

**Supplemental Statement**  
**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

For Six Month Period Ending January 31, 2012  
(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.  
COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN 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  No   
(2) Citizenship Yes  No   
(3) Occupation Yes  No  } N/A

(b) If an organization:  
(1) Name Yes  No   
(2) Ownership or control Yes  No   
(3) Branch offices Yes  No

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

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

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, 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

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<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

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

(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

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 the service rendered.

N/A

(b) During this six 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

Name Residence Address Citizenship Position Date Assumed

(c) 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

N/A

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

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name Position or Connection Foreign Principal Date Terminated

N/A

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) 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:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No

Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> 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 this six 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, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services: ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN WROTE LETTERS TO INTERNATIONAL LEADERS AND OTHER GOVT. OFFICIALS REGARDING PERSECUTIONS, KILLINGS, TORTURE AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE SIRHS, CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS, DALITS ETC. IN INDIA AND INTERNATIONALLY AT THE BEHEST OF INDIAN GOVT. INDIA HOLDS 53,286 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN JAILS WITHOUT TRIAL OR CHARGES. INDIA HAS MURDERED OVER 250,000 SIRHS, OVER 300,000 CHRISTIANS AND OVER 100,000 KASHMIRIS. MODI GOVT IN GUJRAT HAS MURDERED 2000-5,000 MUSLIMS IN GUJRAT STATE. ALSO PARTICIPATED IN SEMINAR IN LONDON, U.K ON KHALISTAN. LETTERS, PRESS RELEASES, ARTICLES ~~AND~~ AND STICHERS ARE ENCLOSED.  
ALSO SEE MY FACEBOOK, GURMIT SINGH AULAKH AND WEB ~~SITE~~ <sup>SITE</sup> WWW.KHALISTAN.COM.

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> 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, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter. ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN SEEK SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN SIRH HOME LAND, PUNJAB, KHALISTAN TO SECURE SOVEREIGNTY AND FREEDOM FOR THE SIRH NATION BY REMOVING INDIAN OCCURATION OF PUNJAB, KHALISTAN. THE SIRH NATION DECLARED ITS INDEPENDENCE ON OCT. 7, 1987 NAMING NEW COUNTRY KHALISTAN. ALSO EXPOSED THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE SIRH NATION, THE CHRISTIANS, THE NAGAS, THE MUSLIMS, THE DALITS AND OTHERS IN INDIA. DAL KHALSA IN PUNJAB PASSED A RESOLUTION FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF KHALISTAN. S. SIMRANJIT SINGH MANN'S PARTY ALSO PASSED A RESOLUTION FOR KHALISTAN. COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN WORKED TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF PUNJAB, KHALISTAN. HARYANA AND RAJASTHAN MUST PAY FOR WATER TAKEN FROM PUNJAB, KHALISTAN. PUNJAB SHOULD ALSO GET FAIR PRICES FOR FOOD GRAIN, COTTON AND OTHER AGRICUTURAL PRODUCTS. CHANDIGARH, ITS CAPITAL AND OTHER PUNJABI SPEAKING AREAS IN HARYANA AND HIMMACHAL MUST BE GIVEN BACK TO PUNJAB KHALISTAN. FREEDOM IS A BIRTH RIGHT OF EVERY NATION. NO GOVT. CAN KEEP ITS PEOPLE WITHOUT THEIR GOD GIVEN RIGHT OF FREEDOM FOR EVER, KHALISTAN WILL BE FREE SOON WITH GURU'S GRACE.

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes  No

If yes, describe fully.

