATE (I&B)
2. BABU RAM SHARMA, MEMBER, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (WARD NO. 58)
3. SAJJAN KUMAR, CONGRESS (I), M.P., MANGOLPURI
4. LALIT MAKAN, CONGRESS (I), TRADE UNION LEADER AND METROPOLITAN COUNCILLOR.
5. DHARAM DAS SHASTRI, CONGRESS (I), M.P., KAROL BAGH
6. JAGDISH TYTLER, CONGRESS (I), M.P., SADAR CONSTITUTENCY
7. MAHENDRA, METROPOLITAN COUNCILLOR
8. MANGAT RAM SINGAL, METROPOLITAN COUNCILLOR
9. DR. ASHOK KUMAR, METROPOLITAN COUNCILLOR, KALYANPURI
10. SUKHAN LAL SOOD, METROPOLITAN COUNCILLOR
11. JAGDISH CHANDER TOKAS, METROPOLITAN COUNCILLOR, MUNIRKA
12. ISHWAR SINGH, MEMBER, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, MANGOLPURI
13. BALWANT KHOKHAR, YOUTH CONGRESS-I LEADER, DELHI
14. FAIZ MOHAMMAD, YOUTH CONGRESS-I LEADER, DELHI
15. RATAN, YOUTH CONGRESS-I LEADER, DELHI
16. SATBIR SINGH, YOUTH CONGRESS-I

POLICEMEN INVOLVED

1. MALHOTRA, ACP, EAST DISTRICT AT SHAKARPUR
2. JAI SINGH, S.H.O
3. RAO RAM MEHAR, S.H.O., SHAKARPUR
4. HARI RAM BHATTI, S.H.O., SULTANPURI
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7. TYAGI, S.H.O., TRILOKPURI
8. RANA, INSPECTOR, TRILOKPURI
9. MOOLCHAND, S.I., SHAKARPUR
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11. RAJVIR SINGH, HEAD CONSTABLE, KALYANPURI

ਸਿਆਸਤਦਾਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ

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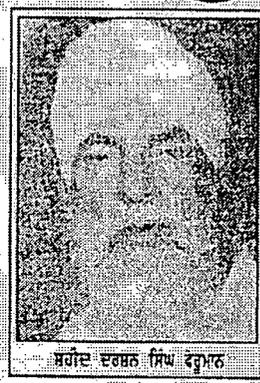


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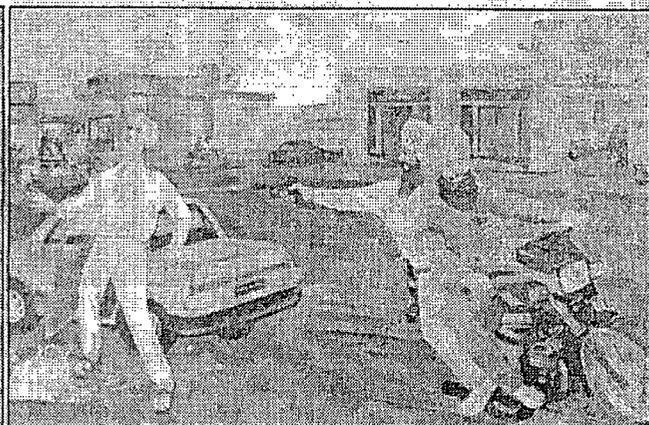


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ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਮੂਵਮੈਂਟ ਦੀ ਚੜ੍ਹਦੀ ਕਲਾ ਲਈ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਵਿਖੇ ਐਤਵਾਰ 23 ਨਵੰਬਰ ਨੂੰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ ਸਮਾਗਮ



ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਦਰਬਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਰਮਾਨ



(ਖੱਬੇ) ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਸਤਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਬੇਅਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲੋਂ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਏ ਅਤੇ (ਸੱਜੇ) ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਹਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜਿੰਦਾ ਤੇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੁੱਖਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਜਨਰਲ ਵੇਦਿਆ ਨੂੰ ਸੋਧਣ ਦੀ ਝਾੜੀ।

ਗੁਰੂ ਰੂਪ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀਓ

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖਾਲਸਾ ॥ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫਤਹਿ ॥

ਜਿਸ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਆਪਣਾ ਘਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਉਹ ਨਾਸਤੰਨਬੁਦ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਜਿਸ ਕੌਮ ਆਪਣੇ ਘਰ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਸੰਨ 1947 ਈ ਤੋਂ ਹੀ ਜਦੋਂ-ਜਦੋਂ ਕਰ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਹਿੰਦੂ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਨਸਲਬੁਧੀ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਦੂਸਰੇ ਰਾਜਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਸਮੇਤ 108 ਸ਼ਹਿਰਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਤਿੰਨ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਤੱਕ ਭੋਲੇ ਭਾਲੇ ਮਾਸੂਮ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦਾ ਅਨੋਖਾ ਕਤਲ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਰਿਹਾ। ਸਿੱਖ ਬੀਬੀਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਗੜ੍ਹਾਂ ਲੁੱਟੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ। 30,000 ਸਿੱਖ ਆਦਮੀਆਂ ਤੀਵੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਟਰੋਲ ਛਿੜਕ-ਛਿੜਕ ਕੇ ਗਲਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਬਲਦੇ ਟਾਇਰ ਪਾ ਕੇ ਜਿਉਂਦਿਆਂ ਸਾੜਿਆ ਗਿਆ। ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਫੌਜਾਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਹਰਿਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਉੱਪਰ ਫੌਜੀ ਹਮਲਾ ਵਫ਼ਰੋਜ਼ ਆਪ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਕਾਲੀ ਗਰਜ ਆਪ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਅਤੇ ਦੂਜਾ ਕਾਲੀ ਗਰਜ ਆਪ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ।

ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਵੇਟਾ ਦੇ ਢਾਂਚੇ ਨੂੰ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ ਉੱਪਰ ਫਿਰਕੂ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਸਮਾਜ ਦਾ ਰਾਜ ਬਾਪਟ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਕੁਝ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਮਝਦੀ। ਵੇਟਾ ਦਾ ਰਾਜ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਖਤਰੇ ਦੀ ਘੰਟੀ ਹੈ। ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਭਵਿੱਖ ਦਾ ਹੱਲ ਵੇਟਾ ਨਾਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦਾ। ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਪੱਗ ਲਾਹ ਕੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਸੁਲਾਹ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ। ਉਹ ਨੌਜਵਾਨ ਮੁੰਡਾ ਜਿਸ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਾ-ਭੈਣ ਨਾਲ ਜਬਰ ਜਨਾਹ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਵੇਖਿਆ ਹੈ ਉਹ ਭਟਿਆ ਖੜ੍ਹਾ ਹੈ। ਅੱਜ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਦੀ ਆਜ਼ਾਦ ਹਸਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਥ ਦੇ ਬੋਲ ਬਾਲੇ ਦੀ ਭਾਵਨਾ ਨੂੰ ਮਜ਼ਬੂਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਨਵੇਂ ਢੰਗਾਂ ਤਰੀਕਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਵੈਸਲਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਅਤਿ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਗ਼ੈਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਗੁਜ਼ਾਰਾ ਨਹੀਂ।

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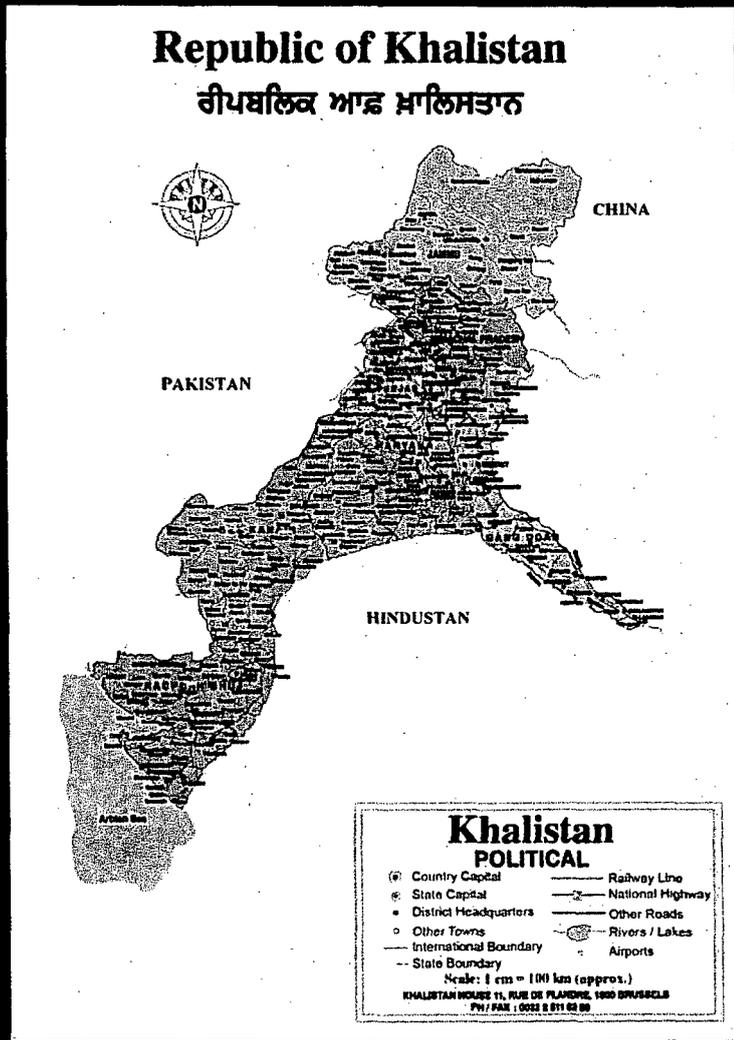
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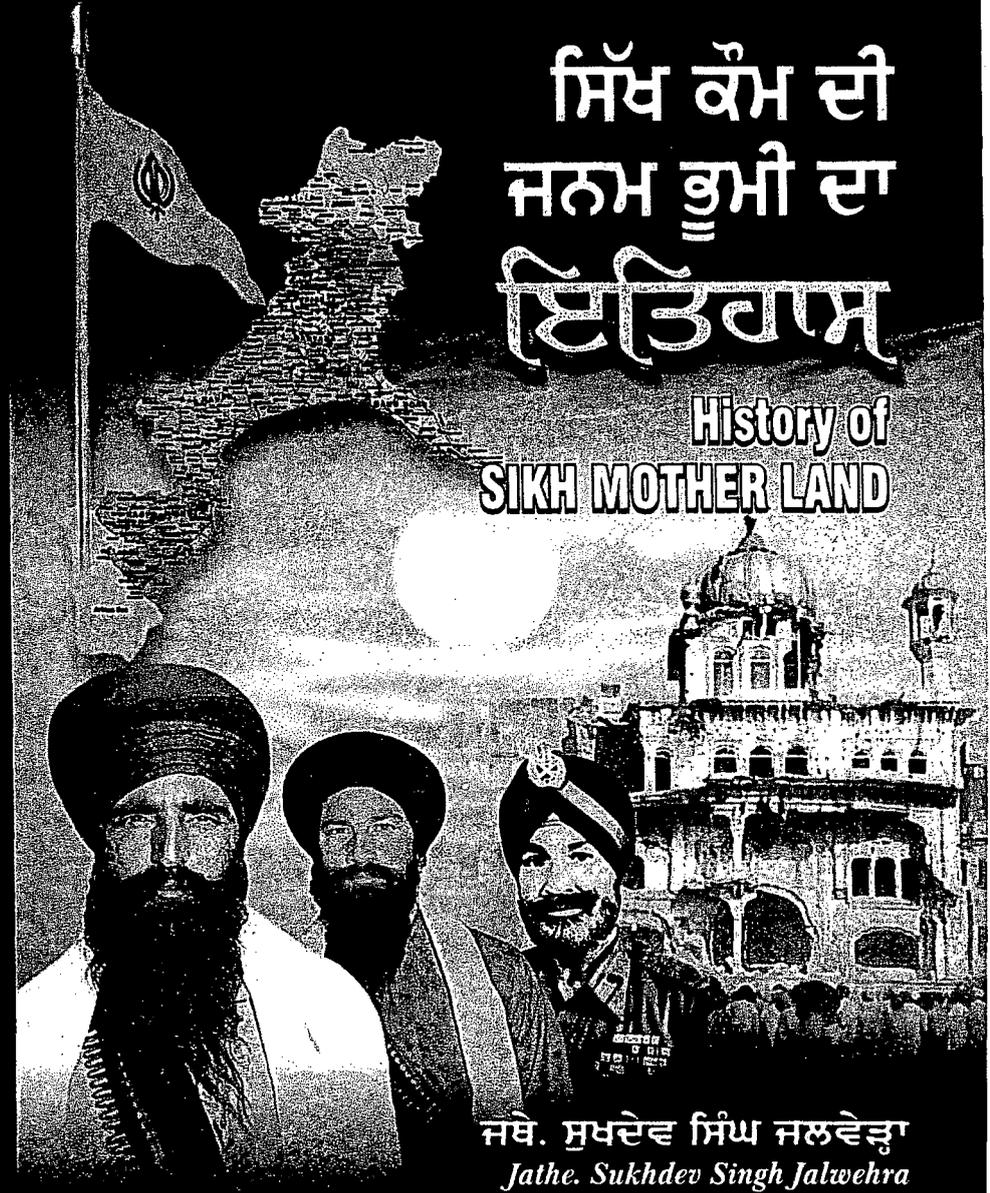
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ਮੁੱਖ-ਬੰਧ

ਆਪਣੇ ਜਨਮ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਹੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਵਾਹ ਪੈ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਬਾਲ-ਉਮਰ ਵਿਚ ਹੀ ਜਨੇਊ ਪਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਰਵਾਇਤ ਦਾ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਕਰਕੇ, ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਨਵੀਂ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਦੀ ਜੋ ਨੀਂਹ ਰੱਖੀ ਗਈ, ਉਸ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਕ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਉੱਤੇ ਪਹਿਰਾ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਪੰਜ ਸੌ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਈ ਫ਼ਰੰਟਾਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਮੂੰਹ-ਜ਼ੋਰ ਲੜਾਈ ਲੜਨੀ ਪੈ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਸਿਧਾਂਤਕ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਹਿੰਦੂਵਾਦੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਤਹਿਤ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੀ ਸੱਤਾ ਉੱਤੇ ਕਾਬਜ਼ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਸ਼ਕਤੀਆਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਿੱਕੇ ਤੋਂ ਨਿੱਕੇ ਹਥਿਆਰ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਵੱਡੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਡੀਆਂ ਮਾਰੂ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਤਹਿਤ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਰੀਰਕ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਹਰਾਉਣ ਤੇ ਡਰਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਕਰ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ, ਉੱਥੇ ਦੂਜੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਪਰੰਪਰਾਵਾਂ, ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਿਧਾਂਤਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਵੀ ਇਕ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੀ ਵੱਡੀ ਯੋਜਨਾ ਤਹਿਤ ਖਿਲਵਾੜ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਵੇਲੇ ਤੋਂ ਆਰੰਭ ਹੋਇਆ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਫ਼ਾਸ਼ੀ ਤਾਕਤਾਂ ਦਾ ਇਹ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਇਸ ਵੇਲੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਚਰਮ ਸੀਮਾ ਉੱਤੇ ਹੈ। ਬੇਸ਼ੱਕ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਅਰਜਨ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਛੋਟੇ ਛੋਟੇ ਮਾਸੂਮ ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਵੇਲੇ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਸ਼ਾਹੀ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਦਾ ਵਿਖਾਵਾ ਕੀਤਾ, ਪਰ ਇਸ ਦੇ ਬਾਵਜੂਦ ਵੀ ਉਹ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਿਧਾਂਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਕਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਅੱਗੇ ਟਿਕ ਨਾ ਸਕੇ। ਹਿੰਦੂ ਪਹਾੜੀ ਰਾਜਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਇਸੇ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਤਹਿਤ ਗੁਰੂ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਨਾਲ ਲੜਾਈਆਂ ਲੜੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਿਧਾਂਤਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਿੱਧੇ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਕੀਤਾ।

ਸਰੀਰਕ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜੰਗਾਂ ਯੁੱਧਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਉਲਝਾਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਵਿਚ ਮਿਲਾਵਟ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਹੁਣ ਇਥੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਕਿ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਸੰਗਕਿਤਾ ਬਾਰੇ ਵੀ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਤਾਕਤਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਸ਼ੰਕੇ ਪੈਦਾ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਯਤਨ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖੀ ਸਿਧਾਂਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਖੋਰਾ ਲਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਹੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵਿਚ, ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਗੁਰਿਆਈ, ਰਾਗਮਾਲਾ ਤੇ ਮਾਸ ਜਿਹੇ ਅਨੇਕਾਂ ਮਸਲੇ ਪੈਦਾ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ। ਹਿੰਦੂ ਤਾਕਤਾਂ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਹਿੰਦੂਆਂ ਦਾ ਇਕ ਅੰਗ ਦੱਸਣ ਵਿਚ ਫ਼ਖ਼ਰ ਮਹਿਸੂਸ ਕਰਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਲੰਮੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਇਕ ਵੱਡੀ ਯੋਜਨਾ ਤਹਿਤ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਨਜ਼ਰੀਏ ਤੋਂ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ ਦੇਸ਼-ਭਗਤ (ਹਿੰਦੂ ਸਟਾਈਲ ਦੀ ਦੇਸ਼-ਭਗਤੀ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ) ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਹੀ ਦੂਜੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਧਰਮ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਰੱਖਣ ਦੇ ਹੱਕ ਨੂੰ ਕਾਇਮ ਰੱਖਣ ਲਈ ਕੁਰਬਾਨ ਹੋਏ ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨੂੰ ਕਦੇ 'ਹਿੰਦ ਦੀ ਚਾਦਰ' ਕਹਿ ਕੇ ਵਡਿਆਇਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਕਦੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ 'ਕਾਤਲ' ਤੇ 'ਲੁਟੇਰਾ' ਕਹਿਣ ਤੋਂ ਵੀ ਗੁਰੇਜ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ। ਕਦੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀ ਦੇ ਇਹ ਅਰਥ ਕੱਢੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਹਿੰਦੂਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਬਚਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਉਹ ਵਰਤਮਾਨ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੀ ਏਕਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਖੰਡਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਬਚਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ। ਕਦੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਅਕੀਰਤਘਣਤਾ ਦਾ ਮੁਜ਼ਾਹਰਾ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਲਿਖਾਰੀਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀ

ਤੋਂ ਮੂਲੋਂ ਹੀ ਮੁਨਕਰ ਹੁੰਦਿਆਂ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀ ਦੀ ਹੋਂਦ ਨੂੰ ਹੀ ਛੁਟਿਆਇਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਹੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਨੂੰ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਇਕ ਸੱਚੇ ਦੇਸ਼-ਭਗਤ ਵਜੋਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਤੁਲਨਾ ਸ਼ਿਵਾ ਜੀ ਮਹਹੱਟਾ ਨਾਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ, ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿ ਸ਼ਿਵਾ ਜੀ ਮਹਹੱਟਾ ਨੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਛੋਟੀ ਪੱਧਰ 'ਤੇ ਲੜਾਈ ਲੜੀ, ਉਹ ਵੀ ਆਪਣਾ ਰਾਜ-ਭਾਗ ਬਚਾਉਣ ਲਈ। ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਸਿਧਾਂਤਾਂ ਦਾ ਸੁਨਹਿਰੀ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਸਿਰਜਦਿਆਂ ਜੁਲਮ ਤੇ ਜ਼ਾਲਮ ਦਾ ਟਾਕਰਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਤੇ ਇਕ ਮਾਨਵਵਾਦੀ ਲੜਾਈ ਲੜੀ।

ਇਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਗਾੜਨ ਤੇ ਨਸ਼ਟ ਕਰਨ ਦੀਆਂ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣਵਾਦੀ ਤਾਕਤਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਅਨੇਕਾਂ ਮਿਸਾਲਾਂ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਵਿਚ ਦਰਜ ਹਨ। 1984 ਦੇ ਘੱਲੂਘਾਰੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਵੀ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਫ਼ੌਜ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਦੀ ਰੈਫ਼ਰੈਂਸ ਲਾਇਬ੍ਰੇਰੀ ਦਾ ਰੱਜ ਕੇ ਖਿਲਵਾੜ ਕੀਤਾ ਤੇ ਅੱਜ ਤੱਕ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰਸੇ ਦੀਆਂ ਅਣਮੋਲ ਵਸਤਾਂ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਬਹੁ-ਪਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਕਪਟੀ ਨੀਤੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰਨ ਲਈ, ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਂ ਦੇ ਗੁਰਪੁਰਬਾਂ ਮੌਕੇ ਜਦੋਂ ਵੀ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ, ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰਪਤੀ ਜਾਂ ਹੋਰ ਰਾਜਨੇਤਾ ਆਪਣੇ ਸੰਦੇਸ਼ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨੂੰ ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨੀ ਸਾਂਚੇ ਵਿਚ ਢਾਲ ਕੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਅੱਗੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਵਿਚ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਲੰਮੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣਵਾਦੀ ਪਰੰਪਰਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦਾਖ਼ਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸੇ ਕਾਰਨ ਹੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਇਕ ਵੱਡਾ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਅੱਜ ਵੀ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣੀ ਕਰਮ-ਕਾਂਡਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਹੀ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਸਮਝ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਵਿਚ ਪੈਦਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੋਈ ਇਸ ਮਿਲਾਵਟ ਦੇ ਹੋਰ ਵੀ ਭਿਆਨਕ ਸਿੱਟੇ ਨਿਕਲ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ, ਜੇ ਪੰਥਕ ਕਲਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਥਕ ਵਿਦਵਾਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਚੜ੍ਹੀ ਆਉਂਦੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਦੀ ਇਸ ਧਾੜ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਕਣ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਨਾ ਕੀਤਾ।

ਹਿੰਦੂ ਤਾਕਤਾਂ ਮਹਿਜ਼ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਵਿਚ ਸਿਧਾਂਤਕ ਮਿਲਾਵਟ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਮੁਹਾਜ਼ ਉੱਤੇ ਹੀ ਕੰਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਬਲਕਿ ਪੰਥਕ ਲੀਹ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸੋਚਣ ਅਤੇ ਲਿਖਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਵਿਦਵਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਟੇਟ ਦੀਆਂ ਅਣਦਿਖਦੀਆਂ ਦੇਜ਼ੀਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਡਰਾਉਣ ਧਮਕਾਉਣ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਨਸਿਕ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰੇਸ਼ਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਯਤਨ ਬੜੇ ਲੰਮੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਇਸੇ ਲਈ ਹੀ ਪੰਥ ਦੇ ਦਰਦ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਝਦਿਆਂ ਹੋਇਆਂ ਵੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਦਵਾਨ ਉਸ ਬੌਧਿਕ ਨਜ਼ਰੀਏ ਤੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਦੀ ਵਿਆਖਿਆ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਕਾਰਜ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ ਸਕੇ। ਅਜਿਹੇ ਕਾਜ਼ ਲਈ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਵਿਦਵਾਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੰਥ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਬੱਧਤਾ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਹੈ, ਉੱਥੇ ਹੀ ਦੇਸ਼ ਨਾਲ ਵਫ਼ਾਦਾਰੀ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਪੰਥ ਨਾਲ ਵਫ਼ਾਦਾਰੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਜਿਹੜੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਦਵਾਨ ਆਪਣੀ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਵਫ਼ਾਦਾਰੀ ਪੰਥ ਨਾਲ ਨਿਭਾ ਕੇ ਕੁਝ ਲਿਖਣ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਕਰਨਗੇ, ਉਹੋ ਹੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਪੰਥ ਨੂੰ ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਹੋ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਵਧੀਕੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਵਧੀਕੀਆਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਜਿੱਤਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਰਾਹ ਦੱਸ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਅਨੇਕਾਂ ਜੁਲਮਾਂ ਤੇ ਵਧੀਕੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਬਾਵਜੂਦ ਵੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਸਦਾ ਚੜ੍ਹਦੀ ਕਲਾ ਵਿਚ ਰਹੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਦਾ ਰਹੇਗੀ, ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਮੁੱਢ ਤੋਂ ਹੀ ਵਾਹ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਖ਼ਾਲਸਾ ਕਦੇ ਡੋਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਕਦਾ। ਖ਼ਾਲਸਾ ਜਾਂ ਬਾਗ਼ੀ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਬਾਦਸ਼ਾਹ। ਅਜਿਹੀਆਂ ਜੁਝਾਰੂ ਕੌਮਾਂ ਬਹੁਤੀ ਦੇਰ ਗ਼ੁਲਾਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਰਹਿ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ। ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦਾ ਫ਼ੁਰਮਾਨ ਹੈ ਕਿ - **ਇਨ ਗਰੀਬ ਸਿਖਨ ਕੋ ਦੇਉਂ ਪਾਤਸਾਹੀ ॥** ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਬਚਨ ਅਟੱਲ ਹਨ ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਆਜ਼ਾਦ ਘਰ ਖ਼ਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਬਣ ਕੇ ਰਹੇਗਾ। ਇਹ ਗੱਲ ਹਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਮਨ ਮਸਤਕ ਵਿਚ ਵਸਾ ਲੈਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਖ਼ਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਅਵੱਸ਼ ਬਣਨਾ ਹੈ। ਇੱਥੇ ਇਹ ਗੱਲ

ਦਰਸਾਉਣੀ ਬਣਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪ੍ਰੋ: ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਸਿੰਘ (ਸਾਬਕਾ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ, ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ) ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਜਿਹੜਾ ਖ਼ਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਨਹੀਂ, ਉਹ ਸਿੱਖ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ, ਭਾਵ ਜਿਹੜਾ ਆਪਣੀ ਕੌਮ ਲਈ ਆਜ਼ਾਦ ਘਰ ਦੀ ਕਾਮਨਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦਾ, ਉਹ ਕਾਹਦਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਹੈ?

ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਜਲਵੇੜਾ ਲੰਮੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਨਾਲ ਜੁੜੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਪੂਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਬੱਧਤਾ ਨਾਲ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਪੰਥਕ ਕਾਰਜਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਪਾਇਆ ਹੈ। ਹੁਣ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ "ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਜਨਮ ਭੂਮੀ ਦਾ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ" ਨਾਮੀ ਇਹ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਲਿਖ ਕੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਪੰਥਕ ਨਜ਼ਰੀਏ ਤੋਂ ਪੰਥ ਦੀ ਕਚਹਿਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਵਿਚ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਰਾਤਨ ਗੁਰਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਮੈਦਾਨੇ-ਜੰਗ ਵਿਚ ਮਾਰੀਆਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਮੱਲਾਂ ਦਾ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਹੈ, ਉੱਥੇ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਧਰਤੀ ਉੱਤੇ ਝੁਲਾਏ ਗਏ ਕੇਸਰੀ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਥੱਲੇ ਕਾਇਮ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਾਜ ਦੀਆਂ ਹੱਦਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਇਲਾਕਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਵਰਨਣ ਮਿਲਦਾ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਾਜ ਦਾ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ। ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਵੱਡੀ ਮਿਹਨਤ ਨਾਲ ਪੁਰਾਤਨ ਅਤੇ ਵਰਤਮਾਨ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਪੰਥਕ ਨਜ਼ਰੀਏ ਤੋਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਵੀਹਵੀਂ ਸਦੀ ਦੇ ਖਾੜਕੂ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਵਿਚ ਵਧੀਆ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਵੱਖ ਵੱਖ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਦੇ ਜੀਵਨ ਬਾਰੇ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਿਧਾਂਤਕ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਬਾਰੇ ਲੇਖਕ ਨੇ ਕਾਫ਼ੀ ਮਿਹਨਤ ਨਾਲ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਕਹਿ ਸਕਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਲੇਖਕ ਦੀ ਇਹ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਪੀੜ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਇਕ ਹਵਾਲਾ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਬਣੇਗੀ, ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਜਦੋਂ ਸਾਡੀਆਂ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਪੀੜ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਐਨ ਕਰਨਗੀਆਂ ਤਾਂ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਤਹਿਤ ਲਿਖੇ ਗਏ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਦੇ ਹਨੇਰੇ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਤੇ ਨਾ ਕਿਤੇ ਪੰਥਕ ਨਜ਼ਰੀਏ ਦੀ ਚਿਣਗ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਮਿਲੇਗੀ। ਇਸ ਚਿਣਗ ਨੂੰ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਾ ਰੱਖਣਾ ਹੀ ਸਮੁੱਚੇ ਪੰਥਕ ਕਾਫ਼ਲੇ ਦਾ ਫ਼ਰਜ਼ ਬਣਦਾ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਉਮੀਦ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਇਸ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਤੋਂ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਪੀੜ੍ਹੀ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਪੰਥਕ ਨੁਕਤਾ-ਨਿਗਾਹ ਤੋਂ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਦੇਣ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਕਰੇਗੀ।

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ਇਹ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਵਿਦਵਾਨਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਥਾਪਨਾਵਾਂ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ 'ਤੇ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ, ਪਰੰਤੂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਮੈਂ ਵਿਦਵਾਨਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ਗਾਂ ਦੇ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ ਲਈ ਨਹੀਂ ਲਿਖਿਆ। ਅਸਲ ਵਿਚ ਇਹ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਵਿਅਕਤੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਕੰਮ ਦੀ ਚੀਜ਼ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਸਿੱਖ ਜਨਮ ਭੂਮੀ ਦੇ ਸੱਭਿਆਚਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਝਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ, ਪਰੰਤੂ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਕੋਲ ਸੈਂਕੜੇ ਗ੍ਰੰਥਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਾਚਣ ਦੀ ਵਿਹਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ, ਅਤੇ ਉਹ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੀ ਘਾਟ ਕਾਰਨ ਖੋਜ-ਪੂਰਨ ਗ੍ਰੰਥਾਂ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਐਨ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਅਸਮਰੱਥ ਹਨ।

ਕਿਸੇ ਕੌਮ ਜਾਂ ਜਾਤੀ ਦੇ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਐਨ ਉਸ ਦੀਆਂ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਪੀੜ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਅਤੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਉਹ ਜੀਵਨ ਦੇ ਭਿੰਨ ਭਿੰਨ ਖੇਤਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੂਰਵਜਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਸਫਲਤਾਵਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਗ਼ਲਤੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਧਿਆਨ ਵਿਚ ਰੱਖ ਕੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਉੱਜਲੇ ਭਵਿੱਖ ਦੇ ਨਿਰਮਾਣ ਲਈ ਅਨੁਭਵ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰੇਰਣਾ ਲੈਂਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਦਾ ਅਧਿਐਨ ਹੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਣੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੂਰਵਜਾਂ, ਆਪਣੀ ਬੋਲੀ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਕਲਚਰ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਅਧਿਐਨ ਨਾਲ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦਾ ਤਾਲਮੇਲ ਸਮੁੱਚੀ ਕੌਮ ਨਾਲ ਜੁੜਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਵੀ ਇਕ ਸਾਇੰਸ ਹੈ। ਸੰਸਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਵਾਪਰ ਚੁੱਕੀਆਂ ਘਟਨਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ ਸੁਰ ਕਰਕੇ ਸੁਣਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਨਾਂ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ ਜੋ ਇਸ ਕੰਮ ਨੂੰ ਹੱਥ ਪਾਇਆ ਹੈ, ਉਹ ਇਸ ਕਾਰਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਹਾਂ, ਬਲਕਿ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਕਾਰਨ ਇਹ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਨ ਸਾਧਾਰਨ ਦੇ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਅਜਿਹੀ ਸਾਮੱਗਰੀ ਲਿਆਉਣਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਤੋਂ ਉਹ ਸਮਝ ਸਕਣ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਜਨਮ ਭੂਮੀ ਦਾ ਸੱਭਿਆਚਾਰ ਕੀ ਹੈ? ਕਿਵੇਂ ਕਿਵੇਂ ਇਹ ਵਿਕਾਸ ਕਰਦਾ ਆਇਆ ਅਤੇ ਅੱਗੇ ਚੱਲ ਕੇ ਉਹ ਕਿਹੜਾ ਰੂਪ ਧਾਰਣ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ?

ਸਿੱਖ ਜਨਮ ਭੂਮੀ ਦਾ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਸਪਤਸਿੰਧੂ ਦਾ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਸਿੱਖ ਜਨਮ ਭੂਮੀ (ਸਪਤਸਿੰਧੂ) ਦੇ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ, ਅਤੇ ਠੋਸ ਸਬੂਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਆਧਾਰ 'ਤੇ ਸਿੱਧ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨ ਦਾ ਆਪਣਾ ਕੋਈ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਨਹੀਂ। ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨ ਤਾਂ 3500 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਸਪਤਸਿੰਧੂ (ਇੰਡੀਆ) ਦਾ ਗ਼ੁਲਾਮ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਸਪਤਸਿੰਧੂ ਦਾ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਕ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਹੀ ਪੇਸ਼ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੀ, ਸਗੋਂ ਇਸ ਵਿਚ ਸਪਤਸਿੰਧੂ (ਇੰਡੀਆ) ਦੇ ਧਰਮ, ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਅਤੇ ਆਰਥਿਕ ਪਰਿਵਰਤਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਪਰੋਇਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ।

ਇਸ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਗ਼ੁਲਾਮੀ ਦੀ ਦਾਸਤਾਨ, ਹਿੰਦੂ ਨੇਤਾਵਾਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਛਲ ਕਪਟ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਖ਼ਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ 'ਤੇ ਕਬਜ਼ਾ ਕਰਨਾ, ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਖ਼ਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਨੂੰ ਫ਼ੇਲ੍ਹ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਚਾਲਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਖ਼ਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਕਿਉਂ, ਆਦਿ ਵਿਸ਼ਿਆਂ ਉੱਪਰ ਵਿਸਥਾਰ ਸਹਿਤ ਚਾਨਣਾ ਪਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਦੇ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਖ਼ਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਇਕ ਚਾਨਣ ਮੁਨਾਰਾ ਖੜ੍ਹਾ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਹੜਾ ਕਿ ਖ਼ਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਮੰਜ਼ਲ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਸ਼ਨ ਕਰੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਵਿਚ ਖ਼ਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਬਹਾਦਰੀਆਂ, ਦਲੇਰੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ

ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਵਿਸਥਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਜ਼ਿਕਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ।

ਮੈਂ ਇਹ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਅਤਿਅੰਤ ਮਿਹਨਤ ਨਾਲ ਲਿਖੀ ਹੈ। ਫਿਰ ਵੀ ਪੂਰੀ ਸੰਭਾਵਨਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਮਾਣਿਕਤਾ 'ਤੇ ਸ਼ੱਕੇ ਉਤਪੰਨ ਹੋਣਗੇ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਦਵਾਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਕੋਲ ਉੱਠਣ-ਬੈਠਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਲੋਕ ਕਹਿਣਗੇ ਕਿ ਫਲਾਣੀ ਸਥਾਪਨਾ ਕੇਵਲ ਅਨੁਮਾਨ 'ਤੇ ਆਧਾਰਿਤ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਲੇਖਕ ਦਾ ਫਲਾਣਾ ਕਥਨ ਕੇਵਲ ਅਰਧ-ਸੱਚ ਹੈ, ਪਰੰਤੂ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਵੀ ਕੱਟ-ਵੱਢ ਕੇ ਜੋ ਬਚ ਰਹੇਗਾ, ਉਹ ਜਿਸ ਉਦੇਸ਼ ਨੂੰ ਮੁੱਖ ਰੱਖ ਕੇ ਇਹ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਲਿਖੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ, ਉਸ ਲਈ ਕਾਫ਼ੀ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ। ਮੇਰੀ ਆਸ਼ਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪਾਠਕ ਜਦ ਇਸ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਨੂੰ ਹੱਥ ਵਿਚ ਲੈਣਗੇ ਤਾਂ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਿਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਦੂਸਰੇ ਧਰਮਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਕੁਟਲਨੀਤੀ ਦੀ ਮੂਰਤੀ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਅੰਤ ਤੱਕ ਗੱਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਰਹੇਗੀ।

ਇਸ ਸਾਰੇ ਕੰਮ ਵਿਚ ਆਪਣੇ ਅਨੇਕ ਸਹਿਯੋਗੀ ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸਰ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਦਵਾਨ ਮਿੱਤਰਾਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਝਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਧਿਆਨ ਵਿਚ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਵਿਚ ਕਈ ਤਬਦੀਲੀਆਂ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਹਨ। ਪੁਸਤਕ ਦੇ ਸੁਧਾਰ ਲਈ ਵਿਦਵਾਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਸੁਝਾਵਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਆਲੋਚਨਾ ਦਾ ਸੁਆਗਤ ਹੈ। ਪੁਸਤਕ ਨੂੰ ਚੰਗੇਰਾ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਸਦਾ ਹੀ ਗੁੰਜਾਇਸ਼ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਮੇਰੀ ਸਮਝ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਇਹ ਕਿਤਾਬ ਅਜੇ ਵੀ ਅਪੂਰਨ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਹੋਰ ਚੰਗੇਰੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਵਿਦਵਾਨਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਆਏ ਸੁਝਾਵਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਤਿਕਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਮੈਂ ਇਸ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਠਕਾਂ ਤੱਕ ਇਸ ਆਸ ਨਾਲ ਭੇਜ ਰਿਹਾ ਹਾਂ ਤਾਂਕਿ ਕੁਝ ਥੋੜ੍ਹੀ ਅਪੂਰਨਤਾ ਅਗਲੇ ਸੰਸਕਰਣ ਵਿਚ ਦੂਰ ਕਰ ਸਕਾਂ।

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4. ਕਰਤੂਤਾਂ ਕਾਲੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਨਾਮ ਅਕਾਲੀ

ਅਕਾਲੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਜੋ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਨੁਮਾਇੰਦਗੀ ਕਰਦੀ ਚਲੀ ਆ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ, ਦਸੰਬਰ 1920 ਈ: ਨੂੰ ਹੋਂਦ ਵਿਚ ਆਈ। ਇਸ ਦੀ ਤਵਾਰੀਖ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀਆਂ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਤਵਾਰੀਖ ਹੈ, ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਤਵਾਰੀਖ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਗਦਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਤਵਾਰੀਖ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਦੇ ਲੀਡਰ ਜੋ ਡਰਾਮੇਬਾਜ਼ੀ ਵਿਚ ਨਿਪੁੰਨ ਹਨ, ਜੋ ਕੁਝ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ, ਉਸ ਤੋਂ ਸਾਰੀ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਹੀ ਹੈਰਾਨ ਰਹਿ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਖੁਦਗਰਬ ਅਤੇ ਨਾ ਅਹਿਲ ਲੀਡਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਜਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਮਿਟੀ ਪਲੀਤ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਹੈ, ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਪੁੰਦਲੇ ਭਵਿੱਖ ਬਾਰੇ ਅੰਦਾਜ਼ਾ ਲਾਉਣਾ ਕੋਈ ਔਖਾ ਕੰਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਹੀ ਇਹ ਬਦਕਿਸਮਤੀ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਨੇ ਸਦਾ ਹੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਨਾ ਅਹਿਲ ਲੀਡਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਕਾਰਣ ਮਾਰ ਖਾਧੀ ਹੈ।

ਮਾ: ਤਾਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਸੰਨ 1927 ਈ: ਵਿਚ ਹਿੰਦ ਦੇ ਗਵਰਨਰ ਜਨਰਲ ਨੂੰ ਲਿਖਤੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਦਿੱਤਾ, ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਨੁਮਾਇੰਦਾ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਕਾਨਫਰੰਸ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਨੁਮਾਇੰਦਗੀ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਲੀਡਰ ਹੀ ਕਰਨਗੇ। ਜਿਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਸੰਨ 1927 ਈ: ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਸੰਨ 1946 ਈ: ਤਕ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਲੀਡਰ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਹੋ ਰਹੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਕਾਨਫਰੰਸ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਿਆ। ਜਿਸ ਦੇ ਫਲਸਰੂਪ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੀ ਵੰਡ ਸਮੇਂ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਨੂੰ ਸਹੀ ਤਰੀਕੇ ਨਾਲ ਆਪਣੇ ਹੱਕ ਵਿਚ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਅਸਮਰਥ ਰਹੀ। ਮਾ: ਤਾਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਇਸ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਗਲਤੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਹੀ ਅੱਜ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਦਿਨ ਦੇਖਣੇ ਪੈ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ।

2 ਜੂਨ 1947 ਈ: ਨੂੰ ਫਰੀਦਕੋਟ ਦੇ ਮਹਾਰਾਜ ਸ: ਹਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਦੇ ਗਵਰਨਰ ਜਨਰਲ ਲਾਰਡ ਮਾਉਂਟਬੈਟਨ ਪਾਸ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਰੂਪ ਰੇਖਾ ਦੀ ਤਜਵੀਜ਼ ਦੀ ਪੇਸ਼ਕਸ਼ ਰਖੀ। ਇਸ ਤਜਵੀਜ਼ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰੋੜਤਾ ਡੱਟ ਕੇ ਸੰਤ ਦੀਵਾਨ ਆਫ ਨਾਭਾ ਸਟੇਟ ਨੇ ਕੀਤੀ। ਪਰ ਦੋ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਸੁਆਰਥ ਪੂਰਾ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਲੀਡਰ ਸ: ਬਲਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਮਾ: ਤਾਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਲਈ ਇਕ ਵੱਖਰਾ ਖਿਤਾ ਲੈਣ ਦੀ ਥਾਂ ਹਿੰਦ ਦੀ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਬਹੁ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਨਾਲ ਮਿਲਣ ਦਾ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਕੀਤਾ।

ਸ: ਸਵਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ, ਗਿਆਨੀ ਕਰਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਸ: ਪ੍ਰਤਾਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੈਰੋਂ ਦੀ ਸਿਆਸਤ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਇਹ ਕੌਮ ਲਈ ਸੋਚਣ ਜੋਗੇ ਹੋਏ ਤਾਂ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਬਨਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਨਸ਼ਾ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਖਰੀਦ ਲਿਆ। ਕੁਰਸੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਸਰੂਰ ਨੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਦਿਮਾਗ ਨੂੰ ਕੌਮ ਬਾਰੇ ਸੋਚਣ ਲਈ ਨਕਾਰੇ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿਚ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਕਾਂਗਰਸੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਬਣਨ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਾਨ ਚਮਕਣ ਲੱਗ ਪਈ।

ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਲੀਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਾਨ ਦੇਖ ਕੇ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਦੀ ਹਿੱਕ ਉਪਰ ਸੱਪ ਲੇਟਣ ਲੱਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਮਾ: ਜੀ ਨੇ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ 1947 ਈ: ਵਿਚ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਨਾ ਮਨਜ਼ੂਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ, ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਸੂਬੇ ਦਾ ਨਾਹਰਾ ਲਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤ ਨੂੰ ਧਰਮ ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਤੇ ਜਾਨਾ ਕੁਰਬਾਨ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਸੰਦੇਸ਼ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਆਪ ਮਰਨ ਵਰਤ ਲਈ ਬੈਠ ਗਏ। ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਗਈ। ਇਥੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਕਿ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀਆਂ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਹੋਰ

ਗਿਰਫਤਾਰੀਆਂ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਜਗ੍ਹਾ ਵੀ ਨਾ ਰਹੀ ਤਾਂ ਮਾਸਟਰ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਹੋਰ ਜਿਉਣ ਦੀ ਲਾਲਸਾ ਨਾਲ ਮਰਨ ਵਰਤ ਤੋੜ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਚਾਰ ਸਾਲ ਹੋਰ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀਆਂ ਦੇਣ ਲਈ ਮਜਬੂਰ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ।

ਸੰ: 1966 ਈ: ਵਿਚ ਫਰੀਦਾਬਾਦ ਤੱਕ ਦੇ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਇਲਾਕੇ ਨੂੰ ਤਿਆਗ ਕੇ 17 ਜ਼ਿਲਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ 11 ਜ਼ਿਲਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਸੂਬੀ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਬਹੁਮਤ ਦੇ ਇਲਾਕੇ ਕੇਂਦਰ, ਹਿਮਾਚਲ ਅਤੇ ਹਰਿਆਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਜਿਤ ਦੇ ਦਮਗਜੇ ਮਾਰਨੇ ਆਰੰਭ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਸੂਬੇ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਬਹੁਮਤ ਦੇ ਇਲਾਕੇ ਕਟਵਾ ਕੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿਚ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਦੀ ਗੱਦੀ ਮਜਬੂਤ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਲਗਦੀ ਸੀ। ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਸੂਬੇ ਲੈਣ ਤੋਂ ਮਗਰੋਂ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗਾ ਕਿ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦੇ ਇਲਾਕੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਰਹਿ ਗਏ ਹਨ। ਇਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਪਾਣੀ ਦੀ ਵੰਡ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਮਗਰੋਂ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗਾ ਕਿ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦਾ ਪਾਣੀ ਹਰਿਆਣੇ ਤੇ ਰਾਜਸਥਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹੀ ਹਾਲ ਬਿਜਲੀ ਦੇ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਦਾ ਸੀ।

ਅਜੇ ਇਸ ਸੂਬੀ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਦਾ ਪੂਰਾ ਇਕ ਸਾਲ ਵੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਸੀ ਮਾਣਿਆ ਕਿ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦਾ ਵਿਦਿਆ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਲ 16 ਹੋਰ ਲਾਲਚੀ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਦੀ ਝੋਲੀ ਜਾ ਪਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ 16 ਦਾ ਸਰਦਾਰ ਮੰਨ ਕੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਬਣ ਬੈਠਾ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਵਿਚ ਮੰਤਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਯੋਗਤਾ ਦੇ ਚੁਟਕਲੇ ਛੱਪ ਗਏ। ਅਜਿਹਾ ਵਾਪਰਨ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਦੇ ਹੋਸ਼ ਟਿਕਾਣੇ ਆ ਗਏ।

ਅਕਾਲੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਭਾਪ ਲਿਆ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਸੂਬੀ ਵਿਚ ਹੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਕੁਰਸੀ ਸਦੀਵੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਤਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਮਹਾ ਆਗੂ ਸੰਤ ਫਤਿਹ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਸਲਾਹ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਇਸ ਪਾਸੇ ਲਗਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਲੈਣਾ ਹੈ। ਕੌਮ ਫਿਰ ਧਰਮ ਦੇ ਨਾਮ ਉੱਤੇ ਸੰਤ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪਿਛੇ ਲੱਗ ਗਈ ਅਤੇ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਤਿਆਰ ਹੋ ਗਈ। ਸੰਤ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਹੋਰ ਤਿੰਨ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਪਾਤਰਾਂ ਸਮੇਤ ਜਿਉਂਦੇ ਸੜ ਜਾਣ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਦਿਨ ਮਿਥਿਆ ਗਿਆ, ਪਰ ਸੰਤ ਜੀ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਫਿਰ ਲਾਲਚ ਦੀ ਗੱਦੀ ਉਪਰ ਬਿਰਾਜਮਾਨ ਹੋ ਗਏ। ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਮਹਾਨ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਨੇ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਅਜਿਹਾ ਘਾਟਾ ਪਾਇਆ ਜੋ ਕਦੇ ਪੂਰਿਆ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦਾ।

ਸੰ: 1981 ਈ: ਵਿਚ ਜਦੋਂ ਅਕਾਲੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਅੰਦਰਖਾਤੇ ਕੁਰਸੀ ਯੁੱਧ ਆਰੰਭ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕਾ ਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਬਾਕੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜਨ ਲਈ ਅਨੰਦਪੁਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਮਤੇ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਮਾਨਤਾ ਦਾ ਨਾਅਰਾ ਲਗਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਜਨੀਤੀ ਤੋਂ ਨਿਰਲੇਪ ਧਾਰਮਿਕ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਬਿਆਨ ਦੁਆ ਦਿੱਤੇ, ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਕੌਮ ਤਾਂ ਇਕ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਮੋੜ ਉਤੇ ਲਿਆ ਕੇ ਖੜੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ, ਜਿਸ ਤੋਂ ਅੱਗੇ ਵਧਣਾ ਅਤੇ ਪਿਛੇ ਮੁੜਨਾ ਦੋਹਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੋਤ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਆਪ ਬੀ-ਕਲਾਸ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਜਾ ਬੈਠੇ। ਅੱਗੇ ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਖੁਦ ਬੇ-ਮੁਖ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਸਨ। ਐਤਕੀ ਪਰਾਣ ਪੱਤਰ ਭਰਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਡੇਢ ਲੱਖ ਮਰਜੀਵੜਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਬੇ-ਮੁਖ ਕਰਵਾ ਗਏ।

ਅਕਾਲੀ ਲੀਡਰਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਧਰਮਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚੇ ਨੂੰ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀ ਆਖਰੀ ਲੜਾਈ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਇਸ ਧਰਮ ਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚੇ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੇ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀਆਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਹ ਨਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਇਆਂ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਭਰ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ। ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੇ ਹਕੂਮਤ ਦੇ ਨਸ਼ੇ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀਆਂ ਧੀਆਂ ਭੈਣਾਂ ਦੀ ਇਜ਼ਤ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ੁੱਧ

ਬਜ਼ਾਰ ਲੁੱਟਿਆ। ਕਈ ਮਾਪਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਨੌਜਵਾਨ ਅਤੇ ਇਕਲੋਤੇ ਬੱਚੇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਕਰਵਾ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਆਖਰੀ ਲੜਾਈ ਬੜੀ ਸ਼ਾਨ ਨਾਲ ਜਿੱਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ।

ਪਰ ਕੀ ਇਸ ਧਰਮ ਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚੇ ਵਿਚ ਕਿਸੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਲੀਡਰ ਦਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਹੋਇਆ? ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਲੀਡਰ ਦੀ ਧੀ ਜਾਂ ਭੈਣ ਇਸ ਧਰਮ ਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚੇ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਧਵਾ ਹੋਈ ਹੋਵੇ? ਇਤਨੀ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀ ਤਾਂ ਇਕ ਪਾਸੇ ਰਹੀ ਮੇਰੇ ਖਿਆਲ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਲੀਡਰ ਦੀ ਚੀਠੀ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਇਕ ਤੁਬਕਾ ਖੂਨ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਨਿਕਲਿਆ। ਇਥੇ ਹੀ ਬੱਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਦੋਂ ਬਲੂ ਸਟਾਰ ਅਪਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਸਿੰਘ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ ਉਦੋਂ ਮੇਰੀ ਇਸ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਨਾ ਅਹਿਲ ਲੀਡਰ ਬਾਹਵਾਂ ਖੜੀਆਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜੀਪਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਬੈਠ ਕੇ ਪੁਲਸ ਦੀ ਗਾਰਦ ਸਮੇਤ ਰੈਸਟ ਹਾਊਸ ਵਿਚ ਆਰਾਮ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ।

ਬਲਿਊ ਸਟਾਰ ਅਪਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਸਮੇਂ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਫ਼ੌਜਾ ਨੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਤੇ ਤੋਪਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਟੈਂਕਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਹਮਲਾ ਕੀਤਾ। ਇਸ ਹਮਲੇ ਵਿਚ ਜਿਥੇ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਅਤੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਦਰਦਨਾਕ ਤਬਾਹੀ ਹੋਈ ਉਥੇ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ ਹੀ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਸਿੰਘਣੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ। ਜਦੋਂ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਤੇ ਹਮਲਾ ਅਜੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਧਰਮ ਦੇ ਠੇਕੇਦਾਰ ਟੀ. ਵੀ. ਤੋਂ ਇਹ ਬਿਆਨ ਦੇ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ ਕਿ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਸਭ ਠੀਕ ਹੈ।

ਅਜੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਿਵੇ ਬੁਝੇ ਵੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਨ ਕਿ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਅਕਿਰਤਘਣੀ ਲੀਡਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਅਣਗਿਣਤ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ, ਸਿੰਘਣੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਬੱਚਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਕਤਲ ਭੁਲਾ ਕੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਅਤੇ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਅਣਖ ਛਿੱਕੇ ਟੰਗ ਕੇ ਫੋਕੀ ਫੋਹਰਤ ਤੇ ਕੁਰਸੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਹਵਸ ਕਾਰਣ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਸਮਝੌਤਾ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਝੌਤਾ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਹੀ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗਾ ਕਿ ਧਰਮ ਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚੇ ਵਿਚ ਰੱਖੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਮੰਗਾਂ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਮੰਗ ਨਹੀਂ ਮੰਨੀ ਗਈ। ਜਿਸ ਦਾ ਨਤੀਜਾ ਲੋਗੋਵਾਲ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਨਿਕਲਿਆ।

ਇਹ ਮੌਕਾ ਪ੍ਰਸਤ ਲੀਡਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਜੋ ਸਮਝੌਤਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਉਹ ਏਨਾ ਕਾਹਲੀ ਦਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਸਪਸ਼ਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਿਸ ਦੇ ਮਰਜ਼ੀ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਅਰਥ ਕੱਢੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੋਣ। ਸ਼ਾਇਦ ਇਉਂ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੀ ਦੋਹਾਂ ਧਿਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਸੀ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਸਮਝੌਤੇ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ ਇਤਿਹਾਸਕ ਸਮਝੌਤਾ ਕਰਾਰ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ ਹੀ ਸ਼ਹਾਦਤਾਂ ਤੇ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਸਰਮਾਇਆ ਖਰਾਬ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਇਸ ਧਰਮਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚੇ ਦੀ ਸਮਾਪਤੀ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਜੇਕਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਇਤਨੀ ਬੁਰੀ ਹਾਲਤ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਇਸ ਧਰਮਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚੇ ਦਾ ਅੰਤ ਕੁਝ ਕੁਰਸੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਹੀ ਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਤਬਾਹੀ ਦੇ ਕੰਢੇ ਤੇ ਲਿਜਾ ਕੇ ਕਿਉਂ ਖੜਾ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ।

ਹੋਰ ਤਾਂ ਹੋਰ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਨੇ ਕੌਮ ਲਈ ਬਿਨਾ ਲਾਲਚ ਦੇ ਮਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ 'ਫੇਰੂਮਾਨ' ਵਰਗੇ ਇਨਸਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਕੌਮੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਵੀ ਨਾ ਮੰਨਿਆ, ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਅਜਿਹਾ ਕਰਨ ਨਾਲ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਦੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਪ੍ਰਸਿੱਧੀ ਘਟਦੀ ਸੀ। ਮਹਾਰਾਜਾ ਰਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਪੋਤੀ ਜਦੋਂ ਇੰਗਲੈਂਡ ਤੋਂ ਹਿੰਦ ਗਈ ਤਾਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਮੁਜ਼ਾਹਰੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀ ਰਾਜਨੀਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਕੁਦ ਕੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਕੁਰਸੀ ਨੂੰ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਨਾ ਪਹੁੰਚਾ ਦੇਵੇ। ਉਸ ਵਿਚਾਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਬਾਬੇ ਦਾ ਰਾਜ ਵੇਖਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਗ਼ੈਰ ਹੀ ਬੰਬੇ ਤੋਂ ਵਾਪਿਸ ਪਰਤਣਾ ਪਿਆ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਡਰਾਮੇਬਾਜ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਜੇ ਤਕ ਇਹ ਨਹੀਂ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗਾ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਸੰਵਿਧਾਨ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ ਕੌਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਜਦ ਕਿ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਸਤਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਅਜ਼ਾਦ ਹੋਏ 60 ਸਾਲ ਹੋ ਗਏ ਹਨ।

ਬਾਦਲ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਹਮਜ਼ੋਲੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨਾਲ ਗਦਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਬਾਦਲ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਲਈ ਮੀਰ ਮੰਨੂ ਸਾਬਤ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ। ਸੱਤਾ ਹਾਸਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਤੋਂ ਧਰਮ ਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚਾ ਲਾਇਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬਾਦਲ ਨੇ ਆਪ ਧਾਰਾ 25 ਸਾੜੀ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਦੇ ਲਈ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਵੀ ਕੱਟੀ ਸੀ। ਚੋਣਾ ਸਮੇਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਅਣਗਿਣਤ ਵਾਅਦੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਸਨ। ਪਰ ਕੁਰਸੀ ਮਿਲਦਿਆਂ ਹੀ ਉਹ ਕੌਮੀ ਹਿਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਭੁੱਲ ਕੇ ਜਨਸੰਘ ਦੀ ਬੁਕਲ ਵਿਚ ਜਾ ਬੈਠਾ। ਉਸ ਨੇ ਸੋਚਿਆ ਕਿ ਸ਼ਾਇਦ ਜੰਨਸੰਘ ਦੇ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਨਾਲ ਮੁਖ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਦੀ ਕੁਰਸੀ ਆਪਣੇ ਖਾਨਦਾਨ ਲਈ ਸਦੀਵੀ ਕਰ ਲਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਬਾਦਲ ਨੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਨਾਲ ਵੀ ਮੱਥਾ ਲਾ ਲਿਆ। ਉਸ ਨੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਅੰਦਰ ਪੁਲਸ ਭੇਜ ਕੇ, ਸੰਗੀਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਛਾ ਹੇਠ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਕਰਕੇ, ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਲ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਭਾਈ ਰਣਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਮੁਅੱਤਲ ਕਰਕੇ, ਬਰਨਾਲਾ, ਇੰਦਰਾ ਅਤੇ ਅਬਦਾਲੀ ਦੇ ਅਤਿਆਚਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਮਾਤ ਪਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਬਾਦਲ ਦੀਆਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਨੇ ਹਿੰਦ ਵਿੱਚੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਧਰਮ ਦਾ ਸਫਾਇਆ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਨਿਰੋਲ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰ ਕਾਇਮ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੀ ਮਹਾਸਿਆ ਦੀ ਸੋਚ ਨੂੰ ਅਸਲੀ ਜਾਮਾ ਪਹਿਨਾਇਆ।

ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਦੇ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਕਰਤੂਤਾਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਦਾ ਨਾ ਹੀ ਬਦਨਾਮ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਬੁਠ ਇਤਨਾ ਬੋਲਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਸੱਚ ਵੀ ਉਥੋਂ ਨੱਸ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਗੱਲਾਂ ਉਹ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਜੋ ਕਦੇ ਸੁਣੀਆਂ ਹੀ ਨਾ ਹੋਣ। ਕੰਮ ਉਹ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੇ ਕਦੇ ਵੇਖੇ ਨਹੀਂ। ਵਾਅਦੇ ਉਹ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਜੋ ਪੂਰੇ ਨਾ ਹੋ ਸਕਣ। ਮਹਾਸਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਉਹ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਮਿਆਦ ਅਗਲਾ ਦਿਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਟੱਪਦੀ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਖੁਦਗਰਬ ਲੀਡਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਕੇਸਰੀ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ ਦਾ ਅਰਥ ਹੀ ਬਦਲ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਕੇਸਰੀ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਆਪਣੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੇ ਲੀਡਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਨੂੰ ਕਹਿੰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕੁਰਸੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਭੁੱਖ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਅਣਖ ਨੂੰ ਮਿੱਟੀ ਵਿਚ ਮਿਲਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਮੇਰੀ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਅਣਖੀਲੇ ਯੋਧਿਆਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਖੁਦ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਕਰੋ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਲੋਕ ਸਿਆਸਤ ਦਾਨ ਹਨ ਜਾਂ ਡਰਾਮੇਬਾਜ਼।

ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਹੁਣ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਿਧਾਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਅਣਖੀਲੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਲੜਾਈ ਲੜ ਰਹੇ ਸੁਤੰਤਰਤਾ ਸੰਗਰਾਮੀਏ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਲਈ ਦੁਸ਼ਟ ਸਭਾ ਬਣ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ। ਹੁਣ ਤੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਲਫੜ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਨਫਰਤ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਵੇ ਉਸ ਤੋਂ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਆਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਜੇ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਸਿਰਫ ਗਦਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਆਸ ਹੈ। ਹਨੇਰ ਸਾਈਂ ਦਾ! ਅੱਜ ਫਿਰ ਚਿੱਟੇ ਦਿਨ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਬੁੱਧੁ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਅਜ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਦੇਸ਼ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਖੁਲ ਕੇ ਮਦਦ ਕਰਨ ਨੂੰ ਤਿਆਰ ਨਹੀਂ, ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਉਹ ਭਲੀਭਾਂਤ ਸਮਝਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਚੜ੍ਹਦੇ ਸੂਰਜ ਨੂੰ ਸਲਾਮ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਲੀਡਰ ਗੱਦੀਆਂ, ਪੈਸਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਖਾਤਰ ਪਤਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਿਸ ਵੇਲੇ ਮਹਾਸਾ ਸਾਮਰਾਜ ਦੀ ਝੋਲੀ ਜਾ ਪੈਣ।

ਅਕਾਲੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨੇ ਜਦੋਂ ਜਦੋਂ ਅਦੋਲਨ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕੀਤੇ, ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਇਦਾ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਜਗ੍ਹਾ ਆਪਣੀ ਹੀ ਲੀਡਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਇਦਾ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਇਆ। ਇਸ ਦੇ ਨੇਤਾ ਆਪਣੀ ਤੇ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਅਣਖ ਛਿਕੇ ਟੰਗ ਕੇ ਫੋਕੀ ਚੋਧਰ ਤੇ ਕੁਰਸੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਹਵਸ ਕਾਰਣ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਹੱਦ ਤਕ ਕੌਮ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਰ ਗਦਾਰੀ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਪੰਥਕ ਹਿਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਬਲੀ ਦੇ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਹੱਕੀ ਮੰਗਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਤਿਆਗ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ। ਕੁਰਸੀ ਦੇ ਸਰੂਰ ਨੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਦਿਮਾਗ ਨੂੰ ਧਰਮ ਕਰਮ ਬਾਰੇ ਸੋਚਣ ਲਈ ਨਾਕਾਰਾ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਮੁਖ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਅਣਗਿਣਤ ਵਹਿਸ਼ੀਆਨਾ ਕਤਲ ਭੁਲਾ ਕੇ, ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ-ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਲਈ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਸਾਮਰਾਜ ਦੀਆਂ ਜੰਜੀਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਜਕੜ ਦੇਣਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਵਾਰ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਆਗੂ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਦੇ ਕਾਤਲ ਹਨ।

ਅਕਾਲੀ ਰਾਜਨੀਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਮੋਹਰੀ ਆਗੂ ਹਲਕੀ ਜਮੀਰ ਵਾਲੇ, ਪੈਂਤੜੇ ਅਤੇ ਮੋਕਾ ਪ੍ਰਸਤ ਨੀਤੀ ਵਾਲੇ ਆਏ ਹਨ। ਉਹ ਇਸ ਗੱਲ ਦੇ ਯੋਗ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਿ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਸਮੁੱਚੀ ਤਕਦੀਰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਹੱਥ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ। ਅੱਧੇ ਕੂ ਆਗੂ ਵਿਕਾਊ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਅੱਧੇ ਕੂ ਡਰਪੋਕ। ਸਿੰਘ ਸੂਰਮੇ ਪੰਥ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਖਾਤਰ ਸੱਤ ਸਮੁੰਦਰ ਤਰਨ ਲਈ ਤਿਆਰ ਹਨ, ਪਰ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਤਾਂ ਅੱਠਵਾਂ ਸਮੁੰਦਰ ਵੀ ਤਰ ਗਏ, 1984 ਈ: ਵਿਚ ਘੱਲੂਘਾਰੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਚ ਲਹੂ ਦਾ ਜੋ ਸਮੁੰਦਰ ਸੀ, ਅਕਾਲੀ ਤਾਂ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਤਰ ਕੇ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਤੱਕ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਗਏ। ਲਾਹਨਤ ਤੇ ਬੇਸ਼ਰਮੀ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਲਈ ਮੱਖੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਹੱਥ ਫੇਰਿਆਂ ਤਾਂ ਚੇਹਰਾ ਸਾਫ਼। ਇਕ ਪਾਸੇ ਤਾਂ ਗੁਰਮੁਖ ਆਖਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਪੰਥ ਜੀਵੈ, ਮੈਂ ਮਰਾ। ਪਰ ਦੂਸਰੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਇਹ ਮਨਮੁਖ ਆਖਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਪੰਥ ਜਾਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਜਾਵੇ, ਪਰ ਸਾਡੀ ਕੁਰਸੀ ਤੇ ਜੇਬ ਨਾ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਅੱਜ ਦੀ ਘੜੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਉਪਰ ਦੋ ਪਾਸਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਵਾਰ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਇਕ ਪਾਸੇ ਤਾਂ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਤਹਿਸ ਨਹਿਸ ਕਰਨ ਉੱਤੇ ਅੜੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਦੂਜੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਇਸੇ ਧਰਮ ਦੀ ਛਾਂ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਪਲਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਸਿਆਸੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ "ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ" ਦੇ ਲੀਡਰ ਸੰ: 1920 ਈ: ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਅੱਜ ਤਕ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਜਿੰਨਾਂ ਵੀ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ, ਉਹ ਸਾਡੇ ਸਿਆਸੀ ਲੀਡਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਖੁਦਗਰਜ ਹੋਣ ਕਰ ਕੇ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ। ਕੁਰਸੀ ਦੇ ਲਾਲਚੀ ਲੀਡਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਧਰਮ ਦੇ ਸੇਵਾਦਾਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪਹਿਰੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਜੋ ਕੌਮ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਜੁੰਡਲੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ ਸਕੀ, ਉਹ ਕੌਮ ਅਕਾਲੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਅੱਜ ਧਾਰਮਿਕ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਵੀ ਗੁਲਾਮ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਿਕ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਵੀ ਗੁਲਾਮ ਹਨ। ਸਾਨੂੰ ਗੁਲਾਮ ਰੱਖਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਵੀ ਸਾਡੇ ਹਨ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਮਾਇਆ ਦੇ ਲਾਲਚ ਵਿਚ ਆ ਕੇ ਧਰਮ ਅਤੇ ਕੌਮ ਦੋਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਚੀ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਮੇਰਾ ਦਿੜ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਲੜਾਈ ਲੰਮੀ ਹੈ। ਸਵਾਰਥੀ ਤੋਂ ਮੋਕਾ ਪ੍ਰਸਤ ਆਗੂ ਹੌਲੀ-ਹੌਲੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਮੋਤੇ ਆਪ ਮਰ ਜਾਣਗੇ।



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ਮੌਕਾਪ੍ਰਸਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਛਾੜਨਾ ਪਵੇਗਾ

ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਤੇ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤੋਂ ਆ ਕੇ ਪਿਛਲੀ ਸਦੀ ਦੇ ਆਰੰਭ ਵਿਚ ਵਸਣੇ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਏ ਸਨ, ਪਰ ਸਖਤ ਅਮਰੀਕੀ ਕਾਨੂੰਨਾਂ ਕਾਰਨ ਇਥੇ ਵਸੋਂ ਵਧੇਰੇ ਨਾ ਹੋ ਸਕੀ। ਹੁਣ ਜਦ ਤੋਂ ਇਥੇ ਲੰਬੀ ਜੱਦੋ-ਜਹਿਦ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ, ਪੱਕੇ ਹੋਣ ਤੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰੀ ਬਣਨ ਦੇ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਮਿਲ ਗਏ ਹਨ, ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਸੋਂ ਚੌਖੀ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਵਧਦੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ।

ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਵਿਚ ਤਾਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਉੱਥੋਂ ਦੇ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਕ ਖੇਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵਸ਼ਾਲੀ ਪੁਜ਼ੀਸ਼ਨ ਬਣਾ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ, ਪਰ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਵਿਚ ਅਜੇ ਇਸ ਖੇਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੋਈ ਖਾਸ ਪੁਜ਼ੀਸ਼ਨ ਹਾਸਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ ਸਕੇ। ਇਸ ਵਿਚ ਕੋਈ ਸ਼ੱਕ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਿ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਵਿਚ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਏਸ਼ਿਆਈ ਕਾਂਗਰਸਮੈਨ ਬਣਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਦਲੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੌਧ ਸੀ, ਪਰ ਸਮੁੱਚੇ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਦੇ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਕ ਖੇਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਨਿਗੂਣੀ ਹੀ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ।

ਹੁਣ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸੁਚੇਤ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਇਸ ਖੇਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਅੱਗੇ ਆਉਣ ਦੀਆਂ ਵਿਚਾਰਾਂ ਹੋਣ ਲੱਗ ਪਈਆਂ ਹਨ। ਉਮੀਦ ਹੈ ਨੇੜ-ਭਵਿੱਖ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਸ ਖੇਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਵੀ ਅੱਗੇ ਆ ਜਾਣਗੇ। ਸਿੱਖ ਕੁਲੀਸ਼ਨ ਤੇ ਸਾਲਡਫ ਜਿਹੀਆਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੌਜਵਾਨ ਜਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਅੱਗੇ ਆ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਉਮੀਦ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਸੰਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੌਜਵਾਨ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਕ ਪਿੜ ਵਿਚ ਵੀ ਅੱਗੇ ਆ ਜਾਣਗੇ।

ਪਰ ਦੁੱਖ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੀ ਇਸ ਲੋੜ ਅਤੇ ਸੋਚ ਦਾ ਕਈ ਮੌਕਾਪ੍ਰਸਤ ਲੋਕ ਅਣਉਚਿਤ ਲਾਭ ਉਠਾਉਣ ਵਿਚ ਵੀ ਯਤਨਸ਼ੀਲ ਹਨ। ਸਾਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜਿਥੇ ਇਸ ਖੇਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਸੰਜੀਦਾ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ

ਦਾ ਹਰ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਾਥ ਦੇਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ, ਉੱਥੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਮੌਕਾਪ੍ਰਸਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਛਾੜਨਾ ਵੀ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਪਿੱਛੇ ਜਿਹੇ ਯੂਥਾ ਸਿਟੀ ਤੋਂ ਇੱਕ ਸਿੱਖ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਯੂ. ਐੱਸ. ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਲਈ ਚੋਣ ਲੜਨ ਦਾ ਇੱਛੁਕ ਸੀ। ਅਰਜ਼ਿਦਰਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਖੋਂ ਨਾਂਅ ਦਾ ਇਹ ਡਾਕਟਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਇਮਰੀ ਵੀ ਜਿੱਤ ਗਿਆ। ਅਸੀਂ ਯੂਥਾ ਸਿਟੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਹੁਤ ਦੂਰ ਹਾਂ। ਅਸਲੀਅਤ ਨਾ ਜਾਣ ਸਕੇ। ਇਥੋਂ ਦੇ ਇੱਕ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਕੀਲ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਇਸ ਰਿਸ਼ਤੇਦਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਨਾਲ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ 'ਚੋਂ ਮੋਟੀਆਂ ਰਕਮਾਂ ਵੀ ਇਕੱਠਰ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ। ਪਰ ਆਪਣੇ ਮਾੜੇ ਕਿਰਦਾਰ ਕਰਕੇ ਨਾ ਇਸ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੇ ਜਿੱਤਣਾ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਨਾ ਹੀ ਜਿੱਤ ਸਕਿਆ। ਜਿਥੇ ਇਸ ਅਰਜ਼ਿਦਰਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਖੋਂ ਨਾਂਅ ਸਿੱਖ 'ਤੇ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਦੇ ਪੂਰੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਨੇ ਚੰਗੇਰੀਆਂ ਆਸਾਂ ਲਗਾ ਲਈਆਂ ਸਨ, ਉੱਥੇ ਇਸ ਸ਼ਖ਼ਸ ਨੇ ਪੂਰੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਰਮਸਾਰ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ, ਆਪਣੇ ਚਾਲ-ਚਲਣ ਸਦਕਾ।

ਕਿੱਤੇ ਵਜੋਂ ਇਹ ਡਾਕਟਰ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਹਭਾਰਤ ਤੋਂ ਡਾਕਟਰ ਮੰਗਵਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਨ ਲੱਗ ਪਿਆ ਤੇ ਇੱਕ ਸ਼ੋਭਨਾ ਸ਼ਰਮਾ ਨਾਂਅ ਦੀ ਡਾਕਟਰ ਨੇ ਉਸ ਉੱਪਰ ਕੋਸ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਕਿ ਉਸ ਨੇ ਉਸਦੀ ਇੱਜ਼ਤ ਲੁੱਟਣ ਦੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ। ਅਦਾਲਤ ਨੇ ਅਰਜ਼ਿਦਰਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਖੋਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਕੋਸ ਵਿਚ ਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਕਰਾਰ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਤੇ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ 175000 ਡਾਲਰ ਸ਼ੋਭਨਾ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਣ ਦਾ ਫ਼ੈਸਲਾ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਅਦਾਲਤ ਦੇ ਇਸ ਫ਼ੈਸਲੇ ਤੋਂ ਕੁਝ ਦਿਨ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਅਰਜ਼ਿਦਰਪਾਲ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਸਾਰੀ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਆਪਣੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਦੇ ਨਾਂਅ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਤਾਂ ਕਿ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ੋਭਨਾ ਨੂੰ ਕੁਝ ਨਾ ਦੇਣਾ ਪਵੇ। ਉਸਦੀ ਇਸ ਹਰਕਤ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਪਤਾ ਲੱਗ ਗਿਆ ਤੇ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਨੇ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦੋਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਰਮਤ ਸਾਲ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਦੀ ਸਜ਼ਾ ਸੁਣਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ। ਅੱਜ ਉਹ ਕਾਂਗਰਸਮੈਨ ਬਣਨ ਦੀ ਥਾਂ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਦੀਆਂ ਸ਼ਲਾਖਾਂ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਡਕਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ

ਹੈ। ਸਾਡਾ ਇਥੇ ਇਹ ਲਿਖਣ ਤੋਂ ਭਾਵ ਡਾ. ਅਰਜ਼ਿਦਰ ਪਾਲ ਸੇਖੋਂ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਲਿਖਣਾ ਜਾਂ ਉਸਦੀ ਬੇਇੱਜ਼ਤੀ ਕਰਨਾ ਨਹੀਂ, ਬਲਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਚੇਤ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਲਈ ਅੱਗੇ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਮਦਦ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ, ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਿਰਦਾਰ ਬਾਰੇ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਪੜਚੋਲ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਿੱਤਣ ਦੀ ਸੰਭਾਵਨਾ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਮੁਲਾਂਕਣ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ ਕਰਨ। ਅੰਨ੍ਹੇਵਾਹ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੋਟੀਆਂ ਰਕਮਾਂ ਦੇਣ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਲਈ ਫੰਡ ਰੇਜ਼ਿਗ ਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਗੁਰੇਜ਼ ਕਰਿਆ ਕਰਨ।

ਇਹ ਮੌਕਾਪ੍ਰਸਤ ਲੋਕ ਚੋਣ ਲੜਨ ਦੇ ਬਹਾਨੇ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾਤਰ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਜੇਬਾਂ ਹੀ ਭਰਨ ਦੀ ਖੋਡ ਖੋਡਦੇ ਹਨ। ਪਿੱਛੇ ਜਿਹੇ ਇੱਕ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਹੀ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਨੇ 'ਸ਼ੇਰ-ਏ-ਪੰਜਾਬ' ਨੂੰ ਮਦਦ ਲਈ ਆਖਿਆ। ਅਸੀਂ ਭਾਈਚਾਰਕ ਸਾਂਝ ਕਾਰਣ ਉਸ ਦੀਆਂ ਭੇਜੀਆਂ ਅਪੀਲਾਂ ਪੂਰੇ ਪੂਰੇ ਪੰਨਿਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਮੁਫਤ ਛਾਪਣੀਆਂ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ। ਪਹਿਲੇ ਹੀ ਫੰਡ ਰੇਜ਼ਿਗ ਵਿਚ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਉਸਦੀ ਉਮੀਦ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਰਕਮ ਇਕੱਠੀ ਹੋ ਗਈ। ਉਸਦੀ ਭੁੱਖ ਹੋਰ ਵਧ ਗਈ। ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਉਸ ਨੇ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ ਡਾਲਰ ਇਕੱਠੇ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਟੀਚੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਅਪੀਲਾਂ ਛਪਵਾਈਆਂ ਸਨ, ਫਿਰ ਉਸ ਨੇ ਇੱਕ ਲੱਖ ਹੋਰ ਨਾਲ ਜੋੜ ਲਿਆ। ਅਸੀਂ ਜੋ ਉਸਦੇ ਲਈ ਮੁਫਤ ਸੇਵਾ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਸਾਂ, ਉਸਦੇ ਲਈ ਉਸ ਨੇ ਧੰਨਵਾਦ ਦੇ ਦੋ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਕਹਿਣ ਦੀ ਥਾਂ, ਸਾਡੇ 'ਤੇ ਇਤਰਾਜ਼ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਕਿ ਉਸ ਨੇ ਤਾਂ 1 ਲੱਖ 60 ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਇਕੱਠੇ ਕਰਨੇ ਹਨ, ਫਿਰ ਸ਼ੇਰ-ਏ-ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੇ 60 ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਦੀ ਅਪੀਲ ਕਿਉਂ ਛਾਪੀ ਹੈ? ਜਦਕਿ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਉਸਨੇ 60 ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਵਾਲੀ ਅਪੀਲ ਆਪ ਭੇਜੀ ਸੀ।

ਸਿਟੀ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਛੋਟੇ ਪੱਧਰ ਦੀ ਚੋਣ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਦੇ ਲਈ ਮੌਕਾਪ੍ਰਸਤ ਲੋਕ ਬਹਾਨੇ ਨਾਲ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਤੋਂ ਲੱਖਾਂ ਡਾਲਰ

ਇਕੱਠੇ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ। ਸਿਟੀ ਤੋਂ ਇਸ ਰਕਮ ਨਾਲੋਂ ਕਈ ਗੁਣਾ ਵੱਧ ਰਕਮ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਚੋਣ ਲੜਨ ਲਈ ਹੋਰ ਮਿਲ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਚੋਣਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੇ ਨਾ ਜਿੱਤਣਾ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਨਾ ਹੀ ਜਿੱਤਦੇ ਹਨ, ਪਰ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਜੇਬਾਂ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਭਰ ਜਾਂਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ।

ਸਾਡੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਨਿਧ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਕ ਖੇਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਅੱਗੇ ਆਉਣੇ ਚਾਹੀਦੇ ਹਨ। ਪਰ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਕ ਖੇਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਸਫਲ ਹੋਣ ਲਈ ਮੁੱਢਲੇ ਪੱਧਰ ਤੋਂ ਆਰੰਭ ਕਰਕੇ ਬਹੁਤ ਮਿਹਨਤ ਕਰਨੀ ਪੈਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਪੁਜ਼ੀਸ਼ਨ ਬਣਾਉਣੀ ਪੈਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਤਾਂ ਕਿਤੇ ਜਾ ਕੇ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਬਣਾਉਂਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਵਿਚ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਵੋਟ ਨਹੀਂ ਪੈਂਦੀ।

ਇਸ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੇ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਪਾਸੇ ਧਿਆਨ ਦੇਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਸਾਡਾ ਇਹ ਵੀ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਾਡੇ ਇਥੇ ਜੰਮੇ ਪਲੇ ਤੇ ਇਥੋਂ ਸਿੱਖਿਅਤ ਹੋਏ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਜਲਦ ਹੀ ਇਸ ਖੇਤਰ ਵਿਚ ਬਹੁਤ ਅੱਗੇ ਆ ਜਾਣਾ ਹੈ। ਸਾਨੂੰ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ, ਪਰ ਨਾਲ ਦੀ ਨਾਲ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਬਰਸਾਤੀ ਡਡੂਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਵੀ ਸੁਚੇਤ ਰਹਿਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਧਿਆਨ ਰੱਖਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਹਰ ਚਮਕਦੀ ਚੀਜ਼ ਸੋਨਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦੀ। ਮਦਦ ਕਰਨ ਲੱਗਿਆਂ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਦੀ ਪਰਖ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਕਰੋ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਿੱਤ ਸਕਣ ਦੀ ਸੰਭਾਵਨਾ ਦਾ ਮੁਲਾਂਕਣ ਕਰੋ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਪਿਛੋਕੜ ਦੀ ਵੀ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰੋ। ਉਲਾਰ ਭਾਵਨਾ ਨਾਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਮਦਦ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦਾ ਆਪਣਾ ਨੁਕਸਾਨ ਹੀ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਅਰਜ਼ਿਦਰਪਾਲ ਸੇਖੋਂ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਬਹੁਤ ਉਘੜਵੀਂ ਮਿਸਾਲ ਹੈ।

-ਬਲਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਗਰੇਵਾਲ

॥ ਪਾਠਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਰਾਇ ॥

ਪਦਮਸਨ ਰਿਗਾ। ਇਹ ਜ਼ਿਲੇ ਅੱਤਵਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬਚੀ ਫ਼ੀਸਦੀ ਸੀਟਾਂ ਉੱਪਰ ਜਿੱਤ ਦਰਜ ਕੀਤੀ। ਪਰ

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ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਤੋਂ ਚਲਾਈ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਹੱਕ 'ਚ ਵੱਡੀ ਲਹਿਰ-ਆਈ ਬੀ

ਫਗਵਾੜਾ : ਇੰਟੈਲੀਜੈਂਸ ਬਿਊਰੋ ਵਲੋਂ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੁੜ ਖਾੜਕਵਾਦ ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਹੋਣ ਬਾਰੇ ਭੇਜੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਗੰਭੀਰ ਰਿਪੋਰਟਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਇਕ ਪਾਸੇ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਬਹੁਤ ਚਿੰਤਤ ਹੈ, ਉਥੇ ਦੂਜੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਖੁਫੀਆ ਏਜੰਸੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲੀ ਤਜਾ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿੱਚ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਲਹਿਰ ਨੂੰ ਉਤਸ਼ਾਹਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਇਕ ਵੱਡੇ ਗਰੁੱਪ ਨੇ ਵਾਸਿੰਗਟਨ ਡੀ. ਸੀ. ਵਿੱਚ 10 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ ਵੱਡਾ ਸਮੇਲਨ ਕਰ ਕੇ ਪੁਣੇ (ਹਲਫ) ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਗਲਾਮੀ ਤੋਂ ਆਜ਼ਾਦ ਕਰ ਕੇ ਹੀ ਸਾਹ ਲੈਣਗੇ।

ਇਸ ਸਮੇਲਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹਮਾਇਤੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਸੋਨੀਆ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰਧੀ ਕਰਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ 1984 ਦੇ ਦੰਗਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਹੁਣ ਤੱਕ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ ਸਿੱਖ, ਮੁਸਲਮਾਨਾਂ, ਈਸਾਈਆਂ, ਅਸਮੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਬੋਡੋ ਅੰਦੋਲਨਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਵਿਰੁਧ ਦਮਨ ਚੱਕਰ ਚਲਾਉਂਦੀ ਆ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਰਗੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੌਤ ਦੇ ਘਾਟ ਉਤਾਰ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਵੈਬਸਾਈਟ ਡਬਲਯੂ ਡਬਲਯੂ ਡਬਲਯੂ ਡਾਟ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਡਾਟ ਕਾਮ ਤੇ ਸ. ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ, ਸ. ਸੁਖਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ ਸਣੇ ਸਮੂਹ ਬਾਦਲ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਦੇ ਵਿਰਧੀ ਕਰਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਸ. ਬਾਦਲ ਵਿਰੁਧ ਤਿੱਖੇ ਵੇਰਵੇ ਦਰਜ ਹਨ ਤੇ ਡੇਰਾ ਸੱਚਾ ਸੌਦਾ ਮੁਖੀ ਨਾਲ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਬਿਰਾਹਮਦਰਦੀ ਦੀ ਵੀ ਤਿੱਖੀ ਨਿਖੇਧੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਸਮੇਲਨ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਦਾਅਵਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਹੇਠ ਗਲਾਮ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਆਜ਼ਾਦ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਏਜੰਟ ਹਨ ਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਸਥਾ ਵਾਸਿੰਗਟਨ ਡੀ. ਸੀ. ਵਿੱਚ ਅਮਰੀਕੀ ਨਿਆਂ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਬਾਕਾਇਦਾ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਹੈ।

Khalsa Ji, look how our efforts are paying dividends. The Indian government says that it has controlled the Khalistan movement in Punjab – which raises the question of why they still have to arrest people for marching, speaking and raising the Khalistani flag – but the movement is still alive because they cannot control the Council of Khalistan. Because of the work we have been doing for over 20 years, the effort to liberate our homeland is alive and active. This is why your support of our efforts is so critically important. Together, we will liberate Khalistan despite India's efforts to prevent it. The people of Kosovo have declared their independence from Serbia. It is our turn now. Freedom movements are gathering momentum around the world.

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ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਜੱਦੋਜਹਿਦ ਦਾ ਘੁਲਾਟੀਆ ਹੋਣ ਲਈ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਅੱਗੇ ਜਵਾਬਦੇਹ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਨਹੀਂ

ਸੰਪਾਦਕ ਜੀ,

‘ਦੇਸ਼ ਪ੍ਰਦੇਸ਼’ ਮਿਤੀ 12 ਦਸੰਬਰ ਦੇ ਅੰਕ ਵਿਚ ਦੂਰਬਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੇ ਮੇਰੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਕੁਝ ਸਵਾਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਜਵਾਬ ਪੁੱਛੇ ਹਨ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਜਵਾਬ ਦੇ ਰਿਹਾ ਹਾਂ।

ਮੈਂ ਸੰਨ 1987 ਈ. ਵਿਚ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਦੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਵਾਟਰਲੂ ਵਿਚ ਕੋਠੀ ਕਿਰਾਏ ‘ਤੇ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਰਹਿਣ ਲੱਗਾ। ਮੈਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਕੋਠੀ ਨੂੰ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹਾਊਸ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹਾਊਸ ਦਾ ਬੋਰਡ ਲਗਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਅੰਬੈਸੀ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਕੀਤੀ ਕਿ ਜਲਵੇੜਾ ਨੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਅੰਬੈਸੀ ਖੋਲ੍ਹ ਰੱਖੀ ਹੈ।

ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਦੀ ਮਨਿਸਟਰੀ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਵਿਚ ਮੇਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਰਾਬਤਾ ਕਾਇਮ ਕੀਤਾ ਪਰ ਮੈਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਦਲੀਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਤੁਸ਼ਟ ਕਰਵਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਆਖਰਕਾਰ ਕੋਠੀ ਪੇਸ਼ ਨਾ ਜਾਣ ‘ਤੇ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਅੰਬੈਸੀ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਟੇਜ਼ੀਆਂ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹਾਊਸ ਦਾ ਬੋਰਡ ਹਟਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ।

ਮੈਂ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਉਹ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਹਾਂ ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਐਮਨੈਸਟੀ ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਸੰਨ 1989 ਵਿਚ ਯੂ.ਐਨ.ਓ. ਤੋਂ ਰਿਫਿਊਜੀ ਸਟੇਅ ਦੁਆਰਿਟ ਵਿਚ ਕਾਮਯਾਬ ਹੋ ਗਈ। ਮੈਂ ਸੰਨ 1996 ਈ. ਵਿਚ ਬਰੁਕਲਿਨ ਵਿਚ 7 ਲੱਖ ਯੂਰੋ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਬਿਲਡਿੰਗ ਖਰੀਦੀ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਹੋਣ ਦੇ ਨਾਤੇ ਇਸ ਬਿਲਡਿੰਗ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹਾਊਸ ਰੱਖਿਆ। ਆਪਣੀ ਬਿਲਡਿੰਗ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹਾਊਸ ਰੱਖਣ ਲਈ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਰਾਇ ਲੈਣ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਅਤੇ ਨਾ ਹੀ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ।

ਮੈਂ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਕੋਟੜ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਪਰ ਨੌਨ ਵਿਪਟੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਹਾਂ। ਸ਼ਰਾਬ, ਸਿਗਰਟ ਵੇਚਣਾ ਮੇਰਾ ਕਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਸੰਤ ਸਦਨਾ ਜੀ ਹਲਾਲ ਮੀਟ ਖਾਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਅਤੇ ਇਸਲਾਮ ਧਰਮ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਸਨ। ਉਹ ਜੀਵ ਹੱਤਿਆ ਕਰਕੇ ਭਾਵ ਮੱਝਾਂ, ਗਾਈਆਂ ਵੱਚ ਕੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਮਾਸ ਵੇਚਣ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਦੇ ਸਨ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਾਬਨ ਚੜਨਾ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਚ ਸੁਭਾਇਮਾਨ ਹੈ। ਅਗਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਧਰਮ ਵਿਚ ਕਿੱਤੇ ‘ਤੇ ਬੰਦਿਸ਼ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਤਾਂ ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਇਕ ਜੀਵ ਹੱਤਿਆ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਦੀ ਬਾਣੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਚ ਦਰਜ ਨਾ ਕਰਦੇ। ਸਿੱਖ ਧਰਮ ਵਿਚ ਸਿਰਫ ਵਿਪਟੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਉਪਰ ਹੀ ਰਹਿਤ ਮਰਿਆਦਾ ਲਾਗੂ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਮੈਂ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਵਿਚ ਸੰਨ 1985 ਈ. ਤੋਂ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਜੱਦੋਜਹਿਦ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹਾਂ। ਸੰਨ 1995 ਤੋਂ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਮੁਕਾਮੇਟ ਵਿਚ ਖੜੋਤ ਆਉਣ ‘ਤੇ ਵੀ ਮੇਰਾ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਲਈ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਅੱਜ ਤੱਕ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੈ। ਸੰਨ 1992 ਵਿਚ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਤਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੈਨੇਡੀਅਨ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਮੈਂ ਕਦੇ ਵੱਡਾ ਟਿਕੌਣਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ। ਮੈਂ ਹਰੇਕ ਸਾਲ 5-7 ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਯੂਰੋ ਜੋ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਮੁਕਾਮੇਟ ‘ਤੇ ਖਰਚ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ, ਉਹ ਸ਼ਰਾਬ ਅਤੇ ਸਿਗਰਟਾਂ ਵੱਚ ਕੇ ਹੀ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ।

ਜਲਵੇੜਾ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਲਿਖਦਾ ਹੈ। ਕੀ ਉਹ ਦੱਸ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਸ ਨੇ ਕਿਸ ਜਗ੍ਹਾ ਤੋਂ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ?

ਮੈਂ ਇਕ ਰਾਜਨੀਤਕ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਹਾਂ। ਰਾਜਨੀਤਕ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਲਈ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਦੀ ਦਾੜ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਨਹੀਂ। ਸਾਡੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਸਥਾਪਕੀਏ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰਪਤੀ ਡਾ. ਜਗਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੌਹਾਨ ਨੌਨ

ਵਿਪਟੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਨ। ਖਾਸ ਕਰ ਧਾਰਮਿਕ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਲਈ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਦੀ ਦਾੜ ਲਾਜ਼ਮੀ ਹੈ। ਅਸਲ ਵਿਚ ਇਹ ਪਾਖੰਡੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਧਰਮ ਤੋਂ ਉਨਾ ਹੀ ਦੂਰ ਹੈ, ਜਿੰਨਾ ਕਿ ਸ਼ੈਤਾਨ ਨੇਕੀ ਤੋਂ ਦੂਰ।

ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਸ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਨੇ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਥਾਪਿਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਦੇ ਅੱਜ ਤੱਕ ਕਿੰਨੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਹਨ ?

ਮੈਂ ਸੰਨ 1985 ਵਿਚ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਵਿਚ ਆਇਆ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਨ 1985 ਵਿਚ ਹੀ ਡਾ. ਜਗਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੌਹਾਨ ਦੀ ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਂਸਲਜ਼ ਆਫ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਦੀ ਬਰਾਬ ਖੋਲ੍ਹੀ ਅਤੇ ਜਨਰਲ ਸੈਕਟਰੀ ਦੇ ਤੌਰ ‘ਤੇ ਡਿਊਟੀ ਨਿਭਾਈ। ਡਾ. ਜਗਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੌਹਾਨ ਦੇ ਇੰਗਲੈਂਡ ਵਾਲੇ ਡਾਟੇਜੇ ਸ. ਟਿਕਬਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਡੀਆਂ ਮੀਟਿੰਗਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਜਲੂਸਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਆਉਂਦੇ ਰਹੇ। ਇਸ ਦੇ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਹੀ ਤਸਦੀਕ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਬੱਬਰ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਤਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਗਰੁੱਪ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਣ ‘ਤੇ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਤਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੈਨੇਡੀਅਨ ਨੇ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਦੇ ਬੱਬਰ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਦਾ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਥਾਪ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਜ. ਅਜੈਬ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਗੜੀ ਨੇ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਦੀ ਜਥੇਦਾਰੀ ਸੁਗਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੁੱਛਲ ਨੂੰ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਮੈਨੂੰ ਤਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਗਰੁੱਪ ਦਾ ਯੂਰਪ ਦਾ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਥਾਪਿਆ।

ਜ. ਤਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੈਨੇਡੀਅਨ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਇਕ ਕਰਾਂਤੀਕਾਰੀ ਨੇਤਾ ਹਨ। ਉਹ ਬੱਬਰ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਦੇ ਬਾਨੀ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਹਥਿਆਰਬੰਦ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਦੇ ਮੋਢੀ ਸਨ।

ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਵਿਚ

ਸੁਨਹਿਰੀ ਅੱਖਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਫੇਰੂਮਾਨ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ। ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ 15 ਅਗਸਤ 1969 ਈ. ਨੂੰ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਵਿਚ ਮਰਨ ਵਰਤ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕੀਤਾ ਅਤੇ 27 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ 1969 ਈ. ਨੂੰ 85 ਸਾਲ ਦੀ ਉਮਰ ਵਿਚ 74 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਜ਼ੁੱਖ ਹੜਤਾਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਦਾ ਜਾਮ ਪੀ ਗਏ। ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਮੁਕਾਮੇਟ ਦੀ ਚੜ੍ਹਦੀ ਕਲਾ ਦੇ ਇਸਤਿਹਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਫੋਟੋਆਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਲੱਗਣਗੀਆਂ ਤਾਂ ਹੋਰ ਕਿਸ ਦੀਆਂ ਲੱਗਣਗੀਆਂ।

ਕੀ ਜਲਵੇੜਾ ਦੱਸ ਸਕੇਗਾ ਕਿ ਤਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਦੇ ਕਿੰਨੇ ਬੱਬਰ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਗਏ ਹਨ ?

ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਤਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੈਨੇਡੀਅਨ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਥੀਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਜਲਵੇੜਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਬਲੈਕ ਕੈਟ ਨੂੰ ਦੱਸਣ ਲਈ ਮਜਬੂਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਥੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਕਾਰਨਾਮੇ ਘੱਟੋ ਘੱਟ 10 ਵਾਰੀ ਅਖਬਾਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਛਪ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ। ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਥੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਕਾਰਨਾਮਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਭਲੀ ਭਾਂਤ ਜਾਣੂ ਹੈ।

ਖਾਲਸਾ ਪੰਥ ਦਾ ਬੁਕਰ, ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਜਲਵੇੜਾ, ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ।

ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਦਾ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਜਲਵੇੜਾ ਹੁਣ ਸਾਡੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੁਝ ਸਵਾਲਾਂ ਦਾ ਜਵਾਬ ਵੀ ਦੇਵੇ !

ਸੰਪਾਦਕ ਜੀਓ.

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖਾਲਸਾ ॥

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਵਤਹਿ ॥

ਦੇਸ ਪ੍ਰਦੇਸ਼ 21 ਨਵੰਬਰ ਵਿਚ ਇਕ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਤੋਂ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਜਲਵੇੜਾ ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਛਪਿਆ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ਿਤ ਚੜ੍ਹਦੀ ਕਲਾ ਲਈ 23-11-08 ਨੂੰ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ ਦੇ ਭੋਗ ਪਾਏ ਗਏ। ਇਹ ਇਸ਼ਤਿਹਾਰ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹਾਊਸ ਵਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ।

ਹੁਣ ਅਸੀਂ ਆਪ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਧਿਆਨ ਵਿਚ ਕੁਝ ਗੱਲਾਂ ਲਿਆ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟੀਕਰਨ ਵੀ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਜਲਵੇੜਾ ਤੋਂ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਾਂ।

ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਦਾ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹਾਊਸ ਕਦੇ ਅਤੇ ਕਿਸ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਨਾਲ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਹੈ ? ਕੀ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਬਕਾਇਦਾ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਵਿਚ ਰਜਿਸਟਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਹੈ ? ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹਾਊਸ ਅੰਦਰ ਜੋ ਲਿਟਰੇਚਰ ਪਿਆ ਹੈ, ਉਹ ਤਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਖਾਤਰ ਵੰਡਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਜਿਵੇਂ ਵਿਸਕੀ, ਬੀਅਰ, ਵਾਈਨ,

ਸਿਗਰਟ, ਤੰਬਾਕੂ ਆਦਿ। ਇਹ ਕਿਸ ਵਿਚਾਰਧਾਰਾ ਦਾ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹਾਊਸ ਹੈ ?

ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਜਲਵੇੜਾ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਲਿਖਦਾ ਹੈ, ਕੀ ਉਹ ਦੱਸ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਨੇ ਕਿਸ ਜਗ੍ਹਾ ਤੋਂ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਸ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਨੇ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਬਾਪਿਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਦੇ ਅੱਜ ਤੱਕ ਕਿੰਨੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਹਨ ?

ਤਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਨਾਨ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵੇਰੂਮਾਨ ਦੀ ਫੋਟੋ ਨਰਾਊਟ ਦਾ ਕੀ ਕਾਰਨ, ਵੇਰੂਮਾਨ ਤਾਂ ਟੈਰੋਰਿਸਟ ਨਹੀਂ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਕੀ ਜਲਵੇੜਾ ਦੱਸ ਸਕੇਗਾ ਕਿ ਤਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਦੇ ਕਿੰਨੇ ਵੱਥਰ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਗਏ ਹਨ ?

ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਗੱਲਾਂ ਦਾ ਜਵਾਬ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਨਾ ਮਿਲਣ ਦੀ ਸੂਰਤ ਵਿਚ ਇਸ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਸਖਤ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ।

ਗੁਰੂ ਪੰਥ ਦੇ ਸੇਵਾਦਾਰ,

ਗਿਆਨੀ ਪਿਆਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਸੂਝ ਸਿੰਘ, ਜਰਮਨੀ।

ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਗੁਰਪੁਰਬ ਮੌਕੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਫਦ ਨਾਲ ਮੁਲਾਕਾਤ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ 'ਚ ਵੀਜ਼ਾ ਵਫਤਰ ਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਮੰਗਾਂ ਪੂਰੀਆਂ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਭਰੋਸਾ

ਇਸਲਾਮਾਬਾਦ - ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਸਈਅਦ ਯੂਸਫ ਰਜ਼ਾ ਗਿਲਾਨੀ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਫਦ ਨੂੰ ਭਰੋਸਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦਾ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰਾਲਾ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਵਲੋਂ ਵੀਜ਼ਾ ਵਫਤਰ ਸਥਾਪਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਕਰੇਗਾ।

ਵੇਰਵਿਆਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਇਸਲਾਮਾਬਾਦ ਵਿਖੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਫਦ ਨੇ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਕਿ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਯਾਤਰੂਆਂ ਦੀ ਸਹੂਲਤ ਲਈ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਇਕ ਵੀਜ਼ਾ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਸਥਾਪਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਫਿਲਹਾਲ ਵੀਜ਼ਾ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਯਾਤਰੂਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਜਾਣਾ ਪੈਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਦੀ ਇਸ ਮੰਗ ਬਾਰੇ ਗੱਲ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗਿਲਾਨੀ ਨੇ ਆਖਿਆ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧ ਵਿਚ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਦਾ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਮੰਤਰਾਲਾ ਇਹ ਯਤਨ ਕਰੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਪਤਾ ਲਾਏਗਾ ਕਿ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਵੀਜ਼ਾ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਸਥਾਪਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕਿਹੜੀਆਂ ਮੁਢਲੀਆਂ ਸਹੂਲਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ। ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਨਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ

ਬਾਬਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਸਥਾਪਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੀ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਵੀ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਨਾਰੋਵਾਲ ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹੇ ਵਿਚ ਆਉਂਦੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਕਰਤਾਰਪੁਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਲਈ ਸੜਕ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਵੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਦੇਸ਼ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹਨ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਯਾਤਰੂਆਂ ਦੀ ਲਾਹੌਰ ਤੋਂ ਬਰਮਿੰਘਮ ਵਿਚਾਲੇ ਸਿੱਧੀ ਉਡਾਨ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਵੀ ਪ੍ਰਵਾਨ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ।

ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨਾਲ ਮੁਲਾਕਾਤ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਵਫਦ ਵਿਚ ਸ. ਮਨਮੋਹਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ (ਲੀਡਰ), ਸ. ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ, ਸ. ਗੁਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਲੇਸਟਰ, ਸ. ਸੋਹਣ ਸਿੰਘ (ਭਾਈ ਮਰਦਾਨਾ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀ), ਸ. ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਰਮਵਾਲ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਸ. ਬਲਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਸ. ਸ਼ਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਾਰਜਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਕਮੇਟੀ, ਡਾ. ਸਰਵਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਸ਼ਾਹਬਾਜ਼ ਭੱਟੀ ਘੱਟਗਿਣਤੀ ਦਾ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ, ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਜਾਵੇਦ ਅੱਕਾਫ ਬੋਰਡ ਦਾ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਅਤੇ ਸਈਅਦ

ਖੁਰਮ ਸਦੀਕੀ-ਅੰਡੀਸ਼ਨਲ ਸੈਕਟਰੀ ਅੱਕਾਫ ਬੋਰਡ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਸਨ। ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨੇ ਵਫਦ ਨੂੰ ਭਰੋਸਾ ਦਿਵਾਇਆ ਕਿ ਕਿਸੇ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਅਸੈਂਬਲੀ ਦਾ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਵੀ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ

ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨੇ ਵਫਦ ਨੂੰ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਨਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਚ ਬਾਬਾ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਲਈ 2500 ਏਕੜ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਲੈ ਲਈ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ 'ਤੇ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਸਰਕਾਰ 50 ਮਿਲੀਅਨ ਖਰਚ ਕਰੇਗੀ।

ਇਹ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਨਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਚ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਬਣਾਈ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇਹ ਜਗ੍ਹਾ ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਦਾ ਜਨਮ ਅਸਥਾਨ ਹੈ। ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਯੂਸਫ ਰਜ਼ਾ ਗਿਲਾਨੀ ਨੇ ਵਫਦ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਵੀ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਅਧਿਸੂਚਨਾ ਇਸ ਸੈਸ਼ਨ ਵਿਚ ਹੋਵੇਗੀ। ਸ਼੍ਰੀ ਗਿਲਾਨੀ ਨੇ ਵਫਦ ਨੂੰ ਭਰੋਸਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਕਿ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਛੇਤੀ ਹੀ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਬਹਾਲ ਕਰ ਦੇਵੇਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਆਨੰਦ ਕਾਰਜ ਐਕਟ ਇਸ ਸੈਸ਼ਨ ਵਿਚ ਹੀ ਪਾਸ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਇਹ ਵੀ ਭਰੋਸਾ ਦਿਵਾਇਆ ਕਿ ਅੱਗੇ ਤੋਂ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਉਤਸਵ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਧਾਰਮਿਕ ਪਮਾਗਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਆ ਸਕਣਗੇ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀਜ਼ਾ ਖੁੱਲ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ।

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ਸ੍ਰੀ ਨਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਗੁਰਪੁਰਬ ਮੌਕੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀਆਂ ਗੁੱਜਾਂ

ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਵਜ਼ੀਰਾਂ ਸਮੇਤ ਪੰਜ ਸ਼ਖਸੀਅਤਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਨਮਾਨ

ਨਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਤੋਂ ਜੱਸੀ ਫਲੋਵਾਲੀਆ ਦੀ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ

ਸਮੁੱਚੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਵਲੋਂ ਜਿਥੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਵੱਖ ਵੱਖ ਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦਾ 539ਵਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਉਤਸਵ ਬੜੀ ਸ਼ਰਧਾ ਭਰਵੇਂ ਮਨਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਉਥੇ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਸਥਿਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਜਨਮ ਸਥਾਨ ਨਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਕੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਮਜ਼੍ਹਬਾਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਦਿਹਾੜਾ ਮਨਾਇਆ। ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਵਿਚ ਬਣੀ ਸ਼੍ਰੋ. ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਦੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਚ ਰੋਸ਼ਨੀ ਮਾਲ ਗੁਰੂ ਘਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਜਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ।

ਇਸ ਤਿਉਹਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਮਨਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਭਾਰਤ ਤੋਂ ਕਰੀਬ ਤਿੰਨ ਸਪੈਸ਼ਲ ਰੇਲਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਮਸ਼ਹੂਰ ਐਕਸਪ੍ਰੈਸ ਤੇ ਬੱਸ ਸੇਵਾ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਵਿਚ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਯਾਤਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਹਿਫਾਜ਼ਤ ਲਈ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਸਨ। ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ 10 ਨਵੰਬਰ ਤੋਂ ਹੀ ਸਾਰੇ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਘਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਮੱਥੇ ਟੇਕੇ ਗਏ। 13 ਨਵੰਬਰ ਨੂੰ ਨਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਭਾਰੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਕੇ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਨੇ ਪੂਰੇ ਨਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਨਗਰ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਕੀਤਾ। ਫੁੱਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸਜੀ ਬੱਸ ਵਿਚ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ ਤੇ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਹਾਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਵੱਖ ਵੱਖ ਸੂਟਾਂ ਉਪਰ ਯਾਤਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਖਾਣ ਪੀਣ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੀਜ਼ਾਂ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਨੇ ਵੰਡੀਆਂ। ਨਗਰ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਿਲ ਭਾਰੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਖ ਕੇ ਇਥੇ ਵੱਸਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਹੈਰਾਨੀ ਹੋਈ। ਇਥੇ ਵੱਸਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਪਾਰਕ ਅਦਾਰੇ ਬੰਦ ਕਰਵਾ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਸਨ ਅਤੇ ਘਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਰਹਿੰਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਨਗਰ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦਾ ਨਜ਼ਾਰਾ ਘਰਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਛੱਤਾਂ ਕੰਧਾਂ ਉਪਰ ਚੜ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਤੱਕਿਆ।



ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਉਤਸਵ ਦੀ ਖੁਸ਼ੀ ਵਿਚ ਨਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਚ ਸਜਾਏ ਗਏ ਨਗਰ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਝਾਕੀ ਅਤੇ (ਸੱਜੇ) ਗਤਕੇ ਦੇ ਜੋਹਰ

ਦੇਰ ਰਾਤ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਗੁਰਪੁਰਬ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਆਰੰਭ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ ਦੇ ਭੋਗ ਪਾਏ ਗਏ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਅਸਥਾਨ 'ਤੇ ਹੀ ਸਟੇਜ ਚਲਾਈ ਗਈ। ਜਿਥੇ ਕਈ ਅਹਿਮ ਬੁਲਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਜਨਮ ਦੀਆਂ ਵਾਧਾਈਆਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਪਹੁੰਚੇ ਵਜ਼ੀਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਸਨਮਾਨਿਤ ਵੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਇਸ ਸਟੇਜ ਤੋਂ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਤੋਂ ਪਹੁੰਚੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਨਿੱਧ ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਰਮੁਵਾਲਾ, ਹਰਦਿਲਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੀਬੀ ਅਜੈਬ ਕੌਰ ਭੋਤਨਾ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਮੈਂਬਰ, ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਠ ਮੈਂਬਰ, ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਭੂਰਾ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਲਵਸਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸ਼੍ਰੋ. ਖਾਲਸਾ ਪੰਜਾਬਿਤ, ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਯੂ.ਕੇ. ਮਸਤਾਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ, ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਘੜਾ, ਹਰਪੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਗੁੱਜਰਵਾਲ ਯੂ.ਕੇ., ਜੋਗਿੰਦਰ