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<sup>5</sup> The term "political activity" 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 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. THE FILING FEE IS PAID FROM MY PERSONAL FUNDS, WHICH IS \$30500 EVERY SIX MONTHS. COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN DOES NOT HAVE ANY BANK ACCOUNT.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>6</sup>

Date From Whom Purpose Amount

N/A

Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign<sup>7</sup>, 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 D 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 value<sup>9</sup> 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:

Foreign Principal Date Received Thing of Value Purpose

6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising 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 fundraising 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

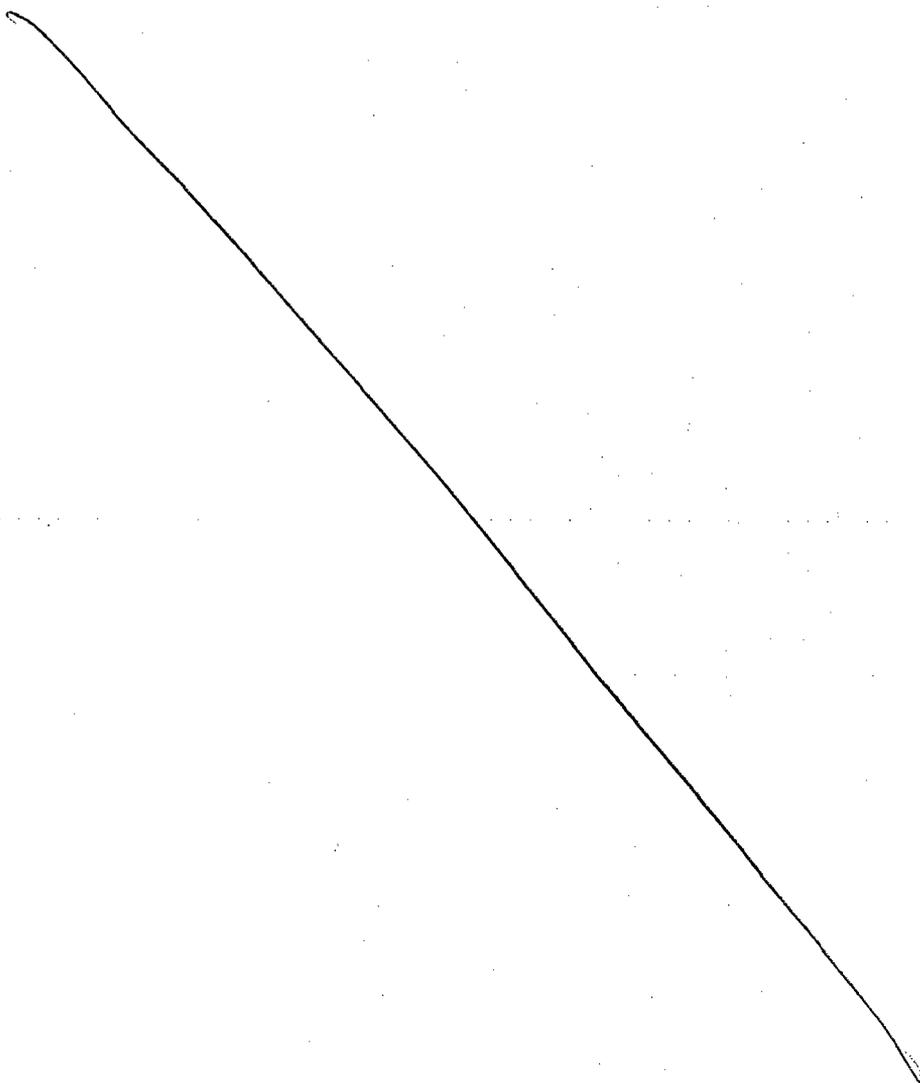
(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes  No

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

*BECAUSE THERE ARE NO FUNDS*

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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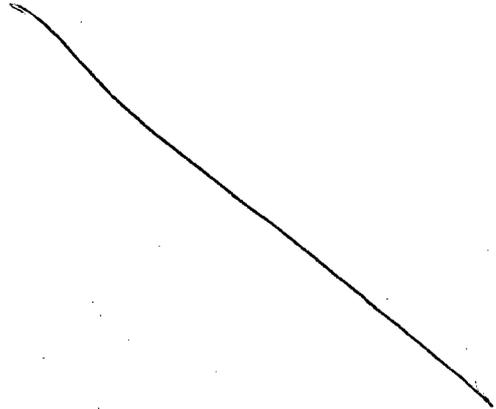
**(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> 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	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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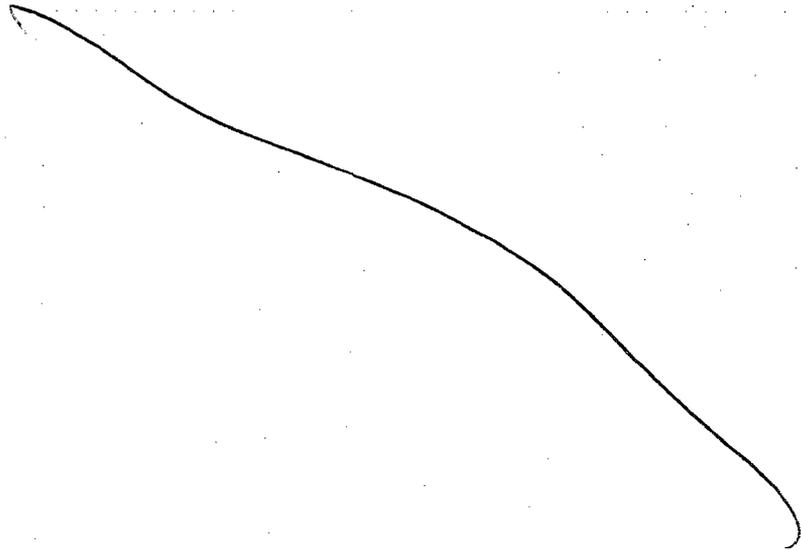
**(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

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 value<sup>11</sup> 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	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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<sup>10, 11</sup> 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. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?<sup>12</sup>  
Yes  No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?  
Yes  No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

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
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic Communications

- Email
- Website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Social media websites URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (specify) SIKH GURDWARAS 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) \_\_\_\_\_

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English
- Other (specify) PUNJABI

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

<sup>12</sup> 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 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)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>13</sup>)

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G.S. Aulakh  
[GURMIT SINGH AULAKH]  
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<sup>13</sup> 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.



U.S. Department of Justice

National Security Division

Washington, DC 20530

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SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

SECTION A

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

**Short Form List for Registrant: Council of Khalistan**

Last Name	First Name	Registration Date	Termination Date
Aulakh	Gurmit Singh	03/16/2004	

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# Political Power Is Essential for the Survival of the Sikh Nation and the Sikh Religion

*Only a Sovereign Khalistan Will Allow Sikhs to Live in Freedom  
With Honor and Dignity and Provide an Environment to Realize  
Their Maximum Potential*

by Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh

Only in a free Khalistan will the Sikh Nation and the Sikh religion flourish. The repression of Sikhs by India makes it clear that there is no place for Sikhs in India. Guru Gobind Singh Sahib gave sovereignty to the Sikh Nation. (*"In grieb Sikhin ko deon patshahi."*)

Sikhs realized this blessing of sovereignty in 1710 under the leadership of Banda Singh Bahadur. Though it only lasted until 1716, it was the first sovereign, independent Sikh rule. Sikhs gave ownership of the land to the tillers.

Guru Nanak Dev Ji Sahib founded the Sikh religion in the late fifteenth century in Punjab. The human landscape in the subcontinent was rather gloomy because of religious intolerance, political oppression, and the social tyranny of the caste system. Guru Nanak Dev Ji Sahib preached a simple message of devotion to One God (the Ultimate Truth), the Creator of the entire Universe. He inspired constant remembrance of The One rekindling inner strength, achieving spiritual awareness and harmony between individual self and universal self.

From the basic premise of the Creator and His Creation, Guru Nanak Dev Ji Sahib derived the principles of equality, fraternity, justice, respect for human dignity, and freedom of conscience for all – without any distinction of caste, creed, color, race, gender, or social status.

In 1699, Guru Gobind Singh Sahib established the Khalsa Nation at the historic Vaisakhi Congregation at Anandpur Sahib. This is celebrated every April in the Sikh holiday of Vaisakhi Day. Guru Gobind Singh Sahib established a distinct identity for the Khalsa Panth. Guru Gobind Singh Sahib gave the blessing to the Khalsa to be sovereign and independent: *"Raj Kare Ga Khalsa"* *"Khalsa Bagi Yan Badshah."*

The Sikhs were persecuted by the Mogul rulers of the period. The Sikh Nation has had to bear tremendous hardship. They were hunted and murdered by the Mogul army. There was a price on the head of every Sikh, placed there by the government. Sikhs were forced to leave their homes and forced to live in forests and inaccessible areas.