ਸਿੰਘ ਜਰਮਨ, ਸਵਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਂਬਰ, ਅਮਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਦਾਨ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਆਗੂ, ਰਾਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਮਲੋਹ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਆਦਿ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਬੋਲਦਿਆਂ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਆਏ ਹੋਰ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਦਿਹਾੜੇ ਦੀ ਜਿਥੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤ ਨੂੰ ਵਾਧਾਈ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਉਥੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ (ਭਾਰਤ) ਵਿਚ ਚੱਲ ਰਹੀ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਨਿਖੇਧੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਤੇ ਸਟੇਜ ਉੱਪਰੋਂ ਹੀ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਾਬਾਦ ਦੇ ਨਾਅਰੇ ਲਾਏ। ਬੁਲਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਬੋਲਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਅੱਜ ਸਾਡੇ ਵਿਚ ਵੰਡੀਆਂ ਪਾ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਹਨ। ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਸਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਹੈ ਜਿਸ ਦੀ ਮਰਿਆਦਾ ਨੂੰ ਅੱਜ ਰੋਲਿਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। 1987 ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਸਾਡੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਅਜ਼ਾਦ ਕੌਮ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੀ ਅਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ

ਟਾਈਟਲ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ

ਦੇਸ ਪ੍ਰਦੇਸ ਦੇ ਹਥਲੇ ਟਾਈਟਲ ਦੀਆਂ ਝਾਕੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ (ਉੱਪਰ) ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਵਿਖੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਜਨਮ ਉਤਸਵ ਦੀ ਖੁਸ਼ੀ ਵਿਚ ਜਗਮਗਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਜਨਮ ਅਸਥਾਨ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਨਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਹੇਠਾਂ (ਖੱਬੇ) ਨਗਰ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਪੰਜ ਪਿਆਰੇ ਅਤੇ (ਸੱਜੇ) ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪੰਜਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦਾ ਇਕ ਦ੍ਰਿਸ਼ ਅਤੇ ਹੇਠਲੀਆਂ ਤਸਵੀਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਨਗਰ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਮੌਕੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੌਜਵਾਨ ਗਤਕੇ ਦੇ ਜੋਹਰ ਦਿਖਾਉਂਦੇ ਹੋਏ।

ਉਸ ਅਜ਼ਾਦ ਮੁਲਕ ਦਾ ਨਾਉਂ ਅਸੀਂ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਰਾਜ਼ਗੀ ਵਿਚ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਾਬਾਦ ਦੇ ਨਾਅਰੇ ਲਾਏ ਤੇ ਉਥੇ ਬੈਠੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਵੀ ਹੌਲੀ ਹੌਲੀ ਪਿਸਕਣ ਲੱਗੇ ਤੇ ਸਟੇਜ ਸੈਕਟਰੀ ਡਾ. ਸਵਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵੀ ਆਪਣਾ ਗੋਲਡ ਮੈਡਲ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਪੱਥੇ ਮਾਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਭਾਸ਼ਣ ਦੇ ਕੇ ਚੱਲਦਾ ਬਣਿਆ। ਇਹ ਕਹਿ ਕੇ ਕਿ ਮਾਈਕ ਬੰਦ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ। ਬੁਲਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਅੱਗੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਸੱਜਣ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਤੇ ਜਗਦੀਸ਼ ਟਾਈਟਲਰ ਵਰਗਿਆਂ ਖਿਲਾਫ ਇੰਗਲੈਂਡ ਦੀਆਂ ਕੋਰਟਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕੇਸ ਵੀ ਕਰਾਂਗੇ ਤੇ ਮੰਗ ਕਰਾਂਗੇ ਕਿ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਬਾਹਰਲੇ ਮੁਲਕਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਨਾ ਆਉਣ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਗੁਰਪੁਰਬ ਮਨਾਉਣ ਆਏ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਪਹੁੰਚੇ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਢੋਲ ਤੇ ਭੰਗੜੇ ਵੀ ਪਾਏ ਗਏ। ਇਸ ਵਾਰ ਆਤਿਸ਼ਬਾਜ਼ੀ ਦੀ ਮਨਾਹੀ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕਾਫੀ ਉਦਾਸੀ ਵੇਖੀ ਗਈ। ਬਾਅਦ ਵਿਚ ਯਾਤਰੀਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸੱਚਾ ਸੌਦਾ, ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪੰਜਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ (ਹਸਨ ਅਬਦਾਲ), ਤੰਬੂ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਕਿਆਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਕਰਤਾਰਪੁਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਡੇਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਆਦਿ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਹੋਰ ਕਈ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਤੇ ਇਤਿਹਾਸਕ ਥਾਵਾਂ ਦੇ ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ। ਨਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਨਗਰ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਪੰਜ ਪਿਆਰਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਚਿੱਟੇ ਪਹਿਰਾਵੇ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੀਬੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਵੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਤੇ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਨਿਹੰਗ ਬਿਧੀ ਬੰਦ ਗੱਤਕਾ ਅਖਾੜਾ ਦੀ ਫੌਜ ਵਲੋਂ ਗੱਤਕੇ ਦੇ ਬੇਸ਼ੁਮਾਰ ਕਰਤੱਬ ਦਿਖਾਏ ਗਏ। ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ

ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਉਤਸਵ ਦੀਆਂ ਖੁਸ਼ੀਆਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਵਤਨ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਤੇ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਵੱਖ ਵੱਖ ਸ਼ਹਿਰਾਂ, ਪਿੰਡਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਵੱਸਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਪਿਆਰ ਦੇਖ ਕੇ ਹਰ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂ ਨੇ ਹੈਰਾਨੀ ਪ੍ਰਗਟ ਕੀਤੀ। ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਗੋਲਡ ਮੈਡਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ 5 ਸ਼ਖਸੀਅਤਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਇਸ ਵਾਰ ਪੰਜ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਜਾਵੇਦ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਵਕਫ ਬੋਰਡ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ, ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਸਦੀਕ ਕੋਰਿਮ ਐਡੀਸ਼ਨਲ ਸੈਕਟਰੀ, ਸ੍ਰੀ ਫਰਾਜ ਅਬਾਸ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਐਡੀਟਰ, ਬਾਬਾ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਾਰ ਸੇਵਾ ਵਾਲੇ, ਡਾ. ਸਵਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਪਾਕਿਸਤਾਨ ਸਿੱਖ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਗੁਰੂਘਰ ਲਈ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਸੇਵਾ ਬਦਲੇ ਗੋਲਡ ਮੈਡਲ ਨਾਤ ਸਨਮਾਨਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਉਕਤ ਸ਼ਖਸੀਅਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸ. ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਰਮੁਵਾਲਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ।

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ਮੁੱਖ ਖ਼ਬਰਾਂ

ਮੁੰਬਈ 'ਚ ਬੰਬ ਧਮਾਕੇ ਤੇ ਗੋਲੀਬਾਰੀ-80 ਹਲਾਕ, 250 ਜ਼ਖ਼ਮੀ

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ਮੁੰਬਈ ਵਿਚ ਇਕ ਹਵਾਈ ਅੱਡੇ ਨੇੜੇ ਹੋਏ ਬੰਬ ਧਮਾਕੇ 'ਚ ਬੁਰੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਤਬਾਹ ਹੋਈ ਇਕ ਟੈਕਸੀ (ਸੱਜੇ) ਵਿਲੇ ਪਾਰਲੇ 'ਚ ਹੋਏ ਬੰਬ ਧਮਾਕੇ ਵਾਲੀ ਜਗ੍ਹਾ ਦਾ ਮੁਆਇਨਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ।

ਮੁੰਬਈ, 26 ਨਵੰਬਰ (ਏਜੰਸੀਆਂ)-ਅੱਜ ਦੇਰ ਰਾਤ ਮੁੰਬਈ ਦੇ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ 12 ਥਾਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੇ ਹਮਲਿਆਂ 'ਚ ਏ. ਟੀ. ਐਸ. ਮੁਖੀ ਹਿੰਮਤ ਕਰਕਰੇ, ਡੀ. ਆਈ. ਜੀ. ਅਸ਼ੋਕ ਕਾਮਤੇ ਤੇ ਐਨਕਾਊਂਟਰ ਸਪੈਸ਼ਲਿਸਟ ਵਿਜੈ ਸਾਲਸਕਰ ਸਣੇ 80 ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਮਾਰੇ ਗਏ ਅਤੇ 250 ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਹੋਰ ਜ਼ਖ਼ਮੀ ਹੋ ਗਏ। ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਦੋ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੁਠਭੇੜ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਮਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਤੇ ਦੋ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਗ੍ਰਿਫ਼ਤਾਰ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ। ਸਥਿਤੀ ਦੀ ਗੰਭੀਰਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਵੇਖਦਿਆਂ ਦੇਰ ਰਾਤ ਸਾਰੀ ਮੁੰਬਈ 'ਚ ਫੌਜ ਤਾਇਨਾਤ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਐਨ. ਐਸ. ਜੀ. ਦੇ 200 ਕਮਾਂਡੋ ਬੁਲਾ ਲਏ ਗਏ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਾਰੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਆਪਣੇ ਹੱਥਾਂ 'ਚ ਲੈ ਲਈ। ਸਵੇਰ ਦੇ 3.00 ਵਜੇ ਤੱਕ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਥਾਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਫੌਜ ਅਤੇ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਵਿਚਾਲੇ ਮੁੱਠਭੇੜ ਜਾਰੀ ਸੀ। ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਕਰੀਬ ਇੱਕੋ ਸਮੇਂ 'ਤੇ ਭੀੜ ਵਾਲੇ ਤੇ ਮਸ਼ਹੂਰ ਸਥਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਜਿਥੇ ਆਮ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਅਮੀਰ ਲੋਕ ਹੀ ਆਉਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਪੰਜ ਤਾਰਾ ਹੋਟਲ ਤਾਜ ਤੇ ਉਬਰਾਏ 'ਚ 20 ਦੇ ਕਰੀਬ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਬੰਧਕ ਬਣਾ ਲਿਆ। ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਤਾਜ ਹੋਟਲ, ਉਬਰਾਏ ਕੈਫੇ, ਲਿਓਪੋਲਡ ਰੈਸਟੋਰੈਂਟ, ਕਾਮਾ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਟੀ. ਵੀ. ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ, ਸੁਬਰਬਨ ਵਿਲੇ ਪਾਰਲੇ, ਨਰੀਮਨ ਪੁਆਇੰਟ, ਛਤਰਪਤੀ ਸ਼ਿਵਾਜੀ ਟਰਮੀਨਲ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਤੇ ਮੈਰੀਅਟ ਹੋਟਲ ਆਦਿ ਇਲਾਕਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਇਆ। ਇਹ ਸਾਰੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਸਿੱਧ ਸਥਾਨ ਹਨ। ਸੂਤਰਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਤਾਜ ਹੋਟਲ ਵਿਚ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਬੰਬ ਧਮਾਕੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਅਤੇ ਉਬਰਾਏ ਹੋਟਲ ਵਿਚ ਲੰਮਾ ਸਮਾਂ ਗੋਲੀਬਾਰੀ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ 6 ਜਬਰਦਸਤ ਧਮਾਕੇ ਕੀਤੇ। ਮੈਰੀਅਟ ਹੋਟਲ ਜੋਕਿ ਮੁੰਬਈ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਸਿੱਧ ਇਲਾਕੇ ਜੂਹੂ ਵਿਚ

ਸਥਿਤ ਹੈ 'ਤੇ ਵੀ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ। ਇਸ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ 'ਚ 80 ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਮਾਰੇ ਗਏ ਤੇ ਕਰੀਬ 250 ਜ਼ਖ਼ਮੀ ਹੋ ਗਏ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ। ਇਸ ਖ਼ਬਰ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਹਰਕਤ 'ਚ ਆਉਂਦਿਆਂ ਸਾਰੇ ਨਾਜ਼ੁਕ ਖੇਤਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਘੇਰ ਲਿਆ ਤੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ 'ਚ ਰੈਡ ਅਲਰਟ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਸੂਤਰਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ 10.33 ਮਿੰਟ 'ਤੇ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਛਤਰਪਤੀ ਸ਼ਿਵਾਜੀ ਟਰਮੀਨਲ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਯਾਤਰੀ ਹਾਲ 'ਚ ਦਾਖ਼ਲ ਹੋ ਗਏ ਤੇ ਏ. ਕੇ.-47 ਰਾਈਫਲਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਤੇ ਗ੍ਰੇਨੇਡ ਸੁੱਟ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ 10 ਵਿਅਕਤੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਅਤੇ 30 ਦੇ ਕਰੀਬ ਜ਼ਖ਼ਮੀ ਹੋ ਗਏ। ਇਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਤਾਜ ਹੋਟਲ ਦੇ 3 ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਵੀ ਗ੍ਰੇਨੇਡ ਹਮਲੇ ਵਿਚ ਮਾਰੇ ਗਏ। ਮਾਂਝੇਗਾਉਂ 'ਚ ਇਕ ਕਾਰ ਧਮਾਕੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ 3 ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਹੋਰ ਮਾਰੇ ਗਏ।

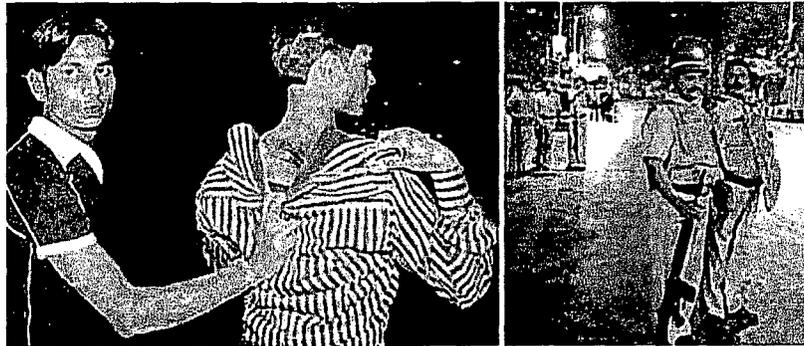


(1) ਮੁੰਬਈ ਵਿਚ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਹਮਲੇ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਛਤਰਪਤੀ ਸ਼ਿਵਾਜੀ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ 'ਤੇ ਯਾਤਰੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਡੁੱਲ੍ਹਿਆ ਖੂਨ ਤੇ ਖਿਲਰਿਆ ਸਾਮਾਨ (2) ਬੁਰੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਜ਼ਖ਼ਮੀ ਹੋਇਆ ਇਕ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ।

ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਹਮਲੇ ਦੀ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਤਾਜ ਹੋਟਲ, ਓਬਰਾਏ ਕੈਫੇ, ਲਿਓਪੋਲਡ ਰੈਸਟੋਰੈਂਟ, ਕਾਮਾ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ, ਟੀ. ਵੀ. ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ, ਸੁਬਰਬਨ ਵਿਲੇ ਪਾਰਲੇ, ਨਰੀਮਨ ਪੁਆਇੰਟ ਇਲਾਕਿਆਂ, ਛਤਰਪਤੀ ਸ਼ਿਵਾਜੀ ਟਰਮੀਨਲ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਇਆ। ਇਹ ਸਾਰੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਸਿੱਧ ਸਥਾਨ ਹਨ। ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਟੀ. ਵੀ. ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਵੈਨ 'ਤੇ ਬੰਬ ਨਾਲ ਹਮਲਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਤੇ ਮੌਕੇ ਤੋਂ ਫਰਾਰ ਹੋ ਗਏ। ਉਬਰਾਏ ਹੋਟਲ 'ਚ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਵੱਡੀ ਮਾਤਰਾ 'ਚ ਹਥਿਆਰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਵੜ ਗਏ ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਘੇਰਾ ਪਾ ਲਿਆ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਸੁਬਰਬਨ ਵਿਲੇ ਪਾਰਲੇ 'ਚ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਇਕ ਫਲਾਈ ਓਵਰ ਪੁਲ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਖੜ੍ਹੀ ਕਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਬੰਬ ਨਾਲ ਉਡਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਿਸ 'ਚ ਦੋ ਵਿਅਕਤੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਹੋ ਗਈ। ਸੂਤਰਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਤਾਂ ਇਸ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ ਨੂੰ ਦੋ ਧੜਿਆਂ 'ਚ ਲੜਾਈ ਹੀ ਸਮਝਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਪਰ ਜਿਉਂ ਹੀ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਧਮਾਕੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਤਾਂ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੇ ਹੌਸ਼ ਉੱਡ ਗਏ। ਨਰੀਮਨ ਪੁਆਇੰਟ-2 ਤੇ ਵਿਲੇ ਪਾਰਲੇ 'ਤੇ ਬੰਬ ਧਮਾਕੇ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਪਾਸੇ ਵੱਲ ਆਵਾਜਾਈ ਰੋਕ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਤੇ ਇਲਾਕੇ ਨੂੰ ਘੇਰ ਲਿਆ। ਟੀ. ਵੀ. ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਸਾਰੀਆਂ ਰੇਲ ਗੱਡੀਆਂ ਰੋਕ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਜਿਸ ਕਾਰਨ ਸਵਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਖੱਜਲ-ਖੁਆਰ ਹੋਣਾ ਪਿਆ। ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੇ ਉੱਡੇ ਹੌਸ਼ : ਸ਼ੁਰੂ 'ਚ ਜਦੋਂ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ ਦੀਆਂ ਖ਼ਬਰਾਂ ਆਈਆਂ ਤਾਂ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਦੋ ਧੜਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਲੜਾਈ ਹੀ ਸਮਝਿਆ ਪਰ ਜਲਦੀ ਹੀ ਇਕ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਇਕ ਥਾਵਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਜਦੋਂ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ ਤੇ ਧਮਾਕਿਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਖ਼ਬਰਾਂ ਪੁੱਜੀਆਂ ਤਾਂ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੇ ਹੌਸ਼ ਉੱਡ ਗਏ। ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਰਵਾਇਤੀ ਹਮਲਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਹਟਦਿਆਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਸਾਰੇ ਥਾਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਤੇ ਫਿਰ ਗ੍ਰੇਨੇਡ ਸੁੱਟੇ। ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ ਕਰਕੇ ਭੱਜੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਗੋਂ ਕਈ ਘੰਟੇ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ ਕਰਦੇ ਰਹੇ। ਕੇਂਦਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਸਰਗਰਮੀ : ਧਮਾਕਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਖ਼ਬਰ ਸੁਣਦਿਆਂ ਹੀ ਕੇਂਦਰੀ ਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਮੰਤਰਾਲਾ ਹਰਕਤ 'ਚ ਆ ਗਿਆ ਤੇ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਦੀ ਪੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੀ। ਮੰਤਰਾਲੇ ਨੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਤੁਰੰਤ ਚੌਕਸੀ ਵਰਤਣ ਦੀ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਤੇ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਦਿੱਲੀ 'ਚ ਰੈਡ ਅਲਰਟ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ।

ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੀ ਜੀਪ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਦੌੜੇ : ਜਦੋਂ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ 'ਚ ਰੁਝੀ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਸ਼ਰੇਆਮ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੀ ਹੀ ਜੀਪ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਫਰਾਰ ਹੋ ਗਏ। ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਪੂਰੇ ਹੌਸਲੇ ਦਾ ਸਬੂਤ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਫਰਾਰ ਹੁੰਦਿਆਂ ਵੀ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਤੇ ਲਲਕਾਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਫਰਾਰ ਹੋ ਗਏ। ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਨਾਗਰਿਕ ਬੰਧਕ ਬਣਾਏ : ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਤਾਜ ਤੇ ਉਬਰਾਏ ਹੋਟਲ ਤੇ ਕਾਮਾ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ 'ਚ ਅਮਰੀਕੀ ਤੇ ਇੰਗਲੈਂਡ ਦੇ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਸਪੋਰਟ ਵੇਖ ਕੇ ਬੰਧਕ ਬਣਾ ਲਿਆ। ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਕਾਫ਼ੀ ਸਮਾਂ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ ਕਰਦੇ ਰਹੇ ਤੇ ਫਿਰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਚਿੱਟੀ ਝੰਡੀ ਵੀ ਵਿਖਾਈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਭੱਜਣ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਰਾਹ ਨਾ ਲੱਭਾ ਤਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਬੰਧਕ ਬਣਾ ਲਿਆ। ਸੂਤਰਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਉਬਰਾਏ ਹੋਟਲ ਵਿਚ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ 40 ਦੇ ਕਰੀਬ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਨਾਗਰਿਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਬੰਧਕ ਬਣਾ ਲਿਆ। ਬਾਅਦ 'ਚ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਕਾਮਾ ਹਸਪਤਾਲ 'ਚ ਦੋ ਬੰਧਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਸੂਤਰਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੋਟਲ ਵਿਚ ਤਿੰਨ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਸਾਂਸਦ ਵੀ ਘਿਰ ਗਏ।

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(1) ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਦੇ ਵੱਜੀ ਗੋਲੀ (2) ਸੀ. ਟੀ. ਐਸ. ਸਟੇਸ਼ਨ ਨੇੜੇ ਤਾਇਨਾਤ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੇ ਜਵਾਨ।

9 ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਗ੍ਰਿਫ਼ਤਾਰ : ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਤਾੜਦੇਵ ਇਲਾਕੇ 'ਚ 9 ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਗ੍ਰਿਫ਼ਤਾਰ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ। ਦੋ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਹਲਾਕ : ਇਸੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਦੋ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਮਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਕਈ ਥਾਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਮੁੱਠਭੇੜ ਚੱਲ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਦੋ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ : ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਈ ਮੁੱਠਭੇੜ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਡੀ. ਆਈ. ਜੀ. ਅਸ਼ੋਕ ਕਾਮਤੇ ਤੇ ਏ. ਟੀ. ਐਸ. ਮੁਖੀ ਹਿੰਮਤ ਕਰਕਰੇ ਤੇ ਐਨਕਾਊਂਟਰ ਸਪੈਸਲਿਸ਼ਟ ਕਰਕਰੇ ਸਣੇ 10 ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਹੋ ਗਏ। ਸੂਤਰਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਜਦੋਂ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੀ ਜੀਪ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਭੱਜ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ ਤਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਕਣ ਦੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਕਰਦੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਗੋਲੀਆਂ ਲੱਗ ਗਈਆਂ ਜਿਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਉਹ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਹੋ ਗਏ। ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਅਹ ਹਮਲਾ ਇੰਨਾ ਜ਼ਬਰਦਸਤ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਇਕ ਵਾਰ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਾਰੀਆਂ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਅਸਫਲ ਹੁੰਦੀਆਂ ਨਜ਼ਰ ਆਈਆਂ। ਅਡਵਾਨੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ : ਇਸੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਆਗੂ ਐਲ. ਕੇ. ਅਡਵਾਨੀ ਨੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਡਾ. ਮਨਮੋਹਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਾਲ ਫੋਨ 'ਤੇ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਕੀਤੀ। ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨੇ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਦਵਾਇਆ ਕਿ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਨੂੰ ਫੜਨ ਲਈ ਲਈ ਮੁੱਖ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਦੇਸ ਰਾਓ ਵਿਲਾਸਮੁਖ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਹੋਈ ਤੇ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਵਿਸ਼ੇਸ਼ ਕਮਾਂਡੋ ਭੇਜੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ।

ਡੇਕਨਜ਼ ਮੁਜ਼ਾਹੀਦੀਨ ਨੇ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਲਈ
 ਡੇਕਨਜ਼ ਮੁਜ਼ਾਹੀਦੀਨ ਨਾਅ ਦੀ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਨੇ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਇੱਕ ਈ-ਮੇਲ ਭੇਜ ਕੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਹਮਲਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਲਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਨੇ ਹਿੰਦੀ 'ਚ ਈ-ਮੇਲ ਭੇਜ ਕਿ ਕਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਧਮਾਕੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਇੱਥੇ ਦੱਸਣਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਭਲਕੇ ਭਾਰਤ-ਯੂਰਪੀਅਨ ਯੂਨੀਅਨ ਸਿਖਰ ਵਾਰਤਾ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ। ਅੱਜ ਇੱਕ ਦਿਨ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਹੋਟਲਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨਾ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਨਾਗਰਿਕ ਠਹਿਰੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ।

ਪੂਰੀ ਮੁੰਬਈ 'ਚ ਫੌਜ ਤਾਇਨਾਤ

ਸਥਿਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਕੰਟਰੋਲ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਵੇਖਦਿਆਂ ਦੇਰ ਰਾਤ ਪੂਰੀ ਮੁੰਬਈ 'ਚ ਫੌਜ ਤਾਇਨਾਤ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ। ਫੌਜ ਨੇ ਤਾਜ ਹੋਟਲ ਤੇ ਓਬਰਾਏ ਹੋਟਲ ਨੂੰ ਘੇਰਾ ਪਾ ਲਿਆ। ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਐਨ. ਐਸ. ਜੀ. ਦੇ 200 ਕਮਾਂਡੋ ਵੀ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਹਵਾਈ ਜਹਾਜ਼ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਮੁੰਬਈ ਪੁੱਜ ਗਏ। ਇੱਥੇ ਦੱਸਣਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਵਾਰ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਸ਼ਰੇਆਮ ਕੀ ਘੰਟੇ ਪੂਰੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ 'ਚ ਦਹਿਸ਼ਤ ਮਚਾਈ ਹੋਏ। ਸੂਤਰਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਕਰੀਬ 20 ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਨੂੰ ਅੱਜਾਮ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਦੂਜੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਰਾਤ ਡੇਢ ਵਜੇ ਕੁਝ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਹੋਟਲ ਮੈਰੀਆਟ 'ਚ ਵੜ ਗਏ ਤੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਹੋਟਲ ਨੂੰ ਘੇਰਾ ਪਾ ਲਿਆ। ਦੱਸਣਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਇੱਕ ਕਾਰ 'ਚ ਸਵਾਰ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ 'ਚ ਘੁੰਮਦੇ ਰਹੇ ਤੇ ਕੀ ਥਾਵਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਫਾਈਰਿੰਗ ਕਰਦੇ ਰਹੇ।



ਨਾਨਕਾਣਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਖੇ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਉਤਸਵ ਮੌਕੇ ਇਕ ਨਿਰੰਗ ਸਿੰਘ ਗੱਡਕੇਵਾਲੀ ਦੇ ਜੇਰਾ ਦਿਖਾਉਣਾ ਗਿਆ।

ਸੰਘ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਵਿਚ ਨੰਗੇ ਹਥਿਆਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜਲੂਸ

ਜਲੰਧਰ : ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਟਿੱਚ ਜਾਣਦਿਆਂ ਬੀਤੇ ਦਿਨੀਂ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਸੇਵਕ ਸੰਘ (ਆਰ ਐੱਸ ਐੱਸ) ਦੇ ਵਲੰਟੀਅਰਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਸੰਘ ਦੇ ਸਥਾਪਨਾ ਦਿਵਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਜਲੰਧਰ ਤੋਂ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਵਿਧਾਇਕ ਕੇ ਡੀ ਭੰਡਾਰੀ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਅਰ ਰਾਕੇਸ਼ ਰਾਠੌਰ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਹੇਠ ਨੰਗੇ ਹਥਿਆਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜਲੂਸ ਕੱਢਿਆ ਗਿਆ।

ਜਲੰਧਰ ਦੇ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਸ. ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੰਨੂ ਵਲੋਂ ਦਫ਼ਾ 144 ਤਹਿਤ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹਥਿਆਰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਘੁੰਮਣ, ਜਲੂਸ ਕੱਢਣ, ਜਲੂਸ 'ਚ ਹਥਿਆਰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਚੱਲਣ, ਨਾਅਰੇਬਾਜ਼ੀ ਕਰਨ, ਪੰਜ ਜਾਂ ਪੰਜ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਵਿਅਕਤੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਇੱਕ ਥਾਂ ਇਕੱਠੇ ਹੋਣ 'ਤੇ ਪਾਬੰਦੀ ਲਾਈ ਗਈ ਹੈ, ਪਰ ਸੰਘ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦੇ ਵੱਡੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ 'ਚ ਸਵੈਮ ਸੇਵਕਾਂ ਨੇ ਵਿਧਾਇਕ

ਕੇ ਡੀ ਭੰਡਾਰੀ, ਮੇਅਰ ਰਾਕੇਸ਼ ਰਾਠੌਰ, ਜਲੰਧਰ ਦੇ ਸੰਘ ਚਾਲਕ ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਭਗਤ, ਸੁਸ਼ੀਲ ਕੁਮਾਰ, ਰਾਮੇਸ਼ਵਰ ਆਦਿ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਹੇਠ ਬੰਦੂਕਾਂ, ਨੰਗੀਆਂ ਕਿਰਪਾਨਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਹਥਿਆਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ 'ਚ ਜਲੂਸ ਕੱਢ ਕੇ ਡੀ ਸੀ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਰੋਆਮ ਉਲੰਘਣਾ ਕੀਤੀ, ਪਰ

ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨ ਚੌਪ-ਚਾਪ ਸਭ ਕੁਝ ਦੇਖਦਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ-ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨ ਵਲੋਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਿਰੁਧ ਕਿਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਨਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਆਰ ਐੱਸ ਐੱਸ ਦੇ ਸਥਾਪਨਾ ਦਿਵਸ ਮੌਕੇ ਸੰਘ ਦੇ ਵਲੰਟੀਅਰਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਸਾਈਦਾਸ ਸਕੂਲ ਦੀ ਗਰਾਊਂਡ 'ਚ ਸਮਾਗਮ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਸਮਾਗਮ 'ਚ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਸਤਰ ਪੂਜਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਅਤੇ ਉਸ ਮਗਰੋਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਾਰੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ 'ਚ ਨਾਅਰੇਬਾਜ਼ੀ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਮਾਰਚ ਕੀਤਾ।

ਸੰਘ ਵਰਕਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਜਲੂਸ ਪਟੇਲ ਚੌਕ ਤੋਂ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋਇਆ ਅਤੇ ਨਾਅਰੇਬਾਜ਼ੀ ਕਰਦਾ ਇਹ ਜਲੂਸ ਮਾਈ ਚੀਰਾਂ ਗੇਟ, ਭਗਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੌਕ, ਵਗਵਾਤਾ ਗੇਟ ਮਾਰਕਿਟ ਤੋਂ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਪਟੇਲ ਚੌਕ ਵਾਪਸ ਜਾ ਕੇ ਖਤਮ ਹੋਇਆ।

ਆਰ ਐੱਸ ਐੱਸ ਵਲੋਂ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ 'ਚ ਨੰਗੇ ਹਥਿਆਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਜਲੂਸ ਕੱਢਣ ਅਤੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਲਈ ਜਿੰਮੇਵਾਰ ਸਮਝੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਤੀਨਿਧਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਜਲੂਸ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ-ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਸਨ ਵਲੋਂ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਅਣਦੇਖਿਆ ਕਰ ਦੇਣ ਅਤੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਿਸਮ ਦੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਨਾ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣ ਕਾਰਨ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ 'ਚ ਅਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਦੀ ਭਾਵਨਾ ਪੈਦਾ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਅਤੇ ਜਲੂਸ ਵਲੋਂ ਦੁਕਾਨਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਦੁਕਾਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਟਰ ਸ਼ੁੱਟ ਲਏ। ਜਦੋਂ ਸੰਘ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦੇ

ਜਲੂਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਡਿਪਟੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨਰ ਸੀ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੰਨੂ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਤਾਂ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਜਲੂਸ ਗੈਰ-ਕਾਨੂੰਨੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਅਤੇ ਨਾ ਹੀ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਧਾਰਾ 144 ਦੀ ਉਲੰਘਣਾ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ।

ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਵਿਧਾਇਕ ਅਤੇ ਮੇਅਰ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਦੂਜੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਵਾਂਗ ਕਿਸੇ ਸਮਾਗਮ 'ਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੋਣ ਦਾ ਪੂਰਾ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਹੈ।

ਦੂਜੇ ਪਾਸੇ ਸ਼ਹਿਰ ਦੇ ਆਮ ਲੋਕਾਂ 'ਚ ਸਹਿਮ ਅਤੇ ਡਰ ਦਾ ਮਾਹੌਲ ਹੈ। ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਤੀਸ਼ਾ ਅਤੇ ਕਰਨਾਟਕ 'ਚ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਧਾਰਮਿਕ ਅਸਥਾਨਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਹਮਲਿਆਂ ਮਗਰੋਂ ਜਲੰਧਰ 'ਚ ਵੀ ਇਹ ਜਲੂਸ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਡਰਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਮਕਸਦ ਨਾਲ ਕੱਢਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ।

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ਸੰਪਾਦਕ ਜੀ.
ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖਾਲਸਾ॥
ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਭਤੀਹਿ॥

ਇਨ੍ਹੀ ਇਨ੍ਹੀ ਮੀਠੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਸਹਿਜਧਾਰੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰੀਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਚਰਚਾ ਦਾ ਵਿਸ਼ਾ ਬਣੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਦੀ ਰਹਿਤ ਮਰਿਯਾਦਾ ਨੂੰ ਸਹੀ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਲਾਗੂ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਪਹਿਰਾ ਦੇਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਅੱਜ ਆਮ ਵੇਖਣ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਯੂਰਪੀਅਨ ਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿਚ 90% ਵਿਪਟੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਪੇਂਟਾਂ ਦੇ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਮਰਿਯਾਦਾ ਵਾਲੇ ਕਛਹਿਰੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਪਹਿਨਦੇ। ਪੁੱਛਣ 'ਤੇ ਜਵਾਬ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਪੇਂਟਾਂ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਮਰਿਯਾਦਾ ਵਾਲੇ ਕਛਹਿਰੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਪਹਿਨੇ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੇ। ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਇਮੇਜ ਦੇ ਸੁਨਹਿਰੀ ਅਸੂਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਕਛਹਿਰਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਗੋਭਿਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੱਪਟੀਆਂ ਢੱਕੀਆਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਹੋਣੀਆਂ ਚਾਹੀਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ।

ਦੂਸਰਾ ਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਨਾਸ਼ਟ ਸਮੇਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੈਦਾਨੇ ਜੰਗ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਘੱਟੋ ਘੱਟ ਤਿੰਨ ਛੁੱਟ ਲੰਮੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਨ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਸੀ। ਪਰ ਆਮ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਵਿਪਟੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਥਾਂ ਲਈ ਹਿੰਦ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਗੁਲਾਮੀ ਦੀ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਤਿੰਨ-ਤਿੰਨ, ਚਾਰ-ਚਾਰ ਇੰਚ ਲੰਮੀਆਂ ਪੱਤੀਆਂ ਪਾਈਆਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਹਨ।

ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਇਮੇਜ ਦੇ ਸੁਨਹਿਰੀ ਅਸੂਲਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਜ਼ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਅਗਰ ਅਸੀਂ ਗੁਰੂ ਵਾਲੇ ਬਣਨਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਇਮੇਜ ਦੇ

ਸੁਨਹਿਰੀ ਅਸੂਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ ਗੋਭਿਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੱਪਟੀਆਂ ਕੱਢਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਕਛਹਿਰੇ ਪਾਉਣੇ ਹੀ ਪੈਣਗੇ। ਯੂਰਪੀਅਨ ਪੇਂਟਾਂ ਉਤਾਰ ਕੇ ਇਕ ਪਾਸੇ ਰੱਖਣੀਆਂ ਪੈਣਗੀਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਹਿੰਦ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਗੁਲਾਮੀ ਦੀ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨੀ ਤਿੰਨ-ਚਾਰ ਇੰਚ ਪੱਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਉਤਾਰ ਕੇ ਸੁੱਟਣਾ ਪਵੇਗਾ ਅਤੇ ਘੱਟੋ ਘੱਟ ਤਿੰਨ ਛੁੱਟੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾਨ ਪਾਸ ਰੱਖਣੀ ਪਵੇਗੀ।

ਅੱਜ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਚ ਘਰ ਘਰ ਕੋਸ਼ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਸਿੱਖੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਘਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਸ਼ਰੂਪ ਰੱਖੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਉਹ ਜਨਮ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਮਰਨ ਤੱਕ ਸਾਰੇ ਕਾਰ ਵਿਹਾਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਉਪਦੇਸ਼ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੀ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ, ਜਦੋਂ ਅੱਜ ਵਿਪਟੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਰਮਕਾਂਡ ਅਤੇ ਧਰਮ ਦੇ ਬਾਹਰੀ ਰੂਪ ਵੱਲ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਦੇ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ।

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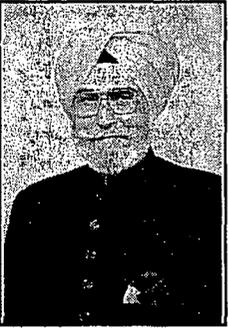
انسانیت کے حوالے سے خدمات سرانجام دینے والے چند احباب کا مختصر تعارف

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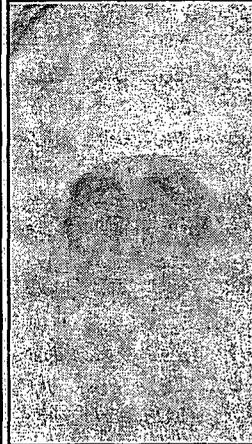
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سید ریاض حسین شاہ بخاری



بنک میں بیسویں گریڈ کے اعلیٰ عہدے پر فائز تھے۔ ایک انسان سادات گمراہ کے چشم و چراغ بیہوش کے بار میکرو فنانس و محبت درود دل شخصیت تھے۔ وہ آج ہم میں موجود نہیں ہیں مگر ان کی دعا میں آج بھی ہمارے سروں پر سایہ کے ہوتے ہیں۔ سید ریاض حسین شاہ بہت ہی پختلے آدمی تھے کسی کے دکھ پر تڑپ جاتے تھے۔ ایڈورٹی ریفرج میں مجھے بہت سی دعاؤں سے لواڑتے اللہ تعالیٰ انہیں جوار رحمت میں رکھے آمین۔

BABA Jagtar Singh



ایک نام ایک شان
بابا صاحب ہمدردی کے جوہر سے مالا مال ہیں۔ بھارت کی دیوبار میں گرا کر علم کے نور کی ایسی کرنیں بکھرتا جاتے ہیں جن کی شعاعیں معاشرے میں اعلا میں ہمدردی بھائی چارے کی فیضان قرار رکھتے اور لوگوں میں رنگ و نسل و مذہب سے بالاتر ہو کر انسانیت کی فلاح پر کمر بستہ ہیں دنیا کے تمام گوشہ گوشہ کی تعمیر کی ذمہ داری اٹھاتی ہے۔

سلمان خان



وہی انسانیت کی خدمت اور مودی انہماک کے خلاف جتن بکھرتے ہو جائیں تو ایسے لوگوں کی کمی نہیں جو یہ جذبہ رکھتے ہیں۔ ان میں سے ایک نام مشہور اختر علی شاہ سلمان خان سے ملتا ہے۔ ان کے خلاف جہاد میں شامل ہو کر انہیں ایڈووکیٹس کے ساتھ لوگوں کے لئے ڈیڑھ کروڑ روپے کی رقم بطور چھوٹے انٹرنیشنل کوڈیاں ہم ان کے جذبے کی قدر کرتے ہیں اللہ تعالیٰ ان کا اجر عظیم دے۔

کونسل آف خالصستان امریکہ کے سربراہ ڈاکٹر گر میت سنگھ اولکھ

سکھوں میں امریکہ میں رہنے والے سکھوں کی آزادی کی نئی حد و پیمانے ان پر ہندوستان میں رہنا مشکل لگتا تو امریکہ چلے گئے آج بھی اس حرکت کے ذریعے بکھرتے ہیں۔ ان کے لئے جو اور صلاحیت رکھتے ہیں ڈاکٹر صاحب نے انہیں بہت اہم اور قیمتی خدمات کا جذبہ رکھے ہیں ان کا کہنا ہے کہ ان میں سے دن کو سکون ملتا ہے۔ ڈاکٹر گر میت سنگھ نے فعال آبادی کے قریب ہی ایک گاؤں میں پیدا ہوئے ہیں۔ 1947ء میں ہندوستان بٹھت ہوئے ڈاکٹر صاحب نے سر تقی جو بڑی اور تقی عزی کے ساتھ کچھ برسوں کا دن بھی گئے۔

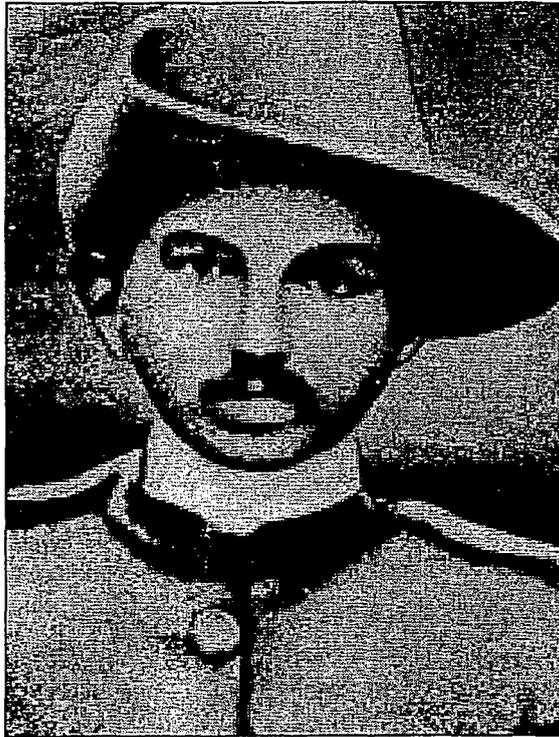


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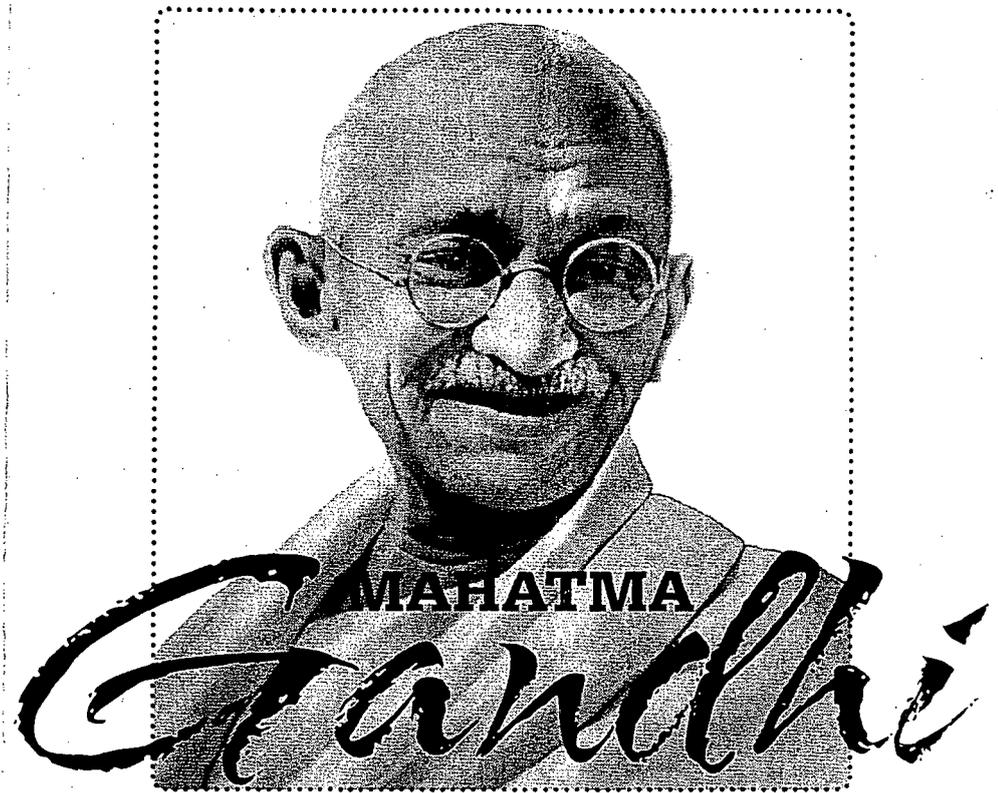
“ If a man with God's name on his tongue and a sword under his armpit deserved the appellation of a Mahatma, then Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was a Mahatma. ”

»Reference: B.R. Ambedkar's "Gandhi And Gandhism"



Sgt. Major Gandhi in 1906 war on Blacks

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Birth name: Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
Respectfully adored as: Bapu (Father of India)

Trained as a lawyer in London. Lived in South Africa. Apostle of Non-Violence. A messiah, a Hindu deity, a visionary. Hailed as a catalyst of the American Civil Rights Movement. Praised by black leaders from Martin Luther King, Jr. to Nelson Mandela. Admired by world leaders of every political persuasion.

After taking their oath of office, Indian politicians then submit at Raj Ghat, Gandhi's tomb. Dignitaries and heads of state throw roses upon Raj Ghat when visiting India. Statues of him, most funded by the Indian government, dot the world. A Gandhi statue stands at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

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What did Gandhi believe?
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Stairway to Heaven COLUMN

by Julia Duin

Another India exposed

The popular film "Slumdog Millionaire" may be the public face of India these days but one Catholic archbishop now in Washington is trying to educate listeners about another India.

That's rural Orissa, India's least-developed, poorest state not far from Calcutta, the home of Mother Teresa. Last summer, a priest was tortured and a nun gang-raped in Kandhmal, a cauldron of radical Hinduism and the site of an anti-Christian pogrom in August.

The depressing details of it all have been previously described by this writer: 70,000 homeless Christians, more than 5,000 homes destroyed, 3,000 people missing and/or hiding in the nearby jungles for the past five months, 87 people burned or hacked to death and the infrastructure of the Catholic Church destroyed.

Archbishop Raphael Cheenath, 75, of Cuttack/Bhubaneswar and the spiritual head of five Catholic dioceses in Orissa, says 50 percent of Orissa's 1 million Christians are Roman Catholics. French missionaries planted Catholicism there about 130 years ago.

Hundreds of their schools, churches and other institutions have been destroyed. Displaced people sitting in refugee camps are afraid to return to their villages.

"They believe they will be attacked again and again," he said Tuesday, just after his plane landed here. "Those who have gone back have been forced to become Hindus, and the police are not stopping this. They have been mere spectators in this affair."

Orissa has a law forbidding forced conversions but apparently this only applies to people who wish to leave the Hindu religion.

In Kandhmal, there are 64,000 Catholics in 34 parishes, many of them from tribal or untouchable

castes; in short, India's least-desirable people, located near the country's aluminum mines. The real estate is valuable but the locals apparently are not, which is why the authorities have been less than zealous at curbing the mayhem.

"The damage there is colossal," the archbishop said. "Our concern is to get people back to the villages. and to construct houses as early as possible."

As for the unfortunate nun, she has fled to another state. But before she left, she appeared before 100 journalists, wearing a black veil to hide her features. "They might eliminate her because she is responsible for a few people going to jail," the archbishop said. Even when he visited some of the refugee camps last month, he was not allowed to wander beyond their confines because of death threats toward him.

"I'd like the American government to tell the government in India to take some serious actions to prevent this from happening again," said the archbishop, who was at Georgetown University Wednesday. On Thursday, he speaks to U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops officials.

Friday afternoon, he appears at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in the District, as well as making a morning visit to the Federation of Indian American Christian Organizations of North America's office on Maryland Avenue Northeast. Saturday, Indian-Americans are having him speak at a reception, banquet and fundraiser at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Northeast.

The archbishop does point out that not all Hindus are at fault and that one Indian daily, the Hindu, has become quite supportive.

"But the fanatics," he said, "want to establish a Hindu nation."

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Pakistan needs our support

U.S., regional security depends on it

By John Kerry

As America's second post-9/11 President takes office, a single country has become ground zero for the terrorist threat we face. The consensus among our intelligence agencies is that top Al Qaeda leaders are plotting their next attack from Pakistan, where the prevalence of religious extremists and nuclear weapons make that country the central, crucial front in our struggle to protect America from terrorism. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, has called the border region the "site of planning for the next attack" on the United States.

Pakistan is under enormous pressure from all sides. From tensions with India to a ferocious insurgency in the tribal belt to a financial crisis that threatens the solvency of the Pakistani state. And all of this is being held together by a

fledgling civilian government not even a year old. For our sake and theirs, America must do more to help Pakistan.

Crucial to this effort will be finding a winning regional strategy that recognizes the centrality of Pakistan's relationships with neighbors such as Afghanistan and India.

It has become conventional wisdom that the war in Afghanistan can be lost in Pakistan, whose tribal belt offers a sanctuary from which Taliban insurgents launch cross-border raids against us and our Afghan allies. What is often overlooked, however, is that the opposite is true as well: Violent instability in Afghanistan can undercut essential counterinsurgency efforts in Pakistan.

We saw brutal evidence of this in the recent attack on the Pakistani Frontier Corps by militants operating from clandestine bases across the border inside Afghanistan. Pakistan's success in exerting control over its tribal areas de-

pends on U.S. and NATO forces getting the resources they need to accomplish their mission on the Afghan side of the border.

Similarly, as the aftermath of the November terror attacks in Mumbai reminded us, getting Pakistan to focus its military on extremist sanctuaries that endanger American troops also depends on lowering tensions with India. We must work assiduously to help Pakistan and India find a path back to the bilateral peace talks which were disrupted by the Mumbai attacks.

I recently returned from South Asia, and my conversations there left me with some observations that may be helpful in explaining how and why we must support Pakistan and its people.

While there is an increasingly broad consensus that Pakistan is the strategic center of gravity for defeating insurgents in Afghanistan, a military strategy alone cannot pre-

vail on either side of the border. An effective counterinsurgency must address longer-term political, economic, and development challenges, especially in Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas and the Northwest Frontier Province on the Afghan border.

This is why I will seek swift passage of the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act, which would triple non-military assistance to Pakistan through projects that will directly support the Pakistani people, strengthen democratic institutions, promote economic freedoms, and encourage investment in the agriculture, education and infrastructure sectors.

In my recent travels, I met with the leadership. While I believe President Asif Ali Zardari, Army Chief General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and Lt. General Ahmed Shuja Pasha, the intelligence chief, are credible in their commitment to

defeating the militant factions threatening their country, as always it will be the follow-through that counts.

As vital as civilian aid will be in Pakistan's success, we also need to provide the tools to fight the extremists. The list ranges from electronic detection and communications equipment to helicopters that can move swiftly in the inhospitable terrain of the tribal belt. We can do this and still demand greater accountability from Pakistan's military.

Pakistan is experiencing a dire and crippling financial crisis. In just one year, the country's reserves have declined 75 percent to \$3.45 billion, forcing Pakistan to turn to the International Monetary Fund for a rescue package.

America must lead an international effort to protect Pakistan from financial collapse. Pakistan's leaders will have to act responsibly in the months ahead—but by necessity they will also look increasingly to the international community for support. Passage of the partnership act will be a good start, but not enough to stave off the risk that Pakistan's fragile civilian government will be shaken by severe economic unrest. Future international

aid packages should include verifiable guarantees that the money will be spent on economic development that helps the Pakistani people. And as we do, we should leverage our assistance to restore belief in the legitimacy of our mission.

While our support is crucial, key to the success of all of these efforts will be the Pakistani leadership's ability to resolve outstanding political issues so it can focus on the difficult challenges of governing.

For all its challenges, Pakistan remains a vital partner in our efforts against Al Qaeda's global insurgency. My recent visits have convinced me that success in Afghanistan demands that we help build a stable and moderate Pakistan. That means our relationship with Pakistan cannot begin and end with helping its military—we must also speak directly to its people and its civilian government. Pakistan's prosperity and its security—as well as our own—depend on it.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., his party's presidential nominee in 2004, is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

India

Prime minister blames Pakistan for terror attack

Singh sees 'enough evidence'

By MUNEZA NAQVI

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW DELHI India's prime minister said Tuesday that Pakistani authorities "must have had a hand in the Mumbai siege, a remark dismissed by Pakistan as propaganda that could undermine efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh repeated India's allegations that the November attacks were carried out by the Pakistan-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba. But in his most forceful speech on the subject, Mr. Singh stopped just short of accusing Islamabad of directly aiding the gunmen.

"There is enough evidence to show that, given the sophistication and military precision of the attack, it must have had the support of some official agencies in Pakistan," the Indian leader said, while criticizing what he called Islamabad's reluctance to crack down on militants operating in Pakistan.

Mr. Singh's comments seemed aimed at keeping tensions between the bitter rivals at a slow burn and reflected widespread belief that multiple power centers run Pakistan.

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, meanwhile, called for recognition of his country's efforts to crack down on extremists.

"We expect our friends to have the same understanding, to rise above these stateless actors who are trying to create a problem in the region," Mr. Zardari told reporters Tuesday in Afghanistan, where he was making his first official visit since being sworn in.

Pakistan's foreign ministry also dismissed Mr. Singh's comments as "a propaganda offensive" designed "to whip up ten-

sions" in the region.

They not only ratchet up tensions, but occlude facts and destroy all prospects of serious and objective investigations into the Mumbai attacks," the ministry said in a statement.

Mr. Singh did not name any Pakistani officials, but New Delhi has accused Pakistan's military-controlled spy agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence, of being involved in attacks against India in recent years. Pakistan's civilian government is relatively new and weak, while the ISI is thought to have a high degree of independence.

Tuesday's verbal sparring came a day after India handed Pakistan evidence that New Delhi said proved the attacks were plotted in Pakistan. The dossier included details from the interrogation of the lone surviving gunman, recovered weapons, and intercepted communications with the suspected handlers back in Pakistan.

The investigation into the attack, which left 164 dead, showed the 10 gunmen could not have been working on their own, Mr. Singh said.

"We cannot choose our neighbors," Mr. Singh said before a meeting with Indian security officials. "Some countries like Pakistan have in the past encouraged and given sanctuary to terrorists and other forces who are antagonistic to India."

Calls for war in India have been largely muted, with even conservative opposition politicians, who endorse a hard line toward Pakistan, adopting a fairly conciliatory approach.

While Pakistan's own rhetoric has been fairly quiet in recent days, it has also moved some of its soldiers toward the Indian border and away from the Afghan border, where Islamabad is battling militants.

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Kashmir issue leading Obama into first 'tar pit'

By SELIG S. HARRISON

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON TIMES

President-elect Barack Obama has made his first big foreign-policy mistake — pledging U.S. intervention in the Kashmir dispute between India and Pakistan.

While the Kashmir issue "is obviously a tar pit diplomatically," he announced, one of the "critical tasks" for his administration will be "to get a special envoy in there to figure out a plausible approach."

Mr. Obama not only will confront bitter opposition to U.S. intervention from India, which occupies the prized Kashmir Valley, but also will face resistance from Pakistan's new president, Asif Ali Zardari.

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India

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By SAM DOLNICK

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Indian authorities said the evidence shows that Pakistan-based militants plotted and executed the attacks, but a top diplomat said the gunmen also may have had ties to Pakistani authorities.

"It's hard to believe that something of this scale could occur without anybody anywhere in the establishment knowing that this was happening," India Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon told reporters in New Delhi on Monday.

Mr. Menon dismissed Pakistan's repeated claims that the attacks were carried out by "non-state actors," saying, "Even the so-called non-state actors function within a state, are citizens of a state. We don't think there's such a thing as non-state actors."

Mr. Menon also called for Pakistan to extradite the suspects so they could be brought "to Indian justice." Pakistan has said any trials will be held in its own courts.

India has blamed the November attacks that killed more than 170 people on Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistan-based militant group, but Islamabad has resisted the claims and requested evidence showing that the attacks were launched from across the border.

Indian officials said the dossier handed to Pakistan — as



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Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee, speaking in New Delhi on Monday, was one of the top diplomats involved in handing Pakistan detailed evidence that proved Pakistani "elements" were behind the Mumbai attacks.

well as to officials from the countries whose citizens were killed — will make their case, and it is now up to Pakistan to act.

"The material, as you know, is linked to elements in Pakistan," Mr. Menon said.

"We are no longer interested in words," he added. "We want actual action against the perpetrators."

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammed Sadiq said the authorities are reviewing the evidence but declined to comment further.

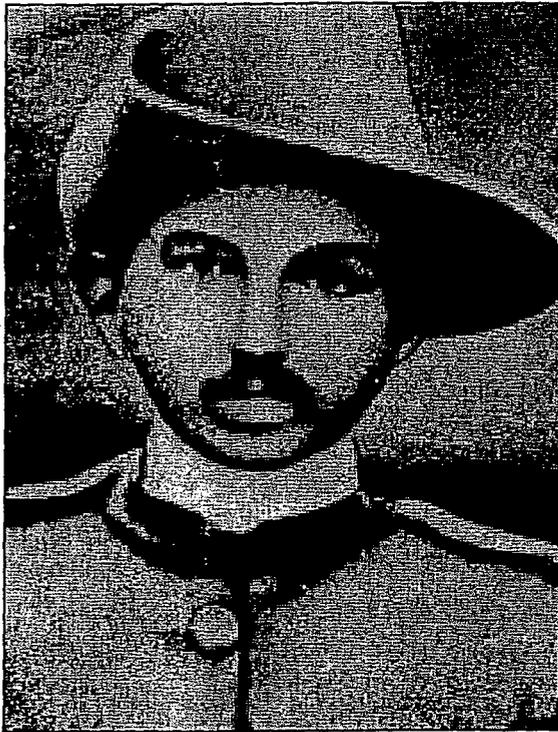
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Mr. Menon dismissed those moves as insufficient, saying the charity was still operating and that Pakistan authorities have not informed India about the status of the two men they said were arrested.

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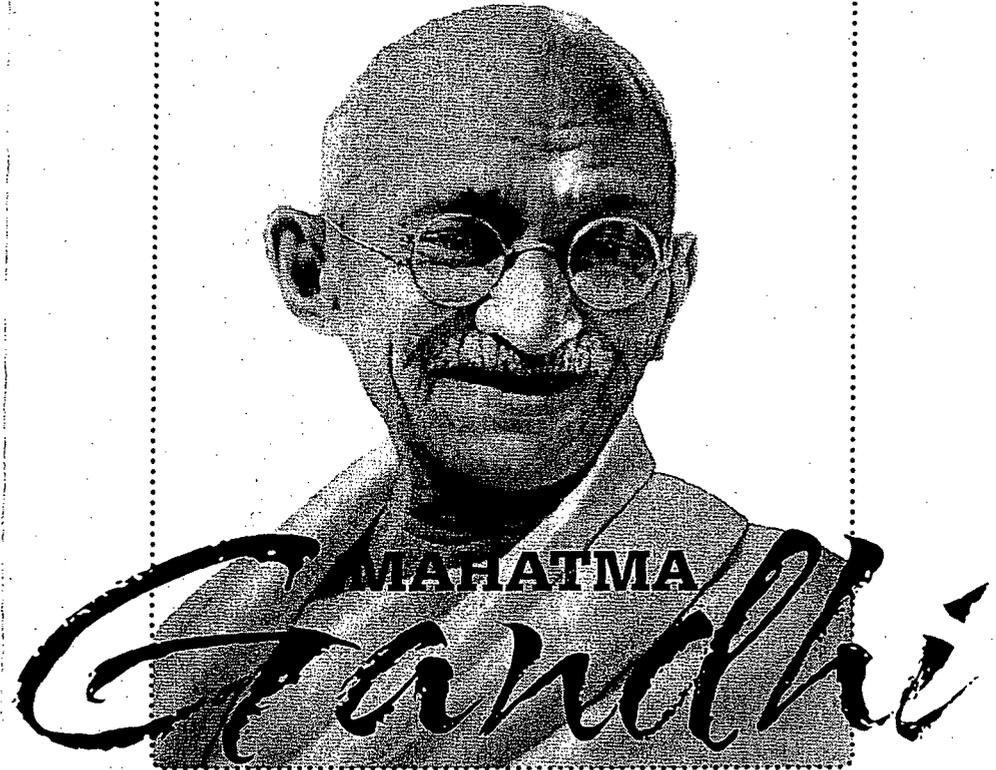
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Sgt. Major Gandhi in 1906 war on Blacks

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After taking their oath of office, Indian politicians then submit at Raj Ghat, Gandhi's tomb. Dignitaries and heads of state throw roses upon Raj Ghat when visiting India. Statues of him, most funded by the Indian government, dot the world. A Gandhi statue stands at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

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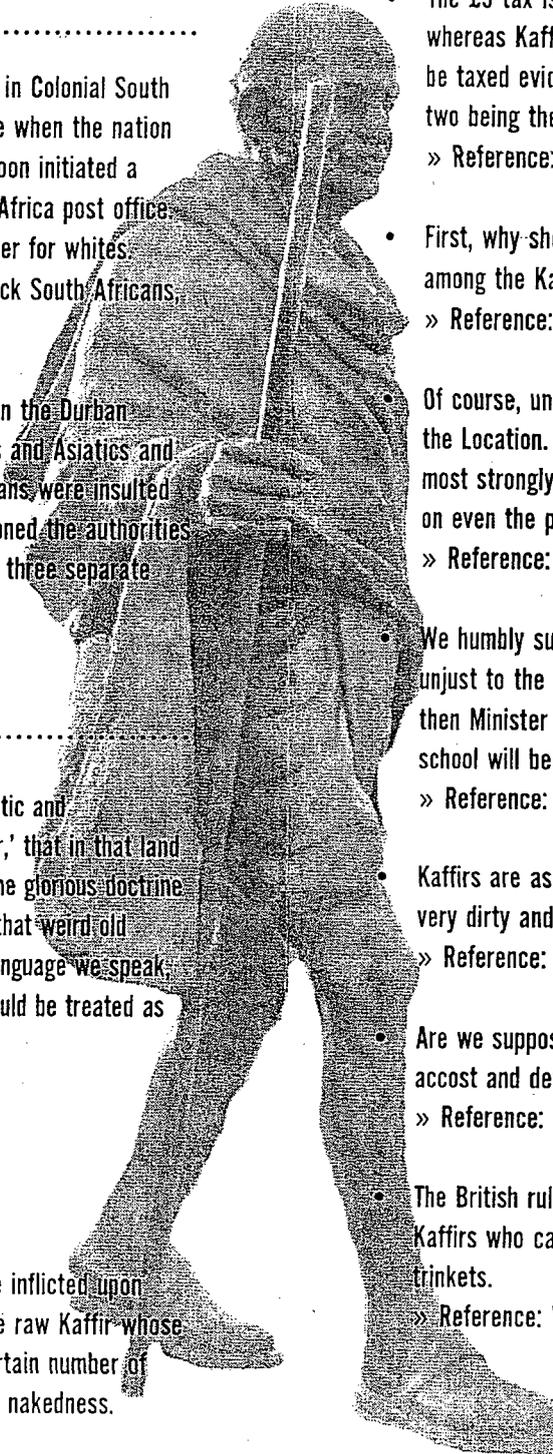
THE DURBAN POST OFFICE INCIDENT

Gandhi was hired to serve as legal adviser to wealthy Indian traders in Colonial South Africa in 1893. He arrived there prior to Apartheid, but during a time when the nation still suffered severe political unrest and racial segregation. Gandhi soon initiated a movement for the creation of a third entrance to the Durban, South Africa post office. The post office had two doors - one for blacks and Indians and another for whites. Being Indian, Gandhi was of course required to share a door with black South Africans, which deeply offended him.

In his Collected Works (CWMG), Vol. I, pp. 367-368, Gandhi wrote: "In the Durban Post and telegraph offices there were separate entrances for natives and Asiatics and Europeans. We felt the indignity too much and many respectable Indians were insulted and called all sorts of names by the clerks at the counter. We petitioned the authorities to do away with the invidious distinction and they have now provided three separate entrances for natives, Asiatics, and Europeans."

GANDHI ON BLACKS AND RACE RELATIONS

- When one reflects that the conception of Brahmanism, with its poetic and mysterious mythology, took its rise in the land of the 'Coolie trader,' that in that land 24 centuries ago, the almost divine Buddha taught and practised the glorious doctrine of self-sacrifice, and that it was from the plains and mountains of that weird old country that we have derived the fundamental truths of the very language we speak, one cannot but help regretting that the children of such a race should be treated as equals of the children of black heathendom and outer darkness.
» Reference: Vol. I, p. 225
- The Indian is being dragged down to the position of a raw Kaffir.
» Reference: Vol. I, p. 193
- Ours is one continual struggle against a degradation sought to be inflicted upon us by the Europeans, who desire to degrade us to the level of the raw Kaffir whose occupation is hunting, and whose sole ambition is to collect a certain number of cattle to buy a wife with and, then, pass his life in indolence and nakedness.
» Reference: Vol. I, pp. 409-410



- The £3 tax is merely a penalty for wearing the brown skin and it would appear that, whereas Kaffirs are taxed because they do not work at all or sufficiently, we are to be taxed evidently because we work too much, the only thing in common between the two being the absence of the white skin.
» Reference: Vol. III, p. 74
- First, why should we bear such hardships, submit ourselves, for instance, to...live among the Kaffirs...? Better die than suffer this.
» Reference: Vol. IX, p. 292
- Of course, under my suggestion, the Town Council must withdraw the Kaffirs from the Location. About this mixing of the Kaffirs with the Indians, I must confess I feel most strongly. I think it is very unfair to the Indian population and it is an undue tax on even the proverbial patience of my countrymen.
» Reference: Vol. III, p. 429
- We humbly submit that the decision to open the school for all Coloured children is unjust to the Indian community, and is a departure from the assurance given by the then Minister of Education, as also Sir Albert Hime and Mr. Robert Russell, that the school will be reserved for Indian children only.
» Reference: Vol. IV, p. 402
- Kaffirs are as a rule uncivilised - the convicts even more so. They are troublesome, very dirty and live almost like animals.
» Reference: Vol. VIII, p. 199
- Are we supposed to be thieves or free-booters that even a Kaffir policeman can accost and detain us wherever we happen to be going?
» Reference: Vol. VI, p. 363
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By SELIG S. HARRISON

SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON TIMES

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India blames Pakistani 'state actors'

By KRITIVAS MUKHERJEE

REUTERS NEWS AGENCY

NEW DELHI — The sophistication of the Mumbai attacks points to the involvement of "state actors" in Pakistan, India's home minister said Sunday, ahead of a visit to the United States with a dossier of evidence.

Home Minister P. Chidambaram's comments are at odds with Pakistan's insistence that non-state actors were behind the coordinated strike by 10 gunmen that killed more than 170 people in Mumbai and has inflamed tensions between the South Asian neighbors.

"Somebody who is familiar with intelligence and who is familiar with commando operations has directed this operation," Mr. Chidambaram told NDTV news channel.

"And that cannot entirely be a non-state actor. In fact, I presume

Home minister to show U.S. evidence on Mumbai attacks

they are state actors or state-assisted actors unless the contrary is proved," he added. "It was too enormous a crime and required very elaborate planning, communication networks, financial backing. It was a very, very sophisticated operation."

Mr. Chidambaram said the evidence was "overwhelming" and "unanswerable" and would be shared with the United States in the coming days.

Indian officials said Mr. Chidambaram could meet with top U.S. Homeland Security officials and possibly also Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and members of President-elect Barack Obama's transition team.

"It is a detailed dossier, supported by electronic evidence like transcripts and intercepts and interrogation reports," Mr. Chidambaram said.

India has blamed Pakistan-based militants for the attack in Mumbai, also known as Bombay, which has revived hostilities between the nuclear-armed neighbors that have fought three wars since 1947 and regularly accuse the other of fomenting trouble in their territory.

Despite a near-daily war of words between the countries and military muscle flexing, analysts said, fear of Indian strikes on suspected militant targets in Pakistan, which could spark war, was easing.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah

Mehmood Qureshi said tension had diminished.

"The situation has been defused from before," Mr. Qureshi told reporters in the city of Multan. "Some positive Pakistani proposals and the role of our friends and important powers in and outside the region have contributed positively."

Mr. Qureshi said U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher would be visiting and they would meet Monday.

Pakistan, which has in the past used militants to further foreign policy objectives, condemned the Mumbai violence and launched raids on militants in the face of global outrage. But the action has not satisfied India.

New Delhi wants Islamabad to dismantle what it says are terrorist training camps on its territory and to extradite at least 40 suspects. Pakistan says it will act if India provides proof.

CBI in US for Info On Anti-Sikh Riots



Attorney Gurpatwant Pannun, with Giani Surinder Singh (r), who testified before the CBI in New York about the 1984 riots against Sikhs in New Delhi, following the death of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. (Panthic Weekly photo)

By **SUNITA SOHRABJI**
India-West Staff Reporter

A team from India's Central Bureau of Investigation came to the U.S. Dec. 22-26 to take testimony from two key witnesses who allege that former Union Minister Jagdish Tytler organized three days of violence against Sikhs in New Delhi 1984, following the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The CBI team initially interviewed Giani Surinder Singh in New York, and then questioned Jasbir Singh at the Gadar Memorial in San Francisco on Christmas Day. Several Sikhs protested outside the memorial as Singh's testimony was being taken.

Jasbir Singh, who gave the same testimony before the Nanavati Commission in 2004, was last November ordered by the CBI to come to Delhi to present evidence regarding Tytler's involvement in the riots that killed more than 3,000 Sikhs. Singh, a resident of Fremont, Calif., refused, saying he feared for his life.

"If I go there, I will be killed," Singh told **India-West** in an interview earlier this year, adding that his home in New Delhi was raided by police on Jan. 7.

In a key portion of his testimony, Singh said he saw the easily distinguishable Tytler step out of a car in Outram Lane, New Delhi, to rebuke a group of men for not

killing enough Sikhs.

"I had promised large-scale killings of Sikhs, but you have betrayed and let me down," Singh recalled Tytler as saying on Nov. 3, 1984.

The Nanavati Commission concluded that sufficient evidence against Tytler existed to launch an investigation. The CBI had closed the case against Tytler — still a prominent member of the Congress party — last September, saying it could not find the witnesses. It reopened the case after several media reported that Jasbir Singh was residing in Fremont, Calif.

The second witness, Giani Surinder Singh, told local press he was disturbed by the CBI's method of questioning. In a statement issued after his testimony, Giani Surinder Singh said, "It appears from the CBI's attitude that it has arrived in America to save Jagdish Tytler."

Singh said he saw firsthand Tytler leading a mob that killed three Sikhs.

Singh's attorney, Gurpatwant Pannun, told **India-West**, "They questioned him as though he was the killer. They have given the benefit of doubt to the accused, but they are not giving the benefit of doubt to the witness."

Tytler and others allegedly involved in organizing the massacre have "been shielded by the Indian

government for 24 years," said Pannun, adding that he hoped that the result of the questioning of Jasbir and Giani would result in a chargesheet and arrest of Tytler.

"If India wants to show the world that its minorities are treated as well as the majority, the CBI is going to have to act on this investigation," said Pannun.

Sikh Community to Hold Inaugural Ball

By a Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON — Sikhcommunitycenter.org will be holding its first Sikh Inaugural Ball Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Ascot restaurant near the White House.

The event will honor a number of professionals, including Sonal Shah, a member of President-elect Barack Obama's transition team; Nick Rathod, one of the

founding members of South Asians for Obama; and Arti Rai, a professor of patent law at Duke University.

The ball will offer guests an opportunity to take a picture with the Miss World Punjabi finalist, Supreet Malhi, the services of portrait artist Avan Bhatena, cultural entertainment and a raffle.

For more information, go to www.sikhinauguralball.org.

Pakistani troop redeployment a setback for U.S.

By ANNE GEARAN

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan's decision to relocate thousands of troops away from the Afghanistan border toward India threatens the critical U.S. foreign-policy aim of relying on the South Asian ally's military in the global battle against terrorism.

President-elect Barack Obama's campaign promise to turn around the stalemated war in Afghanistan could be the first casualty of Pakistan's latest moves, and the frustrated American effort to crush al Qaeda may be the second.

Pakistan's sudden military shift catches two administrations in mid-transition, presenting Mr. Obama with a dangerous spike in tension that his predecessor has been unable to prevent.

As President Bush found out, the United States can't wage either fight alone and can't always persuade even well-meaning allies to set aside their own agendas and domestic politics.

To win in Afghanistan rather than merely hold ground, the United States and its allies must find a way to seal off the militants' redoubts across the forbidding mountainous border with Pakistan. The U.S. can't do that without Pakistan's help, and Pakistani and Afghan militants know it.

Bush administration officials have been shuttling to New Delhi and Islamabad for weeks following the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, pleading with both sides not to let well-founded suspicions that the attacks originated in Pakistan become an excuse for new conflict.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars, and enmity against the other has been an organizing principle for leaders of each nuclear-armed country.

If Pakistan yanks fighting forces away from what the U.S. considers the good war against terrorism in the tribal areas bordering Afghanistan, it will bear out U.S. fears of a ripple effect and show how easily militants can exploit the old rivalry.

"We hope that both sides will avoid taking steps that will unnecessarily raise tensions during these already tense times," White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe said Friday.

Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, was in Islamabad last week, after noting with approval earlier this month that neither side seemed to have mounted a military response to the Mumbai terrorism.

Adm. Mullen has made a particular project of Pakistan, visiting there more than a half-dozen times in the turbulent year since Pakistani political leader Benazir Bhutto was assassinated. Adm. Mullen has established a rapport with the country's powerful army chief and made the argument that homegrown militancy and terrorism will rip Pakistan apart unless its national institutions make a strategic choice to confront it.

All of Pakistan's leaders dating to Mr. Bush's old ally, former military ruler Gen. Pervez Musharraf, said they understood that argument and saluted it — to a point. In the tangle of tribal politics and loyalties, however, militants are not always clear-cut villains, and there is broad public opposi-

tion in Pakistan to a serious military campaign against its own people.

That was true long before the attacks on India's Western-oriented financial capital that killed 171 people, or the troop maneuvering Friday. It's part of the reason why analysts say Pakistan is at risk of coming apart as a state, with even bleaker prospects for the fight against terrorism.

"It would be really disastrous at this point if there was even a mini-war, because Pakistan is already overwhelmed with what's going on domestically," said Frederick Barton, a security specialist at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"They really have lost their ability to control large parts of their country," he said.

U.S. intelligence and military officials cautioned, on the condition of anonymity, that the maneuvers may be aimed more as a warning to India not to launch missile strikes against militant targets on its territory, a response that some have speculated is possible.

On Saturday, Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari tried to reassure India that "we do not talk about war," telling ministers and lawmakers on state television that "dialogue is our biggest arsenal."

But Mr. Zardari also warned New Delhi not to push too hard for Pakistani action against terrorist groups, such as those blamed in the Mumbai attacks, saying, "We shall do it because we need it, not because you want it."

"This mettle has been tested many times. Please do not test it again," he said.

South Asian intelligence officials

said the Pakistani military began the troop movement Thursday and plans to eventually shift 20,000 soldiers to the Indian border.

Stephen Cohen, a scholar on the Indian and Pakistani militaries at the Brookings Institution, said the early signs suggest a replay of past conflicts and bode poorly for U.S. interests.

"Both sides are playing the American card against each other," with Afghanistan and the terrorism agenda quickly taking a back seat, he said. "It shows we're all hostage to another terrorist attack," Mr. Cohen added, meaning that any new violence in either India or Pakistan could provoke all-out war.

In the United States, intelligence and law enforcement officials warn that the risk of an attack at home may be greater during the period of political handover to Mr. Obama, who has said nothing publicly about the Pakistan situation.

"There is one president at a time, and we intend to respect that," said Brooke Anderson, his national security spokeswoman.

U.S. leverage with India is complicated by its strategy in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which has included terrorist-hunting raids in Pakistan by U.S. forces based across the Afghan border. U.S. officials quietly justify the raids as a necessary, if unpleasant, means of protecting U.S. fighting forces.

The raids affront Pakistani sovereignty, and opened the door for India to argue that it has the right to take similar action against Pakistan-based militants.

Several Indians Among Donors to Clinton Foundation

By MICHEL W. POTTS

Special to India-West

India's Samajwadi Party leader and Rajya Sabha MP Amar Singh and steel baron Lakshmi Mittal are among several Indians who have made substantial contributions to a charity foundation controlled

lion dollars were Lalit Suri, Vinod Gupta and Ajit Gulabchand. The India Today group, Reliance Europe, Ranbaxy Pharmaceuticals, Lata Krishnan and Mike Patel are also named among those who contributed between \$100,000 and \$250,000.

The list does not give the exact

tance to identifying the sources of its money. While the list is loaded with international business leaders and billionaires, some 12,000 donors gave \$10 or less.

Former presidents do not release the list of the donors but Bill Clinton had agreed to do so in a deal with President-elect Barack Obama's transition team to ensure that there would be no conflict of interest if his wife Hillary Clinton was appointed Secretary of State.

Clinton further agreed to submit for ethics review any future donations. On the basis of the agreement, Hillary Clinton was chosen for the job.

The list, however, underscores ties between the Clintons and India, a connection that could complicate diplomatic perceptions of whether Hillary Clinton can be a neutral broker between India and neighboring Pakistan in a region where Obama will face an early test of his foreign policy leadership.

Amar Singh had come to the United States to lobby for the Indo-U.S. civilian nuclear deal in September and had dinner with Hillary Clinton in New York. Later, he had said that Democrats would not oppose the deal and it was approved shortly afterwards.

A Pakistani source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told PTI that the disclosure of millions contributed by Indians, who are seen close to the Clintons, could complicate the task of incoming Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton as she would be perceived

said to be among the wealthiest Indian executives.

Those on the list who paid between quarter and half a million paid by each contributor nor the dates on which the donations were made. Dave Katragadda, a capital manager with holdings in media and entertainment, technology, health care and financial services, for example, is simply said to have contributed between \$500,000 and \$1 million.

The foundation disclosed the names of its 205,000 donors on its Web site, ending a decade of resis-



File photo of former U.S. President Bill Clinton (center) talking with members of the Confederation of Indian Industry in partnership with the Indian Business Trust for HIV/AIDS and National Aids Control Organization at a Special Plenary session of the National Conference on HIV/AIDS in New Delhi May 26, 2005. (Getty Images)

to be close to New Delhi.

The William J. Clinton Foundation, which is dedicated to alleviating poverty and fighting diseases like HIV/AIDS and malaria, has indicated that it has reportedly raised over \$492 million since its establishment in 2001.

The Clinton Foundation said less than 3,000 donors were foreigners but did not identify them in the list posted on its Web site. Nor did it provide any details about the profession or business of the donors.

The foundation notified the donors approximately ten days prior to the posting that their names would be put on the Web. A media report stated that there were no objections.

In March 2008, Mittal was reported to be the 4th wealthiest person in the world, and the wealthiest in Asia, by Forbes Magazine. The Mittal family owns a controlling majority stake in ArcelorMittal, the world's largest steel company.

Tanti, who, according to Forbes, is worth \$930 million, is the chairman and managing director of Suzlon Energy, the \$10 billion wind power based company.

Lalit Suri, who died in 2006 at the age of 59, was formerly

dubbed the "uncrowned hotel king" of India and, like Singh, was a member of the Rajya Sabha. He was also the owner of the Midday newspaper in New Delhi.

Vinod Gupta, the former CEO and chairman of infoGROUP, recently settled a lawsuit by his shareholders over use of company funds for personal purchases. Gupta was appointed by President Clinton to serve as a Trustee of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. He was also nominated and confirmed to be the United States Consul General to Bermuda.

Ajit Gulabchand is chairman and managing director of Hindustan Construction Company; Lata Krishnan is co-founder of SMART Modular Technologies and former president of the American India Foundation; and Mukesh "Mike" Patel, owns the successful Diplomat hospitality group, in May of 2001 was appointed by President Clinton to serve on the advisory commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.



File photos of steel baron Lakshmi Mittal (above left) and Samajwadi Party leader Amar Singh (above right), who each donated between one and five million dollars to a charity foundation controlled by former President Bill Clinton. (Getty Images)

by former U.S. President Bill Clinton.

The list released Dec. 18 shows that Singh and Mittal are among those who paid between one and five million dollars to the foundation, although it was not clear when the donations were given.

The list of about 205,000 donors also includes in the category of those who paid the foundation between half a million and one million dollars the Confederation of Indian Industry and Suzlon Energy Limited in Amsterdam, headed by Tulsi R. Tanti, who is

Sikh Must Unite to Fight Turban Issue in France: SGPC Chief



Sikh community leader Harpreet Singh, greeting SGPC president Avtar Singh Makkar.

NEW YORK — In a visit to the U.S., Avtar Singh Makkar, president of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbhandhak Committee, called upon the Sikh community around the world to unite in its fight against the French ban of turbans.

France had passed a law in

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2004 banning the wearing of turbans in schools. Subsequently, it has not issued passports, driving licenses and residence cards to Sikhs who refuse to remove their turbans for ID photos, according to a release.

Some members of the Sikh community plan to submit a memorandum to the United Nations asking the world body to intervene on the issue, according to Makkar.

"The SGPC has also met [Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh] and apprised him of the situation and every effort was made to meet the French President Nicolas Sar-

kozy during his last visit to India," he told a reporter.

A Sikh man who wanted the right to wear a turban while being photographed for his French drivers' license recently lost his case in the European Court of Human Rights, according to Makkar.

Makkar demanded that the ban be lifted immediately, fearing that some other European Union nations may follow in France's footsteps.

Makkar was also recently in Sunnyvale, Calif., at the Sunnyvale Hindu Temple.

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'Nobody Wants War,' Indian Prime Minister Says

Singh Plays Down That Possibility as Domestic Pressure Mounts and Pakistan Scrambles Jets

By RAMA LAKSHMI
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NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh tried to allay fears Tuesday about the possibility of war with neighboring Pakistan, saying that "nobody wants war." Singh's comments came amid rising calls in India for military action and a day after Pakistan's air force conducted war-training exercises with fighter jets above that country's major cities.

"The issue is not war. The issue is terror and territory in Pakistan being used to provoke, to aid and abet terrorism. Nobody wants war," Singh told reporters outside Parliament.

He said India wanted Pakistan to "dismantle the terror machine" and added that Islamabad "knows what that implies."

The two nuclear-armed nations have traded angry rhetoric since India accused



Manmohan Singh, prime minister of India, said, "The issue is not war."

India has accused the banned Pakistan-based group Lashkar-i-Taiba and demanded that Islamabad snuff out groups that fuel terrorism in India. Pakistan, although denying any government role in the attack, has offered to help in a joint probe and has detained some suspects. But India has deemed the steps cosmetic and has demanded more effective action.

"elements" in Pakistan of planning the three-day siege in Mumbai last month that left at least 170 people dead, including six Americans, and injured more than 230. The gunmen arrived by boat and attacked a restaurant, two luxury hotels, a train station, a Jewish outreach center and other sites.

India's foreign minister has said on two occasions that the government was keeping all its options open, implying the possibility of military action.

Pakistani army chief Gen. Ashfaq Kiyani, reacting to the tough talk by India, told the Pakistani daily the News on Tuesday that the country's armed forces are "fully prepared to meet any eventuality, as the men are ready to sacrifice for their country," Kiyani said. Pakistan would react "within minutes" of any military strike by India.

During a visit to Islamabad, Interpol chief Ronald Noble said Tuesday that Pakistan has agreed to cooperate with the global police force to find the perpetrators of the Mumbai attacks. However, he said India had not shared information about the gunmen with Interpol.

"To date, India's government has not authorized Indian police agencies to enter any data related to the Mumbai attacks into Interpol's database," he said, at a

news conference in Pakistan. The Indian government had decided it is not yet ready to engage with the Interpol," he added.

Pakistan's top Interior Ministry official, Rehman Malik, told reporters that Islamabad has received no evidence from Indian authorities about the purported involvement of Pakistani nationals in the Mumbai attacks. Police in Indian-administered Kashmir said Tuesday that they had arrested three men of Pakistani origin over the weekend. Police said the men had been planning to drive an explosives-laden vehicle into a building in India.

Kuldeep Khoda, director general of police in Kashmir, said the men had been asked "to launch action in our state" and "create disturbances."

Their personal search also revealed certain incriminating documents and some suspicious identity cards," he said. One of the men was a Pakistani soldier, he said.

Obama and Pakistan

The need for engagement

By Arjun Parasher

Prior to the financial crisis, foreign policy and national security loomed as the greatest concerns to the American electorate in then-Sen. Barack Obama's candidacy for the presidency. However, the financial crisis quickly brought the economy bailouts and stimulus packages to the forefront of policy debates. As a result, discussion of these potential weaknesses quietly faded into the background.

The recent terrorist attacks in Mumbai reminded us that the economy is not the only imminent threat that the president-elect must face. While the economic downturn has global etiologies, extremism seems to have found a common safe haven: Pakistan. Not only have Indian officials pointed to Pakistani-based Lashkar-e-Taiba as the culprit for the Mumbai attacks, but U.S. intelligence has also identified militancy within Pakistan as the greatest threat to U.S. national security. According to Joint Chiefs Chairman Michael G. Mullen, "If the United States is going to get hit, it's going to come out of [Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas]." Pakistan does not represent a new hazard. When outgoing President Clinton briefed incoming President Bush on the six major threats to U.S. national security, three centered on the region: al-Qaeda, Pakistan's support for the Taliban, and nuclear tensions between India and Pakistan. To make matters worse in the post-Musharraf era, the U.S. has been left without a prominent ally or a coherent strategy.

According to the Bush administration, militant groups have consistently attempted to infiltrate Pakistan's nuclear laboratories — a disturbing fact considering that just this past August militants were able to execute a devastating attack on the Pakistan Ordnance Factories, a weapons

complex previously believed to be impregnable. Such anarchy is especially troubling, given Pakistan's vital role in stemming violence in Afghanistan. With inflation at 25 percent and literacy rates barely reaching 50 percent, Pakistan's problems are deep-rooted and complicated. However, one fact remains clear: Pakistan's future holds the key to the long-term security of not only Afghanistan, but also that of the U.S. and India.

Yet, in regards to this threat, the U.S. election and transition process have revealed only that President-elect Obama is committed to more troops in Afghanistan and believes in America's right to pursue terrorists across borders. More is needed. Mr. Obama must utilize the transition period to produce a comprehensive strategy that addresses the political, military, and economic roots of the Pakistani threat.

First, he must cultivate Pakistani political will and capacity to combat terrorism with a joint strategy. The logic is simple: as the capacity to act increases, the costs of action decline, reducing the threshold of political will required to initiate that action. To summon political will, the fight against terrorism must be translated into terms that emphasize Pakistan's interests, not those of the U.S. The Pakistani people cherish democracy. Mr. Musharraf's dictatorship, prolonged presidency, and U.S. support of it represented a threat to democracy; the motivation to eliminate this threat has served as the only unifying political element in recent times. As such, the U.S. must illustrate the threat that terrorism poses to democracy to both the Pakistani leadership and public, as a means of galvanizing political will and unifying a fragile government.

Given that the Pakistani military's last foray into the tribal areas resulted in humiliating defeat and internationally condemned peace

accords, capacity must be improved through joint U.S.-Pakistan counter-terrorism operations. Furthermore, the U.S. must provide counter-terrorism training and equipment, while demanding accountability. Resource allocation has shown the opposite intent. The Bush administration recently attempted to shift \$230 million out of the allocated \$300 million in military aid to Pakistan from counter-terrorism toward upgrading F-16s, a clear attempt to appease the Pakistani military establishment and its fixation with India, with little if any practical utility for the war on terror. Congress must resist further misdirected appeasements.

Lastly, to avoid the mistakes of the past, the U.S. must move beyond military support to tackle Pakistan's economic and political challenges. Anti-U.S. sentiment and the engrained rivalry with India can only be wiped clean with new economic and political opportunities for young Pakistanis, particularly those living in FATA and the North-West Frontier Province. A recent Senate bill to provide \$7.5 billion for development projects over the next five years, sponsored by Sens. Joseph Biden and Richard Lugar, is a start. In addition, public opinion must be buoyed by a political engagement that cultivates local leaders and addresses civilian concerns. These initiatives would severely undercut the Taliban's recruitment base: poor, disenfranchised Pashtuns.

To ensure that his perceived foreign policy weakness, while forgotten at home, does not remain abroad, Mr. Obama owes it to the American people to tackle Pakistan's militant base at its roots. Our security and freedom depend on it.

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Punjab govt bungles up extradition, again

Militant arrested in Germany, let off

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HARVINDER Singh alias Bhateri, a Punjab militant, wanted by the state police in several cases, including three charges under the TADA for past many years, was recently arrested by the German police but the delay on the part of the state authorities in preparation of his extradition ensured that he was released.

Harvinder is wanted in nine cases by the state police and most of these are registered in the district courts of Patiala and Fatehgarh Sahib. Two months back, the Interpol had alerted the state police that he had been arrested in Germany.

State police's Crime Wing then directed the Patiala SSP to follow up on the matter and prepare a detailed proposal for his extradition. But

the time the police took in preparing the case and the rising opposition by Sikh organisations in Europe ensured that the German police eventually released him. The fact that he was in their custody for over two months also helped his case.

"We don't have a direct extradition treaty with Germany. Once the state government clears the case, then it is sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, from where it is given to the CBI which takes up the matter with the German authorities through Interpol. This is a time consuming process," said a senior officer.

The first case registered against Bhateri was on April 4, 1990 at Rajpura when he was charged for theft, trespass and threatening. Subsequently, a case on May 14, 1990 was registered on

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charges of attempt to murder, then in the same year, three TADA cases were registered at Banur and Mullapur police stations. Police sources said he had left the country 15 years ago never to come back. He subsequently became a member of the Khalistan Army. While the government's response was slow, Harvinder sympathisers in Europe acted quickly. On October 30, Dr Gurmit Singh Aulakh, president of Council of Khalistan, wrote to Chancellor Angela Merkel and made a case for his innocence and arrest on "false charges" levied by the Government of India.

This not the first time the state police has bungled on extradition cases. BKI founder member Tarseem Singh Kalasangian was spotted in Norway some five years back and also one Mahel Singh Babbar was traced in France about three years ago. But the government failed in getting them extradited.

When contacted, Additional Director General of Police (Crime), Punjab, JP Birdi said, "We have sent the extradition request to the state government and the legal process will follow."

Indian Businesses Push for Security

Industry Leaders Fear Recent Attacks Will Deter Investors and Derail Growth

By RAMA LAKSHMI
Washington Post Foreign Service

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16 — Four days after gunmen struck Mumbai, prominent business leaders met in the distant southern Indian city of Bangalore to vent their ire.

The leaders, from India's biggest technology, software and biotechnology companies, said the attacks on the nation's business hub would shatter investor confidence in the Indian economy, participants recalled. They demanded that the government provide them with automatic weapons, grenades and military support to safeguard their facilities.

"We feel vulnerable; we are the soft targets for terrorists. In Mumbai, they attacked the heart of our economy," Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, chief executive of the biotech company Biocon, said in an interview. "We have to be prepared. It is a wake-up call for the business community in India."

Biocon and the other business technology companies are working with the authorities in Karnataka state, of which Bangalore is the capital, to develop a security force for the city's industry sector. And last week, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi offered to pay a special tax if the government did

not have the resources to counter terrorism.

At least 171 people died and more than 230 were injured in last month's attacks in Mumbai, the latest in a series of bombings that have ripped through several Indian cities since May. But analysts are just now grasping the damage from the attacks on an economy battling the global financial slowdown.

After years of dizzying growth of more than 9 percent, India's growth estimate for the current fiscal year has been reduced to 6 percent, a seven-year low. Even before the attacks, industrial production and exports had slumped.

Critical sectors such as tourism, airlines and the outsourcing industry are beefing up security because of the recent attacks. But industry members contend that if India does not evolve a concerted counterterrorism policy soon, foreign investment will be frightened off.

As soon as the siege of the Oberoi Trident and the Taj Mahal Palace & Tower hotels was shown live on television, foreign tourists and business travelers began canceling trips. Business conferences were called off. Several governments put out travel advisories cautioning their citizens against visiting India.

For the first time since 2002, the Indian tourism industry, which employs 40 million people, has seen a

drop in business of more than 2 percent. More than 5 million foreign tourists visited last year, bringing in more than \$11 billion. The industry had lately been growing at a rate of 12 to 14 percent and had hoped to grow by 20 percent this year.

"India will not be defensive. The global traveler is not going to let the terrorists win. But the global economic slowdown and the attacks in Mumbai have taken a toll," said Ambika Soni, India's tourism minister. "Our campaign will say that India is like a continent, and an attack in Mumbai doesn't make the whole country unsafe. We want the additional security to be visible. We will say there is no problem in being frisked — it means you are safe."

At a meeting in New Delhi on Monday, tourism industry representatives proposed a special security force, made up of former military personnel, to provide an additional tier of protection at monuments, bus stops and train stations, participants said. The Incredible India tourism campaign will be tweaked to highlight visitors who say they want to return.

But three weeks after the Mumbai attacks, the cancellations are continuing, and tour operators fear that the season may be lost.

The memory of 60 hours of live television footage of the siege of Mumbai will not be wiped away in a

hurry. So we are trying to stimulate the domestic traveler market," said Keyur Joshi, co-founder of India's largest travel Web site, MakeMyTrip.com, which has seen 25 percent of its bookings by foreigners canceled.

Another sector that intelligence agencies regard as a likely terrorism target is India's new growth engine — the flourishing information technology and outsourcing industry that employs millions of young software engineers.

In the wake of the Mumbai attacks, the new mantra in the weekly meetings of several companies is "security preparedness," and foreign clients are insisting that they subject their facilities to thorough searches, screen employees and vendors and beef up safety drills.

"The vulnerability is being felt across the board," said S. Ramadorai, chief executive officer of Tata Consultancy Services, India's largest technology offshoring firm, headquartered in Mumbai.

But, he added, security preparedness in his industry does not stop at ensuring the physical safety of people and property. It extends to protecting the valuable data of global corporations.

"What is different for us," he said, "is that any disruption here will paralyze the intellectual capital that is deployed in our industry."

2 Pakistan arrests don't mollify India

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New Delhi describes actions as 'eyewash'

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan | Pakistan confirmed Wednesday the arrest of two men named by India as planners of the attack on Mumbai, but a senior Indian official described Pakistani actions so far as "eyewash."

Two operations commanders with the Lashkar-e-Taiba jihadi group, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi and Zarrar Shah were being held, Pakistani Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani told journalists in Multan city.

"They have been detained for investigation," he said, providing the first official confirmation since Mr. Lakhvi's arrest in a raid on a Lashkar camp in Pakistani Kashmir on Sunday.

Pakistani intelligence officials

said around a dozen people have been detained, mostly in the raid on a camp outside Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistani Kashmir.

Pakistan military spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas said an operation against banned militant organizations was being carried out in several places.

The Pakistani News reported Tuesday there were also arrests made and records seized during raids on offices of the Jemaat-ud-Dawa charity in the Mansehra and Chakdral districts of North West Frontier province.

The charity has thousands of followers and is widely regarded as a front for Lashkar-e-Taiba, which was banned in 2002. On Tuesday, India's junior foreign

minister urged the U.N. Security Council to declare Jemaat-ud-Dawa a terrorist group.

India has put the official death toll in the Mumbai attack at 179, and public anger with Pakistan is running high.

The United States has engaged in intensive diplomacy to stop tensions from mounting between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan and keep Islamabad focused on fighting the Taliban and al-Qaeda threat on its border with Afghanistan.

The United States has advised Pakistan to take swift, transparent action to cooperate with India in the investigation into the attack. Islamabad, however, has said anyone arrested and ac-

cused of involvement in the Mumbai attack will be tried in Pakistan.

Skepticism abounds in India over Pakistan's sincerity because of purported past ties between the Pakistani military's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency and groups like Lashkar and Jaish that had fought Indian rule in Kashmir.

"This is an eyewash. We want action that meets our concern," said a senior Indian government official who asked to remain anonymous. "There is no modicum of doubt about the complicity of elements of Pakistan, including the ISI," the official said.

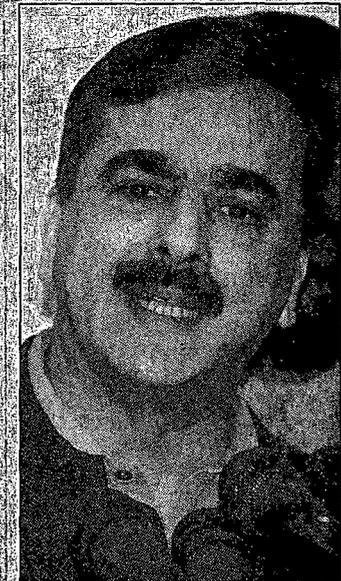
Having interrogated one gunman caught alive, Indian police have released names and photographs of the nine who were fatally shot in the three-day assault, and revealed where they came from in Pakistan.

They were part of a group of 30 trained for suicide missions, a top police officer said.

"The other 20 were trained to carry out other missions. They did not come to India; they must have gone elsewhere," Deven Bharti, a deputy police commissioner, said Wednesday.

Investigations into possible links with home-grown Indian Islamist militants have focused on five suspects.

Police were following up leads related to two Indian Muslims caught in northern India in February. One had maps of Mumbai that highlighted several city landmarks hit in the attack.



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Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani on Wednesday confirmed the arrests of two men who India suspects of planning the terror attacks in Mumbai.

Gunmen traveled from Pakistan

Hijacked boat for 'suicide mission,' officials say

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MUMBAI — The gunmen who attacked Mumbai set out by boat from the Pakistani port of Karachi, then later hijacked an Indian fishing trawler that carried them toward this financial capital on their suicide mission, a top police official said Tuesday.

As evidence of the militants' links to Pakistan mounted, Mumbai Police Commissioner Hasan Ghafoor said ex-Pakistani army officers trained the group — some for up to 18 months — and denied reports the men had been planning to escape the city.

"It appears that it was a suicide attack," Mr. Ghafoor said.

The revelations came as a senior U.S. official said India received a warning from the United States that militants were plotting a waterborne assault on Mumbai.

The Indian government is already facing intense public accusations of security and intelligence failures after suspected Muslim militants carried out the three-day attack across Mumbai last week, killing at least 172 people and wounding 239.

Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee also said his country gave a list of about 20 people — including India's most-wanted man — to Pakistan's high commissioner to New Delhi on Monday.

India stepped up the pressure on its neighbor after interrogating the only surviving attacker, who told police that he and the other nine gunmen had trained for months in camps in Pakistan operated by the banned Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba. On Tuesday, U.S. officials also pointed the finger at Pakistani-based groups, although they

did not specifically mention Lashkar.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is to arrive Wednesday, and the U.S. is pressuring Islamabad to cooperate in the investigation of the siege that paralyzed Mumbai and left six Americans dead.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said at a Pentagon news conference that the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Michael Mullen, also was headed to the region.

India's foreign intelligence agency also had warnings as recently as September that Pakistan-based terrorists were plotting attacks on Mumbai, according to a government intelligence official familiar with the matter.

The information, intercepted from telephone conversations apparently coming out of Pakistan, indicated that hotels might be targeted but did not specify

which ones, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk publicly about the details.

India said evidence from the interrogation of the surviving attacker, Ajmal Qasab, pointed to Lashkar, which was outlawed in 2002 in Pakistan under U.S. pressure.

For the first time, the U.S. also said there is reason to suspect that the terror attacks were the work of a group at least partly based in Pakistan.

The remarks, from a senior State Department official, did not detail the evidence, and did not single out any terrorist organization, but they were the closest a U.S. official has come to laying blame for the assaults.

India has demanded that Pakistan take "strong action" against those responsible for the attacks. Mr. Mukherjee said military action was not being considered

but later warned a peace process begun in 2004 was at risk if Pakistan did not act decisively.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi offered to establish a joint investigation with India and said the government wanted to continue a peace process begun in 2004 and broadened this year to include cooperation in fighting terrorism.

Topping India's list of wanted men is Dawood Ibrahim, a powerful gangster and the purported mastermind of 1993 Mumbai bombings. India's most deadly, which killed 257 people, Ibrahim fled to Dubai and later to Karachi. Pakistan has denied he is now in the country.

The other prime fugitive on the list is Masood Azhar, a suspected terrorist freed from an Indian prison in exchange for the release of hostages aboard an Indian jet hijacked to Afghanistan in 1999.



A policeman stands guard at the Victoria Terminus station in Mumbai. The gunmen who attacked the financial capital hijacked an Indian fishing trawler that carried them to the city, officials said.

India must not follow example U.S. set after Sept. 11

By Claude Salhani

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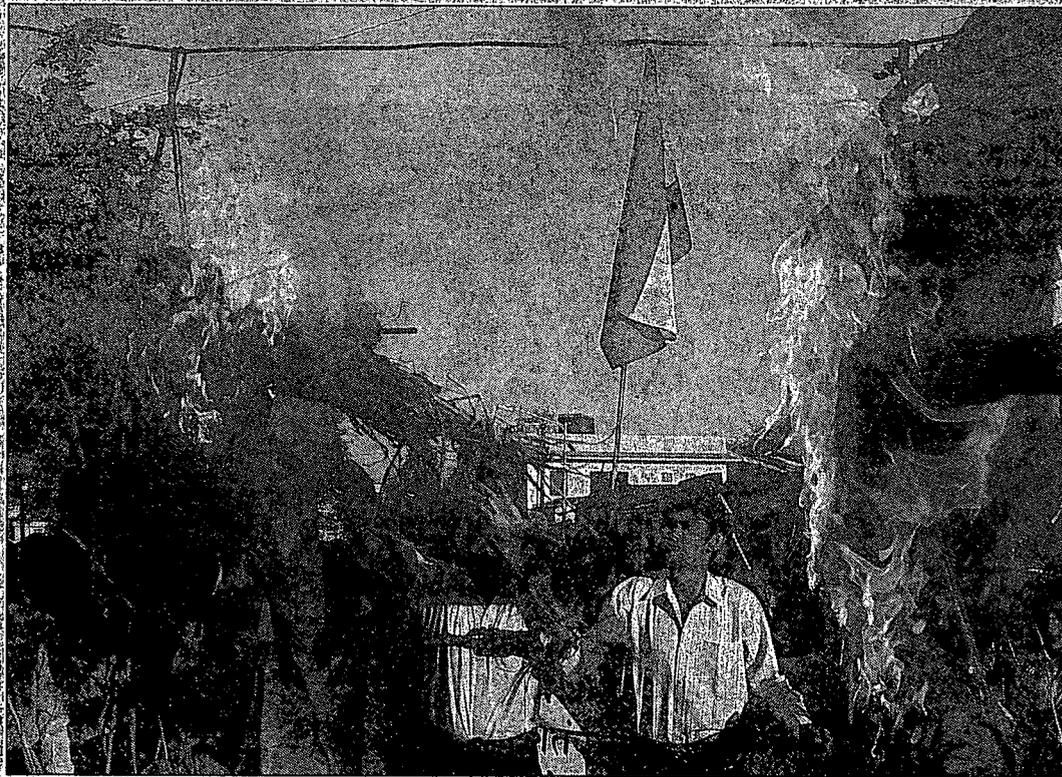
Reeling from the terrible shock of the attacks on India's commercial capital, authorities of the world's largest democracy may find it logical to follow in the footsteps of a certain world-leading country that considers itself to be spearheading democracy around the world. But the United States has, both domestically and in foreign policy, denied much of its own democratic tradition in its "global war on terror." Now India must resist the temptation to do the same.

The authorities in New Delhi would be well advised to take the time necessary and assess the situation and its potential consequences thoroughly before taking any action they may later regret. As nearly everyone knows, a conflict between India and Pakistan — both countries armed with nuclear weapons — would bring nuclear mayhem to the subcontinent and beyond.

The urge for vengeance by an enraged public demanding action from their officials is understandable, and pushes New Delhi to feel it needs to act. But New Delhi's leadership must avoid a path leading to such a precipice in Indian-Pakistani relations.

The attacks on Mumbai by gunmen belonging to a radical Islamist organization, in which nearly 200 people were killed and several hundred wounded, some severely, in the words of one Indian official were described as "India's September 11."

The similarities between the two raids are numerous. Both the attacks on New York City in 2001 and the raids on Mumbai last week targeted financial hubs. By hitting large business



Indians demonstrate against the terrorist attacks in Mumbai last month. The assaults have been described as "India's September 11" and officials in New Delhi are being pressured to respond.

centers, as they did, whoever is behind the Mumbai attacks wanted to do more than kill as many people as they could, before eventually being gunned down by security forces. The attackers were aiming to cause greater harm than the killing of some 200 people and the destruction of hotels and restaurants. (Or in the Sept. 11 case, the deaths of 3,000 people and several buildings.)

Granted, the senseless killings in Mumbai, as in New York and the Pentagon, were, in the sick minds of those committing those terrible acts, an added "benefit." But to them, the killing of innocent victims was simply

that — merely an added benefit.

In this analyst's opinion, the real intent of those two raids were far more nefarious. The real intent is to cause disruption of the countries' economies. In New York, the attacks had a direct effect on Wall Street and, subsequently, on the country's economic situation. Likewise, Mumbai's stock market will be affected by the recent attacks, as will India's economy.

Furthermore, both operations were at the same time ingenious from the terrorists' point of view. They were relatively simple to implement, particularly in open and democratic societies like India and the

United States. And the result will be additional security around hotels.

The central lesson of the Sept. 11 attacks was the ability terrorists had to hijack civilian aircraft and turn them into lethal weapons. The attacks of Sept. 11 forever changed the way airlines and airports conduct business and the way we look at travel today. Costs for increasing security for airports, airplanes and passengers is passed down to the traveler.

Along similar lines, the attacks in Mumbai last week will forever change the way hotels — particularly luxury ones — conduct their business. The chal-

lenge facing intelligence services worldwide now is to try to identify and pre-empt the next likely targets.

Barely 48 hours after the attacks, India began using strongly worded language, saying that Pakistan was behind the Mumbai attacks. According to Indian security services, the surviving terrorist in custody admitted to being Pakistani and having been trained in Pakistan. Indian authorities also found a cell phone of one of the terrorists showing several calls made to Pakistan and Afghanistan.

What of the consequences if India follows the U.S. example? What if India is dragged into the vicious cycle of attacks and counterattacks — verbal, at first — but which could lead to hostile acts and to full-scale war. This is a frightening scenario since both Pakistan and India are nuclear-armed.

Besides the apparent danger that the two countries reach a point of no return, India risks falling into the same trap in which the U.S. found itself after Sept. 11. The mistakes of the Bush administration were those of enacting undemocratic laws (the USA Patriot Act) and ordering law-breaking government practices (torture, detention, and rendition).

For India to go that route would be self-destructive in the extreme. Anti-Muslim sentiments in India can easily spin out of control. There is bound to be a growing desire in New Delhi to retaliate, but this is a time for restraint. India, one of the rare democracies in that part of the world, risks alienating its 154 million Muslims.

Even if the attacks on Mumbai may be compared to those of Sept. 11, it is paramount that the aftermath not follow suit.

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India Should Hand Over Hindu Terrorists To Pakistan

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This is what most Pakistanis hoped to hear from their political leaders. But they have proven once again that they love their foreign houses and bank accounts more than the homeland.

With all their empty arrogance, not a single Pakistani official dared make a single bold statement against the barrage of Indian B.S.

When people like Ahmed Mukhtar, the defense minister, and Khurshheed Shah, another PPP minister, were sheepishly justifying their government's weak responses to American and Indian arrogance, it was the Pakistan Air Force Chief who came out to contradict them. These politicians were exposed for who they are. This also exposes the unworkable Pakistani democracy that always brings to power the worst of the worst.

Unlike these 'leaders', Jamaat al Daawah is made up of honorable men. We might disagree with some of their ideas but not with their intentions. Facing belligerent Indian statements, the Pakistani charity group, Jamaat al Daawah, has made a demand for the extradition of Indian Hindu terror suspects involved in killing Pakistanis on Indian soil, as they did when they burned Pakistanis alive in Sanjota Express, the so-called 'friendship' train.

The Pakistani extradition demand, according to al Daawah, should include the name of the leader of the Indian opposition, L. K. Advani, who is wanted in Pakistan for attempted assassination on the Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah after Independence. Advani fled to India when Pakistani police was hunting for him. Regardless of what you think of Prof. Saeed's politics, you can't but salute this courage under fire.

We wait for the day when Pakistan will see the rise of bold, courageous Pakistani nationalist leaders who emulate the example of countries such as China in its modernity, prosperity, strength and pride. Pakistani citizens yearn for an upright, proud and nationalist Pakistani leadership that can effectively defend Pakistan's interest and modernize the nation.

Below is the full statement of Prof. Saeed and details of a visit organized by Jamaat al Daawah to its premises for members of the international media based in Pakistan. The purpose was to debunk Indian claims of the complicity of Jamaat al Daawah in Mumbai attacks, where India is working overtime to shift the heat toward Pakistan and deflect its own massive security and political failures:

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"In his reaction to news regarding the list of 20 individuals wanted by India which has been handed over to Pakistan, a spokesman for Jamaat-ud-Dawah Pakistan, Muhammad Yahya Mujahid, has said Ameer, Jamaat-ud-Dawah Pakistan, Prof. Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, is a religious leader who has never, at any time, advocated or supported the use of terrorism, nor is he a proponent of clandestine activities of any kind. He said India is employing propaganda in its efforts to hide the crimes of Hindu extremist organizations.

In a statement issued here today, the spokesman said Pakistan too, should demand extradition of the killers of thousands of Indian Muslims, as well as extradition of other Hindu terrorists, such L. K. Advani, Narinder Modi, Bal Thackeray, and serving Indian Army officer, Col. Prohit.

The spokesman said Hafiz Saeed has never been convicted of any crime; neither in Pakistan, nor in any other country of the world, whereas there is an existing registered FIR against L. K. Advani, the leader of an extremist Indian organization, for the murder of Pakistan's founder, Muhammad Ali Jinnah. It will therefore be entirely in accordance with international legal standards, as well as in accordance with the wishes of the people of Pakistan, he said, to demand the extradition of L. K. Advani and other Hindu terrorists.

The spokesman said an agreement to provide complete protection to minorities had been made by both countries at the time of partition of the subcontinent, yet in complete dissimilarity to Pakistan, minorities in India including, Christians, Sikhs, Dalits, and Muslims, have absolutely no safety and protection whatsoever.

Yahya Mujahid said the Indian demand to hand over 20 individuals is extremely ridiculous and India should not try to act like a superpower as it is only making a laughingstock of itself in the whole world."

Media Representatives, Including Indians, Tour Markaz-e-Taiba

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India Should Hand Over Hindu Terrorists To Pakistan

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This is what most Pakistanis hoped to hear from their political leaders. But they have proven once again that they love their foreign houses and bank accounts more than the homeland.

With all their empty arrogance, not a single Pakistani official dared make a single bold statement against the barrage of Indian B.S.