Sikhs faced major massacres by the rulers. The first, smaller holocaust known as *chhota ghallugara* in 1746 and a bigger holocaust known as *wadda ghallugara* in 1762 took place. In the latter, one third of the Sikh population was murdered. Sikhs were forced to leave their homes.

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Within a few years, Sikhs organized themselves into twelve groups known as missals (free cantonal republics) as well as the principalities of Patiala, Nabha, Faridkote, Kapurthala, Jind, and Kalsia. Each established an independent municipality and areas under their control in 1765. Sikhs provided the population security and collected the taxes. Finally, Sikhs established a sovereign, independent Punjab, with Lahore as its capital, in 1799. Maharajah Ranjit Singh was the first Sikh ruler of the sovereign state of Punjab. Sikh rule expanded from the Khehber Pass in the west up to Nepal in the East, including Kashmir in the north and Multan in the south.

All Punjabis were treated fairly and equally during Sikh rule. Muslims, Hindus, and Christians were equal partners in the government of Maharajah Ranjit Singh. Everybody was treated equally and they enjoyed the glow of freedom. There was not even a single hanging during the rule of Maharajah Ranjit Singh.

It was during this period of Sikh rule that the Darbar Sahib in Amritsar was covered with gold, earning its nickname, the Golden Temple.

The Sikh Nation flourished during this period. The Sikhs fought two wars with the British valiantly. Dogras working in the Sikh government spied for the British, and Sikhs were defeated. The Sikh Raj was annexed in 1849 by the British. The Dogras were given Kashmir as a reward for betraying the Sikh Nation and helping the British.

Since 1849, the Sikh Nation's desire for sovereignty has not diminished. Sikhs always recite the *dohera* (couplet) "*Raj Kare Ga Khalsa*" after their morning and evening *Ardas* (prayers.) Today, Sikhs struggle to regain their lost sovereignty. The Sikhs actively participated in the Indian struggle for independence from the British. Although Sikhs were just 1.5 percent of the population, they gave over 80 percent of the sacrifices in that struggle. Of 2,125 Indians executed during the freedom struggle, more than 1,500 were Sikhs. Out of 2,645 exiled by the British, 2,147 were Sikhs.

When India achieved independence in 1947, the Hindus of India and the Muslims of Pakistan each received their own sovereign, independent states. Sikhs were a party to the arrangement and were supposed to receive their own state as well. But the Sikh leadership of the time accepted the false promise of Jawahar Lal Nehru (reaffirmed in resolutions of the Indian National Congress) that they would have "the glow of freedom" in Punjab and no law affecting Sikh rights would be passed without Sikh consent. On this basis Sikhs took their share with India.

Almost immediately, the repression of the Sikhs by India commenced. Home Minister V.B. Patel sent out a memo describing Sikhs as "a criminal class" who were to be put under special watch. The Indian constitution to this day refuses to allow Sikhism to be recognized as a distinct and separate religion.

An Army commander in Amritsar district threatened that he would murder the Sikh men, bring the women to the Army barracks, and "produce a new generation of Sikhs."

Although India maintains that Sikhs are just a sect of Hinduism because Guru Nanak was born Hindu – which is something like maintaining that Christians are just a sect of Judaism because

Jesus was born Jewish – India still treats the Sikhs as a minority and commits brutal atrocities against us. The reality is that India is a Hindu theocracy, not the democracy it claims to be.

Under the Indian Constitution, Sikhs are not even recognized as a religion. Article 25 of the Indian Constitution subjects Sikhs to laws written for Hindus. Sikh religious practices that contradict these rules cannot be carried out legally.

For example, Sikhs in India are required to marry under the Hindu Marriage Act, even though their marriages are performed according to Sikh tradition under the Anand Marriage Act of 1909 in the presence of the *Guru Granth Sahib*. But Sikhs are given marriage certificates according to the Hindu Marriage Act. The Indian government did not provide for the Sikhs to have their marriage certificates according to Sikh religious requirements.