When people like Ahmed Mukhtar, the defense minister, and Khursheed Shah, another PPP minister, were sheepishly justifying their government's weak responses to American and Indian arrogance, it was the Pakistan Air Force Chief who came out to contradict them. These politicians were exposed for who they are. This also exposes the unworkable Pakistani democracy that always brings to power the worst of the worst.

Unlike these 'leaders', Jamaat al Daawah is made up of honorable men. We might disagree with some of their ideas but not with their intentions. Facing belligerent Indian statements, the Pakistani charity group, Jama'at al Da'awah, has made a demand for the extradition of Indian Hindu terror suspects involved in killing Pakistanis on Indian soil, as they did when they burned Pakistanis alive in Samjota Express, the so-called 'friendship' train.

The Pakistani extradition demand, according to al Daawah, should include the name of the leader of the Indian opposition, L. K. Advani, who is wanted in Pakistan for attempted assassination on the Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah after Independence. Advani fled to India when Pakistani police was hunting for him. Regardless of what you think of Prof. Saeed's politics, you can't but salute this courage under fire.

We wait for the day when Pakistan will see the rise of bold, courageous Pakistani nationalist leaders who emulate the example of countries such as China in its modernity, prosperity, strength and pride. Pakistani citizens yearn for an upright, proud and nationalist Pakistani leadership that can effectively defend Pakistan's interest and modernize the nation.

Below is the full statement of Prof. Saeed and details of a visit organized by Jamaat al Daawah to its premises for members of the international media based in Pakistan. The purpose was to debunk Indian claims of the complicity of Jamaat al Daawah in Mumbai attacks, where India is working overtime to shift the heat toward Pakistan and deflect its own massive security and political failures:

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In a statement issued here today, the spokesman said Pakistan too, should demand extradition of the killers of thousands of Indian Muslims, as well as extradition of other Hindu terrorists, such L. K. Advani, Narinder Modi, Bal Thackeray, and serving Indian Army officer, Col. Prohit.

The spokesman said Hafiz Saeed has never been convicted of any crime; neither in Pakistan, nor in any other country of the world, whereas there is an existing registered FIR against L. K. Advani, the leader of an extremist Indian organization, for the murder of

Pakistan's founder, Muhammad Ali Jinnah. It will therefore be entirely in accordance with international legal standards, as well as in accordance with the wishes of the people of Pakistan, he said, to demand the extradition of L. K. Advani and other Hindu terrorists.

The spokesman said an agreement to provide complete protection to minorities had been made by both countries at the time of partition of the subcontinent, yet in complete dissimilarity to Pakistan, minorities in India including, Christians, Sikhs, Dalits, and Muslims, have absolutely no safety and protection whatsoever.

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Pakistani Extremist Under House Arrest

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government in Pakistan is serious about taking on the armed Islamist groups it helped create, and if the country's powerful military and spy service will allow civilian officials to do so. Whether India believes Pakistan is helping in the investigation of one of the worst attacks on its soil in years could determine whether the two nuclear-armed nations continue a halting peace process or move closer to confrontation. Pakistan's reaction to the Mumbai assault could also prove pivotal as it confronts an escalating threat from groups that it once nurtured as weapons against enemies in India and Afghanistan but that have now turned their fire inward on Pakistan.

Under intense pressure from India and the Bush administration, Pakistan in recent days has staged a series of raids on training camps linked to Lashkar-i-Taiba, the Kashmiri-based group said by India to be behind the Mumbai siege. Pakistani officials detained Lashkar commander Zakir Rehman Lakhvi as well as Azhar, the founder of the militant group Jaish-i-Muhammad.

Yet Pakistan has balked at turning over suspects to India and has declined to release the names of most of the 22 people it has reportedly rounded up since the raids began Sunday. Despite encouraging rhetoric from senior Pakistani leaders, U.S. officials say it is not yet clear that Pakistan's government is willing, or able, to crack down on the country's anti-India extremist groups, some of which are linked to al-Qaeda.

While U.S. officials applauded the Pakistani efforts — especially the arrest of Lakhvi — they have not been able to independently confirm anything about the other detainees, including whether they are, in fact, Lashkar members, said one senior U.S. counterterrorism official who is closely monitoring Pakistan's response.

"It remains to be seen," said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of diplomatic sensitivities. "There have been instances in the past where

the Pakistanis arrested extremists after terrorist attacks on India but released them several months later, after the international pressure eased up."

Also unclear, according to U.S. officials and private analysts, is whether the government of newly elected President Asif Ali Zardari can move effectively against the insurgents without the full support of the military and the powerful Inter-Services Intelligence agency, or ISI, which have undermined similar attempts in the past.

"The writ of the state is eroding," said Kamran Bokhari, director of Middle East analysis for Stratfor, a private intelligence company. "It's not just an issue of intent, but an issue of capability. Can these guys deliver?"

Zardari has described the Mumbai gunmen as "criminals, attackers and murderers" and there were signs that his administration was ready to match rhetoric with action. Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, who flew to Islamabad for high-level talks immediately after the Mumbai assault, found senior Pakistani officials sobered and awakening, perhaps for the first time, to the magnitude of the problem they face, according to sources close to the admiral. While recognizing that they have to take decisive action against extremists, sources said, the Pakistanis also realize that a domestic backlash, both politically and in terms of terrorism, is the inevitable result.

U.S. officials have been pressing Pakistan to take aggressive measures in a series of private meetings and public events. Gen. David H. Petraeus, former U.S. commander in Iraq and now head of the U.S. Central Command, said in a speech yesterday that insurgent havens in Pakistan remain a "significant concern," adding that the Mumbai siege highlights the extent of the challenges Pakistan faces.

Pakistan and India have fought three wars since 1947, and resentments run deep, particularly in the disputed territory of Kashmir. For many Pakistanis, the prospect of turning over citizens to India to face terrorism charges is too much

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to stomach, some analysts said. "Pakistan doesn't want to be seen as caving to political pressure from India," said Robert Grenier, a former CIA station chief in Islamabad and now managing director of Kroll, a risk consulting firm. Because of the torrent of rhetoric from both countries after the rampage, many old wounds have reopened, and opportunities for real cooperation have diminished, he said. "The atmosphere has been greatly complicated if not poisoned," Grenier said.

As of late yesterday, most of the 20 Pakistani nationals whom India has demanded that Pakistan arrest and turn over remained at large. Only two days before the start of Pakistan's raids on Lashkar camps, Lashkar founder Hafiz Sayeed gave a public lecture at a mosque in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore. The mosque is controlled by Jamaat-ud-Dawa, an organization described by U.S. intelligence officials as a front group for Lashkar.

On Monday, police officials in Lahore said they planned to shut down the facilities of banned militant religious groups. But the Jamaat-ud-Dawa mosque and headquarters remained open hours later, and it was unclear whether Sayeed would face arrest.

The arrests that Pakistan has made came only after the U.S. applied heavy pressure on Zardari

and Pakistan's military leadership. They came nearly two weeks after the deadly assault on India's financial capital, in which 10 gunmen opened fire at a restaurant and train station and laid siege to two luxury hotels and a Jewish prayer center, killing more than 170 people, including six Americans, and wounding at least 230. Indian officials yesterday released the names of the 10 gunmen and said they were all Pakistani nationals who belonged to Lashkar.

In Mumbai, chief police investigator Rakesh Maria released what he said were the addresses of the nine gunmen killed in the attack, along with photos of eight of them. All were 20 to 28 years old, and most were from Punjab province in Pakistan's heartland, far from the North-West Frontier Province that has been the front line in Pakistan's growing insurgency. One gunman was captured.

A senior Indian official dismissed Pakistan's raids as nothing new, and far short of the "concrete action" demanded by the scale of the carnage in Mumbai. "We have been there and we have traversed that road before," he said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "Let us wait and see if there will be a realistic change on the ground."

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India-Pakistan disarmament?

Cooler heads must revisit the issue

By Harlan Ullman

LIslamabad, Pakistan et us assume, at least for the moment, that the crisis between Pakistan and India over the Mumbai terror attacks two weeks ago recedes and a resolution acceptable to both sides can be found that does no permanent damage to future relationships in South Asia. Beyond the necessity of averting a shooting conflict between two nuclear-armed states that have gone to war with each other before, can this crisis be turned into an opportunity?

Emotions and tensions are running high for understandable reasons. Despite many earlier instances of significant terror attacks that have taken Indian lives, India views this outrage in which about 180 people were killed and twice as many wounded as its September 11th. Blame was im-

mediately placed on Lashkar-e-Taibi, a Pakistani-based terrorist organization long ago banned by the prior Pakistani government. In a phone call, it was widely reported that Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee threatened Pakistani President Asif Zardari that this incident was "something over which India could go to war." Although the call was not a hoax, the assertion it was does not remove India's option to use force.

Initially, Pakistan denied that any Pakistanis were involved in the attacks. However, a thorough investigation is essential to establish culpability. Evidence clearly leads to Lashkar-e-Taibi. But new facts suggest other parties and individuals were also involved.

What opportunity could arise from this crisis? The most important is the most difficult and will take the longest to achieve. In early 2002, after terrorists at-

tacked India's parliament, both sides headed towards the nuclear precipice. In the current crisis, there is no guarantee that nuclear brinkmanship will not recur. Should India reject Pakistani actions to bring Lashkar-e-Taibi to justice as insufficient, it could follow the American precedent set in Afghanistan, Iraq and Predator strikes into Pakistan and intervene with military force into sovereign Pakistani territory.

However brave and able Pakistan's army is, India is a far more powerful and much larger state. The last recourse and doomsday scenario is the specter of nuclear war in the event fighting gets out of control or intervention threatens the break up of Pakistan. Mr. Zardari has already taken the courageous and bold step of vowing not to use nuclear weapons first. In the excruciating pressure of war, the endurance of such promises

cannot be guaranteed.

The greatest opportunity rests in determining how these weapons can be permanently prevented from being used and how they can be reduced and even eventually eliminated. Arms control treaties between the U.S. and Soviet Union through SALT and START demonstrated that bitter adversaries had mutual interests in limiting nuclear weapons. While this approach has long been proposed in South Asia, after this crisis has cooled down, new initiatives must be undertaken.

Initiatives could start with the Balusa Group, which is named for two adjoining villages in the Punjab and now devoted to bringing a rapprochement between India and Pakistan. A driving personality in this group is retired Pakistani Gen. Mahmud Durrani, currently serving as Pakistan's first national security adviser. Aside from the most obvious aim of

preventing nuclear war, other important realities underscore the essential need for such an approach.

India and Pakistan regard each other as the key threat. That competition has spread to Afghanistan, already engulfed in a fierce and worsening insurgency. Pakistan understands the existential nature of the insurgent threats and has shifted its priorities west away from India. Military officers, however, are generally conservative. The Pakistan army still views India as the major danger even though it must contend with the insurgency. The Mumbai crisis understandably reinforces this perception.

India, having repaired its relations with China long ago, regards Pakistan as its nemesis. Unfortunately, India has turned a blind eye to its internal insurgencies that are likely to prove far more threatening to its future stability. As Pakistan must concentrate prima-

rily on its domestic dangers, the same reasoning applies to India. During the flying visits of Admiral Mike Mullen and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to both countries last week, it was only Pakistan and not India that was pressured to take prompt action against domestic threats in the form of Lashkar-e-Taibi.

The new administration of President-elect Barack Obama will be the inheritor of this crisis and this opportunity. As argued before in this column, establishment of a conference of all nuclear powers by expanding the Group of Six that is negotiating with North Korea to eliminate its atomic programs is one way ahead. India and Pakistan would join the U.S., Russia, China and North Korea. And Britain and France should participate as well. Using the Balusa model, the goal is to prevent the use and spread of nuclear weapons and eventually to reduce those numbers as much as possible. That would be a real opportunity made from adversity.

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Unholy war culture

By Arnaud de Borchgrave

The Mumbai massacre postmortem is wide of the mark. Of course, it's Pakistan. And of course it's Pakistani extremists. We knew that before the siege was over by talking to Pakistani sources in Islamabad and Peshawar. But it's not one group; it's a culture that the United States helped create during the Cold War.

Almost 100,000 young boys are graduated every year from some 12,000 madrassas, Koranic schools in which the sole discipline is the Koran, which they have to learn by heart.

The curriculum is larded with slogans about the hated American, Indian, and Israeli infidels who are out to destroy Islam. Sons of poor and jobless parents who can't afford school fees, they get a free meal and learn how to read and write in a dirt-poor country, with low literacy, high unemployment, and still higher inflation.

Madrassas are free, including one meal a day. Most of them leave these religious schools at 16 and are easy prey for recruiters from politico-religious extremist movements.

It all goes back to the clandestine war the United States, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan fought together against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan (1979-89). The coalition's secret weapon: Islam and the cult of jihad.

In the early stages of the Soviet invasion and occupation, many of the Soviet troops were drawn from the Muslim republics of the Soviet Union. It was a colonial configuration: brown faces with white officers.

The anti-Soviet resistance, funded by the United States and Saudi Arabia to the tune of \$1 billion a year (which was real money in those days), flooded towns occupied by the

Soviets with Korans and pamphlets declaring jihad, or holy war, against the Russian occupier.

These also appealed to potential recruits for jihad throughout the Arab world. That was Osama bin Laden's main contribution to the anti-Soviet war effort: Using family funds from Saudi Arabia, bin Laden paid for their trips to Peshawar where he kept a roster of volunteers and their next of kin. Al Qaeda propaganda to the contrary, bin Laden didn't see much action against the Red Army. But it wasn't long before Moscow decided to replace its brown faces with more trustworthy Soviet Caucasians.

At the same time, Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq (killed in a mysterious plane crash in 1988) decided to erect what he called ideological and religious barriers against the penetration of communist ideology. Hence, the creation of madrassas, Koranic schools, along the Pakistani-Afghan border. Zia also took advantage of the clash of ideologies to appoint Islamic chaplains at battalion level throughout the army in a drive to Islamize the armed forces.

Following the Kremlin's decision to abandon Afghanistan as a lost cause in 1989 and Washington's decision to turn its back on the region, madrassas soon spread to the entire country. Anti-Americanism progressed in tandem with U.S. punitive measures against Pakistan for its secret nuclear weapons program. Diplomatic, economic and military sanctions facilitated the work of religious extremists who proselytized against the American and Indian heathens. Young volunteers joined all manner of extremist groups.

Many were trained by the ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence) to conduct commando-style attacks and acts of terrorism against Indian troops in Kashmir. And it was ISI that midwifed a group of Afghan jihadis that became the Taliban and conquered Afghanistan in 1996. Even Benazir Bhutto, the assassinated moderate leader whose widower is now President Ali Zardari, backed Taliban's conquest of Afghanistan.

When Pervez Musharraf

seized power in a bloodless coup in 1999, and proclaimed himself president, the country was awash with madrassa-trained youngsters eager for action. Extremist groups enjoyed official recognition, most of them with ISI links. Kashmir was their leitmotif.

Sept. 11, 2001, compelled Mr. Musharraf to heed U.S. calls to action against extremists. Lashkar-e-Taiba (LET), the group nailed for India's Sept. 11-type terror attack in Mumbai, was one of the groups disbanded. But, like the others, they dropped one name and reopened across town with a new shingle.

A demonstration of their numbers came when the United States invaded Afghanistan Oct. 7, 2001, three weeks after Sept. 11. Mullahs mobilized some 5,000 madrassa-trained boys in their teens and moved them across the border into Afghanistan from the Mohmand

tribal agency — to fight the American invader. They never got to do any fighting because the Taliban regime had already collapsed. The teenagers were rounded up and secretly shipped back to Pakistan, courtesy of U.S. clandestine services.

Prior to the U.S. invasion, Taliban-ruled Afghanistan and its 20 odd al-Qaeda training camps, supplied terrorists for Kashmir. After Taliban's defeat, they all fell back on FATA, Pakistan's seven Federally Administered Tribal Areas, where they still benefit from safe havens today. From FATA, they battle a reluctant Pakistani army and feed manpower to the anti-U.S./NATO insurgency in Afghanistan.

Until last Feb. 18, when the MMA coalition of six politico-religious parties lost the elections, extremists governed two of Pakistan's four provinces — Baluchistan and the Northwest Frontier Province (NWFP). The chief minister of NWFP told this reporter that he was a good friend of Mullah Omar, the Taliban chief, and that he admired Osama bin Laden, Baluchistan's capital, Quetta, under a coalition of religious

zealots, became a safe haven for Taliban fighters, from rest and recreation to hospital treatment for wounded fighters.

Now that MMA types no longer have government responsibilities, they are free again to encourage their more extreme extremists to engage in anti-government mayhem. Former members of the coalition have long been fearful of a U.S.-engineered rapprochement with India as they are convinced it would be a Pakistani sellout to its emerging superpower neighbor. The terrorist strikes against at least seven targets in Mumbai were clearly designed to provoke India and torpedo any chance a new American president might have of negotiating a deal.

Britain's intelligence agencies are tracking some 200 terrorists' plots among Pakistani Brits and some 2,000 are under observation. Some 400,000 travel back and forth between the United States and Pakistan each year.

Does ISI control some of Pakistan's terrorist groups? No longer. But little escapes their notice about groups they originally sponsored. Gen. Shuja Pasha, the new head of ISI, was in India to see his counterparts a week before the attacks in Mumbai. It will be at least a year or two before he knows all the facets of a huge organization involved in every detail of political, economic and military life. Gen. Pasha has ordered ISI out of politics, which is like ordering the CIA out of spying.

ISI knew that something "big" was planned for the United States in September 2001. Confirmation of this knowledge was presented to the September 11 Commission — but arrived in Washington three days after the document had gone to the printers. The head of ISI at the time, Gen. Mahmoud Ahmed, was in the United States when the attacks took place.

Back in Pakistan, Mr. Musharraf ordered him to see Mullah Omar in Afghanistan and to force the surrender of Osama bin Laden — or face a U.S. invasion. He disobeyed the order, advised Mullah Omar to keep bin Laden, and was fired by Mr. Musharraf. There is still a lot of untold history about Pakistan's unholy war culture.

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In Outcry Over Siege, Two Indias Emerge

The Poor, Hit Hard in Past, Question New Level of Protest After Attacks on Affluent

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MUMBAI, Dec. 8 — In a dilapidated neighborhood along Tulsī Pipe Road, a shoe store proprietor, David Ronel, recalled the series of seven train bombings in 2006, one of them at the Mahim Junction station, just across from his shop. He and other merchants along the dusty street rushed to carry out the injured and the dead.

The attacks, which occurred on a weekday in July at the peak of evening rush hour, killed 209 people and wounded more than 700. The bombings were thought to have been carried out by the same Pakistan-based group, Lashkar-e-Taiba, that authorities suspect organized the recent siege of Mumbai.

But Ronel, 34, said he did not recall the train bombings eliciting the kind of street protests, political resignations, candlelight vigils and procession of talk show personalities expressing fury and analysis that followed last month's attacks.

"For the train bombings, the outrage was there, but it was never really heard," Ronel said, his hands black from shoe polish. "More people died in the train bombings, but they were ordinary Indians, not high society industrialists or foreigners or film industry people. Where were the protest marches after the train attacks?"

The recent siege brought terrorism to the doorstep of India's affluent and struck at the symbols of their prosperity: India's expanding elite, which has felt somewhat insulated from the heat, traffic, sporadic electricity outages and overall commotion in this fast-paced city, suddenly felt vulnerable.

In India, terrorists have usually targeted crowded markets and trains, seldom frequented by the wealthy. Typically, the victims have been the poor, including taxi drivers, deliverymen, shopkeepers and street sweepers. But the gunmen who struck several sites in Mumbai late last month focused

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much of their rage on the city's two most luxurious hotels and its most likely guests: business executives, socialites, Bollywood film directors and political bigwigs.

Never before has a terrorist attack in India brought such raw outrage and calls for sweeping changes in government. A public interest lawsuit was filed against the government over the failure to protect citizens. It was backed by some of Mumbai's richest, including stock analysts, lawyers and real estate tycoons. Billboards bearing the words "Jago Mumbai, Jago," or "Wake up Mumbai," went up in upper-class neighborhoods.

"The hard reality of this country is that we are living in two Indias. One is for the rich, who matter, and one is for the poor, who are invisible," said Ashok Agarwal, a lawyer who runs Social Jurist, a group that litigates education cases on behalf of the marginalized sections of society. "In India, you can use the poor for your benefit. He should cook your meals, wash your utensils, scrub your clothes, but when it comes to doing justice for the victims of other bombings, there wasn't this level of outrage. When poor people were attacked, the country wasn't suddenly insecure. This is a fundamental injustice, and it has led to authorities ignoring attacks."

Mumbai, with more than 14 million people, is India's most populous city and has often suffered tragedy. In 2005, monsoon flooding killed more than 400 people in the city in one day, and the main victims were the poor. One Indian media study found that a fashion event got more local coverage than the flooding, which affected many slum dwellers. Mumbai is home to Asia's

largest slums.

Although India's economy is booming, poverty runs deep. Nearly half of all Indian children are clinically malnourished or underweight, on par with the rate in Bangladesh and worse than in Ethiopia, according to UNICEF. Even as the economy has grown by up to 8 percent, child malnutrition has declined only one percentage point, to 46 percent, in seven years, according to a 2007 National Family Health Survey, part of a government report.

A December government study found that the majority in India live on 50 cents a day. At the same time, the number of dollar millionaires has increased to 100,000, according to government data.

India's rigid caste system, a centuries-old social order under which status is inherited at birth, has long affected societal attitudes. Agarwal said. Lower castes, along with Muslims and other tribal groups, make up nearly 70 percent of India's 1.1 billion people.

"After the recent attacks, the elite feel 'there is no safe haven. There is no place to run and hide,'" said Uday Shankar, chief executive of Star India, which runs a string of entertainment and news television channels. "They cannot go behind the Taj hotel's double doors and feel shielded from the chaos and insecurity outside. That shield has been shattered. The terrorists struck South Mumbai, the most desirable address in India."

Across the city, wealthy youths paraded with "Enough Is Enough" banners. Hundreds of middle- and upper-class residents of the ritzy Colaba neighborhood gathered outside the terrorist-hit Chabad House, a Jewish center, to perform yogic sun salutations and deep-breathing techniques.

"There was no such protest or activities for us. Now everyone is feeling vulnerable, not just us, the common people," said Madhuri Jayprakash Sawant, 49, whose 29-year-old son is in a coma from brain damage suf-

fered in the 2006 train attacks. "The first-class people are the ones now running the national outrage. But the common man is usually the one who suffers, alone."

Those contrasts were highlighted in this year's hit film "Slumdog Millionaire," about a scrappy 18-year-old orphan from the slums of Mumbai who is able to answer tough questions in the Indian version of the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" But police arrest him on suspicion of cheating. They wonder how a street kid knew so much.

"They are all lighting candles in front of these temples of affluence, the five-stars, for the people who were engaged in an aggressive pursuit of pleasure. It is not the first time terror has hit Mumbai. When the trains blew up in 2006, there was unimaginable anguish," said Mahesh Bhatt, a well-known filmmaker. "Why did we not see this hysteric candle-lighting then? At that time, I did not witness this great sense of gloom and doom in the city. Because the local Mumbai trains are not a pretty wallpaper against which you can perform your scenes of urban middle-class activism. These are the kind of people who don't even look at the working class. The train bombing was not part of their tragedy, the Taj siege is."

While dozens of TV cameras were focused on the Taj Mahal Palace & Tower and the Oberoi Trident hotels, some of the victims elsewhere in the city said few media outlets came to see them.

"They only care about Taj," said Irshad Khan, 26, one of the managers at the bullet-marked Re-Fresh restaurant inside Mumbai's main railway station, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, where gunmen mowed down as many as 48 people during the siege. "We are just common people, not worth their mind."

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India's Ruling Party Wins Three States in Local Elections

By RAMA LAKSHMI
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NEW DELHI, Dec. 8 — India's ruling Congress party has won control of three states in local elections, officials said Monday, a surprising victory as public attitudes toward the government sour in the wake of last month's attacks in Mumbai.

Political observers had said that frequent terrorist strikes in recent months and rising food prices would probably work against the incumbent and give an edge to the Hindu nationalist opposition.

The state elections are a prelude to national elections, scheduled around May.

Vote totals for five states were announced Monday, and the results in a sixth state, Kashmir, are expected later this month when the staggered polling ends. Congress won in Delhi, the western state of Rajasthan and the northeastern state of Mizoram. It had not held power in the latter two states, which represented pick-ups for the party. The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) retained its hold in the central states of Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

After the election, analysts said that



Shiyraj Singh Chauhan of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party celebrates his victory as chief minister of Madhya Pradesh state. The BJP retained control of two states in the vote.

voters had focused on local development issues such as roads, water and power instead of terrorism.

A string of bombings have ripped through several Indian cities since May,

killing more than 250 people. Late last month, 10 gunmen killed 171 people and wounded more than 230 others in a well-coordinated assault on Mumbai.

The campaign in recent weeks was

dominated by a highly polarized political debate, as each party appealed to a Hindu or Muslim voter base. The BJP had campaigned aggressively on the issue of terrorism, blaming the Congress Party for not enacting a strict anti-terrorism law. The BJP also criticized the arrest of several Hindus who were recently implicated in a bombing in a Muslim neighborhood.

Congress, meanwhile, had faced criticism and eroding support from its traditional Muslim base for arresting scores of Muslim suspects for various bombings.

"The issue in this election was development and Delhi's future. Terrorism was not the issue. People understand very well who is politicizing the issue of terrorism and have rejected it outright," said a jubilant Sheila Dikshit, who won the chief ministership of the state of Delhi. "We must stand together when any kind of attack or weakening of the country takes place. Unfortunately, the opposition mounted a very negative campaign about terrorism."

The BJP retained power in two states where it raised the issue of terrorism.

"Terrorism was and is a real issue which concerns the polity," said Arun Jaitley, the general secretary of the BJP.

Slope slippery with blood

By Mark Steyn

Shortly after the London Tube bombings in 2005, a reader of Tim Blair, The Sydney Daily Telegraph's columnar wag, sent him a note-perfect parody of a typical newspaper headline: "British Muslims fear repercussions over tomorrow's tram bombing."

Indeed. And so it goes. This time round — Bombay — it was the Associated Press that filed a story about how Muslims "found themselves on the defensive once again about bloodshed linked to their religion."

Oh, I don't know about that. In fact, you would be hard-pressed from most news reports to figure out the bloodshed was "linked" to any religion, least of all one beginning with "I" and ending in "slam." In the three years since those British bombings, the media have more or less entirely abandoned the offending formulations — "Islamic terrorists," "Muslim extremists" — and by the time of the assault on Bombay found it easier just to call the alleged perpetrators "militants" or "gunmen" or "teenage gunmen" as in the opening line of this report in The Australian: "An Adelaide woman in India for her wedding is lucky to be alive after teenage gunmen ran amok."

Kids today, eh? Always running amok in an aimless fashion. The veteran British TV anchor Jon Snow, on the other hand, opted for the more cryptic locution "practitioners." "Practitioners" of what, exactly?

Hard to say. And getting harder. For the Wall Street Journal, Tom Gross produced a jaw-dropping round-up of Bombay media coverage. The discovery that, for the first time in an Indian terrorist atrocity, Jews had been attacked, tortured and killed produced from the New York Times a serene befuddlement: "It is not known if the Jewish center was strategically chosen, or if it was an accidental hostage scene."

Hmm. Greater Bombay forms one of the world's five biggest cities. It has a population of nearly 20 million. But only one Jewish center, located

in a building that gives no external clue as to the bounty waiting therein. An "accidental hostage scene" that one of the "practitioners" just happened to stumble upon? "I must be the luckiest jihadist in town. What are the odds?"

Meanwhile, the New Age guru Deepak Chopra laid all the blame on American foreign policy for "going after the wrong people" and "inflaming moderates" and "that inflammation then gets organized and appears as this disaster in Bombay."

Really? The inflammation just "appears." Like a bad pimple? The "fairer" we get to the, ah, inflamed militant practitioners, the unfairer we get to everyone else. At the Chabad House, the murdered Jews were described in almost all the Western media as "ultra-Orthodox," "ultra" in this instance being less a term of theological precision than a generalized code for "strange, weird people, nothing against them personally, but they probably shouldn't have been over there in the first place." Are they stranger or weirder than their killers? Two "inflamed moderates" entered the Chabad House, shouted "Allahu Akbar," tortured the Jews and murdered them, including the young rabbi's pregnant wife. Their 2-year-old child escaped because of a quick-witted (non-Jewish) nanny who hid in a closet and then, at the risk of machine-gun fire, ran with him to safety.

The Times was being silly in suggesting this was just an "accidental" hostage opportunity — and not just because when Muslim terrorists capture Jews it's not a hostage situation, it's a mass murder-in-waiting. The sole surviving "militant" revealed that the Jewish center had been targeted a year in advance. The 28-year-old rabbi was Gavriel Holtzberg. His pregnant wife was Rivka Holtzberg. Their orphaned son is Moshe Holtzberg, and his brave nanny is Sandra Samuels. Remember their names, not because they're any more important than the Indians, Britons and Americans targeted in the attack on Bombay, but because they are an especially revealing glimpse into the pathologies of

the perpetrators.

In a well-planned attack on iconic Bombay landmarks symbolizing great power and wealth, the "militants" nevertheless found time to divert 20 percent of their manpower to torturing and killing a handful of obscure Jews helping the city's poor in a nondescript building. If they were just "teenage gunmen" or "militants" in the cause of Kashmir, engaged in a more or less conventional territorial dispute with India, why kill the only rabbi in Bombay? Dennis Prager got to the absurdity of it when he invited his readers to imagine Basque separatists attacking Madrid: "Would the terrorists take time out to murder all those in the Madrid Chabad House? The idea is ludicrous."

And yet we take it for granted that Pakistani "militants" in a long-running border dispute with India would take time out of their hectic schedule to kill Jews. In going to ever more baroque lengths to avoid saying "Islamic" or "Muslim" or "terrorist," we have somehow managed to internalize the pathologies of these men.

We are enjoined to be "understanding," and we're doing our best. A Minnesotan suicide bomber (now there's a phrase) originally from Somalia returned to the old country and blew up himself and 29 other people last October. His family prevailed upon your government to have his parts (or as many of them as could be sifted from the debris) returned to the United States at taxpayer expense and buried in Burnsville Cemetery. Well, hey, in the current climate, what's the big deal about a federal bailout of jihad operational expenses? If that's not "too big to fail," what is?

Last week, a Canadian critic reprimanded me for failing to understand that Muslims feel "vulnerable." Au contraire, they project tremendous cultural confidence, as well they might. They're the world's fastest-growing population. A prominent British Muslim announced the other day that, when the United Kingdom becomes a Muslim state, non-Muslims will be required to wear insignia identifying them as infidels. If he's feeling "vulnerable," he's doing a terrific job of covering it up.

We are told the "vast majority" of the 1.6-1.8 billion Muslims (in Deepak Chopra's estimate) are "moderate." Maybe so, but they're also quiet. And, as the AIDS activists used to say, "Silence Equals Acceptance." It equals acceptance of the things done in the name of their faith. Rabbi Holtzberg was not murdered because of a territorial dispute over Kashmir or because of George W. Bush's foreign policy. He was murdered in the name of Islam — "Allahu Akbar."

I wrote in my book "America Alone" that "reforming" Islam is something only Muslims can do. But they show very interest in doing it, and the rest of us are inclined to accept that. Spread a rumor that a Koran got flushed down the can at Gitmo, and there'll be rioting throughout the Muslim world. Publish some dull cartoons in a minor Danish newspaper, and there'll be protests around the planet. But slaughter the young pregnant wife of a rabbi in Bombay in the name of Allah, and that's just business as usual. And, if it is somehow "understandable" that for the first time in history it's no longer safe for a Jew to live in India, we are greasing the skids for a very slippery slope. Muslims, the AP headline informs us, "worry about image." Not enough.

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Islamist students demonstrate in Pakistan.

Fareed Zakaria

Rawalpindi's Choice

If the Mumbai attacks were India's Sept. 11, then it has responded quite differently than the United States did in the aftermath of that horrible event. Much of the debate among Indians has looked inward, focusing on their government's lack of preparedness, poor intelligence and bungling response to the attacks. Senior officials have resigned. Some evidence links the terrorists to the Pakistani militant group Lashkar-i-Taiba, but India has not rushed to war. Even the Hindu fundamentalist Bharatiya Janata Party, traditionally ultra-hawkish, is advocating "coercive diplomacy," calling on the world to insist that Pakistan meet its U.N. treaty obligations to fight terrorism. India is wisely showing restraint — the two nations are nuclear-armed, and a military strike would only inflame Pakistani nationalism. But a democratic government, particularly one approaching an election season, can remain restrained only if restraint yields results. If not, South Asia — including Afghanistan — will get a lot more unstable.

Some have argued that India should use its intelligence and air power against some of Lashkar's camps in the borderlands of Kashmir. But one would not need spies and planes to find the head of Lashkar, Hafiz Muhammad Saeed. He lives and works in Lahore. Pakistan officially banned Lashkar in 2002, but Saeed now runs its "charitable" arm, Jamaat-ud-Dawa, a large and growing force in the country. The

problem with Islamic militant groups in Pakistan is not that they are hard to find but, rather, that they are in plain sight. The Pakistani government has never made a fundamental decision to turn its back on the culture of jihad.

One must be precise when speaking of the Pakistani government. The elected, civilian government appears to be a bystander in this affair. Initially, President Asif Ali Zardari denounced the terrorists and offered full assistance to Indian investigators. His prime minister offered to send the head of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency to New Delhi to help. Then, after the army weighed in, the offer was withdrawn. Zardari's statements became more evasive and defensive. It soon became clear who actually runs the country.

It is unclear whether the Pakistani military was involved in the Mumbai attacks. The Indians certainly think so. The attackers were trained in four places in Pakistan by men with titles like colonel and major. They used communication channels that are known ISI channels. All this can't happen without the knowledge of the military," one Indian official told me.

They're not alone in their suspicions. "This was a three-stage amphibious operation. [The attackers] maintained radio silence, launched diversionary attacks to pull the first responders out of the way, knew their way around the hotels, were equipped with cryptographic com-

munications, credit cards, false IDs," says David Kilcullen, a counterinsurgency expert who has advised Gen. David Petraeus. "It looks more like a classical special forces or commando operation than a terrorist one. No group linked to al-Qaeda and certainly not Lashkar has ever mounted a maritime attack of this complexity." Which is worse: If the Pakistani military knew about this operation in advance, or if it didn't?

The situation in South Asia is complicated. But all roads clearly lead through Rawalpindi, the headquarters of the Pakistani military. For decades it has sponsored militant groups such as Lashkar and the Taliban as a low-cost strategy to bleed India and influence Afghanistan. Now, though, unless Pakistan changes how it conceives of its interests and strategy, the country will remain an unstable place, distrusted by all its neighbors. Even the Chinese, longtime allies, have begun worrying about the spread of Islamic extremism. Pakistan needs to take a civilian, not a military, view of its national interest, one in which good relations with India lead to trade, economic growth and stability. Of course, in such a world, Pakistan wouldn't need a military that consumes a quarter of the nation's budget and rules the country like a privileged elite.

The United States could do more than any other country to change the military's mind-set. For India to bomb some Lashkar training camps

would be to attack the symptoms, not the source of the rot — and would only fuel sympathy for the militants among ordinary Pakistanis. The world needs Pakistan to decide on its own that its prospects are diminished by tolerating such groups. American diplomacy has been fast and effective so far. But we must keep the pressure on Islamabad and get countries such as China and Saudi Arabia involved. President-elect Barack Obama has proposed aid to Pakistan that has sensible conditions attached, meant to help modernize the country.

America also has much to lose if things fall apart in South Asia. If tensions between India and Pakistan rise, distracting the Pakistani military from the jihadists in its tribal areas, it will lead to much greater instability in Afghanistan and a freer hand for the Taliban and al-Qaeda. Washington, too, needs results.

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Mistrust of India Forges Sense of Unity in Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, Dec. 5 — Fa-
teh Khan doesn't know much about the
fight against terrorism. He doesn't know
much about the attacks that killed more
than 170 people in Mumbai last week, ei-
ther. But if there is one thing the Pakistani
taxi driver feels sure about, it's that after
three wars, India — not terrorism — re-
mains the No. 1 threat to his country.

"Every Pakistani is clear that India is
the enemy state," Khan said. "Pakistan has
always tried to live at peace with India. But
India has not tried for peace."

As more details emerge about alleged
Pakistani links to the three-day siege in In-
dia's financial capital last week, a rare na-
tional unity is coalescing in Pakistan, cen-
tered on its old enemy. Although debate
continues about how to manage attacks on
politicians and government institutions by
armed Pakistani groups, the Indian accu-
sations against Pakistan after the Mumbai
attacks have reminded many of India's 60-
year role as the primary security threat
here.

From Taliban commanders in the north-
west to liberal businessmen in Islamabad,
the capital, Pakistanis have this week been
rallying around the flag. Tensions with In-
dia have prompted pledges of support for
the government even from the Taliban, the
growing insurgent force based on the trib-
al agencies of the country's North-West
Frontier Province.

This week, several leaders of armed Is-
lamist groups in that region vowed to lay
down their arms against the government
and stand with Pakistan's military in the
event of a clash with India — a turnaround
for groups that in the past six years have
killed more than 1,200 Pakistani troops.

"We may have a dispute with the Paki-
stan government, but we would set aside
our differences if our homeland was
threatened by outside powers," said Maul-
vi Nazir, head of a powerful Pakistani Tal-
iban splinter group in the tribal area of
South Waziristan. "We would raise a force
of 15,000 tribal Taliban to fight on the side

of Pakistan's armed forces. We would in-
filtrate 500 suicide bombers into India to
cause havoc there."

That promise of assistance has not gone
unnoticed in Islamabad.

In a briefing with reporters after the
Mumbai attacks, several top officials of Pa-
kistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency,
or ISI, said they welcomed the offers of
support from Nazir and Taliban leaders
such as Battullah Mehsud.

Only a year ago, Mehsud, who reported-
ly commands thousands of foot soldiers in
his native South Waziristan, was Paki-
stan's most wanted man. Days after the as-
sassination of former Pakistani prime min-
ister Benazir Bhutto, Mehsud's name sur-
faced as the possible perpetrator of the
Dec. 27 bomb attack that killed her.

Rahimullah Yusufzai, a Pakistani jour-
nalist based in the northwestern city of Pe-
shawar, said the current mood among in-
surgent leaders such as Nazir and others
in the region is sharply anti-Indian and
pro-Pakistani. But Yusufzai cautioned that
an opportunistic impulse lies beneath the
groups' recent avowals of support for the
government against India.

"Right now, these are only statements.
They are offering support, but they are
also saying that in return for their support
the military must stop its operations in the
tribal areas, in Swat and other places," Yu-
sufzai said. "They are trying to seize the
moment and say, 'Look, we're not anti-
state, not anti-Pakistan.' But the govern-
ment has to be careful. It should not re-
spond by pulling out troops."

Many ordinary people in northwestern
cities such as Peshawar are wary of expres-
sions of national unity and more inclined
to empathize with India's position. Yusuf-
zai said. Hundreds of civilians have been
killed and wounded in insurgent attacks
this year, and the mounting violence has
sensitized the population to the govern-
ment's failure to rein in terrorists within
Pakistan.

"There is a feeling that these jihadi
groups need to be cut down to size," Yusuf-
zai said. "People here have seen up close
the results of their activities, so they are

probably more inclined to believe some of
the Indian accusations."

On Friday evening, a car bomb explod-
ed in Peshawar, killing at least 20 people
and injuring scores more, the Associated
Press reported. Neither the motive nor the

identity of the perpetrators was clear, but
provincial government chief Haider Khan
Hoti said "external forces" could be to
blame — a comment understood in Paki-
stan to mean India, the AP said.

Before the Mumbai attacks, Pakistan
was already deeply divided over how to
deal simultaneously with the internal
threats posed by extremist groups and the
external pressures from countries such as
India and the United States. Since the at-
tacks, that fracture has given rise to a heat-
ed public debate.

In a column Friday in the popular Eng-
lish-language newspaper Dawn, Pakistani
defense analyst and author Ayesha Siddiq-
a noted the Pakistani Taliban's apparent
overnight transformation from pariah to
patriot amid the public furor over the
events in Mumbai. "And hadn't we been in-
formed earlier that all these 'patriotic' war-
riors were in fact murdering Pakistan's
people and its brave soldiers?" Siddiq-
a wrote.

"We could cry ourselves hoarse about a
foreign conspiracy to finish Pakistan, but
it would not change the fact that Pakistan
faces the threat of being internationally os-
tracized unless it begins to look inwards,"

Siddiq-
a added.

Since its founding in 1947, Pakistan has
been ruled by a succession of military gen-
erals, wavering all the while between war
and tense detente with India. Civilian gov-
ernments have historically been short-
lived and widely seen as ineffectual against
threats to national security, particularly
from India. But after the resignation this
year of President Pervez Musharraf, the
country's former army chief, expectations
were high that the civilian government
elected in February would reverse that per-
ception.

Nearly four months after Musharraf
stepped down, those hopes remain largely
unfulfilled. Overwhelmed by economic cri-

sis and the continuing insurgent threat,
the new government has failed to mend
the country's divisions and bring the mili-
tary establishment to heel, experts say.
Many of the militant groups propped up by
the military in the 1980s and '90s have ex-
panded their reach, and some still enjoy
support from rogue elements within the
military, according to U.S. military offi-
cials and intelligence experts.

Samina Ahmed, country director for the
International Crisis Group in Pakistan,

said the chasm between Pakistan's mili-
tary and its civilian government undercuts
the possibility of stability in the region as a
whole. Pointing to several failed attempts
by the civilian government this year to
gain control of intelligence operations, Ah-
med said conflict with India will remain
imminent until the clash between the mili-
tary and civilian cultures is resolved in Pa-
kistan.

"What you see is a house divided, in
which the military is hostile, and there's
been a pushback from the civilian govern-
ment, as well," Ahmed said.

After decades of diplomatic brinkman-
ship with India, many ordinary Pakistanis
are skeptical of India's assertions of a Paki-
stani tie to the massacre in Mumbai. Yet
many also appear to agree that another
armed conflict with Pakistan's nuclear ri-
val in the region should be the last option
on the table.

"Whatever happened in [Mumbai] is a
problem for the whole world. It's not just a
problem for Pakistan or India," said Mo-
hammed Ejaz, an Islamabad clothes ven-
dor. "This should not reopen old wounds
or hostilities, because any conflict would
engulf the whole region."

Indian Official Points to Pakistan

Source Says Intelligence Agency Aided Mumbai Terrorists; U.S. Unconvinced

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MUMBAI, Dec. 5 — A week after the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, Indian officials on Friday stepped up their efforts to draw a connection between the violence and Pakistani government agencies.

In New Delhi, a high-level source in the Indian government, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said India has "clear and incontrovertible proof" that an Islamist militant group based in Pakistan, Lashkar-i-Taiba, planned the attacks and that the group's leaders were trained and supported by Pakistan's powerful Inter-Services Intelligence agency, or ISI.

"We have the names of the handlers. And we know that there is a close relationship between the Lashkar and the ISI," the source said.

U.S. intelligence officials, however, were more cautious in their interpretation of the evidence. Although U.S. analysts acknowledged historical ties between Lashkar and ISI, as well as more recent contacts between militants and Pakistani intelligence officers, they said they were not convinced that Pakistan supported the attacks in any significant way.

"Even if there were contacts between ISI and Lashkar-i-Taiba, it's not the same as saying there was ISI support," said a U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. The official would not dismiss the possibility that further evidence would reveal active ISI involvement but said: "The evidence

we've seen so far does not get you there."

Indian and U.S. investigators have identified Yusuf Muzammil, a Lashkar-i-Taiba leader, as the mastermind behind the attacks, and U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has urged Pakistan to hand him and other suspects over. Pakistan denies any involvement in the attacks and has called on India to divulge its evidence.

The attacks, which left more than 170 people dead and more than 230 wounded, came as India and Pakistan appeared to be making headway in peace talks. But relations between the two nuclear-armed countries have plummeted to their lowest point since 2001, when a bombing in India's Parliament — also allegedly carried out by Lashkar — brought the two countries to the brink of war.

Indian newspapers reported this week that ISI helped train the gunmen. But in comments to reporters Friday, newly appointed Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram did not specifically mention the agency or Pakistan. "There is ample evidence to show the source of the attacks were clearly linked to organizations which have in the past been identified as behind terrorist attacks in India," Chidambaram said.

Pakistan has agreed to a 48-hour timetable set by India and the United States to formulate a plan to take action against Lashkar and to arrest at least three Pakistanis who Indian authorities say are linked to the assaults, according to a high-ranking Pakistani official. The official,

who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of diplomatic sensitivities, said India has also asked Pakistan to arrest and hand over Lashkar commander Zaki ur-Rehman Lakhwi and former ISI director Hamid Gul in connection with the investigation.

Indian officials have said the sole surviving gunman in the attacks, who goes by the alias Muhammad Ajmal Kasab, 21, mentioned Lakhwi during police questioning. Police had earlier identified the gunman as Ajmal Amir Kasab.

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, who has expressed his country's solidarity with India, is expected to review plans by his nation's top military and intelligence officials and follow through on India's demands, the official said.

"The next 48 hours are critical," the official said.

At a news conference in New Delhi, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh sought to deflect public anger at politicians for security lapses and the handling of the crisis. He also firmly rejected denials from Pakistani officials that the attacks originated in their country.

"The territory of a neighboring country has been used for perpetrating this crime," Singh said. "We expect the international community to wake up and recognize that terror anywhere and everywhere constitutes a threat to world peace and prosperity."

"The people of India feel a sense of hurt and anger as never before," he said.

Meanwhile, Joint Police Commissioner

Rakesh Maria, said authorities were investigating the alleged role in the plot of Faheem Ansari, 35, who is in Indian custody. Maria said Ansari allegedly helped the attackers acquire "such intricate knowledge of the sites."

Ansari was arrested earlier this year in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh for his alleged involvement in a New Year's Eve grenade attack on a police camp there.

In a confession to Uttar Pradesh police, Ansari admitted scouting several Mumbai locations for a man calling himself Kahafa, who was later found to be an India-based operative for Lashkar, officials say.

"Kahafa also asked me specific questions about the Mumbai airport," Ansari

was quoted as saying. "He asked me to find out about the height of the airport wall, the location of the nearest building that is at striking distance from the runway. I took photographs and shot videos of these places."

But he said that "the delivery of weapons could not materialize and the plan was postponed."

Maria countered reports in the Indian media that more attackers were at large. "It is very clear, 10 came, 10 were accounted for," he said.

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Mumbai False Flag Attack: Gathering Evidence

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India's worst terrorist assault in Mumbai killed 183 people and injured at least 325. The psychological effect is almost incalculable. As Mumbai mourners bury their dead, ineffective politicians resign, intemperate politicians snap and snarl, and peace groups march, the blame game picks up steamily from the fresh media massage:

Muslims are blamed for the terror attack on Mumbai ... from Pakistan especially.

India has been hammered by horrific terrorist attacks over the past two decades. Hindutva (Hindu nationalism) was expressed politically in 1992 as hundreds of religious terrorists invaded a northern Indian city, and climbed on top of a majestic, 500-year-old mosque built by the same Muslim rulers who built the famous Taj Mahal. Filled with religious hatred, the Hindu mobs tore the building to the ground and government authorities did nothing. In 1999, a saffron-clad Hindu mob surrounded the Jeep stationwagon of Graham Staines, an Australian Anglican missionary, and his two sons, 7 and 11 years old, and burned them alive. In 2002, almost 2,500 Indian Muslim men, women and children were burned alive in the murderous attacks in Gujarat. In many cases, nationalist Hindi have attacked Sikhs, Christians, and Muslims, often with the help of the police and the Indian Army. More than 600 Christians, nuns and priests and 200 of their churches, were targeted by Hindu mobs in eastern India in August 2008. The Dalits have converted to Christianity and Hindutvas wanted to keep the Dalits as "untouchables" within the caste system. In the past two years a series of attacks have occurred in which most of the victims have been Muslim but, nevertheless, Muslims were blamed.

This summer, two members of a Hindutva group were killed while assembling a bomb. Two years earlier, two other suspected members of the same group died in a similar accident.

Shortly before the Mumbai Attack, India was surprised by news from the head of the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorist Squad (MATS): terrorist bombings on trains and at the Malegaon Muslim cemetery, and several other attacks had been carried out as false flag attacks by Hindutva with the support of officers in the Indian Army. In recent weeks, police have rounded up ten suspects of what they call a Hindu terror cell. Andrew Buncombe of The Independent, has reported that the Mumbai police:

...believe the cell may also have carried out a number of previous attacks, including last year's notorious bombing of a cross-border train en route to Pakistan, which killed 68 people. Among the alleged members of the cell are a serving army officer and a Hindu monk.

The near-daily drip of revelations from police has also caused red faces for India's main political opposition, the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), ahead of state polls and a general election scheduled for early next year. The BJP and its prime ministerial candidate, Lal Krishna Advani, have long accused the Congress Party-led government of being soft on terrorism that involved Muslims. However, the BJP has refused to call for a clampdown on Hindu groups, and last week Mr Advani even criticised the police over the way they questioned one of the alleged cell members, a woman called Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur.

At a press conference one week before the Mumbai Assault, the MATS chief, Hemant Karkare, denied Advani's charge of political pressure on his department's investigation of the Malegaon bombing, and he said that there was no substance to the charge that accused army officer, Purohit, was tortured in custody.

Karkare then invoked the tough Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act against the ten accused who have been arrested so far and said that another suspect would be arrested soon.

On the first day of the Mumbai Attack, Hemant Karare was killed as he led his team into the Hotel Taj Kaha. The assault, designed to set up a gunfight ambush with anti-terror police, disguised his assassination as a terrorist rampage. Killed in the line of duty, Hemant Karare was targeted as the man who was an immense problem for the BJP because his forthright investigation revealed Hindutva terrorism and he was not about to stop. Clearly this invalidated the BJP campaign rhetoric against Muslim terrorism, but the BJP will still use the emotional fervor of Hindutva to win against the Congress party.

Bai Thackeray of another group called the Shiv Sena, the Army of Shiva, which is also responsible for communal and regional violence in Mumbai, wrote recently in his party's magazine:

"The threat of Islamic terror in India is rising. It is

time to counter the same with Hindu terror. Hindu suicide squads should be readied to ensure the existence of Hindu society and to protect the nation."

Unlike MATS, the police and army who had been called in to end the terrorist rampage hid and refused to use their weapons, even when the terrorists were "sitting ducks" as an angry photographer had described them. The carnage went on for 60 hours, putting still more people at risk. Could it be that they knew that the terrorists were Hindutva like them and they refused to fight? Or were they ordered to stand down?

Gunfire began from terrorists at Nariman House, said to be the only building in Mumbai inhabited by Jews. Local Gujarati reported that for two years suspicious activities were going on at this house, but no one in authority took notice. Neighbors of the Nariman House had thought it strange that several men were staying at the Chabad Lubavitcher center for the past two weeks. They observed men hauling in huge quantities of food, liquor and boxes that later were found to contain arms and ammunition. Rabbi Gavriel Holtzberg and his wife, Rivka, the couple who ran the center, surely had to know about this large weapons cache. After all, 100 kg of meat and enough food for an army was ordered delivered to the Chabad Centre and shortly thereafter the ten terrorists showed up. Just coincidence?

The province in which Mumbai is located is home to 3,000 Indian Jews, who call themselves, "Bene Israel". They are the remnant of a community that once was 90,000 strong. The Chabad Centre serves that community. Rabbi Holtzberg and his wife were among six Jews who died in the Mumbai Attack. Their role in the terrorism is not clear, yet. Israeli and Corporate News Media have assumed that they were victims. One or more of the Jews, however, were anti-zionist Satmar Hassidic Orthodox. The family of Rabbi Aryeh Leibush Teitelbaum rejected Israeli plans to fly his body to Israel for a state funeral. Israel took his body to Israel anyway and draped his coffin with the Flag that to him represented blasphemy and apostasy. Was this an attack on Jewish anti-Zionists, too?

Can Jews be killed or terrorized by Israeli agencies? Naeim Giladi has testified to that fact from his experience in Iraq in 1950. So has Barry Chamish and former IDF arms dealer Ari Ben-Menashe in his 1992 book, Profits of War: Inside the Secret U.S.-Israeli Arms Network. The answer is "yes."

The probability of a Mossad/Israeli hand in the Mumbai assault cannot be ignored. Israeli agents have played a significant role in destabilizing many countries in the Middle East. Increasing evidence suggests that Israeli agents are probably operating within Islamist movements. Such a group in Yemen

styling itself 'Islamic Jihad' is said to have close links with Israeli intel agencies. They are reportedly responsible for the bombing of the American Embassy in Sanaa. India's leading weekly magazine, "The Week," reported in January 2000 that Indian intelligence detained eleven 'Muslim preachers' on a charge of hijacking conspiracy, but they turned out to be Israeli nationals sent with false passports to infiltrate Muslim groups in India... and they were released. An al-Qaeda cell in Palestine was found to be all Israelis.

Lal Krishna Advani, former Deputy Prime Minister of India (2002-2004), former President of the nationalist BJP, strong advocate of Hindutva and current Leader of the Opposition, met the heads of MOSSAD when he visited Israel in June 2000 and advocated "closer India-Israeli cooperation on all security matters". Israelis were responsible for security during both the 9/11 and 7/7 terrorist attacks.

In the same year, The Times of India reported on the Israeli presence in India:

Israeli counter-terrorism experts are now touring Jammu and Kashmir and several other states in India at the invitation of Home Minister Lal Krishna Advani to make an assessment of New Delhi's security needs. The Israeli team, headed by Eli Katzir of the Israel Counter-Terrorism Combat Unit, includes Israeli military intelligence officials and a senior police official.

India has forged a strategic alliance with Israel to perfect India's occupation of Kashmir where all Indian atrocities, mass graves of Kashmiris, shootings of civilians, rape and human rights abuses are swept under the carpet much like the crimes against humanity Israel has perpetrated against Palestinians.

Narendra Modi, the chief minister of Gujarat, the Mumbai region, hopes his party, BJP, will increase its power throughout India. Modi is a fan of Israel. He has used acts of terror against Moslems in order to increase his power. The methods of Narendra Modi might appear to be similar to the methods of Israel's Mossad.

In October 2007, the investigative newsmagazine "Tehelka" reported on the Tehelka Gujarat riots sting in which several Hindutva (Sangh) leaders explained on camera how they planned the massacre of more than a thousand Gujarati Moslems in 2002. The involvement of the Chief Minister of Gujarat, Narendra Modi, complicity of the police, and connivance of the judiciary was revealed to the public on television.

Frontline India commented:

"Yet, no action has followed one of the most explosive news investigations in India. None of those

caught on tape boasting about raping, burning and hacking Muslims have been arrested or even interrogated. Modi's authority has not been questioned. Instead, there is an eerie silence. Far more eerie than the cold-blooded murders of more than 1,000 innocent people during the communal massacres of March 2002. The role of the Modi government in the State-sponsored terrorism of 2002 is well documented. Even the Supreme Court had censured Modi for being 'a modern day Nero who watched while Gujarat burned'. Now, the Tehelka tapes offer irrefutable proof of how the Sangh (Hindutva) organised a 'Hindu jihad' across Gujarat and protected the murderers."

"India has recently allowed its new strategic relationship with the US and Israel to prevail over its traditional friendship with Iran," says Achin Vanaik, professor of international relations and global politics at Delhi University. "Shamefully," says Vanaik, "India has not uttered a word against Israel's recent blockade and collective punishment of the people of Gaza." India and Israel have so much in common. Indian intelligence has an extremely close working relationship with Israel's Mossad because both governments hate the Muslim nation of Pakistan. According to an article in Asia Times, 7 February 2008,

* Israel now sells more weapons to India than to any other nation.

* Mossad has been training parts of India's security services.

* In January 2008, an Indian rocket launched an Israeli satellite from a pad in southern Andhra Pradesh. This satellite can be used to spy on Iran.

* At the same time, India is refusing to attend talks to complete a deal on a proposed Iran-India-Pakistan gas pipeline.

Control of the drug trade is also involved. On 10 July police in Rajouri district arrested Sumeet Singh an Indian army trooper and recovered heroin worth Rs. 10,000,000. Singh is serving with an infantry regiment in Kashmir and was on leave when arrested for possession of narcotics...

Summarizing all of the intrigue and atrocities, Yoginder Sikand at CrossCurrent observes:

...the fact remains that it appears to be entirely in the interest of the Israeli establishment and powerful forces in America to create instability in India, fan Hindu-Muslim strife, even to the point of driving India

and Pakistan to war with each other, and thereby drag India further into the deadly embrace of Zionists and American imperialists.

In other words, irrespective of who is behind the deadly attacks on Mumbai, it appears to suit the political interests and agendas of multiple and equally pernicious political forces-Islamist and Hindu radicals, fired by a hate-driven Manichaeian vision of the world, but also global imperialist powers that seem to be using the attacks as a means to push India even deeper into their suicidal axis.

Ben Gurion wrote about his thoughts regarding Pakistan in the Jewish Chronicle, 1967:

"The world Zionist movement should not be neglectful of the dangers of Pakistan to it. And Pakistan now should be its first target, for this ideological State is a threat to our existence. And Pakistan, the whole of it, hates the Jews and loves the Arabs.

"This lover of the Arabs is more dangerous to us than the Arabs themselves. For that matter, it is most essential for the world Zionism that it should now take immediate steps against Pakistan.

"Whereas the inhabitants of the Indian peninsula are Hindus whose hearts have been full of hatred towards Muslims, therefore, India is the most important base for us to work therefrom against Pakistan.

"It is essential that we exploit this base and strike and crush Pakistanis, enemies of Jews and Zionism, by all disguised and secret plans."

Sometimes it takes a little history and digging into current events to get a larger picture of what really happened. Now that you have had a peek at some of the issues driving the news in Mumbai over Thanksgiving Weekend, you can reflect on who is not telling you all of the news. It's the Official Ministry of "Truth" of Orwell's 1984.

ABCBSNBCNNPBSFoxNYTWaPo is guiding your emotional body to create a visceral reaction that will help form a program in your mind. It's called propaganda or mind control. When you watch the television news, read your newspaper, read your "news analysis" magazine you are being scientifically guided to form an opinion...THEIR opinion. You can still check it out for yourself....

Now the simple forensic rule: who benefits?
Got any clues?

In Anger Over Mumbai Attacks, Indians Vilify Their Politicians

By RAMA LAKSHMI
Washington Post Foreign Service

MUMBAI (Dec. 4) — In the course of the three-day battle between security commandos and the 10 gunmen who laid siege to

People gather to mourn in Mumbai. "Politicians have let us down," a protester said this week. "They play with our lives."



BY ARKO DATTA — REUTERS

Mumbai last week, many Indians found a new villain — the politician.

Members of India's restive urban-middle class have vented their anger and frustration over the attacks by denouncing the entire political class for the failure to protect them. Politicians have been lampooned and abused on the streets and on TV, in newspaper columns, text-message campaigns and blogs, and on the social networking sites Orkut and Facebook.

After a week of simmering fury, things came to a boil Wednesday, when tens of thousands of people marched in Mumbai shouting slogans — "Throw all politicians into the Arabian Sea!" "Stop voting!" "We want army rule!"

"Politicians have let us down. They have high-security protection for themselves, but they play with our lives," said Heenal Panchal, a 19-year-old commerce student who took part in a protest with her sister. "They are only interested in fighting elections. They play politics with a grave issue like terrorism."

An angry text-message campaign began the day after the gunmen arrived by sea and struck Mumbai. One message read: "For a while we will not forget about those who came by boats. But we must always worry about those who come by votes."

Fueling the anger has been a string of insensitive comments by politicians who failed to read the

public mood.

Last Friday, R.R. Patil, the deputy chief minister of Maharashtra state, of which Mumbai is the capital, appeared to dismiss the enormity of the multipronged attack, saying, "Untoward incidents like this do happen in big cities like Mumbai." Patil resigned three days later.

On Monday, a senior leader of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, took to national television to offer a unique analysis of early protests. "Some women wearing lipstick and powder and men in suits and ties are abusing politicians and have taken to the streets in Mumbai," he said. "They are spreading dissatisfaction against democracy. This is what terrorists are doing in Jammu and Kashmir."

But it was a remark by V.S. Achuthanandan, chief minister of Kerala state, that sparked the greatest outrage. After the grieving father of slain commando Sandeep Unnikrishnan refused to meet with the politician when he visited the family home Monday, Achuthanandan said, "If it had not been Sandeep's house, not even a dog would have glanced their way."

At the protests Wednesday, one participant carried a placard reading, "We prefer a dog to a politician." The chief minister apologized the same day after condemnation by his party boss. "I am sad that Sandeep's family was hurt

by my remark," he said, adding, "The media and the opposition parties have twisted my statement."

"The pot of anger has been filling up for a long time, but the Mumbai attack is the flash point that broke the pot," said Sanjay Nirupam, a spokesman for the ruling Congress party in Mumbai. Nirupam holds two-hour sessions daily on his Facebook site addressing the issue of public contempt for politicians.

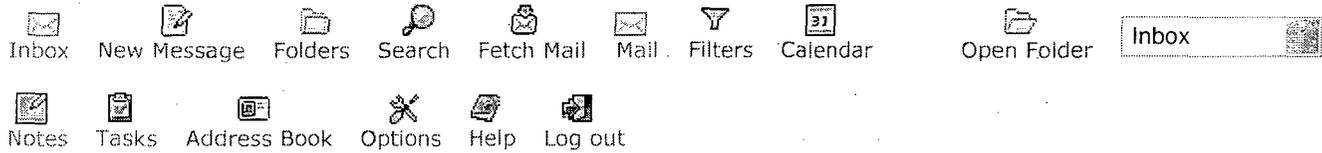
In an advisory Thursday, the Indian government moved to contain the angry outpourings and directed TV channels to stop showing gory scenes from the attacks and instead project that India is not demoralized.

Much of the inspiration for the angry candlelight protests in cities across India is drawn from a 2006 blockbuster Hindi movie called "Rang De Basanti," which tells a story of urban Indian youths nurturing profound anger toward politicians. Many of the Mumbai marchers sang songs and imitated the protest tactics from the movie.

"People have been stirred deep by the events. The anger toward terrorism has grown into anger toward politicians," said Rakesh Omprakash Mehra, who directed "Rang De Basanti." "I hope the next step is introspection on how to strengthen and improve the democratic system."

"Let's put it right this time," Mehra added. "All this anger

should not be allowed to go to waste."



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Washington DC, USA, 3 December 2008 (InformPress.com) - Pakistani Justice Forum (PJF), Kashmiri Justice Forum (KJF), Sikh Justice Forum (SJF), Bangladeshi Justice Forum (BJF) and Afghan Justice Forum (AJF) have strongly demanded that India must hand over all Indian-Hindu government terrorists of India to the United Nations or to Pakistan, Azad Kashmir, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, because official Hindu terrorists have murdered, injured, tortured, burned, abducted, raped, robbed, displaced, persecuted and harmed millions of innocent Indian-Muslims, Kashmiris, Bengalis, Sikhs, Dalits, Christians, Nagas, Assamese, Manipuris, Tripurans, Bodos, Mizos, Maghalayans, Arunchal Pradeshis, Tamils, Maoists, Naxalites, Communists, Socialists, Marxists-Leninists, Pakistanis, Afghans, Sri Lankans and other humans through state terrorism in India, Hindu-Occupied Kashmir (HOK), Khalistan (East Punjab), Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan during the last 61 years, from 1947 to 2008.

The South Asian justice forums say: The International Police (InterPol) and the police of all countries of the world must arrest ING Prime Minister Manmohan Singh; Sonia Gandhi; Pranab Mukherjee; A.K. Antony; Palaniappan Chidambaram; Shivraj Patil; ING home ministers; BJP ex-PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee; Lal Krishna Advani; Narendra Damodardas Modi; BJP home ministers; Indian Army's Military Intelligence Lt. Colonel Shrikant Prasad Purohit; Kanwar Pal Singh Gill; chiefs of Indian Army, paramilitary forces, police and intelligence agencies; and all other Hindu state terrorists. All these criminal Hindu terrorists must be prosecuted and punished in courts of law for committing government terrorism, official corruption, abuse of power, genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, crimes against peace, crimes against human rights, and crimes against innocent humans.

The international justice forums state: The Indian-Hindu media extremists, who work in Hindu kanjer TV channels and Hindu kanjer press of India, also must be brought to justice for media terrorism, because they daily aid, support and promote official Hindu terror against Indian minorities conducted by the terrorist mafia governments in India. The Indian-Hindu media terrorists are criminal accessories to barbarous crimes, corruption and terrorism of Hindu government terrorists. The Indian-Hindu media extremists have made many false and malicious allegations against Pakistanis & Kashmiris without any legal evidence or lawful proof, incited Hindu dogmatists against Pakistanis & Kashmiris, and once again launched a corrupt campaign of lies, disinformation and propaganda against Pakistanis & Kashmiris to start a nuclear war between India and Pakistan

India must pay trillions of dollars as compensatory and punitive damages to the families of millions of innocent victims of Indian-Hindu terrorism inflicted by the Terrorist Mafia Tyranny of India, the global justice forums stated.

The world justice forums point out: Indeed, Indian-Hindu government terrorists are barbaric tyrants, mass murderers, serial killers, war criminals, human rights violators, power abusers, corrupt crooks, dogmatic fanatics, evil devils and racist barbarians. They must be extradited to the United Nations, prosecuted in the International Criminal Court (ICC) or any other UN tribunal for their terrorist crimes and locked up in jails for the rest of their miserable lives.

The Washington DC-based Council of Khalistan (COK) of American-Sikhs, international Sikhs and Sikhs of Hindu-occupied India (HOI) has pointed out in its recent article of 28 November 2008, headlined "Crimes and Terrorism of Terrorist Mafia Government of India":

"India has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, according to figures compiled by the Punjab State Magistracy and human-rights groups and reported in the book, *The Politics of Genocide*, by Inderjeet Singh Jaijee. It has also killed over 90,000 Kashmiri-Muslims since 1988, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, and thousands of Christians and Muslims elsewhere in the country, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils and other minorities. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian Government's murders of Sikhs 'worse than a genocide'." - <http://www.khalistan.com>

The Indian-Hindu terrorist tyrants of India have murdered 92,685 Kashmiris, killed 6,949 Kashmiris in Indian police or military custody, raped & molested 9,844 Kashmiri women, widowed 22,675 Kashmiri women, orphaned 107,218 Kashmiri children, burned or destroyed 105,665 properties of Kashmiris and unlawfully arrested 115,877 Kashmiri civilians in illegally occupied Kashmir from January 1989 to November 2008, according to the Kashmir Media Service (KMS) - <http://www.kmsnews.org>

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Lahore, Pakistan, 2 December 2008 (Jammat-ud-Dawah Pakistan (JDP) Press Release) - In his reaction to news regarding the list of 20 individuals wanted by India which has been handed over to Pakistan, a spokesman for Jammat-ud-Dawah Pakistan, Muhammad Yahya Mujahid, has said Ameer [President], Jammat-ud-Dawah Pakistan [JDP], Prof. Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, is a [Muslim] religious leader who has never, at any time, advocated or supported the use of terrorism, nor is he a proponent of clandestine activities of any kind.

He said India is employing [malicious] propaganda in its efforts to hide the crimes [extremism and terrorism] of Hindu extremist organizations.

In a statement issued here today, the [JDP] spokesman said Pakistan too, should demand extradition of the killers of thousands of Indian-Muslims, as well as extradition of other Hindu terrorists, such as L.K. Advani, Narendra Modi, Bal Thackeray and serving Indian Army officer Lt. Col. [Shrikant Prasad] Purohit.

The [JDP] spokesman said Hafiz [Muhammad] Saeed has never been convicted of any crime; neither in Pakistan, nor in any other country of the world, whereas there is an existing registered FIR [Police Report] against L.K. Advani, the leader of an extremist Indian [Hindu] organization [Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)], for the attempted murder of Pakistan's founder, Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

It will therefore be entirely in accordance with international legal standards, as well as in accordance with the wishes of the people of Pakistan, he said, to demand the extradition of L.K. Advani and other Hindu terrorists.

The [JDP] spokesman said an agreement to provide complete protection to minorities had been made by both countries at the time of partition

of the [South Asian] subcontinent, yet in complete dissimilarity to Pakistan, minorities in India - including Christians, Sikhs, Dalits and Muslims - have absolutely no safety and protection whatsoever.

Yahya Mujahid said the Indian demand to hand over 20 individuals is extremely ridiculous and India should not try to act like a superpower as it is only making a laughingstock of itself in the whole world.

(1) Crimes Against Human Rights in India

<http://www.hrw.org/asia/india>

(2) Human Rights Abuses in India

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/region/india>

(3) Criminal Politicians Rule India

<http://www.ahrchk.net>

(4) Mumbai Terror Attacks - The Israeli Mossad Angle

They killed Hemant Karkare, chief of the police anti-terrorist squad in Mumbai, India, to send a message that you cannot investigate the Mossad-RSS angle.

- <http://www.twf.org/News/Y2008/1127-Mumbai.html>

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Cabinet cachet

President-elect Barack Obama had to sign a lot of prenuptial agreements before he was able to put together the national security team he announced this week.

Before Hillary Clinton agreed to be his secretary of state, she wanted assurances she would have unimpeded access to him and be included in all White House foreign policy deliberations. And she wanted to pick her own team at State. She got both.

Mr. Obama entered this, once-unlikely partnership between the two political rivals with some demands of his own. Former President Clinton would first have to reveal the names of the donors to his nonprofit global foundation to guard against conflicts of interest. His well-paid speeches abroad had to be vetted as well. The Clintons readily agreed.

Ret. Marine Gen. James L. Jones was reluctant to accept the post of presidential national security adviser. Previous people in that job found their advice constantly undercut by secretaries of state and defense. Mr. Jones knew that going up against a powerful political infighter like Hillary Clinton would be no easy task. If Mr. Obama was putting together a "team of rivals," he wanted to be on an equal plane with them.

To nearly every problem, Mr. Jones raised, Mr. Obama would say, "I can fix it." He was given

the Cabinet rank he sought and the pledge that he would be the administration's chief security adviser and conduit.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates' decision to remain in his job presented different challenges. He had been the chief proponent of President Bush's surge that rescued the Iraq war from certain defeat and gave the Iraqis time to train their military. He opposed Mr. Obama's troop withdrawal timetable and said so publicly and still believes the Iraqis need more time before they can go it alone.

Mr. Obama gave him assurances that as the lone Republican on the team he would be in on all national security decision-making and the future of the Iraq war. At the same time, Mr. Obama assured Mr. Gates that his own 16-month pullout timeline was not set in concrete, that the United States would not leave the Iraqis high and dry, and that he was willing to seek a compromise on any future withdrawal.

He acknowledged Monday that the policy terrain regarding the length of time that combat troops would remain in Iraq had already changed as a result of the Bush administration's security agreement with Iraq that called for U.S. troop withdrawal in three years.

There is a lot of room for compromise between 36 months and 16 months, and Mr. Obama was sending signals this week that he was prepared to leave U.S. troops in Iraq longer than he envisions

if his military commanders say they need more time to secure the country.

Thus, the man who made pulling out of the Iraq war his No. 1 foreign policy campaign issue now says the U.S. will have "to maintain a residual force to provide potential training for the Iraqi military, logistical support to protect our civilians in Iraq." That was the behind-the-scenes advice his Iraq war advisers gave him early this year and apparently he is taking it.

Notably, Mr. Obama now says his "No. 1 priority is making sure that our troops remain safe in this transition phase and that the Iraqi people are well-served by a government that is taking on increased responsibility for its own security."

"I will listen to the recommendation of my commanders," he reaffirmed Monday.

Not surprisingly, all of his wiggle-room talk is making his party's hard-line, antiwar-base very unhappy and there is growing anger in the leftist blogosphere. It is suddenly dawning on them that we are going to be in Iraq a little longer than they had been led to believe.

Two things strike me about Mr. Obama's national security team that tells us a lot about how much change he will really bring about — or perhaps more likely how little things will change.

He talked in his campaign of bringing change to Washington from the outside in, but anyone flying over the nation's capital after Mr. Obama takes



ton Post, in an editorial Tuesday, called them a "Team of Centrists," pointing out that Mr. Obama's "national security appointees have plenty in common."

That may remind some of us of the old adage that the more things change the more they stay the same.

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office may see few substantive changes on the players.

Down there in the Pentagon will be Mr. Bush's secretary of defense, Bob Gates, champion of the surge, that Mr. Obama said would fail and "make things worse." At the State Department will be Washington insider Hillary Clinton, who voted for the Iraq war resolution, opposed setting withdrawal deadlines and has taken more hard-line positions toward Russia and other trouble

spots than has Mr. Obama.

And in the West Wing, just down the hall from the Oval Office, will be Mr. Obama's national security adviser, Jim Jones, a 40-year Marine veteran who remains mum about his political leanings but is seen as a conservative on many military issues and has advised Republicans and Democrats alike.

Too much has been made of this idea of "a team of rivals" when in fact they may agree more than they disagree. The Washing-

India's Islamists and Secular Justice

Shame on Dileep Padgaonkar for suggesting ["Blood in Mumbai" op-ed, Nov. 28] that those who embarked on a murderous rampage in Mumbai, or their local accomplices, were somehow motivated by a desire to right injustices suffered by their brethren at the hands of the Indian state and society.

The progeny of radical Islam in South Asia and their sympathizers elsewhere don't care about preserving India's secular system of justice. As a former editor of India's largest English-language news daily, Mr. Padgaonkar has had a privileged po-

sition from which to observe India's politics of secularism. He is surely aware that the most vociferous protests by Islamist groups have come in reaction to even the suggestion that Muslims be subject to a secular, as opposed to a religious, code of justice under the Indian state.

Perhaps Mr. Padgaonkar also realizes that the rage and violence embraced by Islamist groups is likely to increase, not decrease, as India becomes more efficient and secular in its delivery of justice.

NIMAI MEHTA
Bethesda

South Asian opportunity?

By **Georgie Anne Geyer**

Often someone in the midst of an especially terrible crisis will come out with words that seem to encompass the entire tragedy. So it was in Mumbai after last week's massacres. "They went through the back," Ratan Tata, the charming and sophisticated owner of the historic Taj Mahal Hotel, said on TV, his voice filled with infinite sadness after the attacks on his hotel and the other sites, and they did not go through the front. Then he paused and added, almost innocently, "All of our arrangements were in the front."

And right there you have the problem. They — the guerrillas, the nonstate actors, the "comandantes de la revolucion," the street gang members, the state proxies, the religious fanatics, the ideological terrorists and all attackers of civil society that seem to be everywhere today — always come through the back! Indeed, why on the good Earth would they come in the front when that's where the police,

Were Pakistan to focus those troops on India, the U.S./NATO fight in Afghanistan, already by all accounts on the edge of disaster, could collapse.

the commandos and the hotel's "defenders" are?

At heart, it is this inability and unwillingness of organized societies to understand that these men have been brilliant, indeed for centuries, at attacking our weak points, which we make quite easy for them. It's our governments' inability to think "outside the box."

But this time, they may have been wrong in their suppositions of easy victory for these attacks in India offer the new American administration a perfect first chance to put into practice the president-elect's ideas on using smart diplomacy, backed by quiet strength, to remake American power to create a better world.

(1) First, the attack. You and I could probably have pulled it off, if we had vicious, heartlessness and brutal souls. The attackers came by sea, in ridiculously small boats into the former city of Bombay, which was a beautiful old British downtown and is surrounded by the most putrid slums in the world. They could less easily have attacked a Salvation Army outpost.

Mumbai had no naval protection, police in the city were lightly armed, without even two-way radios or bulletproof vests, there was not one SWAT team in the city, it took hours for government commandos to arrive from New Delhi. In the end, the home minister resigned, as did a number of others. It was the antithesis of the good old Boy Scout motto "Be Prepared!"

(2) The attack should have been expected — and, in fact, it was! If the perpetrators were, as is widely believed at this point, the Lashkar-e-Taiba or "Army of the Pure," a group originally formed by Pakistani intelligence, they have already backed attack after attack on India, often working with local gangsters. Lashkar does not hide out; it has public meetings with hundreds of thousands of people and a public

political/social/civic side, much like the Hezbollah in Lebanon. This attack shows the extent to which it has extended to become an international actor by striking tourist, commercial and religious targets.

American intelligence had recently warned the Indians of almost exactly such an attack, and the Taj Mahal Hotel had on that account kept up higher security until only days before. This we might call Mr. Tata's. They did not go through the front mentality.

(3) We seem already to know a great deal about what happened. Good intelligence tells us Lashkar is essentially a group formed for and focused on, not the American wars in Afghanistan or Iraq, but the decades-old struggle of India and Pakistan over ownership of the beautiful, mountainous aerie of Kashmir. Since 2002, when Washington declared Lashkar officially a terrorist organization, the Pakistani government has not supported it.

But this attack is a warning. Lashkar shares training camps with al Qaeda, the American enemy in Iraq, and this attack can arguably be seen as the first time these groups have sent out virtual armies against civil society. Their aims might be to draw Pakistan into that long-feared war with India and also to push forward, through the destruction of civil societies, the eventual formation of an international Islamic state.

So now we face dangers and possibilities, both dependent upon historic knowledge.

The dangers are that Pakistan and/or India will use this horror, not to negotiate but to attack each other. Pakistan is already the key to the Afghan war, with 100,000 troops in its seething Northwest territories trying to keep the Afghan Taliban under some control. Were

Pakistan to focus those troops on India, the U.S./NATO fight in Afghanistan, already by all accounts on the edge of disaster, could collapse.

The possibilities depend upon the wisdom of the new American administration, for tragedy always opens new and unexpected doors. Washington could use this as an opportunity to get Pakistan and India to seriously negotiate, it could clarify the forces in the dangerous Afghan/Pakistan/Indian triangle or if it only resorts to more force, it can dig us deeper into the graveyard that the region is becoming.

Henry Kissinger said Sunday on CNN that he had the impression that the Indians were thinking seriously about reforging their relationship with Pakistan. "America could try to build on that."

Vice President-elect Joe Biden was made fun of recently for predicting that the new administration would be quickly tested. But, of course, that always happens, given the nature of man. The Financial Times writes: "Now the hand-wringing and the finger-pointing begins — a dangerous period that needs desperately to be turned to advantage, regionally and internationally."

We might back those wise words up with some wise memories. We are still dealing with the end of European and Soviet imperialism, plus a good measure of our own. Lashkar was originated by Pakistan, but the Afghan Taliban is made up of Afghans we trained for the 1980s war against the Soviets and then abandoned.

And so it's time to start untangling all those skeins and for all the perpetrators, including ourselves, to step back and think before acting again.

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What India needs

The recent terrorist strikes in Mumbai highlights the bravery of the men and women who sacrificed to end the siege. For three days, 10 men armed with assault rifles, grenades and explosives launched a killing and terror spree. The city's cafes, hotels, streets, central railway station, hospitals and a Jewish center were the scenes of a murderous rampage that resulted in scores dead and injured. Investigations are underway to determine exactly what happened and how but prevention — not mere reaction — must be the primary goal of any security planning.

What is known is that Indian police lacked such basic law-enforcement equipment as two-way radios and bulletproof vests, and had outdated firearms. To get to Mumbai — India's largest city and its financial capital — India's National Security Guard had to be transported from New Delhi. But even amid the murderous rampage, Indian forces saved lives and killed nine of the 10 terrorists.

India's coastline is vulnerable, and security must be improved. The terrorists penetrated the coastline of Mumbai — a sprawling, largely unprotected gateway into the city. Public places need tighter security. India is a nation now keenly aware of the evil that jihadist men do.

What must occur now for this Western ally is clear. Indian authorities need to erect a

modern, efficient counterterror organization. The assault in Mumbai is another in a long list which includes terrorist strikes in Delhi, Jaipur, Bangalore and Ahmedabad, resulting in the death of more than 4,000 people since 2004. Indian military and police officers need better training and equipment. In 2004, the ruling Congress party abolished a federal antiterrorism law that provided additional police powers and witness protection. Now the gov-

ernment will need to pass antiterrorism legislation and invest heavily in its military, intelligence, and fire and police services.

The terrorists are solely to blame for their deeds. Yet

the Indian government must also demonstrate a firm and unbending commitment to protect its citizens. America, Britain and other allies can play a vital role by helping India outline a counterterrorist strategy, as the international community seeks to ensure that there is stability in nuclear-armed India and its Pakistani neighbor. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, under withering criticism since the Mumbai attacks, has promised to strengthen maritime and air security, expand the military and establish new military bases. India, the world's largest democracy, is not alone when it comes to proving that freedom and security go hand in hand. The nations of the West must stand with India.

The Indian government must pass antiterrorism legislation and invest heavily in its military, intelligence, and fire and police services.

Terrorism

India must not repeat mistakes made by the U.S.

By CLAUDE SALHANI

MIDDLE EAST TIMES

Reeling from the terrible shock of the attacks on India's commercial capital last week, the authorities in the world's largest democracy may find it logical to follow in the footsteps of a certain world-leading country that considers itself to be spearheading democracy around the world.

But the United States has, domestically and internationally, denied much of its own democratic tradition in its "global war on terror." Now India must resist the temptation to do the same.

The authorities in New Delhi would be well advised to take the time necessary and assess the situation and its potential consequences thoroughly before taking any action they may later regret. As nearly everyone knows, a conflict between India and Pakistan — countries armed with nuclear weapons — would bring nuclear mayhem to the subcontinent and beyond.

The urge for vengeance by an enraged public demanding action from their officials is understandable and pushes New Delhi to feel it needs to act. But Delhi's leadership must avoid a path leading to



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People light candles Tuesday next to flower petals that were placed in tribute during a vigil outside the Taj Mahal hotel to honor those who lost their lives in the recent shootings in Mumbai, India.

such a precipice in Indo-Pakistan relations.

The attacks on Mumbai by gunmen belonging to a radical Islamist organization killed nearly 200 people and wounded several hundred, some severely. The raids were, in the words of one Indian official, "India's September 11."

The similarities between the two events are numerous.

The attacks on New York City in 2001 and the raids on Mumbai last week targeted financial hubs. By hitting the large Indian business center, whoever is behind the Mumbai attacks wanted to do more than kill all the people they could before seeing the attackers gunned down by security forces. The attackers were aiming to cause greater harm than the deaths of some 200 people and the destruction of hotels and restaurants. (Or in the 9/11 case, the deaths of 3,000 people and the destruction of several buildings.)

Granted, the senseless killings in Mumbai, as in New York, the Pentagon and in a field in Pennsylvania were, in the sick minds of those committing those terrible acts, an added "benefit." But to them, the killing of innocent victims was simply that, merely an added benefit.

In this analyst's opinion, the real intent of those two raids was far more nefarious. The real intent was to disrupt the countries' economies.

In New York, the attacks had a direct effect on Wall Street and, subsequently, on the country's economic situation. Likewise, Mumbai's stock market will be affected by last week's attacks, as will India's economy.

Furthermore, both operations were at the same time ingenious from the terrorists' point of view. They were relatively simple to implement, particularly in open and democratic societies such as India and the United States. And the result will be additional security around hotels.

The central lesson of the 9/11 attacks was that the terrorists had the ability to hijack civilian aircraft and turn them into lethal weapons. The attacks of 9/11 forever changed the way airlines and airports conduct business and the way we look at travel today. Costs for increasing security at airports are passed on to the traveler.

Along similar lines, the attacks in Mumbai last week will forever change the way hotels — particularly luxury ones — conduct business. The challenge facing intelligence services worldwide now is to try to identify the next likely targets and take pre-emptive action.

Barely 48 hours after the attacks, India began using strong-worded language, saying that Pakistan was behind the Mumbai attacks. According to Indian security services, the surviving terrorist in custody admitted to being Pakistani and having been trained in Pakistan. Indian authorities also found a cell phone belonging to one

of the terrorists, showing several calls made to Pakistan and Afghanistan.

What of the consequences if India follows the U.S. example? What if India is dragged into the vicious cycle of attacks and counterattacks — verbal, at first — that could lead to hostile acts and to full-scale war?

Besides the apparent danger that the two countries could reach a point of no return, India risks falling into the same trap the United States found itself in after Sept. 11. The mistakes of the Bush administration were those of enacting "undemocratic laws" (the USA Patriot Act) and ordering law-breaking government practices (torture, detention and rendition).

For India to go that route would be self-destructive in the extreme. Anti-Muslim sentiments in India can easily spin out of control. There is bound to be a growing desire in Delhi to retaliate, but this is a time for restraint. India, one of the rare democracies in that part of the world, risks alienating its 154 million Muslims.

Even if the attacks on Mumbai may be compared to those of Sept. 11, it is paramount that the aftermath not follow suit.

• Claude Salhani is editor of the Middle East Times.

1984 Anti-Sikh Riots Were Wrong, Tragic: Rahul Gandhi

By YUDHVIR RANA
The Times of India

AMRITSAR — Rahul Gandhi has termed the 1984 anti-Sikh riots following the assassination of his grandmother Indira Gandhi, “wrong,” calling it a “tragedy.” He also said perpetrators of the mindless violence should be brought to justice.

Gandhi’s comments came during a visit to Amritsar last week. He was accompanied on the visit by former Chief Election Commissioner J.M. Lyngdoh.

Calling all talk of Sikh aversion towards the Congress rubbish, Rahul, who was here to oversee youth body elections, said: “I have traveled a lot in Punjab and never had this kind of feeling.”

The Congress MP went on to add: “My mother, father and grandfather always claimed that if there was any community in India to be proud of, it was the Sikhs... I am proud of the Sikhs.”

Taking a swipe at the Bharatiya Janata Party, the Congress Party general secretary said it was about time it did some introspection on patronizing and promoting people accused of masterminding terror attacks.

“It is very sad that these things



Rahul Gandhi during a campaign meeting in Bhopal last week. (AFP photo)

are happening. But the people involved in all this (Malegaon

bomb blast) are linked to the VHP (Vishwa Hindu Parishad).”

The BJP and Hindu rightwing organizations have been on the

back foot ever since the Mumbai Anti Terrorist Squad arrested two Hindu leaders and an Army officer for suspected involvement in the September blasts in Malegaon, Maharashtra, that left six people dead.

In a polite riposte to BJP chief Rajnath Singh’s calling him a “bachcha” (child), Gandhi said he was glad to be part of the 70 percent of Indians who are young.

“I may be a bachcha, so are most Indians,” he said. “I am still a bachcha for a senior leader like Rajnath Singh. I really respect him and agree with whatever he says as I do not have even half the experience he has... I am a much younger person and think in a completely different way than how they think. They (Rajnath and other leaders like him) think politically.”

— *By Special Arrangement*

Gandhi's Comments Condemned by Akal Takhat Sahib Jathedar

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AMRITSAR SAHIB (KP)--Following the visit by *Rahul Gandhi* to the holy city, where he remarked that the 1984 *Operation Blue Star* was a tragic incident, the Akal Takhat Sahib appointed Jathedar issued a statement asserting that until the culprits are brought to justice, the Sikh Nation would never forgive the Gandhi Family. *Singh Sahib Giani Gurbhachan Singh* lashed out at the remarks made by Rahul Gandhi as he failed to offer any sort of apology when issuing the statement.

Several other SGPC members also joined hands with the Akal Takhat Sahib Jathedar when they claimed that the attack on *Harmandir Sahib* could not be pardoned. Avtar Makkar held that merely using terminology such as "tragic" and "wrong" was not acceptable as the conspirators of the attacks and 1984 Delhi based pogroms were still roaming the streets

freely.

Although the statements made by Giani Gurbachan Singh and the SGPC President have cleared all doubts regarding the recent visits by Rahul Gandhi to Amritsar Sahib, the tone of the comments suggest influence from the Badals as the Lok Sabha elections are approaching. While the Akal Takhat Sahib Jathedar and SGPC President have condemned Congress leaders, they should also issue a statement in relation to the involvement of BJP subsidiaries including the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), Shiv Sena and Bajrang Dal which also played a big part in the pogroms.

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Special attention being paid to Sikh heritage

OUR STAFF REPORTER

ISLAMABAD Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani said that all efforts were being made by government to make Sikh yatrees feel at home during their visits to Sikh shrines in Pakistan.

The welfare and protection of the rights of minorities is part of Pakistan Peoples Party's manifesto and the government is determined to implement that manifesto, he added.

The Prime Minister was talking to a delegation of Sikh yatrees who called on him at the PM's House Friday afternoon. The members of delegation represented various organisations of Sikhs based in Pakistan, USA, UK, India and Indian Held Kashmir.

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ance of double entry visa to the yatrees by Pakistan's diplomatic missions abroad had already been implemented and the government was paying special attention to preserving the religious and cultural heritage of Sikhs.

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They emphasized that Sikh community attached very high importance for having fraternal ties with the brothers and sisters in Pakistan and these relations are not dependant on the nature and status of Pak-India relations.

The meeting was attended among others by Minister for Minorities Affairs, Shahbaz Bhatti.

PM orders land for Baba Guru Nanak University

From Asim Yasin

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lent arrangements made by the government of Pakistan for the yatrees.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Gilani while talking to Ali Saif Sultan Al-Awani, new Ambassador of UAE in Pakistan, said Pakistan values its close and multifaceted relations with the United Arab Emirates, which are rooted in common faith, shared heritage, values and culture.

The UAE ambassador paid a courtesy call on the prime minister at the PM House on Friday.

The prime minister said Pakistan is keen to expanding cooperation with UAE in all fields, especially economic, commercial, investments, manpower, energy and defence sectors.

Prime Minister Gilani said Pakistan appreciates the role played by UAE in supporting Friends of Democratic Pakistan group.

He also hoped that the forthcoming state visit of UAE by the President of Pakistan would pave new ways for cooperation between the two countries in multifaceted fields.

Guru Nanak's birth anniversary celebrations conclude India can't suppress freedom struggle in Valley: WMSF chief

From Our Correspondent

NANKANA SAHIB: The coming elections in Indian Held Kashmir will be a futile exercise as the Indian government is ridiculing its claim to be the biggest democratic state in the world by killing innocent people there.

This was said by World Muslim and Sikh Federation (WMSF) chairman Sardar Manmohan Singh while talking to The News at Gurdwara Janamasthan on Thursday night. He said the Kashmiri struggle for freedom could not be suppressed. He said India had never accepted the existence of Pakistan. He said India always created problems for Pakistan as it did not like progress and prosperity there. He criticised the attitude of the Indian government towards the water dispute with Pakistan. He said Indian agency RAW and Russian agency KGB were indirectly involved in bomb blasts in

Pakistan.

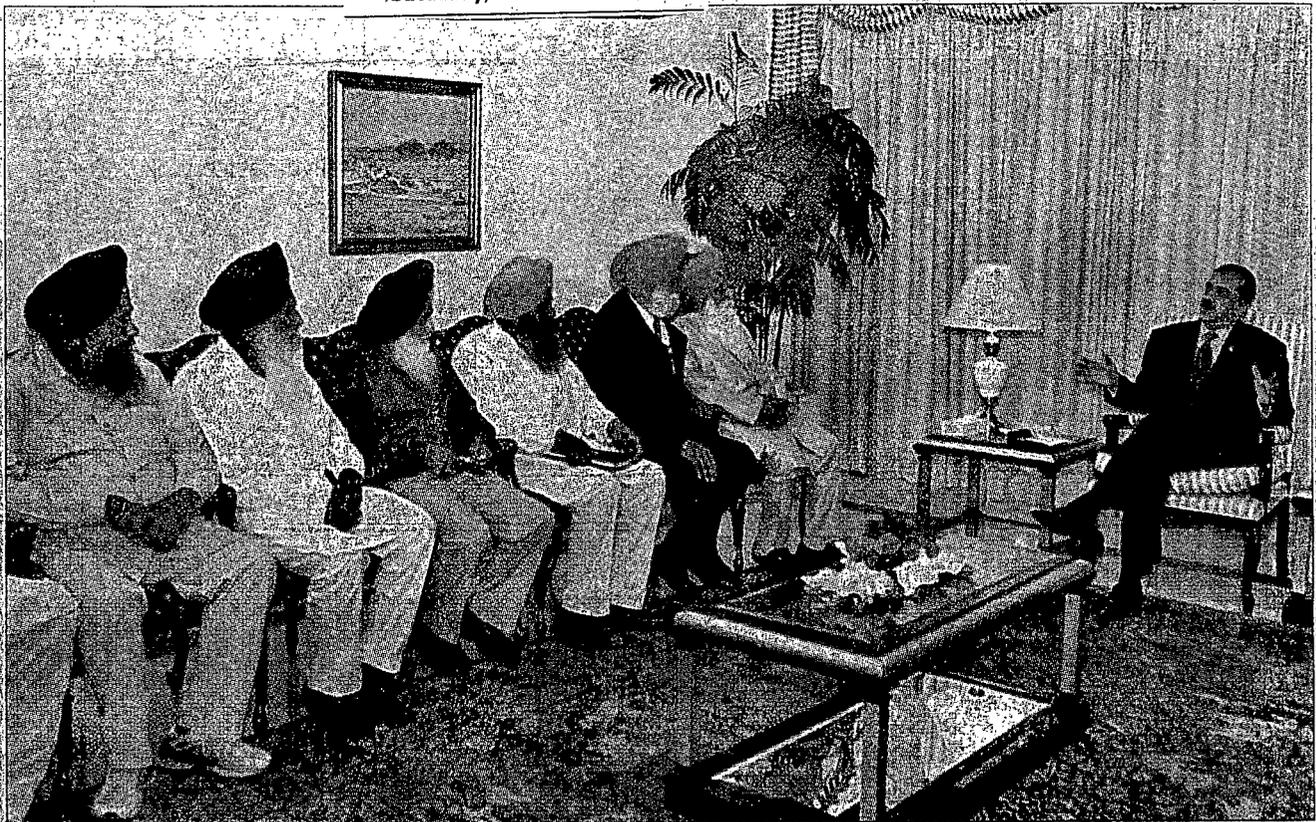
He said police on the orders of the then Indian government had invaded Golden Temple in 1984, which the Sikh community could not forget. He said the Indian government had burnt 90 churches in Orissa in 2007. He thanked the government of Pakistan for renovating Gurdwaras in the country. Meanwhile, the three-day birth anniversary celebrations of Baba Guru Nanak Dev Gee, the founder of the Sikh religion, concluded here on Thursday night.

More than 15,000 Sikh pilgrims from all over the world participated in the celebrations. Sikhs from different parts of Pakistan also attended the celebrations. Sikh pilgrims from India left for Gurdwara Panja Sahib in Hassanabdal by a special train amid tight security while others, who had come from the US, the UK, Australia and Canada, left for their coun-

tries. Over 4,500 Sikh pilgrims contracted fever, stomach and other minor diseases during their stay in Nankana Sahib. They were provided free medicines from dispensaries set up at Gurdwara Janamasthan and Gurdwara Tambu Sahib.

CALL TO INTRODUCE REFORMS IN EDUCATION SYSTEM: District Officer Colleges Muhammad Arif Hussain has said that reforms in education system can steer out country from crisis. He suggested this while addressing a seminar on 'The revolutionary educational programme of Punjab CM Shahbaz Sharifi held at the Government Degree College for Women on Friday. Speaking on the occasion, the DO said it was a dire need to introduce that sort of a syllabus which should meet the requirements of the modern time. Government Guru Nanak Degree College Principal Prof Riazul Hassan Cheema said that it was

an irony that 38 years old syllabus was still in practice, adding that teachers and students were being ignored at the time of preparation of education policy. Government Degree College Sangla Hill Principal Mian Anayat said that a same educational system (policy) should be practiced as it would help making the country more progressed. He demanded end of ad hoc system in the education department and making the teachers permanent. Hira School System director Qasim Irfan urged to pay due respect to teachers in the society. Degree College of Women Prof Mrs Misbah Rasheed said that co-curriculum activities had also an important place for better and effective educational system. Prof Mrs Sarfraz Kausar, Prof Malik Mukhtar Ahmed, Prof Rana Riaz Ahmed, Prof Karim Tabassum, Prof Mumtaz Ahmed, Prof Mrs Talat Masood and others also spoke.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani talks to a delegation of Sikh yatrees headed by Sardar Manmohan Singh during a call on meeting at Prime Minister's House on Friday. APP

'Govt to consider opening visa section in Amritsar'

■ Gilani says govt is making special allocations, renovation, maintenance of sacred Sikh places in Pakistan

Staff Report

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would examine a proposal by the Sikh yatrees to open a visa section at Amritsar to facilitate them, Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani said on Friday.

"Opening a visa section in Amritsar to facilitate Sikh yatrees visit to Pakistan will be examined by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs," he said responding to a proposal sent to him by members of a delegation representing various Sikh organisations based in Pakistan, the United States, United Kingdom, India and Indian-held Kashmir.

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ate instructions for the acquisition of land for Baba Guru Nanak University in Nankana Sahib, the re-formation and issuance of notification of the Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee and building a road strip in Narowal District heading to Gurdwara Kartar Sahib on the Pak-India border.

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Nun Accusing Mob of Rape Slams Orissa Police

By GAVIN RABINOWITZ
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — A Roman Catholic nun who accused a Hindu mob of raping her said she will not cooperate with local police, alleging that they stood by idly during the attack.

Hiding her head and face behind a scarf, the nun told reporters that she was raped after a mob attacked a Christian prayer hall on Aug. 25 in the eastern state of Orissa.

In her first public comments,

the nun said a group of about 50 men tore off her clothes and raped her. Later, she said, she was paraded naked, together with a priest, past several policemen who refused to help her.

When she arrived at the police station, officers tried to dissuade her from filing a complaint, she said.

"I was raped and now I don't want to be victimized by Orissa police," she said, calling for a federal investigation.

Orissa police have been harshly criticized for waiting more than

a month to begin investigating the attack and only taking steps after the story appeared in news reports.

Police said they had been waiting for a medical report confirming a rape in order to begin their investigation. Police have since detained five men, though it was unclear whether they have been charged with any crime.

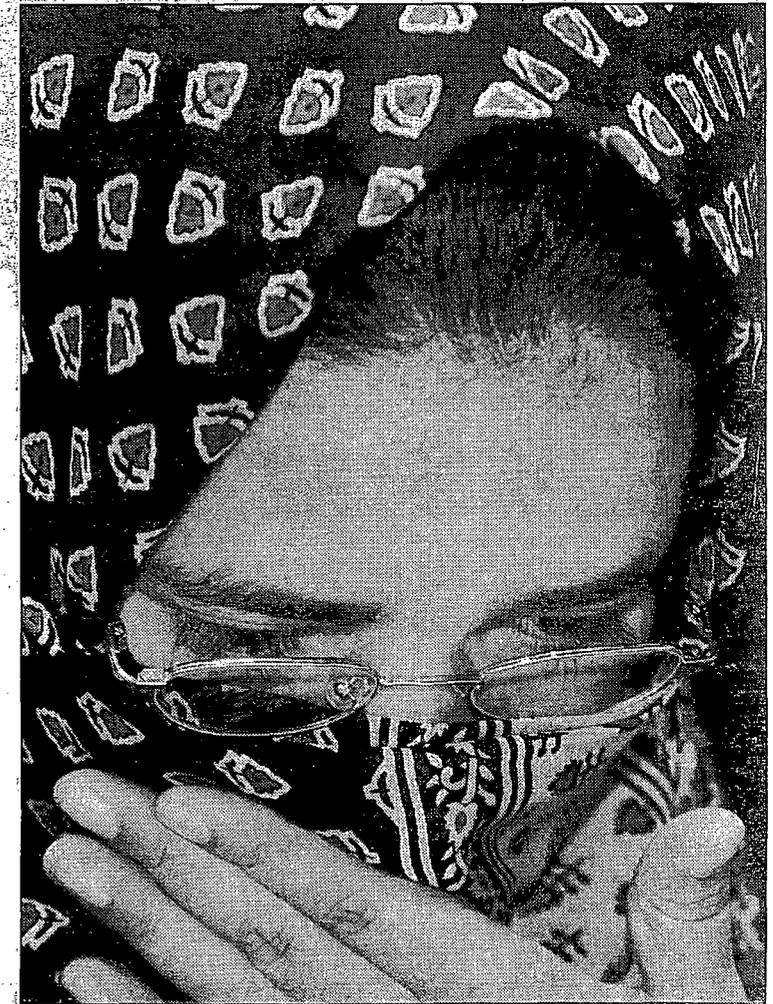
The Associated Press does not normally identify people who say they are the victims of sex crimes. The authorities did not provide her age or nationality. Other media

reports identified the nun as Mina Lata Barwa.

The violence between Hindus and Christians followed the killing of a Hindu religious leader. Police blamed Maoist rebels, but conservative Hindu groups blamed

Christian residents and set fire to a Christian orphanage.

The state government said 32 people died in the ensuing clashes. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of India said at least 40 Christians were killed.



Mina Lata Barwa, the nun who has alleged rape by a mob in Orissa last month, at a press briefing she addressed in New Delhi Oct. 24. (AFP photo)

61 Killed, 350 Hurt In Bombings Across India's Assam State

By RAMA LAKSHMI
Washington Post Foreign Service

NEW DELHI, Oct. 30 — Eleven bomb blasts ripped through India's northeastern state of Assam on Thursday, killing at least 61 people and leaving more than 350 injured. The serial blasts took place before noon, within a span of 50 minutes.

State officials described the explosions as the worst in the violent and troubled history of Assam, where separatist insurgent groups have been active since the early 1980s. Recent bomb attacks have been blamed on Islamist fighters from neighboring Bangladesh.

"I would not say we were caught unaware," a visibly shaken Tarun Gogoi, Assam's chief minister, said at a news conference. "We had some intelligence inputs that something like this was going to happen. But we didn't expect it to be this kind of a serious incident." He said he could not yet say definitively who was behind the bombings because police were too busy with rescue operations.

The first of the bombs went off in a crowded fruit and vegetable market. Others exploded in a parking lot, at a bazaar and near a railway track. Four of the blasts took place in the state capital, Guwahati.

No group immediately asserted responsibility for the blasts, but officials indicated they could be the work of a local group called the United Front of Assam, known as ULFA, which has been fighting the Indian state for an independent homeland. Other officials said the explosions may have been a joint operation by several groups active in the area, including armed Islamist groups based in Bangladesh.

"It is very early to make a conclusion, but ULFA has a history of triggering serial blasts." Assam's health



minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma, told reporters.

However, in an e-mailed statement, the publicity department of the outlawed ULFA denied its involvement. "The ULFA is in no way involved in the blasts and we condemn the incidents," the statement said. The group also offered condolences to family members of the dead and wished the wounded a speedy recovery.

India's opposition leader, the Hindu nationalist L.K. Advani, said the attacks "highlight the issue of Bangladeshi illegal immigrants in the country," a reference to the porous border that India shares with Bangladesh.

Television images from the market showed mangled heaps of metal and dismembered corpses strewn amid piles of potatoes and onions. Police officials said the number of dead could rise because many of the wounded were in very serious condition.

Onlookers reported that emergency workers were slow to arrive at the scenes of the attacks. Angry crowds soon formed to throw stones at police, set government vehicles on fire and even attack ambulances. Police imposed a curfew after the crowds took to the streets, and they immediately sealed Assam's borders with neighboring states. Police also began searching for suspects.

Officials said hospitals were ill-equipped to deal with the massive number of casualties and were quickly overwhelmed.

"I had gone to the market when I heard the blasts. We were shocked. People were running everywhere, vehicles were damaged and on fire," an injured witness, S.K. Dutta, told an English-language news channel, Times Now. "The smoke blinded us. The sound of the blast was deafening."

Since May, several Indian cities have been targeted by bombings in public places, and the death toll has exceeded 160. In some of the blasts, police have arrested suspects from a new group that calls itself the Indian Mujahideen. Last week, Hindu radicals were also arrested for their alleged involvement in one of the blasts.

Several separatist groups are active in Assam and in India's other Himalayan states, which border Bangladesh, China, Burma and Bhutan. Dozens of these groups, broadly organized along ethnic and religious lines, have been fighting New Delhi and one another for control of the region.

Thursday's serial bombings were the third such incident in Assam this year. Powerful explosions in March and June rocked the state. More than 10,000 people have died in attacks in the northeastern region during the past decade.

Four Hindus Charged in Fatal Indian Bombing

By RAMA LAKSHMI
Washington Post Foreign Service

NEW DELHI, Oct. 24 — Four Hindus have been arrested and charged in a bombing that killed five people last month, Indian counterterrorism police said Friday.

The arrests signaled a change of course for police, who have blamed Muslim extremists for a wave of bombings that have killed more than 145 people across the country since May.

A group called the Indian Mujahideen has asserted responsibility for some of the attacks, and police have arrested dozens of Muslims who they say belong to that and another Muslim student group.

But several human rights groups accuse the police of an anti-Muslim bias and say they are arresting Muslims at random. India, a Hindu-majority country, has about 130 million

Muslim citizens.

The attack last month, during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, occurred in the town of Malegaon, near Mumbai. The bomb used in the attack was placed on a motorcycle and exploded amid a crowd.

Police said the four suspects are under investigation for their alleged association with Hindu radical groups.

One of the suspects, Pragya Singh, calls herself a "sadhvi," which means saint. She was detained by Mumbai authorities on allegations that she was linked to the motorcycle used in the attack. Police said Singh, who is in her late 20s, might also have helped plan the attack.

There was a lot of effort to hide the ownership of the motorcycle, said Hemant Karkare, chief of the Mumbai Anti-Terror Squad. They have tried to erase the engine and chassis numbers with chemicals. The registration number was bogus.

Singh's father, Chandrapal Singh, however, told reporters that even if the motorcycle belonged to his daughter, she was a spiritual being and was not capable of hurting innocent people.

Media reports said Pragya Singh has been associated with the student wing of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the women's wing of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, or the World Hindu Council.

Karkare said pamphlets of several Hindu extremist groups were recovered during the arrests.

Milind Marathe, the national vice president of the student wing of the BJP, said police had not named his organization in the probe. "The media is sensationalizing the news, and we are thinking of taking legal action against them," he said.

In the past two decades, Indians have been deeply divided over the rise of Hindu nationalist forces across the country. Several of the groups say the government has appeased the narrow interests of religious minorities, and some have called for India to be declared a Hindu nation.

Members of these groups have been accused of involvement in recent attacks on Christians in the eastern state of Orissa.

Calls for a ban on extremist Hindu groups, including Vishwa Hindu Parishad, have gained momentum among some political groups.

"We have been asking for a ban on these groups for so long, but the country was not willing to listen to us," said Laloo Prasad Yadav, India's railway minister and a BJP opponent. "All these groups are somehow connected to the BJP."

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FIACONA Holds Prayer Vigil for Christian Victims



Protesters hold a prayer vigil outside of the White House demanding the Indian government stop violence against Christians in India.

By a Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON — The Federation of Indian American Christian Organizations of North America held a prayer vigil Sept. 25 outside the White House to grieve for those who are victims of recent violence against Christians in India.

The event, a combined effort of a variety of nonprofit groups, drew a large number of people, who gathered to listen to leaders speak at a rally, where FIACONA also expressed its support for the civil

nuclear agreement with India.

Many of the speakers expressed dissatisfaction with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's government and its handling of the crisis in such areas as Orissa, where Christians were attacked and Christian churches and properties were damaged, according to a release.

FIACONA demanded that the prime minister impose a ban on radical fundamentalist groups, and that the central government rehabilitate victims, compensating for the dead and property damage.

India Has Highest Number Of Hungry in the World

From News Dispatches

India has the largest number of hungry people in the world, despite the strong economic growth witnessed in recent years, and over 200 million Indians are worse off than people in 25 sub-Saharan countries, a report said.

A report by the International Food Policy Research Institute said hunger across India's 17 major states ranges from "serious to extremely alarming," Voice of America said in a report from New Delhi. India's economic boom brought new prosperity to its middle class and pulled many out of poverty, but millions of people still struggle on low incomes, the report said.

The lead author of the report, released as part of the 2008 Global Hunger Index, is Purnima Menon.

Menon made two key findings in her report. One, high levels of child malnutrition is one of the

main results of hunger; and two, poverty is not the only factor responsible for hunger.

Poorer states have substantially higher levels of malnutrition, compared to their more prosperous counterparts. The most severe levels of hunger were found in the country's largest and least developed states, such as Madhya Pradesh and Bihar, the report said.

"Poverty is one of the underlying reasons, but there are a number of states that actually are performing either much better or much worse than one would expect," said Menon. "And, that could relate to specific investments that those states have made in social protection programs, in health and nutrition programs, in really scaling up those things that would make a difference for childhood underweight, childhood mortality and things like that which are captured in our index."



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India wants to seal border with Myanmar after blast

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By Biswajyoti Das

GUWAHATI, India (Reuters) - India needs to seal its border with Myanmar to stop separatist rebels carrying out regular attacks in the northeast, officials said on Wednesday, a day after a powerful blast killed 17 people in Manipur state.

Police said a bomb on a bicycle blew up in Imphal, the state capital, late on Tuesday. At least 40 people were wounded in the attack that police believe was revenge for security forces killing at least eight rebels last month.

Police suspect the separatist People's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak (PREPAK) in Manipur, a state which has suffered separatist and tribal insurgencies for the past 60 years in the troubled northeast region. The rebels escaped across a largely unguarded border to their camps in neighbouring Myanmar, police said.

Manipur shares a long porous border with Myanmar of around 370 km (230 miles) and security officials want the entire stretch to be barbed-wired to stop smuggling of weapons and explosives.

Ringed by China, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Bhutan, India's northeast is home to more than 200 tribes and has been racked by separatist revolts since India gained independence from Britain in 1947.

"We want the centre (federal government) to fence the border, we cannot let them (PREPAK) escape after the incident," Chief Minister Okram Ibobi Singh told Reuters on Wednesday.

The rebel group wants to throw non-Manipuris out of

the state and demands statehood, which India says is not possible.

About 700 armed PREPAK rebels have carried out regular attacks in the state, including firing a shell at the chief minister's fortified home last month.

"It definitely is a cause for concern at a time when violence in other parts of the region seems to be declining," C. Uday Bhaskar, a strategic analyst said. In Imphal, police cordoned off the blast site, near a commando training facility and forensic experts were examining pieces of metal to find out what caused the powerful blast.

"Our plan is to fence the border and step up foot patrolling along the border, otherwise it will be difficult to control the situation," a senior intelligence officer said from Imphal.

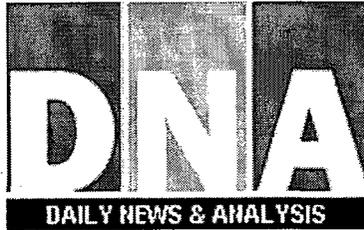
India says around 3,000 rebels, live and train in the camps inside the jungles of Kabaw Valley of Myanmar's Sagaing Division.

"We know where militants have their camps across the border, but we can't go inside Myanmar chasing them," said a senior military commander who requested not to be named.

India has a pact with Myanmar to share intelligence, but officials said it was not enough to stop the insurgency.

Militant groups accuse New Delhi of plundering the region's mineral and forest resources but investing little in return.