Meanwhile, several states in India have prohibited conversions from Hinduism to any other religion. Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, and Orissa have all passed bills barring religious conversions. These bills are targeted against the conversions of Hindus to Christianity and other religions. Yet Hindu mobs have forcibly reconverted lower-caste Christians to Hinduism and no action is taken.

The Rajiv-Longowal Accord called for Chandigarh and the Punjabi-speaking areas to be returned to Punjab. That accord has never been implemented. There is an Akali government in Punjab. I call on the central government and the Punjab government to implement this accord.

The Indian Supreme Court described the situation in Punjab as “worse than a genocide.” Democracies don’t commit genocide. This ethnic cleansing is the mark of a brutal tyranny.

These issues are discussed in great detail in Professor Gurtej Singh’s excellent book *Tandev of the Centaur*, which I recommend. It was the LISA Book Award winner in 2006. The Sikh nation is indebted to Professor Gurtej Singh for writing it.

It is clear the Indian government is determined to destroy the Sikh national identity. Our struggle for sovereignty is also a struggle for survival, honor, and dignity. As Professor Gurtej Singh notes, the aim of the Indian government is “the complete obliteration of the Sikh identity.”

On August 22, 2007 in Jalandhar, Dal Khalsa held a seminar and issued a 60-point charge sheet against the Indian regime for its ongoing repression against the Sikh Nation. It covers the history of the Sikh Nation’s relationship with India over the 60 years that India has been independent.

### **The Dal Khalsa Report**

The following are the remarks on the seminar that were reported in Indian newspapers:

“The Sikhs are not happy with India and that they await their trust with destiny under a new dispensation was the message emanating from the seminar organized by the organization to deliberate on ‘60 years of Sikhs in India at a hotel in Jalandhar on August 22.

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A galaxy of Sikh scholars and political leaders present at the meet repeatedly castigated the Indian government for discriminating against the Sikh people.

Presenting its case, the Dal Khalsa released a list of 60 incidents and cases of discrimination and proposed to take up these cases at an appropriate international forum in the future for justice to the Sikhs.

Opening the debate on the subject party's senior leader H.S. Dhami ridiculed the 60-year celebrations and urged the gathering not to forget the various actions taken by India against the Sikhs.

Speaker after speakers rued the decision of their forefathers who tied the destiny of the Sikhs with India.

Party president Satnam Singh Paonta Sahib while speaking on the occasion appealed to the audience to support their efforts for the glory of the Khalsa and the re-establishment of Sarkar-e-Khalsa. Another leader of the Dal Khalsa Harcharnjit Singh Dhami while speaking on the occasion.

He said Sikhs faced subjugation, repression, humiliation, fear, uncertainty, agony and deaths in the last 60 years. He said the genesis of the Sikh problem was in the betrayal of commitments and promises Congress leaders made before the partition.

"Whenever we had asked for our rights, we had to face bullets, detention and hardships, said Kanwarpal Singh, general secretary. He said freedom of expression and right to have a dissent has always been denied to us. "It was the Sikhs who had to prove that they are not traitors of the country, rued Kanwarpal Singh.

He said it was ironic that Sikhs were being treated as a second class citizen, rather like slaves. Installing individuals at the higher ranking constitutional post is a ploy to deceive the world that the country was "secular" in real sense, he pointed out.

The message of Gajinder Singh, an exiled leader of the Dal Khalsa and Dr Amarjit Singh from USA was also read.

Former MP Harinder Singh Khalsa and former minister Manjit Singh Calcutta also addressed the gathering. Dr Gurdharshan Singh Dhillon, Karamjit Singh (Former Asst Editor Punjabi Tribune), Karnail Singh Panjoli (Member SGPC) also spoke on the occasion. Others who shared their views include Bhai Mohkam Singh convenor of the Khalsa Action Committee, Paramjit Singh Gazi (SSF president), SKP chairman Rajinder Singh and Bhai Narien Singh.