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'Arrest the nun who was raped'

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BHUBANESWAR: Further vitiating the already surcharged atmosphere in Orissa's Kandhamal district, hundreds of women of the Rashtra Sevika Samiti - an outfit affiliated to the Sangh Parivar - on Tuesday demonstrated here demanding the arrest of a nun who was raped during the violence that erupted in the area in August.

"The allegations made by the nun appear to be baseless because she is not coming forward to identify the people already arrested," the organisation's zonal organising secretary Suchitra Mohapatra said.

"If she was raped she should come forward and identify the culprits. The state government has already announced to extend all security and help," she added.

The Global Council of Indian Christians was quick to react.

"Nobody has any right to say the nun has filed a false case," Asit Kumar Mohanty, the regional coordinator of the council, said.

"The Crime Branch (of the Orissa Police), which is probing into the incident, has not said that she has filed a false case," Mohanty pointed out.

The nun has said she is open to investigation if the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is allowed to conduct the probe because she has lost faith in the Orissa police.

The nun, whose name has not been disclosed, has filed a written complaint that a mob of about 40 to 50 armed men attacked a house in Nuagaon village where she along with a priest, Thomas Chellanthy, had taken shelter after their

centre was attacked.

The mob dragged her and the priest and took them to the deserted office of an NGO where she was allegedly stripped and raped. The priest was doused with petrol and beaten up, the nun said in her complaint.

They also paraded her naked on the streets, she alleged, saying that the incident occurred in the presence of a dozen policemen.

Cuttack Archbishop Raphael Cheenath has moved the Supreme Court seeking a CBI probe on the ground that the nun had lost faith in the state police. The state government, in an affidavit submitted to the apex court on Monday, rejected the plea and said the state Crime Branch, which is probing the case, had made substantial progress.

"Eight accused persons have been arrested on the basis of available evidence," the affidavit said, adding: "The chief minister of Orissa has categorically condemned the heinous crime and has appealed to the victim to cooperate in further investigations.

"The investigation of the case by the Crime Branch of the state is continuing very diligently and the matter is being monitored at the highest level," the state government maintained.

Communal violence had erupted in the state after the killing of a Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader and four of his aides Aug 23, claiming the lives of at least 36 people in Kandhamal and leaving more than 20,000 homeless.

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India Bans Smoking in Public

Health Minister Says Habit May Kill Nearly 1 Million This Year

By EMILY WAX
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NEW DELHI, Oct. 2 — India banned smoking in public places on Thursday, a move the government hopes will help curb the habit in a country that has one of the world's largest populations of smokers.

There are at least 120 million tobacco users in India, half of them younger than 30. Many working-class Indians smoke bidis, or small, cheaply made cigarettes rolled in leaves that cost the equivalent of 50 cents for a pack of 25.

From now on, those who are caught lighting up in public places such as hotels, discos, libraries and parks face fines of 200 rupees, or around \$4. Some of India's poorer states have already said they do not have enough health officers to enforce the ban. Previous attempts to

prohibit other behaviors, such as public urination, have achieved little success in this vast country of 1.1 billion people, where many rules are seen as suggestions.

Indian Health Minister Anbumani Ramadoss said at a news conference that the country is in the grip of a smoking epidemic likely to cause nearly 1 million deaths a year.

"Don't wait for enforcing authorities to catch you," said Ramadoss, who has been pushing for a ban on tobacco and recently made headlines by pressuring Bollywood actors to stop puffing away on screen. Legislation to ban public smoking in India was first passed in 2003. But it has taken nearly five years to work out the guidelines.

Ramadoss said he expected there would be "teething problems" in enforcing the ban. But, he

said, the "smoke-free campaign is a movement launched with massive public support." To raise public awareness, the Health Ministry has started running colorful advertisements in newspapers and on television and radio. India follows countries including Britain, South Africa and Thailand in banning public smoking.

Shahzad Ali, a specialist at Health and Wellness, one of many new centers cropping up to promote better eating and exercise habits, said even talking about smoking is a huge step in India.

"Earlier — even just months ago — we were not even talking about such matters," Ali said. "This is a culture of fried foods, of sugar and of smoking. But now India is at least becoming a place to talk about improving. That's a great step. Enforcement will be another issue."

Kashmir, Reducing Nuclear Risk on Obama Agenda

WASHINGTON (PTI) — The Bush administration's policies towards India and Pakistan have allowed "grave nuclear risks" to grow in South Asia, Democratic presidential nominee Barack

Obama said recently, as he drew up a five-point plan for reducing the "region's nuclear dangers," including backing efforts to resolve the Kashmir issue.

Both Obama and Republican rival John McCain were given written questions by Arms Control, a journal of the NGO Arms Control Association. The Republican senator did not respond, according to ACA.

Asked how he would work to reduce the risks posed by India and Pakistan's nuclear arsenals, Obama replied that he would first expand the Proliferation Security Initiative from "its current focus on stopping illicit nuclear shipments to eradicating nuclear black market networks, like the remnants of the Abdul Qadeer Khan organization."

Obama also said he would "reduce incentives to test and deploy new nuclear weapons."

"My two amendments in the Hyde Act sought to accomplish these goals," he added.

Obama also pledged to continue securing dangerous weapons



Barack Obama campaigning in Colorado. (Getty Images)

from terrorists and encourage India and Pakistan to collaborate with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"Finally, I will continue support of ongoing Indian and Pakistani efforts to resolve the Kashmir problem in order to address the political roots of the arms race between India and Pakistan," Obama concluded.

In Kashmir, Conflict's Psychological Legacy

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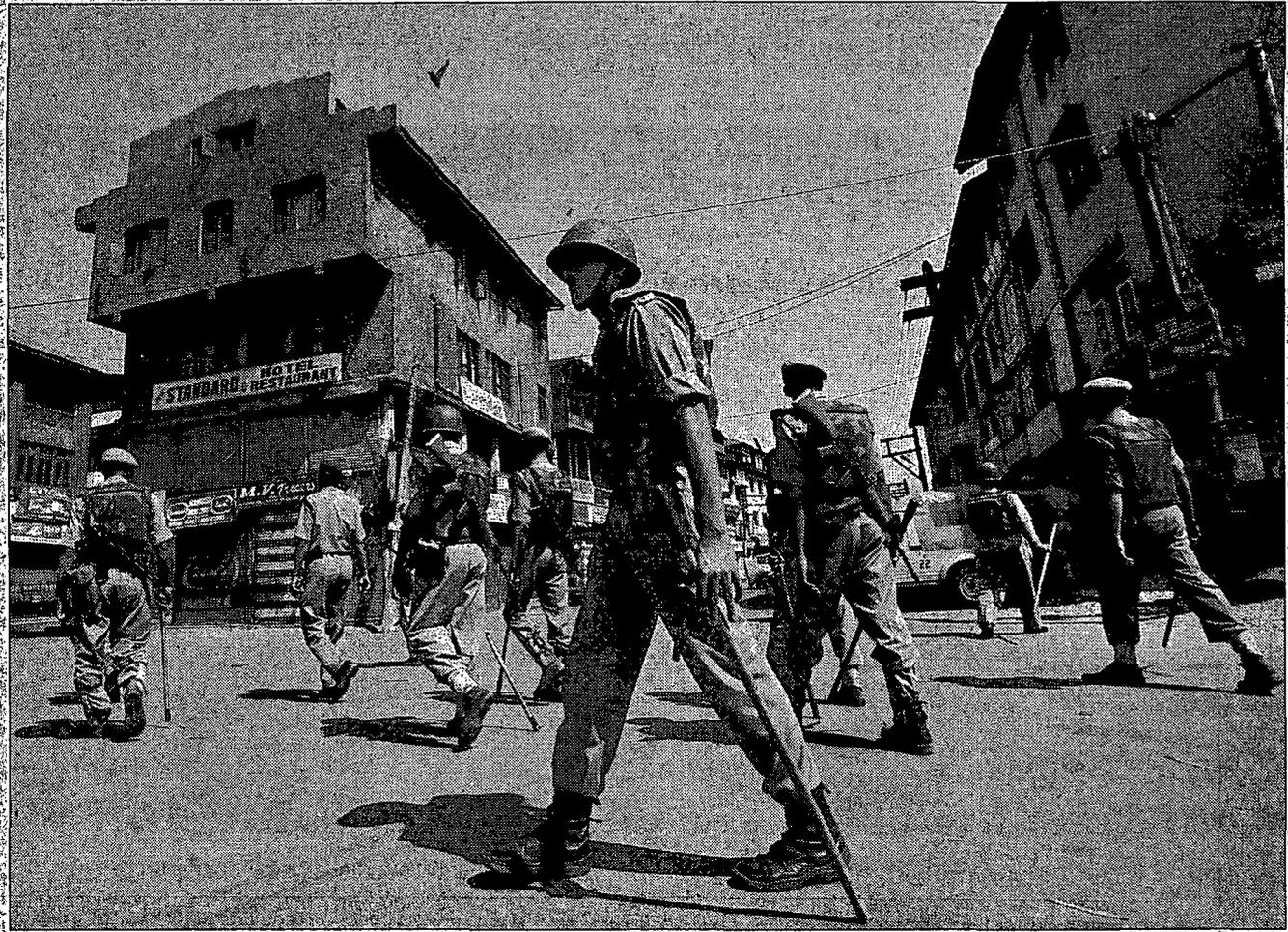
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SRINAGAR, India — Suraya Qadeem's brother was one of the Kashmir Valley's brightest students. Handsome and disciplined, he had been accepted into a prestigious medical school in Mumbai. But just weeks before Tahir Hussain was to pack his bags, the 20-year-old was shot dead by Indian forces as he participated in a peaceful demonstration calling for Kashmir's independence.

At his funeral, Suraya Qadeem, also a medical student, wept so hard she thought she might stop breathing. Seventeen years later, she spends her days counseling patients in Indian-controlled Kashmir who have painfully similar stories.

In the sunny therapy rooms of a private mental hospital here in Kashmir's summer capital, Qadeem listens to young patients, nearly all of them children scarred by the region's two-decade-old conflict. Most suffer from depression, chronic post-traumatic stress disorder, drug addiction and suicidal tendencies in numbers that are shockingly high, especially compared with Western countries.

Srinagar, a scenic lakeside city nestled in the foothills of the Himalayas, once had among the lowest mental illness rates in the world. But in 1989, leaders of the region's Muslim majority launched an armed separatist movement, one of several said to have been backed by predominantly Muslim Pakistan, which has fought two wars with Hindu-majority India over Kashmir since India's partition in 1947. Srinagar became a battleground as hundreds of thousands of Indian troops quelled the uprising. The fighting has left a powerful psychological legacy.



Indian policemen patrol during a curfew in Srinagar, Kashmir's summer capital. The curfew was imposed last week in the face of the biggest self-rule demonstrations in the region since early 1990. About 40 protesters have been killed by Indian forces in the protests.

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NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE KHALSA PANTH

Let 2009 Bring Freedom to the Sikh Nation

May Guru Bless the Khalsa Panth in 2009

With Freedom, Happiness, Dignity, and Prosperity

Liberating Khalistan Must Be Focus of New Year

Dear Khalsa Ji:

WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA, WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH!

The New Year is here. Please let me take this opportunity to wish a Happy New Year to you and your family and the Khalsa Panth. May 2009 be your best year yet. I wish you health, joy, and prosperity.

The flame of freedom continues to burn brightly in the heart of the Sikh Nation. No force can suppress it. Guru Gobind Singh blessed the Khalsa Panth, saying "*In grieb Sikhin ko deon Patshahi.*" ("I bless the Sikh nation with sovereignty.") The Sikh Nation must dedicate this year to working hard to achieve that goal. Self-determination is the right of all peoples and nations and self-determination is the essence of democracy.

James Madison, the primary author of the U.S. Constitution and the fourth President of the United States, warned of the "tyranny of the majority." That is why the U.S. constitution has strong protections for minority and individual rights and a republican, decentralized governmental structure. India, the self-proclaimed "world's largest democracy," is proof that Madison was absolutely right. Without effective protection for individual rights and those of communities and states, the majority runs roughshod over the rights, interests, and lives of the minorities. India does this to Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, Bodos, Assamese, Manipuris, Dalits, and so many others.

It is time for the Sikh Nation to flourish. Sikhs have suffered too much already under the yoke of Indian persecution since independence, especially over the past 25 years. We have seen the attack on the Golden Temple, over 250,000 Sikhs murdered and over 52,000 held as political prisoners, the murder of the Akal Takht Jathedar, more than 50,000 Sikh youth tortured, murdered, then declared unidentified and secretly cremated, their bodies never returned to their families. Their families continue to suffer. We must help their widows and orphans. Let us find the vision to throw off this repression. With that vision, the Sikh Nation will flourish; without it, we will perish and India's effort to eliminate Sikhism will succeed. The sooner we can liberate Khalistan, the better.

The Brahminocracy has stepped up its efforts to destroy the Sikh religion and deny Sikhs an environment to flourish. Until we get a sovereign, independent Khalistan, we will continue to be slaves. The Brahmins will choke the Sikh Nation like a boa constrictor.

Although Prime Minister Singh blamed the December 2008 attack in Bombay on the government of Pakistan, saying that only the government had the resources to carry out such an attack, India's government also has such resources and it has a pattern of engaging in such attacks (such as the Golden Temple attack, Air India, Chithisinghpura, and others) in the guise of minorities. The organization that claimed responsibility for the attacks was previously unheard of. India's leading newsmagazine, *India Today*, reported that India itself created the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE.) It has heavily infiltrated and controlled several Sikh and other minority organizations. Could it have created the organization that claimed responsibility for the Bombay bombing?

The Indian government has planted its agents among the Sikh diaspora. Mr. Makkar came to America and was escorted to Gurdwaras by the mysterious Indian agent Amarjit Singh. Among those who met with Mr. Makkar was Rajwant Singh

of Washington, DC, who has served as an Indian mouthpiece for a very long time, diverting the efforts of the Sikh Nation to useless causes while meeting with public officials to stab the freedom-loving Sikh Nation in the back.

We must stop drug addiction in Punjab. While the desperation of many is understandable, drug addiction is a scourge that will destroy our people and our nation. There is a law that prohibits strong intoxicants within 100 meters of a school. Let us see to it that this is strongly enforced so that children don't have easy access to cigarettes, beetlenut, pawn, smack, zarda, and other drugs. Use of such products, especially by our youth, destroys the will and the fabric of the Sikh Nation and plays into the hands of the Brahminocracy's effort to destroy Sikhism. We must not allow this to occur.

It is time to bring our religious tenets into practice. We must stop infanticide. We must practice equality for women. Currently in Punjab, there is a ratio of a thousand boys for every 878 girls. Young Sikh men, unable to find Sikh women to marry, pay Rs 50,000 for Nepalese or Bengali wives. What kind of Sikhs can they be producing? These practices only sustain India's effort to destroy Sikhism.

The Indian government has kept Punjabi-speaking areas out of Punjab while supporting an influx of Hindus into Punjab. As you know, Sikhs are prohibited from buying land in Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh. Yet there are no restrictions on land ownership in Punjab by non-Punjabi Hindus. People from anywhere can buy land in Punjab, including people from Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh. India is trying to subvert Khalistan's independence by overrunning Punjab with non-Sikhs while keeping Sikhs from escaping the brutal repression in Punjab. We must prevail upon the political leadership in Punjab to get these Sikh lands back from Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. They rightfully belong to Punjab.

On several occasions, Sikhs were arrested for making speeches in support of Khalistan and raising the Khalistani flag. The Indian regime is clearly worried about the rising tide in support of Sikh sovereignty. In Nankana Sahib, faced with 15,000 Sikhs chanting "Khalistan Zindabad," the regime sent its consul to meet with me to try to stop my efforts to liberate Khalistan. The Brahminocracy realizes that this office is effective. Let us dedicate our energy this year to achieving the establishment of Khalistan. Any organization that sincerely supports Khalistan deserves the support of the Sikh Nation. When Khalistan is free, Sikhs can resolve all issues in a way that benefits the Khalsa Panth. However, the Sikh Nation needs leadership that is honest, sincere, consistent, and dedicated to the cause of Sikh freedom if we are to continue to move the cause of freedom for Khalistan forward in 2009 as we did in 2008.

Remember the words of former Jathedar of the Akal Takht Professor Darshan Singh: "***If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh.***" I ask the Akali Dal Badal to look themselves in the mirror and ask themselves, are they Sikhs? If they are Sikhs, they must work for Khalistan. Khalistan is the only way that Sikhs will be able to live in freedom, peace, prosperity, and dignity. It is time to start a *Shantmai Morcha* to liberate Khalistan from Indian occupation. We must achieve our freedom by peaceful, democratic, nonviolent means. Let that be the mission of 2009.

India is not a single country. It is a polyglot of many nations thrown together by the British colonialists for their administrative convenience. It has 18 official languages. History shows that such countries do not long endure. Austria-Hungary, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia are some examples. The breakup of India is inevitable. We pray that it will be peaceful like the breakup of Czechoslovakia and not violent like that of Yugoslavia.

Sikhs will never get any justice from Delhi. Ever since independence, India has mistreated the Sikh Nation, starting with Patel's memo labelling Sikhs "a criminal tribe." What a shame for Home Minister Patel and the Indian government to issue this memorandum when the Sikh Nation gave over 80 percent of the sacrifices to free India. How can Sikhs continue to live in such a country? There is no place for Sikhs in supposedly secular, supposedly democratic India. In a free Khalistan, minorities will have equal rights and all will be respected.

Let us work to make certain that 2009 is the Sikh Nation's most blessed year by making sure it is the year that we shake ourselves loose from the yoke of Indian oppression and liberate our homeland, Khalistan, so that all Sikhs may live lives of prosperity, freedom, and dignity. Now it is up to us. Do not waste this opportunity.

May Guru bless the Khalsa Panth.

Sincerely,



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12th June, 2008

Your Excellency Madam Justice Arbour,

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND GENOCIDE IN PARTICULAR OF SIKHS IN THEIR HOLY AND HISTORICAL LAND, PUNJAB, AND THE NON-HINDU MINORITIES I IN GENERAL IN PREDOMINANTLY HINDU INDIA

We, the Sikhs of North America, Europe and international Sikh Diaspora, would like to apprise you, your Excellency, of human rights abuses of the Sikhs and other non-Hindu minorities in India which have taken place since 15th August, 1947. This was the day when the British India authorities transferred political power to the 'unelected' Hindu leadership and left the non-Hindu minorities, especially the Sikhs, at the mercy of the so-called majority, the Hindus (only 4% elite or Brahmins, 10 – 12% Hindus and pro-Hindus, which control over 80% of the non-Brahmins and non-Hindus). Since receiving political power from the British Empire, despite the protest of the Sikhs at large and their leadership for not returning their sovereign and independent Sikh Raj of their forefathers and monarch, Ranjit Singh (1799- 14th March, 1849), the so-called predominantly Hindu India has exterminated more than 1.4 to 2.3 million Sikhs (more than one million in the decade of 1981-91 (Singh S 1995 *The Sikhs in History* ISBN 0-96475555-0-5; Dilgeer HS and Sekhon AS 1992 *The Sikhs' Struggle for Sovereignty: An Historical Perspective* (ed) A T Kerr ISBN 0-9695964-1-3 University of Alberta P O, Edmonton, AB T6G 2S5, Canada; Sekhon AS Dilgeer HS 1999 *A White Paper On Khalistan (A True Story) The Sikh Nation* (ed) AT Kerr ISBN 0-9695964-8-0;3 Sekhon AS Dilgeer HS 2002 *India Kills the Sikhs*, 3rd Ed, ISBN 0-9695964-9-9; Sekhon AS 2005 *India's Genocides of Sikhs, 1981-1991: History Revisited Int J Sikh Affairs* 15(2), 28, 2005 (Chief Guest Editor: AT Kerr) ISSN 1481-5435). Since the brutal military "**Operation Bluestar**" of June, 1984, more than 260,000 Sikh infants, children, youth, male and female folks have been slaughtered [*Int J Sikh Affairs* 10(2): 27-29, 2000 ISSN 1481-5435; Sekhon AS 2000 *Proc 8th Sikh Edu Conf*, Toronto, ON, Sept 23; Walia AS Sudan TS 2001 *Genesis of State Terrorism in Punjab*. Released by Justice A S Bains, ihref@yahoo.com; 8 July 14, 2001; Kumar RN et al. 2003 *Reduced To Ashes: The Insurgency and Human Rights in Punjab* ISBN 99933-53-57-4 www.safhr.org <mailto:ihrf@yahoo.com>; www.safhr.org; Sekhon AS 2005 *in Authentic Voices of South Asia India's Broken Promises & Suppression of Dalits* (ed) U Khalid ISBN 0-9548929-0-9]. Additionally, Hindu India has systematically killed other non-Hindus (more than 500,000 Muslims; over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims of the Internationally Disputed Areas of Jammu and Kashmir since 1988; more than 300,000 Christians; hundreds of thousands of Dalits, *Adivaasis* (aboriginals or *Moolnivasi* of India), in numerous genocides, pogroms, and staged encounters. The most recent examples of state sponsored pogroms are the killings of Sikhs in Chitisinghpura in Kashmir in February, 2000; killings of 6 Sikhs in Kashmir in February, 2001; beheading of a Sikh in Kashmir in March, 2001; destruction of 6 Mosques in Kanpur, U P, and Bhilwara (Asind), Rajasthan (<http://www.indianexpress.com> <<http://www.indianexpress.com/>>; 2001; The Hon Edolphus Towns, Member of Congress (MC). *Indian Government Found Responsible for Burning Sikh Homes and Temple in Kashmir*. The US House of Representatives, June 27, 2001; The Hon Dar. Burton, MC

and Chairman, US House Government Committee. *Indian Duplicity and Hypocrisy Exposed*, House of Representatives, 31st July, 2001; The Hon Edolphus Towns, MC *Indian Minorities Seeking Their Own States*. The US House of Representatives, 107th Congress, July 11, 2001; The Hon Cynthia A McKinney, MC *Self-Determination For Sikh Homeland Discussed on Capitol Hill*, The US House of Representatives, June 28, 2001.); *slaughtering of 16 Muslims by the police; burning of the Muslim holy scripture, The Quran Shariff, in New Delhi, Patiala, and Amritsar*, Punjab (March 24, 2000 <post #4279 & 4314, (www.yahogroups.com/group/sikhyouth>. Addressing the House of Representatives, Congress of the United States, the Hon Edolphus Towns, Member of Congress, said on 28th March, 2006 “*Sikh activists Kanwarpal Singh Dhami and Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan (now deceased) were arrested by the Indian Government on charges of sedition*. Their crime was to speak in support of a sovereign Khalistan. Dr. Chohan also had flown the Khalistani flag from his residence until his death. When did free speech become a crime in a democracy? The Sikh homeland of Khalistan declared itself independent from India on October 7, 1987.” On 21st March, 2006, in a press release, Dr Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, Washington DC, said, “What kind of democracy watches people for demanding freedom? Why don't they watch the Black Cats who have killed thousands of Sikhs under the protection of the Indian government?”

Additionally, the excesses of the Indian forces can be summarized as follows:

On 5th November, 1978, the Hindu India police of Delhi fired at a Sikh procession and killed four Sikhs, including the president of the Delhi Akali Party [Sekhon AS and Dilgeer HS 1999 *A White Paper On Khalistan (A True Story) The Sikh Nation* (ed) A T Kerr ISBN 0-9695964-8-0; Third Edition ISBN 0-9695964-8-0 in 2006]. Acting *Mukh-Sewadar*, or Custodian of the Akal Takht Sahib, the Supreme Seat of the Sikh Polity, Amritsar, Singh Sahib Bhai Gurdev Singh Kaunke, was abducted on 20th December 1993, tortured, killed and his body dumped in a canal on 3rd January 1994.

On October 27, 1995, the Human Rights activist of the Akali Dal (Badal), Sardar Jaswant Singh Khalra, was killed at the Chhabal police station, Amritsar. His body was thrown into the Harike Canal. A police officer, A. S. Sandhu (supposedly committed suicide, *but lives in Halifax NS, Canada, under fake identity www.rozanaspokesman* May 2007), abducted a Sikh religious leader, Charan Singh, tortured him and was made to dispose of his body. Earlier, the same police officer had abducted Charan Singh's brother and his driver. The latter was killed by tying his legs to two jeeps, which were driven off in opposite directions.

A former Punjab administration headed by a corrupt Sikh, Prakash Singh Badal, attacked the Darbar Sahib Complex (mistakenly known as the Golden Temple Complex) on 7th February, 1998, desecrated its sanctity and deposed, using his state powers, the democratically elected president of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabhandhak Committee. Shortly thereafter, Badal forcibly removed the *Mukh-Sewadar* of Akal Takht Sahib, the Supreme Seat of the Sikh Polity, Bhai Ranjit Singh. The administration of Prakash Singh Badal, has spent more than 20 million rupees for legal fees to protect the police officers who participated in the genocide of the Sikhs. Voted, under the Constitution of India, which has been '**rejected by the Sikhs repeatedly**', out of the Punjab's administration. By his maneuvering, Prakash Singh and his collusion with the a Hindu militant and fundamentalist party, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), is back as the Chief of the Punjab administration. Prakash Badal, is an agent of India's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW; Gurtej Singh 2000 *Chakarvyuh: Web of Indian Secularism* ISBN 81-85815-14-3) and a staunch turbaned Hindu in *The Sikh Identity*. Prakash Badal has kept his lips 'sealed' when the Punjab Legislative Assembly debated the 'Freedom of Press, news media and the free speech recently (www.rozanaspokesman.com, 8th-13th March, 2008). The freedom of speech and expression, the fundamentals of human rights in any democracy. This is the clear reflection of the heavy handedness and/or the 'autocracy' of Mr Badal and his masters of the New Delhi administrations (NDA; JL Nehru to M Singh, 1947 – to date).

The Badal's administration and police personnel are abusing, in Punjab, the Indian Penal Code Article 188, against Dr Sukhpreet Singh Udhoke of Amritsar. These are a few examples of the democracy or autocracy of Prakash Singh Badal 's administration in the Sikhs' holy and historic Homeland of Sikhs, Punjab.

On February 6, 2000, the death of a Dalit youth in police custody in Morinda, Ludhiana, was horrifying. He was killed in cold blood because he objected to police's drinking session at a public place. This incidence revived memories of the dark period in the history of Punjab when countless innocent young men were killed in false encounters, but police records turned them into ruthless terrorists.

A mother of six sons, Bibi Jaswant Kaur, lost her husband in 1987. Three of her six sons succumbed to tuberculosis. The other three were abducted and killed by Punjab police. One of the three sons, Pragat Singh, 23-yrs-old, was arrested in 1987, kept in captivity for 14 months. After his release police raided his home on 9th September 1988, and shot him dead. The eldest son, Jagir Singh, 25-yrs-old, working as a volunteer in a Taran

Taran Gurdwara, was taken by the police and did not return. The youngest son, Mohinder Singh (20-yrs-old) was with the religious man, Baba Charan Singh (see above). He was abducted by the police on 14th June 1991 and died in police custody. Jaswant Kaur has tried all possible avenues to get justice, but has had no luck (jkaurgrewal@yahoo.com; March 20, 2001; post #4181; <http://www.yahogroups.com/group/sikhyouth>).

Even outside India, Sikhs continue to be harassed by the Indian government and its allies, according to the Hon Edolphus Towns, MC (Extensions of Remarks - February 27, 2001). Miscreants stormed a church and ransacked the premises while a spiritual meeting and prayers were in progress in Hyderabad, A P (www.burningpunjab.com; 24th March, 2001).

A group of men killed their rape victim, a mother of seven, in the village of Singana and then gouged out the eyes of two witnesses in India's lawless eastern state of Bihar, the Press Trust of India reported Thursday (February 8, 2001; AFP). The rapists then used the woman's sickle to hack her to death. They then attacked four labourers who witnessed the crime.

Since 1998, Christian missionaries including one from Australia (Father Graham Stains), his 8- & 10-yr-old sons, and Roman Catholic nuns, have been killed, burnt alive or raped by the Hindu fundamentalists. The burning, destruction and demolishing of the Houses of God of the non-Hindu minorities, the Sikh Gurdwaras, Churches and Mosques, looting and desecrating of the holy and historical places of the non-Hindu minorities are the modus operandi of successive Indian administrations and state-sponsored hoodlums (Hon John T Doolittle, MC *India Coalition Partner Threaten To Engulf Country In Violence*, House of Representatives, July 27, 2000, The US Congress; Hon Edolphus Towns, MC July 27, 2000. *Christian Persecution in India*, House of Representatives, The US Congress).

A train carrying Sikh pilgrims and the Sikh holy scriptures, Guru Granth Sahib, was attacked in June, 2001, by militant Hindu hoodlums in Uttarpara, West Bengal. The Hindu hoodlums stoned the Sikh pilgrims, burned the Holy Scriptures, and tried to set fire to the train (Press Release: Council of Khalistan. *Train Attack Is Wake-Up Call for Sikh Nation*, June 27, 2001 <cok@khalistan.com>).

In an affidavit filed on 28th August, 2000, by Mr Sartaj Singh, resident of Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir (under the occupation of Indian administration), Internationally Disputed areas by the United Nations, stated that he was tortured and received painful psychological harassment by the Indian police. The police personnel wanted him to confess many things which he never did. The police personnel also wanted him to tell the whereabouts of Neeta *alias* Ranjit Singh, a freedom fighter, Harbhajan Singh, Gian Singh and Joginder Singh, who are at large. The police personnel wanted him to make a false confession that '*we all know one another*'.

Miss Manorama of Manipur was gang raped by the men of the Assam Rifles and was thrown out of the headquarters after mutilating her private parts in July, 2004. More recently (9th February, 2005), another 12-year-old girl has alleged she was raped by a constable of the force in central Assam's Karbi Anglong district, triggering protests from women's organizations

In a blatant violation of human rights, the district police today tortured a Dalit youth to death after he refused to accept his involvement in a theft case (Jalandhar, February 6' tribuneindia.com).

The above are only a few of the hundreds of thousands of cases we would like to bring to your kind attention, your Excellency. We hereby request that you dispatch a fact finding mission to India to assess in depth the crimes committed against humanity by armed and law-enforcing agencies in 'uniforms' and bring the criminals before the International Court of Justice in the same way as the U N has done to punish the criminals of the Rwanda and Serbia massacres in 2000; S. Milosevic of Serbia in July 2001; the former Serb police chief, Steven Todorovic, who pleaded guilty for torturing, murdering and sexually assaulting Muslims and Croats (National Post, 1st August, 2001, p A11); and Radislav Krstic for the Srebrenica genocide of Muslims in 1995 (National Post, August 3, 2001, p A3). The UN tribunal has taken a landmark decision recently to include "sex torture as a war crime" (National Post, February, 23, 2001). Also, the UN's Secretary-General, His Excellency Kofi Annan's interview (Time, 4th September, 2000) will be welcomed by the justice-loving peoples of our civilized world that "those who commit crimes and those who watch as bystanders are equally responsible for the crime taking place." What we have brought to your attention, your Excellency, is just the '**tip of the iceberg**' of human rights abuses, religious persecution(s), rapes, persecution, humiliation, dehumanization and crimes committed by the state-sanctioned armed personnel of a country what our civilized world knows as the "largest democracy" of the world, India. A leading magazine has pointed out that "**India is ruled by rascals.**" "Many Indians silently witness their country's unlawful events. Several members of the ruling party's youth wing have in the past been charged with rapes and kidnapping. Officials respond that all parties have their thugs.

Politicians use thugs to capture polling booths and stuff ballot boxes (*The Economist*, 15th July, 1995, p. 26).” According to the Hon Dana Rohrabacher, for the Sikhs, Kashmiri Muslims, and other minorities **“India might as well be Nazi Germany”** (Press Release: Council of Khalistan, Washington DC; June 27, 2001 <khalistan@khalistan.com>). Another Sikh, Devinder Pal Singh Bhullar, is about to be put to death in India for a crime even India admitted he didn't commit (Hon Edolphus Towns, MC. Proc House of Representatives, Washington DC, 18th March, 2003).

Manmohan Singh, the present Chief, Council of Ministers, India (never elected to the parliament from any electoral constituency of the alleged Indian democracy), supposed to be an honest and clean person delivered his state address before the “World Conference on Human Rights Delegates in Vienna, Austria, on 24th June (14 to 25th June), 1993. He, then Finance Minister of the PV Rao administration, said that *“he being Sikh finds no abuses of Human Rights of Sikhs much less any minorities in India.”* Another person, Shahabuddin, Manmohan Singh's colleague of the Islamic faith, said the same of Muslims of India. Abuses of Human Rights in the Sikhs' holy and historic Homeland, Punjab, Khalistan (under the Brahmins (elite) autocracy's occupation, have been taking place, since 15th August, 1947). Manmohan Singh's statement was **‘refuted’** in the strongest possible words by the human rights and peace loving citizens (delegates) of North America and elsewhere.

Bibi Manjit Kaur Dakha (1992): Manjit Kaur Dakha's husband sought political asylum in the United States after being tortured by the Indian armed personnel. Mrs. Dakha, her father, and her 6-mo-old daughter (Bhaghel Kaur) were tortured mercilessly, given repeated death threats, and her child was made to sit on a colony of ants by the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). The daughter and father were made to beat each other with clubs.

Sardar Surinder Singh Fauji (a retired army personnel), of Fatehabad, Tehsil: Khadur Sahib of Amritsar district of Punjab, has been physically, mentally and psychologically tortured by Punjab police since May 27, 1986. Valuable household articles stolen by the police personnel from his residence have not been returned. Despite his writing to the Prime Minister (PV Rao), Home Minister of India (SB Chawan), Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India, Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High court, and Senior Session Judge, Amritsar, there was no relief from the police excesses.

More than 35 Sikh youth, including Kanwarpal Singh Bittu and Sarbjit Singh Ghuman of the Dal Khalsa, in police custody. Similarly, Jagtaar Singh Hawara, his wife and other family members are humiliated (by putting cigarettes and tobacco in his mouth), tortured and harassed by the Punjab and Delhi police (www.panthic.org <<http://www.panthic.org/>>, 17th July, 2005).

A human rights lawyer and prominent Sikh nationalist Harpal Singh Cheema, after spending eight years in a California jail, whom Judge Dana Keener determined that Singh did not pose a threat to national security. The Hon judge stopped short of granting him full asylum, but forbade the then-INS from deporting the couple. Indeed, she noted that Singh “is widely perceived as a moderate and a voice for reason (Camille T Tairara, Editor, New America Media, News Feature, Aug 07, 2006). To escape atrocities and persecution during custody of the Indian law-enforcing personnel until 1992, Mr Cheema and his wife sought asylum in the United States in 1993.

(www.news.ncmonline.com/news/views_article.html?article_id=07b6be56cd5439ea38f077581fdfe196. Mr Cheema is separated from his wife and and son. The latter are too scared to return to India.

Bibi Charanjit Kaur, who was seeking political asylum on humanitarian grounds in Canada, stated that her 75-year-old mother and her sister Ravinder Kaur were arrested and tortured, cousin Charan Singh, arrested, tortured and killed by Jammu police in 1998, cousin Manmohan Singh (Chairman, Dashmesh Youth Organization, Jammu and Kashmir) sent to jail on 9th November, 2000. According to the police report, her elder sister Manpreet Kaur (aka Manmeet Kaur), 45-yr-old, wife of Jagjit Singh was arrested on 24th August, 2000, by the Delhi police along with her 7- and 9-yr-old children. The police allegedly involved them in bomb blasts and explosions. Another relative of Bibi Charanjit Kaur, Lakhbir Singh, 47-yr-old, was kept in police custody for 4.5 years and released for lack of proof of any allegations. Charanjit Kaur's brother-in-law, the husband of her sister, Manpreet Kaur, and brother of her husband, Ravinder Singh was arrested on 8th February, 2002. Both were severely tortured before they were released for lack of proof of allegations. Her brother, Rajinder Singh, was arrested. “His only crime was to be my brother.” The arrests, torture and killing of Charanjit Kaur's relatives points out that the Sikh women folks and relatives are harassed, tortured and killed, simply because they are Sikhs.

In the mid 2007, Sardar Simranjit Singh Mann, President, Shromani Akali Dal (Amritsar), Sardar Daljit Singh Bittu, Vice President, SAD-Amritsar (now Chief, Akali Dal-*Panj Pardhani*), and Dr Sukhpreet Singh Udhoke were arrested, tortured and harassed by the Punjab police personnel and charged for the ‘treason against the Indian union, for their peaceful demonstrations and free expression against the heavy handedness of the state

personnel. In the alleged democracy, the basic rights of the citizens, i. e., free speech and writing, are violated. Dr Udhoke's publication was ceased and he was arrested.

Tired of the heinous practices of the Indian state, the 'state appointed' *Mukh-Sewadar* of the Akal Takht Sahib, Vedanti Joginder Singh Saran, said in a huge parade (*Nagar-Keertan*) of the Sikhs of New York on April 26, 2008, that the '*Sikhs Demand of Khalistan or Sikh Homeland*' is the only way for their survival in the Sikhs' holy and historic Homeland, Punjab. Earlier, Professor Darshan Singh Khalsa, a former Acting Custodian of the Akal Takht Sahib, the Seat of Sikh Polity, had said: "**If a Sikh is not Khalistanee he/she is not a Sikh.**"

The news just in states that the "State-backed president of the Sikhs' religious institute, Shiromani Gurdwara Prabhandhak Committee (SGPC)'s president Makker has issued a statement to the Sikh Gurdwaras (Houses of God) controlled by the SGPC, that "Sikhs must stop reciting couplet (Dohra) "Raj Karega Khalsa (Sovereign shall rule)...." What a mockery of a pro-Hindu/Brahmin and pro-Punjab and pro-Indian administrations person, who betrayed the Guru Khalsa Panth, the House of Baba Guru Nanak Sahib, the founder of the 5th largest religion (and culture) of the world!

We also request that you bring to justice the deceased or living politicians of Indian administrations (Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Chandershekhar, V P Singh, Dev Gowda, P V Rao, A B Vajpayee and their cabinet colleagues, including Narendra Modi and his cabinet colleagues responsible for the Gujarat Massacre of Muslims (February to November, 2002), and/or appointees like HKL Bhagat, Jagdish Tytler, Arun Nehru, SD Sharma, SS Ray, Boota Singh, LK Advani, GL Nanda, Surjit Barnala, Balwant Singh, Beant Singh, PD Singh, JS Chohan, Surender Nath, Prakash Singh Badal, GS Tohra, HS Longowal, to cite but a few; police officers JF Rebeiro, KPS Gill, Sarbjit Singh, Sumedh Saini (Senior Superintendent Police), DR Bhatti for the killings of Professor (Dr) Rajinder Pal Singh Gill (Bulara), Dr Gurnam Singh Buttar and others, Swarn Ghotna, Gobind Ram, AS Sandhu (declared deceased by the Indian administration; but he is living under a fake identity in Halifax, NS, Canada, as reported by www.rozanaspokesman.com; published from Chandigarh, Punjab in May 2007), RS Bhullar, Joginder Singh, Raghbir Singh, SS Virk; armed forces personnel like K Sunderji, AS Vaidya, KS Brar, RS Dayal, JS Bhullar, Arjan Singh, JS Jamwal, Tarlok Singh, Shamsher Singh, Gurdial Singh, and their subordinates (Report To The Nation: Oppression in Punjab. Library of Congress Card No. 86-60058, January, 1986; Gurtej Singh 2000 *Chakarvyuh: Web of Indian Secularism* ISBN 81-85815-14-3; *Int J Sikh Affairs* Vol 9, No. 1, 1999 ISSN 1481-5435; *Sikh Shahadat*, June 2005, p. 12-17).

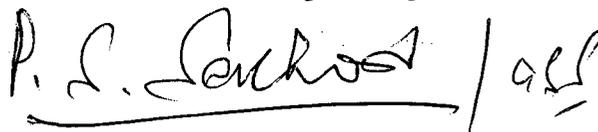
We look forward to hearing from you and hope for your prompt action on all crimes committed against humanity.

With warmest regards and best wishes.

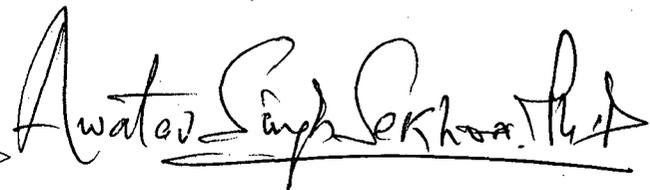
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Indian Republic Day: Celebration of Genocide, Repression *Not a Republic But a Fundamentalist Brahmin Majority Tyranny*

WASHINGTON, January 26, 2009 – Today is India's Republic Day, the anniversary of the adoption of India's Constitution. The Council of Khalistan and the 25 million strong Sikh Nation observe Republic Day as a black day celebrating repression, genocide, and tyranny. The Council of Khalistan leads the struggle to establish a sovereign, independent Khalistan free from Indian occupation. On October 7, 1987, the Sikh Nation declared its independence from India, naming its new country Khalistan. The Council of Khalistan was established at that time to lead the peaceful, democratic, nonviolent movement to liberate Khalistan from Indian oppression.

India's constitution is supposed to ensure a secular, democratic government. But the Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, more than 300,000 Christians since 1948 (plus many more throughout the country), over 90,000 Muslims in Kashmir since 1988 (as well as at least 2,000 to 5,000 in Gujarat), and tens of thousands of Tamils, Assamese, Manipuris, Dalits, Bodos, and others. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "**worse than a genocide.**" According to a report by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR), 52,268 Sikhs and tens of thousands of other minorities are being held as political prisoners in India without charge or trial. Some have been in illegal custody since 1984! Tens of thousands of other minorities are also being held as political prisoners, according to Amnesty International. We demand the immediate release of all these political prisoners.

India should learn from the December 2008 attack in Bombay. Its repression of minorities led directly to the attack, one of many such incidents. Although Prime Minister Singh blamed the attack on the government of Pakistan, saying that only the government had the resources to carry out such an attack, India's government also has such resources and it has a pattern of engaging in such attacks (such as Air India, Chithisinghpora, and others) in the guise of minorities. The organization that claimed responsibility for the attacks was previously unheard of. India's leading newsmagazine, *India Today*, reported that India itself created the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE.) It has heavily infiltrated and controlled several Sikh and other minority organizations. Could it have created the organization that claimed responsibility for the Bombay bombing?

When Sikh activist Harvinder Singh was arrested in Germany at the behest of the Indian regime, Dr. Aulakh went there to get him freed. When Dr. Aulakh went to Nankana Sahib for the celebration of Guru Nanak's birthday, 15,000 Sikhs were in attendance and "Khalistan Zindabad" slogans were raised. The Indian government was so worried that they sent the consul to try to stop Dr. Aulakh's efforts to free Khalistan.

Indian police arrested human-rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalra after he exposed their policy of mass cremation of Sikhs, in which over 50,000 Sikhs have been arrested, tortured, and murdered, then their bodies were declared unidentified and secretly cremated. Khalra was murdered in police custody. His body was not given to his family. No one has been brought to justice for the kidnapping and murder of Jaswant Singh Khalra. The police never released the body of former Jathedar of the Akal Takht Gurdev Singh Kaunke after SSP Swaran Singh Ghotna murdered him. He has never been tried for the Jathedar Kaunke murder. In 1994, the U.S. State Department reported that the Indian government had paid over 41,000 cash bounties for killing Sikhs. 35 Sikh leaders were arrested just for making speeches and raising the Khalistani flag.

Missionary Graham Staines was murdered along with his two sons, ages 8 and 10, by a mob of militant, fundamentalist Hindu nationalists who set fire to the jeep, surrounded it, and chanted "Victory to Hanuman," a Hindu god. None of the people involved has been tried. The persons who have murdered priests, raped nuns, and burned Christian churches have not been charged or tried. An Indian newspaper reported that the police were ordered not to get involved in the massacre of 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, a frightening parallel to the Delhi massacre of Sikhs in 1984.

"Is Jaswant Singh Khalra celebrating? Is Jathedar Kaunke celebrating? Is Graham Staines celebrating? Are the Bombay bombing victims celebrating?" asked Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. "How can a democracy celebrate the kind of violent repression that claimed their lives?" "India is not a democracy for Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, and other minorities," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, which leads the Sikh Nation's struggle for independence. "While India celebrates, Sikhs and other minorities are dying," he said. "Is that something to celebrate? The Indian government continues to persecute and kill our Sikh brethren," Dr. Aulakh said. "The Brahminocracy is trying to subsume and eliminate the Sikh religion."

When India became independent, Sikhs were equal partners in the transfer of power and were to receive their own state, but the weak and ignorant Sikh leaders of the time were tricked into staying with India on the promise that they would have "the glow of freedom" and no law affecting the Sikhs would pass without their consent. Sikhs ruled an independent and sovereign Punjab from 1710 to 1716 and again from 1765 to 1849 and were recognized by most of the countries of the world at that time. No Sikh representative has ever signed the Indian constitution. Sikhism was not even recognized in the Indian constitution as a separate religion, while Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, etc. were recognized. Discrimination against the Sikh Nation took place in every sphere.

"Only a sovereign, independent Khalistan will end the repression and lift the standard of living for the people of Punjab. We demand freedom and self-determination, rather than the genocide that has been inflicted on us for so many years," said Dr. Aulakh. History shows that multinational states such as India are doomed to failure. Countries like Austria-Hungary, India's longtime friend the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, and others prove this point. India is not one country; it is a polyglot like those countries, thrown together for the convenience of the British colonialists. It has 18 official languages. It is doomed to break up as those countries did," he said. "As Professor Darshan Singh, a former Jathedar of the Akal Takht, said, '**If a Sikh is not for Khalistan, he is not a Sikh**,' he noted. "We must continue to work for our God-given birthright of freedom," he said. "A sovereign Khalistan is essential for the survival of the Sikh religion. We must make our voices heard for our fellow Sikhs and all oppressed minorities in India."

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Harvinder Singh Released *Slap in the Face of KPS Gill*

WASHINGTON, DC, December 10, 2008 – Sikh activist Harvinder Singh, who had been arrested while entering Germany, has been released. Harvinder Singh is a Belgian citizen. He was arrested by German authorities at the behest of the Indian government and the brutal K.P.S. Gill, the onetime Punjab police chief who presided over the murders of more than 100,000 Sikhs. Harvinder Singh was one of the Sikhs involved in removing Gill's turban when Gill visited Belgium, signifying that Sikhs do not consider Gill a Sikh. Harvinder Singh had been held on trumped-up charges of murder, an allegation made by the Indian regime.

K.P.S. Gill had to be escorted into and out of the United States for the 1996 Olympics. He was only allowed to enter the country because he was at the time head of the Indian Hockey Federation and he was made to leave America as soon as the field hockey competition was over. Gill has been completely exposed in the eyes of the world for the brutal, murderous tyrant that he is. He should not be given a visa to any country because it is offensive to humanity, the international community, and the Sikh Nation. He should be arrested by the Indian government; instead, he is honored by them for his brutal, bloody reign.

Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, and Sardar Sukhdev Singh Jalwehra, the Council's representative in Belgium, pressed Harvinder Singh's case before the European Human Rights Commission. The Council of Khalistan speaks for the Sikh Nation in its struggle to free itself from Indian oppression and is the primary organization that has exposed India's repression of Sikhs and other minorities. They urged that Harvinder Singh be released rather than returned to India, where he would certainly have been tortured and murdered like Jaswant Singh Khalra and so many others. These Sikhs were arrested, brutally tortured, killed, declared "unidentified", and made to disappear by the Punjab police that Gill led. When Jaswant Singh Khalra exposed the Indian government's brutal practice of secret cremations in which over 50,000 young Sikhs were arrested, tortured, murdered, and then declared "unidentified bodies" and secretly cremated, the police arrested Khalra and he was killed in police custody. The only witness to the Khalra kidnapping, Rajiv Singh Randhawa, has been repeatedly harassed by the Punjab police, picked up on one false charge after another. This is what Harvinder Singh would undoubtedly have faced had he been returned to India.

A report issued by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) shows that India admitted that it held 52,268 political prisoners under the repressive "Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act" (TADA) even though it expired in 1995. Many have been in illegal custody since 1984. There has been no list published of those who were acquitted under TADA and those who are still rotting in Indian jails. Additionally, according to Amnesty International, there are tens of thousands of other minorities being held as political prisoners. The MASR report quotes the Punjab Civil Magistracy as writing "if we add up the figures of the last few years the number of innocent persons killed would run into lakhs [hundreds of thousands.]" The Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, over 90,000 Muslims in Kashmir, tens of thousands of Christians and Muslims throughout the country, and tens of thousands of Tamils, Assamese, Manipuris, and others. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "**worse than a genocide.**"

Government-allied Hindu militants have burned down Christian churches and prayer halls, murdered priests, and raped nuns with impunity. Hindu radicals, members of the Bajrang Dal, burned missionary Graham Stewart Staines and his two sons, ages 10 and 8, to death while they surrounded the victims and chanted "Victory to Hanuman," the Hindu monkey-faced God. The Bajrang Dal is the youth arm of the Hindu terrorist Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS). The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is its political arm.

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"We are pleased that Harvinder Singh is free and able to return to his family in Belgium," said Dr. Aulakh. "This is a victory for the Sikh Nation and for Sikhs worldwide. Now it is incumbent upon us to secure that same freedom for our brothers and sisters in Indian-occupied Khalistan," he said. Khalistan is the Sikh homeland that declared its independence from India on October 7, 1987. "Only when Khalistan is free can Sikhs finally live in freedom, peace, dignity, and prosperity, free of the fear that what happened to Harvinder Singh or what happened to Jaswant Singh Khalra will happen to them," Dr. Aulakh said. "That is the birthright of all peoples and all nations. We must regain our lost sovereignty."

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Council of Khalistan Condemns Mumbai Bombings *Terrorism Must Be Punished, Irrespective of the Source*

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 4, 2008 – Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, today condemned the recent bombings in Bombay in which close to 200 people were killed and many others were injured. "This is a terrible incident and shameful for whoever carried it out," Dr. Aulakh said. "Terrorism is never acceptable. We should join together to take care of the people who were victimized by this brutal attack," he said. The Council of Khalistan leads the peaceful, democratic, nonviolent movement to liberate Khalistan, the Sikh homeland that declared its independence from India on October 7, 1987. Dr. Aulakh called for the strongest possible punishment for whoever might be responsible for the attack. A previously unknown group called the Deccan Mujahideen has taken responsibility for the attack, although the Indian government has blamed the Kashmiri organization Lashkar-e-Taiba. The Indian government also blamed Lashkar for the 2006 train bombings. However, later evidence pointed to Lt. Col. Siri Kant Parshad Prohit, who is affiliated with the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), a militant Hindu terrorist organization, and his associates. Colonel Prohit has been offered a ticket by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the political arm of the RSS, for the elections from Delhi. "It is the BJP that benefits the most from this reprehensible act," Dr. Aulakh said, noting that Legislative Assembly elections are underway. "The Nazis burned the Reichstag and blamed others and they rode it to power," he said. "Could the Fascist RSS have learned that tactic?"

"This is the kind of thing the Indian government is quite capable of carrying out itself," Dr. Aulakh said. He noted that the book *Soft Target* shows how the Indian regime bombed its own airliner in 1985, killing 329 innocent people, to justify further repression against the Sikhs. The flight was bound for Bombay. The book quotes an investigator from the Canadian Security Investigation Service as saying, "***If you really want to clear the incidents quickly, take vans down to the Indian High Commission and the consulates in Toronto and Vancouver, load up everybody and take them down for questioning. We know it and they know it that they are involved.***" The book shows that within hours after the flight was blown up, the Indian Consul General in Toronto, Surinder Malik (no relation to Ripudaman Singh Malik), called in a detailed description of the bombing and the names of those he said were involved, information that the Canadian government didn't discover until weeks later. Mr. Malik said to look on the passenger manifest for the name "L. Singh." This would turn out to be Lal Singh, who told the press that he was offered "two million dollars and settlement in a nice country" by the Indian regime to give false testimony in the case. India fomented and pre-planned the massacre of Muslims in Gujarat, according to a police officer who was quoted in the newspapers. Government forces were caught red-handed in a village in Kashmir, trying to burn down the Gurdwara (Sikh place of worship) and some Sikh homes, to blame the Muslims. Two independent investigations, one carried out jointly by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) and the Punjab Human Rights Organization and the other carried out by the International Human rights Organization of Ludhiana, both concluded that Indian troops carried out the massacre of 38 Sikhs in Chithisinghpura. Both former President Bill Clinton, in his introduction to Madeleine Albright's book, and *New York Times* reporter Barry Bearak came to the same conclusion. The killers dressed as "militants" but spoke to each other in the language of the Indian army. This is just one of many incidents where the Indian army or its paid "Black Cats" paramilitary have been caught carrying out terrorist incidents while trying to create the impression that they were alleged "militants."

The Indian newsmagazine *India Today* reported that the Indian government created the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, identified by the U.S. government as a terrorist organization. The January 2, 2002 issue of the *Washington Times* noted that India sponsors cross-border terrorism in Sindh. The Indian newspaper *Hitavada* reported that India paid the late governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, \$1.5 billion to foment and support covert state terrorism in Punjab and Kashmir.

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"Only in a free Khalistan will the Sikh Nation prosper and get justice," said Dr. Aulakh. "This is the only issue. India is a terrorist state in which we will never escape from the repression and tyranny," he said. "It is time to liberate Khalistan so that the Sikh Nation can live in freedom, security, prosperity, and dignity," he said. "Remember the words of former Akal Takht Jathedar Professor Darshan Singh: '**If a Sikh is not a Khalistani he is not a Sikh.**' The only way we can escape the terrorism and repression is to free Khalistan. Khalistan Zindabad."

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Sikhs Celebrate Guru Nanak's Birthday With Devotion, Enthusiasm, Reverence

WASHINGTON, DC, December 4, 2008 – Over 15,000 Sikhs gathered in Nankana Sahib (now in Pakistan) last month for the celebration of the birthday of Guru Nanak, the first Guru of the Sikh religion. About 3,600 were from India, and the rest were from Pakistan and around the world. The occasion was celebrated with reverence and enthusiasm. Slogans of "Khalistan Zindabad" resonated throughout Nankana Sahib during the evening's speeches on November 13.

The celebration began with the performance of Akand Path. The *Guru Granth Sahib*, the Sikh holy scripture, was read without interruption for 48 hours leading up to Guru Nanak's birthday and hymns were sung as midnight struck. In the morning, the Pakistan Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (PGPC) presented government officials and others with siropas. Representatives of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) honored the officials of the PGPC with siropas and gold medals. Baba Jagtar Singh of Kar Sewa was similarly honored with a gold medal by the SGPC. According to Sikh tradition, the afternoon was marked by a procession led by the *Guru Granth Sahib*, followed by the Panj Piaras, and then the Sangat, of all the Gurdwaras in Nankana Sahib, ending back at Gurdwara Janam Asthan. The evening program featured speeches given by various Sikh leaders, including Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, which leads the Sikh struggle for independence. When Dr. Aulakh raised slogans of "Khalistan Zindabad," the Sangat responded with great enthusiasm. After midnight the celebration concluded with ceremonies according to the Sikh *rehat maryada*.

Guru Nanak was the founder of the Sikh religion. ("*Marya Sikha Jagat Witch Nanak Nirmal Panth Chalaya.*") It was an occasion of great happiness for the Khalsa Panth. Guru Nanak confronted Babar, the Moghul ruler of the time and called him a Jabbar (oppressor) and spoke out against the tyranny of the rulers of that time. He was even imprisoned by Babar, along with his followers. Guru Nanak travelled extensively, to the Middle East, where he visited Baghdad, and throughout India, along with his two companions, one Hindu, one Muslim. He spread his message of truthfulness, respect for the rights of individuals, earning an honest living, sharing with the needy, and praying to Almighty God. He was revered by Hindus and Muslims alike. When he left this world at Kartarpur Sahib, his body was not found. The sheet covering his body was torn in two. The Hindus cremated it and the Muslims buried it, each according to their customs. Guru Nanak is remembered as Baba Nanak Shah Faqir, Hindu Da Guru, Mussleman Da Pir. He preached the equality of the entire human race, including gender equality.

Someone from the Indian consulate attended the ceremony. He approached Dr. Aulakh to ask him to abandon the struggle to liberate Khalistan. He said that "we are brothers." Dr. Aulakh reminded him that that is what the Hindus claimed in 1947, then Home Minister Patel put out a memo describing the Sikhs as "a criminal tribe" that needed to be under special watch. In 1984, the Indian government attacked the Golden Temple, the center and seat of the Sikh religion. Sant Bhindranwale said that the attack would "lay the foundation for Khalistan" and that is exactly what it did. In 1986 a Sarbat Khalsa was called and in April of that year it passed a resolution for Khalistan. The Panthic Committee declared the independence of Khalistan on October 7, 1987. The Council of Khalistan was formed at that time to lead the peaceful, democratic, nonviolent struggle to free Khalistan by getting the international community involved in the struggle.

"We can still be brothers," said Dr. Aulakh. "When the family gets bigger, brothers move to separate homes. One brother has mistreated the other brother," said Dr. Aulakh. "It is in the interest of the Indian government to let Khalistan go peacefully so we can live as neighbors with good will," he said. "If we are forced to separate by violence, we will not talk to each other for a long time and will be working to undermine each other. That hurts both sides," he said.

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Sikhism is a divinely revealed, monotheistic, independent religion which has 26 million followers and is the world's fifth largest religion. The *Guru Granth Sahib*, the Sikh holy scripture, was written by the Gurus themselves as revealed to them by God. Nobody can add or delete anything in the holy scripture, which is considered to be a living Guru after the tenth Nanak, Guru Gobind Singh Sahib. *Guru Gobind Singh Sahib bestowed Guruship on the Guru Granth Sahib before he left this world.*

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Dear Advisor:

You are invited to participate in the annual convention of the Council of Khalistan and seminar on the liberation of Khalistan, which will be held October 11-12, 2008 at Gurdwara Sahib Fremont in Fremont, California. We request that all Gurdwaras send a delegate and we request a donation of \$500 or more from each Gurdwara.

This seminar and convention is vitally important for the future of our movement to liberate our homeland, Khalistan, and for the future of the Washington office. It is crucial that you attend.

To make arrangements for your stay in Fremont, please contact Sardar Harjot Singh Khalsa, Gurdwara President, at (408) 218-1116, Sardar Satnam Singh Khalsa, Gurdwara Secretary, at (510) 706-1300, or Sardar Paramjit Singh Sekhon, Advisor to the Council of Khalistan at (510) 774-5909. The number of the Gurdwara is (510) 790-0177. We look forward to seeing you there.

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At Least 30 Killed in Hindu Attacks on Christians in Orissa

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 3, 2008 – At least 30 people have been killed in recent violence in Orissa. The violence was initiated by Hindu militants after the Communist Party of India (Maoist) killed a Hindu leader. The CPI(M) has claimed responsibility for the killing. According to Compass Direct, the Global Council of Indian Christians (GCIC) reported that more than 114 anti-Christian attacks have taken place in various parts of the state. The Catholic Bishops Conference of India announced Friday that 40,000 Christian schools and colleges would remain closed to “protest the violence against their community.”

Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, condemned the violence. “The attacks on Christians are unacceptable,” he said. “Unfortunately, they are typical of Indian violence against minorities. India does not belong to Hindus alone, but to all the people,” he said. A former Indian Cabinet member said that anyone who lives in India must either be a Hindu or be subservient to Hindus. “This attitude gives rise to the murders and oppression of Christians, Buddhists, Muslims, Dalits, Sikhs, and all minorities,” Dr. Aulakh said. “We condemn the killing of Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati and four of his disciples as well,” Dr. Aulakh said. “These killings only advance the interests of oppressors and tyrants,” he said. “We extend our sympathies to the families of those who have been killed.”

Pope Benedict has also condemned the violence against the Christians and the killing of Saraswati. “While I firmly condemn every attack on human life, whose sacredness required respect by all, I express my spiritual closeness and solidarity to the brothers and sisters in the faith who are so sorely tried,” the Pope said. He said he was profoundly saddened by the violence.

India has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, according to figures compiled by the Punjab State Magistracy and human-rights groups and reported in the book *The Politics of Genocide* by Inderjeet Singh Jaijee. It has also killed over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims since 1988, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, and thousands of Christians and Muslims elsewhere in the country, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits (“Untouchables,” the dark-skinned aboriginal people of South Asia), Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government’s murders of Sikhs **“worse than a genocide.”**

According to a report by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR), 52,268 Sikhs are being held as political prisoners in India without charge or trial. Some have been in illegal custody since 1984! Amnesty International reported that tens of thousands of other minorities are also being held as political prisoners. We demand the immediate release of all these political prisoners.

Indian police arrested human-rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalra after he exposed their policy of mass cremation of Sikhs, in which over 50,000 Sikhs have been arrested, tortured, and murdered, then their bodies were declared unidentified and secretly cremated. He was murdered in police custody. His body was not given to his family. No one has been brought to justice for the kidnapping and murder of Jaswant Singh Khalra.

The latest wave of violence in Orissa is part of an ongoing campaign of violent harassment of Christians that has been going on since Christmas 1998. Churches have been burned, Christian schools have been attacked, and Christian prayer halls have been vandalized. Missionary Graham Staines was murdered in 1999 in Orissa while he slept in his jeep, along with his two sons. They were burned to death by a mob of militant Hindus chanting “Victory to Hannuman,” a Hindu god. The killers have never been punished. In April, according to Compass Direct, about 70 violent Hindu nationalists chased and threatened two Christian women from a Gospel for Asia Bible college after a Christian worship service. They burned the church. All the Christians escaped except the two young women. The Hindu militants threatened, “We will burn you like Graham Staines and his children!”

Missionary Joseph Cooper was so severely beaten that he had to spend a week in an Indian hospital, after which he was expelled from the country. Nuns have been raped and made to drink their own urine. Priests have been murdered. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), an organization under the umbrella of the militant, pro-Fascist Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), Justified these crimes by calling the nuns “antinational elements.” The RSS, the Hindu nationalist organization that is the parent organization of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has published booklets on how to implicate Christians and other minorities in false criminal cases.

Christian activists say that militant Hindus are forcibly reconvertng Christians and others to Hinduism. Forced conversions are illegal in India, but the law is used to prevent people from converting from Hinduism to another religion. Forcible reconversions by violent Hindu groups are never punished. “Anti-social elements are taking advantage of the Orissa Freedom of Religion Act to intimidate Tribals with the knowledge and consent of the local administration,” said Monsignor Thomas Thiruthalil, Bishop of Balasore.

“It is sad that in the name of religion, violent acts like this are carried out,” Dr. Aulakh said. “We strongly condemn the violence against Christians, which is sadly reminiscent of the violence that has been committed against Sikhs, Muslims, and others,” Dr. Aulakh said. “We must continue to press for our God-given birthright of freedom,” he said. “Unfortunately, the Indian government does nothing but encourage and support this repression and violence. Is this the face of modern Hinduism and the so-called secular India?”

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Anniversary of Delhi Massacres *Over 20,000 Sikhs Murdered With Support of Indian Government*

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 30, 2008 – Saturday, November 1 marks the anniversary of the November 1984 massacre of Sikhs in Delhi in which over 20,000 Sikhs were killed while Sikh police officers were locked in their barracks and the state-run radio and TV called for more Sikh blood. The massacres followed the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, which took place after Mrs. Gandhi ordered the Indian military attack on the Golden Temple, the center and seat of the Sikh religion, in June 1984.

The Delhi massacres were a brutal chapter in India's repression of the Sikhs, according to Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. "This brutal, government-inspired massacre clarified that there is no place in India for Sikhs," Dr. Aulakh said. On October 7, 1987, the Sikh Nation declared its independence from India, naming its new country Khalistan. In more than twenty years since then, India has continued its illegal occupation of Khalistan and stepped up the repression of the Sikhs while the Sikh Nation has continued to work to achieve its birthright.

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Christians in India are currently experiencing a similar repression. Militant Hindu nationalists affiliated with the militant, pro-Fascist Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), have called for a nun who was raped by their activists to be arrested and they have reportedly sought to wipe out all traces of Christianity from Orissa. On October 21, a group of Hindu women from the Rashtra Sevika Samiti - an outfit affiliated to the Sangh Parivar (an organization under the umbrella of the RSS) - demonstrated to demand the arrest of a nun who was raped during the violence that erupted in the area in August. Asia News reported that the Sangh Parivar, another Hindu fundamentalist group affiliated with the RSS, "[is] becoming more methodical. Sometimes with police assistance they prevent Christians from meeting to pray, try to murder new converts, and are trying to take over the land where churches and Christian homes once stood in order to wipe off the face of the earth any trace of Christian presence."

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Sikhs Celebrate 300th Gur Gaddi Divas

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 29, 2008 – On October 29, Sikhs around the world celebrate the 300th Gur Gaddi Divas. This marks the anniversary of the time when Guru Gobind Singh turned Guruship over to the *Guru Granth Sahib* (the Sikh holy scripture, written by the Gurus as revealed to them), proclaiming that there would no longer be any living Gurus.

Sikhs had ten living Gurus. The religion was founded by Guru Nanak, who had nine living successors, culminating in Guru Gobind Singh. When Guru Gobind Singh was asked by the Sikhs how they would see their Guru, he said "You can see me in the Khalsa and take guidance from the writing (*banni*) in the *Guru Granth Sahib*." ("*Parcha Shabad Da, Didar Khalsae Da.*") He proclaimed that "from today onwards; *Guru Granth Sahib Ji* is the Guru and it should be regarded as the embodiment and visible form of all the ten Gurus. *Guru manyo Granth.*"

Guru Gobind Singh made the Sikhs into saints and soldiers, giving the blessing "In grieb Sikhin ko deon Patshahi" ("I give sovereignty to the humble Sikhs.") Just two years after his departure from this earthly plane in 1708, the Sikhs established their own independent state in Punjab. Today we struggle to regain the sovereignty that Guru Gobind Singh bestowed upon us over 300 years ago. We must remind ourselves of our heritage by raising slogans of "Khalistan Zindabad" and beginning a Shantmai Morcha to liberate our homeland, Khalistan. Every morning and evening we recite, "Raj Kare Gā Khalsa." Now is the time to act on it. Do we mean what we say every morning and evening?

Just two years after Guru Gobind Singh left this world for his heavenly abode, Banda Singh Bahadur established a Sikh Raj. It lasted from 1710 until 1716. From 1716 to 1765, Sikhs went through horrible persecution by the Mogul ruler Aurang Zeb. In 1765, Sikhs again established Sikh rule in several Sikh missals (free cantonal republics) as well as the principalities of Patiala, Nabha, Faridkote, Kapurthala, Jind, and Kalsia. This lasted until 1799 when Maharajah Ranjit Singh established Khalsa Raj in Punjab by uniting the missals and principalities. They marched into the capital city of Lahore and hoisted the Sikh flag, manifesting the spirit of liberty reaffirmed at the Vaisakhi of 1699. This Khalsa Raj lasted until 1849 when the British conquered the subcontinent. This Sikh nation of Punjab was recognized by most of the Western powers of the time. The contemporary struggle to liberate the Sikh homeland, Punjab, Khalistan, is part of the same historical process.

Today there are Dera leaders presenting themselves as Gurus. At this time of celebration of Gur Gaddi Divas, rejecting these fake Sikh leaders is as essential as ever to the survival of the Sikh religion. Sikhs are not allowed to bow their heads to any living guru, but only to the *Guru Granth Sahib*. A Sikh of Guru Gobind Singh cannot be a Dera follower. "The Indian government is bent upon the destruction of the Sikh religion," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. "It has created these Deras to destroy Sikhism and subsume it into Hinduism," he said.

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Council of Khalistan 21st Annual Convention Very Successful *Much Progress in Last Year* Council Expresses Thanks to Sangat of Fremont

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 22, 2008 – Delegates came from Canada, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Yuba City, California, and many other locations to the Council of Khalistan's 21st annual convention, which was held October 11-12, 2008 at Gurdwara Sahib Fremont in Fremont, California. The convention was very well attended and successful. The local Sangat of the Bay Area was very enthusiastic and attended in large numbers. The meeting began with *Ardas* (Sikh prayer.) Delegates presented their views on how to achieve Khalistan and expedite its liberation. Many resolutions were passed, including resolutions in support of a sovereign, independent Khalistan, condemning the establishment of Deras by fake gurus, and other resolutions. "These Deras are a danger to the Sikh religion," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan.

"I would like to thank the Sangat of Fremont, especially Gurdwara President Sardar Harjot Singh Khalsa, Gurdwara Secretary Sardar Satnam Singh Khalsa, and Advisor Paramjit Singh Sekhon, for hosting this wonderful event and for their hard work in making it happen," said Dr. Aulakh.

Speakers included Dr. Aulakh, Dr. Awatar Singh Sekhon, Sardar Jasbir Singh, Sardar Manmohan Singh Randhawa, Bhai Amardeep Singh Amar, Bibi Manjit Kaur Sekhon, Sardar Sukhchain Singh, Sardar Paramjit Singh Sekhon, Sardar Jagtar Singh, Dr. Ranbir Singh Sandhu, Sardar Jaspreet Singh, Sardar Avtar Singh Missionary, Professor Makhan Singh, Sardar Parminder Singh Prawana, Sardar Gurmit Singh Barsal, Sardar Karnail Singh Khalsa, Sardar Madan Singh, Sardar Ala Singh, Sardar P.S. Shahi, Sardar Amrit Pal Singh, Sardar Jagdeep Singh Katro, and Sardar Jaswant Singh Dhaliwal. The Sikh Educational Trust of Canada presented a DVD entitled "Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh: His Life and Mission", prepared by Sardar Kavneet Singh Pannu of Philadelphia. Dr. Sandhu said that "the Sikh Raj will be of the Khalsa Panth, not of any individual." He also noted that "we can't prepare a list of the youth killed [by the Indian government] because [Chief Minister Parkash Singh] Badal played a role in stopping it."

Dr. Aulakh reviewed the progress during the last year. He presented a report on human rights violations at the UN Commission on Human Rights meeting in Geneva in June. Dr. Awatar Singh Sekhon, Director of the Human Rights Wing of the Council of Khalistan, also attended the Commission on Human Rights meeting in September and presented a memorandum from the Council of Khalistan. The convention passed a resolution commending commission Chairman Charles Greaves for holding these hearings.

India has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, according to figures compiled by the Punjab State Magistracy and human-rights groups and reported in the book *The Politics of Genocide* by Inderjeet Singh Jaijee. Dr. Aulakh reported that Sardar Jaijee and Bibi Baljit Kaur of the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) told him that if it were not for the efforts of the Council of Khalistan, that number might be ten times as high. Remember that former Member of Parliament Balram Jakhar said, "to preserve the unity of India, if we have to eradicate 2 crore (20-million) Sikhs, we will do so." They urged Dr. Aulakh to continue this work.

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statements in the *Congressional Record* by many Members of Congress of both parties. "We thank all these Members of Congress, current and former, for their help," Dr. Aulakh said. These statements are being preserved in a book published by the Vishav Sikh Council entitled *The U.S. Congress on the Sikh Struggle for the Independence of Khalistan*, which will be published by the end of the year. It will probably be a two-volume set, as it is over 2,000 pages. These two volumes should be displayed in every Gurdwara, every Sikh home, and libraries throughout the world.

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Sikh activists have been arrested for holding peaceful marches, making speeches, and raising the flag of Khalistan. Recently, the Jathedar of the Akal Takht, Sri Singh Sahib Joginder Singh Vedanti, was forced out of office by allies of Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal and the Akali Dal. The Akalis are in a political alliance with the militant, Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is determined to destroy the Sikh religion.

Delegates spoke in support of independence for Khalistan and discussed the need to remain active at the grassroots level. They stressed the need for the active participation of the local Sangat, not only in Fremont but worldwide. A resolution was passed expressing the urgent need for the Gurdwaras to take responsibility for financing the Washington office.

The money of the Gurdwaras belongs to the Sikh Nation and that money is to be used to disseminate, promote, propagate, and protect the Sikh religion. The Washington office is doing that. The Council of Khalistan has preserved the true history of the Sikh Nation since 1984 by documenting every major incident in the *Congressional Record*, internationalizing the Sikh struggle for independence, and exposing the Indian government's repression against the Sikhs and other minorities.

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Sikhs Should Reject Deras ***Leaders Must Take Action Against Them***

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 22, 2008 – There are about 12,000 villages in Punjab and there are currently 9,000 Deras. Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, urged Sikhs not to get involved with Deras. "The Indian government is encouraging these Deras as part of its ongoing effort to destroy the Sikh religion," Dr. Aulakh said. "They are polluting the Sikh religion and leading us away from the Guru Granth Sahib. This is an offense to the Sikh Nation," Dr. Aulakh said.

One such Dera is that of Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, head of the Dera Sacha Sauda, who advertises in the newspaper posing as Guru Gobind Singh, claiming to be Guru Gobind Singh and dressing like him, promising to do baptisms and make them Sikhs of Ram Rahim Singh. There was quite an outcry to have the Punjab government shut him down, but instead Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal and his son went to Ram Rahim Singh seeking his political support.

Dr. Aulakh noted that Badal and his Akalis are allied with the militant Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP.) This alliance "stabs the Sikh nation in the back," Dr. Aulakh said. "India is determined to destroy the Sikh religion," he said. "It is a shame that the leadership of the Akali Dal has joined hands with the enemy. It is dangerous for the Sikh religion when the enemy is in our own camp," he said.

Ram Rahim Singh and his Dera have shown that they are enemies of the Sikhs. The Dera's chief bodyguard even killed a Sikh protestor. No action has been taken against him by the sellout Badal government. On June 20, 2007, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate A.L. Kitchi issued an arrest warrant against Gurmit Ram Rahim Singh in connection with a criminal case registered against him under Section 295-A of the IPC on May 20 in Bathinda. On June 20, 2008 guards of Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh were involved in shooting a Sikh member of the public in a Mumbai suburb, Muhund. In addition, a female follower of Ram Rahim Singh has accused him of raping her and 50 other followers. He is also under investigation for the murder of a Hindu journalist, Ram Chandra Chatrapati, after Tehelka and IndiaTV uncovered a large amount of crime going on at Dera Sacha Sauda. The father of a Dear follower named Ranjit Singh says that Ram Rahim Singh was directly involved in his son's murder. He travels in a fleet of Mercedes automobiles, protected by 25 bodyguards.

The Nirankaris and Radhaswami, and their like are other Deras that must be rejected by any true Sikh.

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"I appeal to the Sikh leadership to rise to the occasion and protect the true Sikh religion as described by the ten Gurus, not by the phony gurus of the Deras," said Dr. Aulakh. "I request of all Sikhs in Punjab that they reject the Deras. Only follow the Akal Takht and the Sikh *Rehat Maryada* published by the SGPC in the 1940s before the independence of India and before it was in bed with the BJP," he said. "Do not let our religion be destroyed. Follow the example of previous Sikhs and stand firm for the religion of the Gurus," he said. "As long as we are under Indian rule, this kind of subversion of our religion will continue. Without political power, religions perish," Dr. Aulakh said. "By liberating Khalistan, we can much better protect our faith from those who would destroy it."

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Hindu Militants Continue Violence Against Christians in India Seek to Wipe Out All Traces of Christianity

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Dr. Aulakh made it clear that the Council of Khalistan and the Sikh Nation support the Christians in fighting the oppression. "We are on your side," he said. "First it was Sikhs, Muslims, Dalits, now Christians," he said, referring to a wave of Christian oppression that has been raging since Christmas 1998. "The rape of any woman is shameful," he said, "but especially a nun. Nuns renounce sex and are 'married to Christ.' Raping them is an attack on the Christian religion itself," he said. "They have tried to wipe out Sikhism and Buddhism. Now the Indians are trying to wipe out Christianity." Dr. Aulakh's efforts to help Christians have been praised by John Dayal, President of the All-India Christian Council.

The latest attacks in Orissa are part of an ongoing campaign of violent harassment of Christians that has been going on since Christmas 1998. Churches have been burned, Christian schools have been attacked, and Christian prayer halls have been vandalized. Missionary Graham Staines was murdered in 1999 in Orissa by a mob of militant Hindus chanting "Victory to Hannuman," (a Hindu god) while he slept in his jeep, along with his two sons. The killers have never been punished. Missionary Joseph Cooper was so severely beaten that he had to spend a week in an Indian hospital, then he was expelled from the country. Many nuns have been raped and made to drink their own urine. Priests have been murdered. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), an organization under the umbrella of the militant, pro-Fascist, Hindu nationalist Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), justified these crimes by calling the nuns "antinational elements." The RSS, the parent organization of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), has published booklets on how to implicate Christians and other minorities in false criminal cases.

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Dr. Aulakh noted that the repression of the Sikhs has echoes in the repression of the Christians. "It is sad that in the name of religion, violent acts like this are carried out," Dr. Aulakh said. "We strongly condemn the violence against Christians, which is sadly reminiscent of the violence that has been committed against Sikhs, Muslims, and others," Dr. Aulakh said. "They murdered several priests and they murdered Staines and beat Cooper. Similarly, the Indian government murdered Sardar Gurdev Singh Kaunke, Jathedar of the Akal Takht. If you are a religious leader of a non-Hindu religion in India, you are in danger," he said. "The burning of churches and the vandalism of prayer halls and schools is an attack on fundamental religious institutions. These attacks on churches remind me of the Golden Temple attack. They constitute an attack on the religion itself," Dr. Aulakh said. "That is unacceptable, especially in a country that promotes itself as a secular democracy." He noted that India recently signed a civil nuclear agreement with the United States. "I call on the Bush Administration and its successors to work with India to ensure that basic human rights are enjoyed by Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, Dalits, and all the people living under Indian rule," he said. "We must continue to press for our God-given birthright of freedom," he said. "Unfortunately, the Indian government does nothing but encourage and support this repression and violence. Is this the face of modern Hinduism and the so-called secular India?"

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Sikhs Protest Indian Independence Day

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 15, 2008 – Sikhs from around the East Coast gathered in front of the Indian Embassy in Washington, DC today to protest the celebration of Indian Independence Day. Similar demonstrations were held in London, Australia, San Francisco, Europe, and throughout the world to protest India's repression of Sikhs and other minorities.

Protestors chanted slogans such as "India out of Khalistan", "Khalistan Zindabad", and others. They distributed information about India's brutal repression of Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, and other minorities.

"While India celebrates, minorities mourn," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, the government *pro tempore* of Khalistan, the Sikh homeland that declared its independence on October 7, 1987. "They continue to commit genocide and they continue to celebrate," he said. "All around the world, Sikhs and friends of the Sikh Nation gather to protest India's genocide and repression. We salute all who are participating in these demonstrations."

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Missionary Graham Staines was murdered along with his two sons, ages 8 and 10, by a mob of militant, fundamentalist Hindu nationalists who set fire to the jeep, surrounded it, and chanted "Victory to Hannuman," a Hindu god. None of the people involved has been tried. The persons who have murdered priests, raped nuns, and burned Christian churches have not been charged or tried. An Indian newspaper reported that the police were ordered not to get involved in the Gujarat massacre, a frightening parallel to the Delhi massacre of Sikhs in 1984. "Is Jaswant Singh Khalra celebrating? Is Jathedar Kaunke celebrating? Is Graham Staines celebrating?," Dr. Aulakh asked. "How can a democracy celebrate the kind of violent repression that claimed their lives?"

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13 Kashmiris Murdered by Indian Forces

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 14, 2008 – Indian forces killed 13 Kashmiris during a protest Tuesday, according to the *New York Sun*. They were protesting a blanket curfew imposed on the state after several Kashmiris tried to march to the Line of Control, which divides Indian-occupied Kashmir from the Pakistani-controlled part of Kashmir. This followed the Indian government closing the main road, blocking the export of apples, Kashmir's main export. The road had been blockaded by militant Hindus who were demanding land for a Hindu temple.

Protestors took to the streets to protest the government's killing of Sheikh Abdul Aziz, a leader of the Hurriyat Conference, a Kashmiri independence organization, and four other people, in a hail of bullets in Baramula. Sheikh Aziz died instantly, according to reports. Mirwaiz Omer Farooq, a Hurriyat leader, said that killing Sheikh Aziz would only make matters worse. "The people of Kashmir are not going to sit still at the death of a leader," he said. Over 300,000 people attended Sheikh Aziz's funeral, according to PTV News, monitored here in North America. At his funeral, Farooq said, "Our struggle for complete independence from India will continue. No power on earth can deter us from achieving this." Funeral attendee Rafiq Ahmed said, "It's a do or die for us. India can take as many lives of Kashmiris as it can, but it must leave." In 1948, India promised that it would hold a plebiscite on the status of Kashmir, but 60 years later, that plebiscite has never occurred. The Sikh Nation of Khalistan also demands its freedom from India, as do the people of predominantly Christian Nagaland and many others, and they are also being denied a free and fair vote by "the world's largest democracy."

India has a pattern of killing its own people. India has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, according to figures compiled by the Punjab State Magistracy and human-rights groups and reported in the book *The Politics of Genocide* by Inderjeet Singh Jaijee. It has also killed over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims since 1988, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, and thousands of Christians and Muslims elsewhere in the country, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits ("Untouchables," the dark-skinned aboriginal people of South Asia), Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "worse than a genocide."

Investigations by the Indian human Rights Organization, the Movement Against State Repression in conjunction with the Punjab Human Rights Organization, and *New York Times* reporter Barry Bearak all found that Indian forces carried out the murders of 35 Sikhs in the village of Chithisinghpura. In a village in Kashmir, Indian forces were caught red-handed trying to set fire to Sikh homes and the local Gurdwara to set Sikhs against Muslims. The Sikhs and Muslims in the village jointly prevented the Indian forces from carrying out their plan and seized their jeep. In Gujarat, the government pre-planned the massacre of Muslims, according to a police officer quoted in Indian newspapers. Police were ordered not to interfere, according to the officer, in an eerie parallel to the Delhi massacres of November 1984 in which over 20,000 Sikhs were murdered while Sikh policemen were locked in their barracks and the state-run TV and radio called for more Sikh blood.

The June 2008 issue of the *International Journal of Sikh Affairs* reprinted a section from *Betrayal: The Spy Canada Abandoned* by former Canadian Member of Parliament and Cabinet minister David Kilgour writes about a Canadian-Polish double agent named Ryszard Paszkowski (also known as Robert Fisher) who attended a meeting with "two Sikhs wearing traditional turbans, a pair who looked Italian, Paszkowski, and the [leader of the meeting who was] German, in which the leader said, "The job at hand is, with the use of explosives, to blow up an Air India plane in Europe." According to Kilgour, it seemed very clear to Paszkowski that the Indian government was involved in this action, just a year after the bombing of an Air India jet that killed 329 people.

This action, according to Kilgour, was necessitated in part because two Canadian journalists, Zuhair Kashmeri of the Toronto Globe and Mail and Brian McAndrew of the Toronto Star, had published a book, *Soft Target: How the Indian Intelligence Service Penetrated Canada*, exposing the Indian government's culpability in the Air India bombing. *Soft Target* shows that Indian intelligence penetrated the Sikh community in Canada in order to discredit them world wide and halt the momentum of the demand of an independent Sikh state. The book quotes an investigator from the Canadian Security Investigation Service as saying, "If you really want to clear the incidents quickly, take vans down to the Indian High Commission and the consulates in Toronto and Vancouver, load up everybody and take them down for questioning. We know it and they know it that they are involved."

Among many other things, they note that the Indian Consul General in Toronto, Mr. Surinder Malik (no relation to Ripudaman Singh Malik), called in a detailed description of the disaster just hours later when it took the Canadian investigators weeks to find that information. He told them that they should check the passenger manifest for an "L. Singh" because he was responsible -- before there was any public knowledge of the bombing! Kashmeri and McAndrew write, "Curiously, [Consul General] Malik knew more details about the two blasts than did the police investigators....Malik said that while one of the suspects was booked to Japan, the other was booked to Toronto and onwards to Bombay. He also said that the two checked their bomb-laden bags but did not board the flight themselves. In sum, Malik had painted a scenario of the double sabotage operation that was a near perfect account of what the Mounties would take weeks to fathom."

"The violence we have seen in recent days in Kashmir is typical of the Indian government's shoot first, ask questions later policy," said Dr. Aulakh. "Only when Kashmir is free will the repression of the Kashmiris stop. Similarly, only a sovereign, independent Khalistan will end the repression and lift the standard of living for the people of Punjab," Dr. Aulakh said. "We must continue to press for our God-given birthright of freedom," he said. "Without political power, religions cannot flourish and nations perish," Dr. Aulakh said. "The time to free Khalistan is now."

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Sikhs Will Protest Indian Independence Day, Friday August 15, 2008

What: Demonstration to protest Indian Independence Day celebration

When: Friday, August 15, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Where: Indian In front of Gandhi statue at Indian Embassy, Q St. between Massachusetts Ave. and 21st St. NW, Washington, DC (Will move to Ambassador's Residence on Macomb St. NW, if necessary.)

Why: To commemorate the Sikhs and other minorities murdered by the Indian government since Indian independence, to demand the release of all political prisoners, and to demand a sovereign, independent Khalistan.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 14, 2008 –Sikhs from around the East Coast will gather by the Gandhi statue at the Indian Embassy on Q St. between 21st St. and Massachusetts Ave. NW in Washington, DC on Friday, August 15, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon to protest the celebration of Indian Independence Day. *Sometimes India moves the celebration to the Ambassador's residence. If they do, the demonstration will move there.*

"While India celebrates, minorities mourn," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, which is leading the demonstration. India has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, according to figures compiled by the Punjab State Magistracy and human-rights groups and reported in the book *The Politics of Genocide* by Inderjeet Singh Jaijee. It has also killed over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims since 1988, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, and thousands of Christians and Muslims elsewhere in the country, as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits ("Untouchables," the dark-skinned aboriginal people of South Asia), Manipuris, Tamils, and other minorities. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "**worse than a genocide.**" *Is that what India is celebrating?*

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"Although Sikhs gave 80 percent of the sacrifices for India's independence, India has massacred Sikhs since achieving independence," said Dr. Aulakh. On October 7, 1987, the Sikh Nation declared its independence from India, naming its new country Khalistan. "Only a sovereign, independent Khalistan will end the repression and lift the standard of living for the people of Punjab. We are here to demand freedom, rather than the genocide that has been inflicted on us for so many years," he said. "Sikhs and other minorities can no longer live under this repression," he said. "Haters of the Sikh Nation will not be forgiven by the Khalsa Panth. The essence of democracy is the right to self-determination," he said. "Democracies don't commit genocide."

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WASHINGTON, D.C., August 14, 2008 – Akal Takht Jathedar Joginder Singh Vedanti, who recently endorsed Khalistan, was forced to resign on August 4 by the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC.) The SGPC promptly and unilaterally appointed Gurbachan Singh, head *granthi* at Darbar Sahib, as the Takht's acting Jathedar.

Although he officially resigned "due to health reasons", *Panthic Weekly* reported that "Later, addressing a group of press reporters, Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti alleged that he was forced to step down from the position at Akal Takht Sahib. Vedanti alleged that he was asked to step down for 'ill-health' or face expulsion — over which he had no control." Avtar Makkar, the President of the SGPC, denied putting pressure on Jathedar Vedanti to resign. "One of them is lying," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. "The Akalis have a long record of corruption and cooperation with the enemies of the Panth, so we can safely conclude that Mr. Makkar is the one who is lying," he said.

Speaking at a parade in New York on April 26, Jathedar Vedanti said that "Khalistan is essential for the survival of the Sikh nation." He joins former Jathedars Bhai Ranjit Singh and Professor Darshan Singh in supporting freedom for Khalistan. Former Jathedar Professor Darshan Singh has said that "*if a Sikh is not for Khalistan he is not a Sikh.*" The SGPC also forced Bhai Ranjit Singh out as Akal Takht Jathedar.

Jathedar Vedanti also has been critical of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), the Hindu nationalist organization that is the parent organization of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the political ally of Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal's Shiromani Akali Dal. The RSS was formed in support of the Fascist movement in India and has falsely claimed that Sikhism is a part of the Hindu religion. It has also published booklets on how to implicate Christians and other minorities in false criminal cases.

"Parkash Chand Badal (as S.S. Mann has called him) is using the SGPC to advance the agenda of his Hindutva masters who want to eliminate the Sikh religion from the face of the Earth," said Dr. Aulakh. "With the forced removal of Jathedar Vedanti, Badal has once again shown himself to be a traitor to the Sikh Nation," Dr. Aulakh said. "The traitors of the Sikh Nation will not be forgiven by the Khalsa Panth. They have been exposed by this action against Jathedar Vedanti and against the Sikh Nation. I urge Gurbachan Singh to speak out in support of Khalistan."

Dr. Aulakh attacked the unilateral selection of the new Jathedar by the SGPC and demanded that the Sikh Nation be allowed to select the Jathedar. "The continued interference of the Badal family and the SAD with the Akal Takht and every other power center in Punjab, Khalistan, is dangerous for Sikhs and all who love freedom," Dr. Aulakh said. "Badal is a puppet, completely under the control of the Indian government and its anti-Sikh, anti-minority agenda. What he controls, radical Hindu enemies of the Sikhs control," Dr. Aulakh said. "The Sikh diaspora and Sikhs back in Punjab, Khalistan must unite and remove traitorous, corrupt, pro-India sellouts from all positions of power in our homeland."

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"Only a sovereign, independent Khalistan will end the repression and lift the standard of living for the people of Punjab," Dr. Aulakh said. "Jathedar Vedanti realized this and spoke out for freedom for the Sikh Nation and it cost him his job," Dr. Aulakh said. "We must continue to press for our God-given birthright of freedom," he said. "Without political power, religions cannot flourish and nations perish," Dr. Aulakh said. "The removal of Jathedar Vedanti simply underlines the fact that the time to free Khalistan is now."

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ਜੂਨ 1984 ਚ ਹਿੰਦੁਸਤਾਨ ਤੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਜੰਗ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ 26 ਜਨਵਰੀ 1986 ਨੂੰ ਸਰਬੱਤ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਹੋਂਦ ਚ ਆਈ ਪੰਥਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਬਾਬਾ ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਾਨੋਚਾਹਲ ਨੇ 29 ਅਪ੍ਰੈਲ 1986 ਨੂੰ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਤੋਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜੋ ਅੱਜ ਤੱਕ ਜਾਰੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਤੱਕ ਜਾਰੀ ਰਹੇਗਾ। ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਦੂਸਰੇ ਮੁਲਕਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਰਾਬਤਾ ਕਾਇਮ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ, ਪੰਥਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਬਾਬਾ ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਾਨੋਚਾਹਲ ਨੇ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਵਾਸ਼ਿਗਟਨ ਡੀ ਸੀ ਨੂੰ 7 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ 1987 ਨੂੰ ਹੋਂਦ ਵਿਚ ਲਿਆ ਕੇ ਡਾ: ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਨੂੰ ਹੁਕਮ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ ਪ੍ਰਦੇਸਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਨੂੰ ਜਾਰੀ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ। ਡਾ:ਔਲਖ ਪੰਥ ਦਾ ਹੁਕਮ ਸਿਰ ਮੱਥੇ ਮਨ ਕੇ ਪੰਥਕ ਦਰਦੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਨਾਲ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਅਡਵਾਇਜਰੀ ਕਾਫਲੇ ਨਾਲ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਸਰਗਰਮ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਵੇਲੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਦੀ ਅੰਬਰੇਲਾ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ, ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ 21 ਵੀਂ ਸਲਾਨਾ ਕੰਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ 11,12,ਅਕਤੂਬਰ 2008 ਨੂੰ ਫਰੀਮਾਂਟ ਗੁਰੂ ਘਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਮੰਨਾਈ ਗਈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਭਾਰੀ ਯੋਗਤਾ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਕਾਮਯਾਬ ਰਹੀ।

ਕੌਂਸਲ ਦੀ ਕਨਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ

ਕਨਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤ 11 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ 2008 ਨੂੰ ਗੁਰੂ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਸੱਚ ਖੰਡ ਵਿੱਚ, ਗੁਰੂ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਹੈਡ ਗ੍ਰੰਥੀ ਜੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਅਰਦਾਸ ਕਰਨ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਈ। ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਦੇ ਅਡਵਾਇਜਰਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਡਾ:ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨਗੀ ਹੇਠ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਦੇ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਕੀਤੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੜਚੋਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਅਤੇ ਆਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਚ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਰੂਪ ਰੇਖਾ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਉਪਰੰਤ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਕਿਵੇਂ ਸੈਮੀਨਾਰ ਦੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤ ਹੋਈ।

ਸੈਮੀਨਾਰ ਦੇ ਬੁਲਾਰੇ

ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਡਾ:ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਵਾਗਤੀ ਸ਼ਬਦਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਰਖਾ ਕਰਨ ਨਾਲ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਕਿਵੇਂ ਸੈਮੀਨਾਰ ਦੀ ਸ਼ੁਰੂਆਤ ਹੋਈ। ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਬੱਚੀਆਂ, ਬੀਬੀ ਏਕਓਕਾਰ ਕੌਰ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਤੇ ਬੀਬੀ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਕੌਰ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਨੇ ਕਰਮਵਾਰ ਦੇਹ ਸ਼ਿਵਾ ਵਰ ਮੋਹੇ ਅਤੇ ਜਿਸ ਦਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਡਾਡਾ ਹੋਇ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਕੀਰਤਨ ਕਰਕੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਸਮੂਹ ਸ਼ਹੀਦਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਂਜਲੀ ਭੇਟ ਕੀਤੀ। ਉਪ੍ਰੰਤ ਭਾਈ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਿਸ਼ਨਰੀ, ਪ੍ਰੋ:ਮੱਖਣ ਸਿੰਘ, ਭਾਈ ਪਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਰਵਾਨਾ, ਬਾਬਾ ਨੰਦਨ ਸਿੰਘ, ਡਾ:ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਰਸਾਲ, ਭਾਈ ਕਰਨੈਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ, ਭਾਈ ਮਦਨ ਸਿੰਘ, ਸ੍ਰ:ਆਲਾ ਸਿੰਘ, ਸ੍ਰ:ਕਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸ਼ਾਹੀ, ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਮਰ, ਭਾਈ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਭਾਟੀਆ, ਭਾਈ ਜਗਧੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਾਤਰੋ, ਸ੍ਰ:ਜਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਧਾਲੀਵਾਲ, ਸ੍ਰ:ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਭਾਈ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਾਖਾ, ਡਾ:ਦਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਛੋਕਰ, ਸ੍ਰ:ਜਸਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਟਾਰਨੀ ਐਟ ਲਾਅ, ਸ੍ਰ:ਮਨਮੋਹਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੰਧਾਵਾ, ਡਾ:ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਖੋਂ, ਡਾ:ਰਣਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ, ਡਾ:ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ, ਆਦਿ ਪੰਥਕ ਬੁਲਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਆਪਣੇ ਸੁਲਝੇ ਹੋਏ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਬੜੇ ਪ੍ਰਭਾਵਸ਼ਾਲੀ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ।

ਲਿਟਰੇਚਰ ਰਲੀਜ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ

* ਡਾ:ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਜੀਵਨੀ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਡੀ ਵੀ ਡੀ, ਡਾ:ਰਣਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਬਾਨੀ ਵਰਲਡ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਨੇ ਰਲੀਜ਼ ਕੀਤੀ।

* ਯੂ ਐਨ ਓ ਨੂੰ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਮੈਮੋਰੈਂਡਮਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਪੀਆਂ ਡਾ:ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਖੋਂ ਮਚਾਕੀ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ, ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਹਿਊਮਨ ਰਾਇਟਸ ਵਿੰਗ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਅਤੇ ਐਡੀਟਰ ਇਨ ਚੀਫ ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਜਰਨਲ ਆਫ ਸਿੱਖ ਅਫੈਅਰਜ਼ ਨੇ ਰਲੀਜ਼ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ।

* ਲਿਸਟ ਆਫ ਮੇਜਰ ਰਾਇਟਸ ਇਨ ਇੰਡੀਆ, ਪੈਂਫਲਿਟ, ਕਰਨੈਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਗੁਰਮਤਿ ਚੇਤਨਾ ਲਹਿਰ ਨੇ ਰਲੀਜ਼ ਕੀਤਾ।

* ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਵਾਸ਼ਿਗਟਨ ਡੀ ਸੀ ਦੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਪੈਂਫਲਿਟ, ਬਲਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜਨਰਲ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਯਨਿਟ ਨੇ ਰਲੀਜ਼ ਕੀਤਾ।

- * ਮਹਾਰਾਜਾ ਦਲੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਾ ਪੋਸਟਰ, ਰੁਪਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਭੁੱਲਰ, ਫਰੀਮਾਂਟ ਪ੍ਰੈਂਟਿੰਗ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ।
- * ਸੰਤ ਜਰਨੈਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਅਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ ਦੇ ਚਾਰ ਪੋਸਟਰ, ਡਾ: ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਨੇ ਰਲੀਜ਼ ਕੀਤੇ।
- * ਪੂਹਲੇ ਦੁਸ਼ਟ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ ਦਾ ਪੰਥਕ ਮੈਗਜ਼ੀਨ (ਸ਼ਹੀਦਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਾਰਸਾਂ ਦੀ ਲਲਕਾਰ) ਸ੍ਰ: ਮਨਮੋਹਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੰਧਾਵਾ, ਵਾਇਸ ਪ੍ਰੈਜ਼ਿਡੈਂਟ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਨੇ ਰਲੀਜ਼ ਕੀਤਾ।
- * ਕੀ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਇਕ ਵਖਰਾ ਮੁਲਕ ਬਣਨ ਦੇ ਯੋਗ ਹੈ, ਪੈਂਫਲਿਟ, ਸ੍ਰ: ਮਨਮੋਹਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੰਧਾਵਾ, ਵਾਇਸ ਪ੍ਰੈਜ਼ਿਡੈਂਟ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਨੇ ਰਲੀਜ਼ ਕੀਤਾ।
- * ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਜਰਨਲ ਆਫ ਸਿੱਖ ਅਫੇਅਰਜ਼ ਵਾਲੀਅਮ 18 ਨੰਬਰ 1 ਜੂਨ 2008 ਨੂੰ ਡਾ: ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਰਲੀਜ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ।

ਪੰਥਕ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਮੂਲੀਅਤ

ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੋ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨੀ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ, ਦੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਐਜੂਕੇਸ਼ਨਲ ਟਰਸਟ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ, ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ, ਅਮੈਰੀਕਨ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਵਰਲਡ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਂਸਲ, ਸ੍ਰੋ: ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ, ਗੁਰਮਤਿ ਚੇਤਨਾ ਲਹਿਰ, ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜਾਗ੍ਰਤੀ ਲਹਿਰ, ਬੱਚਿਤਰ ਲੀਲਾ ਪੁਸਤਕ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਗੋਸਟੀ ਦਲ, ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਪਚਾਰ ਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਆਫ ਯੂ ਐਸ ਏ, ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ, 10 ਪੰਥਕ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਸਲਮੂਲੀਅਤ ਕੀਤੀ।

17 ਐਵਾਰਡ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ

ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਛੱਤਰੀ ਹੇਠ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਐਵਾਰਡ ਸਮਾਰੋਹ ਆਯੋਜਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ 17 ਐਵਾਰਡ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ।

- 1- ਬੇਤਾਜ ਬਾਦਸ਼ਾਹ ਬਾਬਾ ਖੜਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਡਾ: ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ।
- 2- ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਡਾ: ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਖੋਂ ਮਚਾਕੀ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ, ਡਾਇਰੈਕਟਰ ਹਿਊਮਨ ਰਾਇਟਸ ਵਿੰਗ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਅਤੇ ਐਡੀਟਰ ਇਨ ਚੀਫ, ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਜਰਨਲ ਆਫ ਸਿੱਖ ਅਫੇਅਰਜ਼।
- 3- ਸ੍ਰ: ਹਰੀ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਲੂਆ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਸ੍ਰ: ਸਿਮਰਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਾਨ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਸ੍ਰੋ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ।
- 4- ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਪੀਸ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਡਾ: ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਜਰਾਵਤ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਏ ਡੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਫਾਰ ਫਰੀਡਮ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ।
- 5- ਭਾਈ ਕਾਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਾਭਾ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਡਾ: ਸੁਖਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਉਦੇਕੇ ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਜਨਰਲ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ।
- 6- ਗਿਆਨੀ ਗੁਰਦਿੱਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਸ੍ਰ: ਅਮਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਮਰ।
- 7- ਸੰਤ ਗਿਆਨੀ ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਭਾਈ ਰਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੁੱਖੀ ਦਮਦਮੀ ਟਕਸਾਲ ਸਗਰਾਵਾਂ।
- 8- ਸੰਤ ਗਿਆਨੀ ਕਰਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਭਾਈ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਥਾਵਾਚਕ ਐਲਸਬਰਾਂਟੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਘਰ।
- 9- ਸ੍ਰ: ਬਘੇਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਡਾ: ਮਲਕੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਹੀ।
- 10- ਸ੍ਰ: ਸੁਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਓਲੋਪੀਅੰਨ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਸ੍ਰ: ਬੁਟਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੌਹਲ।
- 11- ਭਾਈ ਘਨਈਆ ਜੀ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਡਾ: ਹਰਭਜਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਸਾਥੀ ਭਾਈ ਘਨਈਆ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀ।
- 12- ਗਿਆਨੀ ਦਿੱਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਸ੍ਰ: ਅਮੋਲਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਚੀਫ ਐਡੀਟਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਟਾਇਮਜ਼।
- 13- ਸ੍ਰ: ਸੁਖਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਉਸਨ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਸ੍ਰ: ਹਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਸ਼ੇਰਗਿਲ ਚੀਫ ਐਡੀਟਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਬੁਲੇਟਨ।
- 14- ਗਿਆਨੀ ਗੁਰਮੁੱਖ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਸ੍ਰ: ਹਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਚੀਫ ਐਡੀਟਰ ਕੌਮੀ ਏਕਤਾ।
- 15- ਸ਼ਾਨ - ਏ - ਖਾਲਸਾ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਜਗਮੀਤ ਸਮੁੰਦਰੀ ਰਾਇਜ਼ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਡਾਕੂਮੈਂਟਰੀ ਫਿਲਮ।
- 16- ਆਵਾਜ਼ - ਏ - ਕੌਮ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਸ੍ਰ: ਜਸਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਰੇਡੀਓ ਹਮਸਫਰ।
- 17- ਸ਼ਾਨ - ਏ - ਪੰਜਾਬ ਐਵਾਰਡ, ਕੁਲਦੀਪ ਮਾਣਕ।

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43 ਪੰਥਕ ਸ਼ਖਸੀਅਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਨਮਾਨਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ।

ਕੌਂਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਛੱਤਰੀ ਹੇਠ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਸਮਾਰੋਹ ਆਯੋਜਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ 43 ਪੰਥਕ ਸ਼ਖਸੀਅਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਨਮਾਨਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ, 1- ਡਾ: ਦਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਛੋਕਰ, 2- ਭਾਈ ਦਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, 3- ਭਾਈ ਬਲਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, 4- ਭਾਈ ਜਰਨੈਲ ਸਿੰਘ, 5- ਭਾਈ ਤਰਸੇਮ ਸਿੰਘ, 6- ਭਾਈ ਜਸਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੁੰਗ, 7- ਭਾਈ ਮਨਮੋਹਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੰਧਾਵਾ, 8- ਬੱਚਿਤਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਟਾਇਗਰ, 9- ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਾਨ, 10- ਭਾਈ ਰੁਪਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਭੁੱਲਰ, 11- ਡਾ: ਗੁਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ, 12- ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਬਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੌਹਲ, 13- ਭਾਈ ਵਰਿੰਦਰਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ, 14- ਭਾਈ ਤਰਲੋਚਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੁਪਾਲਪੁਰ, 15- ਭਾਈ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਿਸ਼ਨਰੀ, 16- ਭਾਈ ਕਰਨੈਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਸਾ, 17- ਭਾਈ ਹਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ, 18- ਭਾਈ ਰਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ, 19- ਭਾਈ ਸਰਬਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, 20- ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਦਿਆਲ ਸਿੰਘ, 21- ਭਾਈ ਜਸਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਟਾਰਨੀ ਐਟ ਲਾਅ, 22- ਭਾਈ ਜਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੱਸੀ, 23- ਡਾ: ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਰਸਾਲ, 24- ਭਾਈ ਕਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸ਼ਾਹੀ, 25- ਭਾਈ ਕਛਮੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਧੁੱਗਾ,

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ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸ਼ਹਿਰਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪੰਥਕ ਦਰਦੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਹਾਜ਼ਰੀ ਭਰੀ

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Sikhs Celebrate Gur Gaddi Divas

A Fitting Tribute Can Only Occur in a Sovereign, Free Khalistan

“In grieb Sikhin ko deon Patshahi.” -- Guru Gobind Singh Sahib. (“I grant sovereignty to the humble Sikhs.”) Sikhs are a sovereign nation.

*This is Gur Gaddi Divas, the anniversary of the Guruship being bestowed by Guru Gobind Singh, the tenth and last living Guru of the Sikhs, on the **Guru Granth Sahib**, the Sikh Holy Scripture. Sikhism is a monotheistic, sovereign, independent religion which believes in the equality of the whole human race. Women have equality in the Sikh religion. This is demanded in the holy scripture. However, Sikh right to practice our religion is severely threatened by the brutal Indian regime which is trying to wipe out Sikhism.*

While India proclaims itself a democracy, it has engineered a genocide against Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, and other minorities. India has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, about 89,000 Muslims in Kashmir since 1988, over 300,000 Christians in Nagaland since 1947, and tens of thousands of other minorities, including Christians and Muslims in other parts of the country as well as tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, and others. They attacked the holiest Sikh shrine, the Golden Temple in Amritsar, and 37 other Gurdwaras throughout India in June 1984, killing 20,000 Sikhs in that single operation.

*The Movement Against State Repression (MASR) reported that India holds 52,268 Sikhs in illegal custody as political prisoners without charge or trial. Some of them have been held since 1984! Tens of thousands of other minorities are also being held as political prisoners, according to Amnesty International. **WE DEMAND THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS.***

Sikhs ruled Punjab as an independent, secular country from 1765 to 1849. Sikhs have never accepted the Indian constitution. At the time of the transfer of power, Sikhs were equal partners who were to receive sovereignty along with Muslims and Hindus. When the Indian constitution was adopted in 1950, no Sikh representative signed it and no Sikh representative has signed it to this day.

How can this happen in a democracy?

“For the people of Jammu and Punjab and Kashmir, India might as well not be a democracy. For them, India might as well be Nazi Germany.” – U.S. Representative Dana Rohrabacher (R-Cal.)

A Pattern of Repression Against the Sikh Nation

- India's Minister for Non-Resident Indians, Jagdish Tytler, threatened to “finish” human-rights, lawyer and activist Harvinder Singh Phoolka on television! This threat is shameful, criminal, and unbecoming a Cabinet minister of a democratic country. How does this threat square with the democratic values that India proclaims?
- More than 50,000 Sikhs disappeared in Indian government's secret cremations. Their remains have never been given to their families.
- Indian government paid over 41,000 cash bounties to police to kill Sikhs
- Gurnihal Singh Pirzada, a senior officer in the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), arrested after allegedly being seen at a meeting of gathering of Punjab “dissidents.” Pirzada denies attending such a meeting, but points out that it would not be illegal if he did.
- Jaswant Singh Khalra kidnapped by police and murdered in police custody after exposing Indian policy of arresting Sikhs, torturing them, murdering them, cremating the bodies as “unidentified.”
- Gurdev Singh Kaunke, former Jathedar of the Akal Takht, highest Sikh religious leader, murdered by police official Swaran Singh Ghotna, who has never been punished.
- The Indian newspaper *Hitavada* reported that the Indian government paid the late Governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, the equivalent of \$1.5 billion to foment and support covert state terrorist activity in Punjab and Kashmir.

This is the state of freedom in Punjab, Khalistan under Indian rule.

“The mere fact that they have the right to choose their oppressors does not mean they live in a democracy.” – Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY)

THE REPRESSION CONTINUES WHILE INDIA PROCLAIMS ITS SECULARISM AND DEMOCRACY

Half a million Indian forces have been sent to Punjab, Khalistan to subdue the freedom movement there. Another 700,000 are deployed in Kashmir. They join with the police in carrying out the kinds of atrocities described above. India calls this "protecting its territorial integrity."

In March 2000 in the village of Chithisinghpura, 35 Sikhs were massacred. Two studies of this massacre, one by the International Human Rights Organization, based in Ludhiana, and the other conducted jointly by the Punjab Human Rights Organization and the Movement Against State Repression, concluded that the massacre was the work of Indian forces, a conclusion supported by reporter Barry Bearak in the December 31, 2000 issue of the New York Times Magazine. In another village in Kashmir, Indian troops were caught red-handed trying to set fire to several Sikh houses and the local Gurdwara. Sikh and Muslim villagers joined together to stop this atrocity before it could be carried out.

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Recently, the Punjab Legislative Assembly unanimously passed a bill revoking all water agreements and reclaiming Punjab's water for Punjab's farmers. They explicitly asserted Punjab's sovereignty. The Indian government took the Punjab government to court to overturn this act.

On October 7, 1987, the Sikh Nation formally declared its independence from India, naming their new country Khalistan. Since then, Khalistan has been under illegal occupation by the Indian government and its forces.

"If a Sikh is not for Khalistan, he is not a Sikh." – Professor Darshan Singh, former Jathedar of the Akal Takht

Unfortunately, Sikhs are not the only victim of India's brutal tyranny.

- Australian missionary Graham Staines and his two young sons were brutally murdered by being burned to death while they slept in their jeep by a mob of Hindu militants affiliated with the militant, pro-Fascist Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) who chanted "Victory to Hanuman," a Hindu god.
- An American missionary from Pennsylvania, Joseph Cooper, was expelled from the country after being so severely beaten by RSS goons that he had to spend a week in the hospital.
- In January 2003, an American missionary and seven other individuals were attacked
- Christian schools and prayer halls have been attacked and destroyed.
- A Christian religious festival was broken up by police gunfire.
- In March 2002, between 2,000 and 5,000 Muslims were brutally murdered in Gujarat. India's National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), an official body, found evidence in the killings of premeditation by members of Hindu extremist groups and complicity by Gujarat state officials. A police officer confirmed to an Indian newspaper that the massacre was pre-planned by the government.
- The most revered mosque in India, the Ayodhya mosque, was destroyed by Hindu mobs affiliated with the BJP to build a Hindu temple on the site.
- The states of Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Orissa have all passed bills barring religious conversions.

DEMOCRACIES DON'T COMMIT GENOCIDE.

Support Self-Determination in South Asia

The right to self-determination is the essence of democracy. Please urge your representatives to support self-determination for Khalistan, Kashmir, Nagaland, and all the nations seeking their freedom. Demand the release of all political prisoners, a free and fair plebiscite on the question of independence, and an end to foreign aid to India until human rights are respected.

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