***Full report of the seminar on '60 years of Sikhs in India' by Dal Khalsa held at Jalandhar on August 22***

***.....in the quest for Sikh sovereignty***

***(Full text of the statement read by Satnam Singh Paonta Sahib (President))***

We are fortunate that we have been bestowed sovereignty by our Gurus. Sikhs are a sui-generis people. In a short span of 500 years, Sikh Gurus and Sikh historical personalities have built and demonstrated the sovereign character of the Sikhs. The unique social, cultural and religio-political aspects of Sikh thought are the fundamental foundations of the Sikh nation. Sikh nationhood is exemplified in the defiant, rebellious and sovereign nature and way of living of the Sikh people. Historically, Sikhs have had their share of political sovereignty till the late fifties of the nineteenth century. It is another matter that geographical boundaries are not a limiting factor to Sikh nationhood.

In its earlier and present format, Dal Khalsa has been an unequivocal proponent and fighter for Sikh freedom. It will continue to be so. Dal Khalsa is the voice of a small but determined section of the Sikh nation, which strongly feels and advocates the formation of a separate Sikh state by peaceful and democratic means, under the aegis of various provisions of UN treaties and conventions.

Today India is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary with a multitude of activities and functions all over the country. However, Dal Khalsa places on record that by tying their destiny with India in 1947, the Sikhs literally enslaved themselves again.

The last 60 years have been tumultuous years of denial, torment, torture, mayhem, destruction, vandalism and death. Of course, there have been individual success stories, which were only natural because of the gregarious character of the Sikhs. Interestingly for reasons of state, the Indian state heaped and perpetuated hate, animosity and discrimination on the one hand and on the other afforded opportunity and provided sponsorship to some individuals to rise to heights of glory, creating a façade of satisfaction and inculcating a misplaced sense of glory and welfare of the whole Sikh corpus.

Nobody can deny that a small segment of top-notch Brahmins continue to dominate the Indian political scene. A handful of Brahmins, sitting in the corridors of power in the north and south block of Delhi, using all devious means and policies continue to play politics of hate and repression. Any one who does not fall in line with them is treated as an enemy.

Independent India has killed more of its citizens struggling for political rights than British India killed during its regime to perpetuate its rule. All nationalities annexed to India since 1947 are living a life of ignominy and suppression. Their religious ethos and cultural identity is on the verge of assimilation in the vast pantheon of Indianism.

I am very clear that such a hypothesis is against the fundamental tenets of my religion and the vision of my Gurus. I would like to live that day when I would look up and say, "*this is my sky, this is my land and this is my dream and I will fulfill it without fear or obstruction*". Along with my colleagues and many other Sikh activists, I have spent years in prison beholding the dream that I would live such a day before I leave this planet. Some may think that we are always negative, that we see the darker side of things. It is not so. We are always positive about our own lives. We are only reiterating our fundamental freedom to be masters of our own destiny, exactly in the same way as others have done so far. Our trust with destiny is beckoning us since the day our sovereignty was superseded in 1849.

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The litany of broken promises and grievances against Sikhs in India does not seem to end. If the neo-Nirankari is dead, a Gurmeet Ram Rahim is born. If he goes in prison, another Ashutosh will be propped up. If the Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal has been stopped, then the state of Haryana builds the Hansi-Butana canal and the Punjab government quietly acquiesces into it. Every year is a new story of hate and repression. Year after year, the list continues to grow. Still, these grievances are not the central cause, but only an additive supplementary to the primary, fundamental and conceptual yearning for Sikh sovereignty.

Dal Khalsa is committed to continue on the path of Sikh freedom. Dal Khalsa appeals to all Sikhs and all freedom-loving peoples to join us in this holy pursuit for the Glory of the Khalsa and the re-establishment of Sarkar-e-Khalsa.

### Charge Sheet of the Sikh Nation Against the Indian State

*The Indian State*

*Versus*

*The Sikh nation*

This is a statement of charges by Dal Khalsa -one of the representative bodies of the Sikh nation against the Indian State, which has violated a wide range of Indian and International laws, rules, regulations, treaties and conventions. Dal Khalsa indicts India on these charges and submits a 60-point charge sheet delineating an outline of acts of omission and commission by India against the Sikhs.

Guru Nanak laid the foundations of a distinct nation and the successor Gurus perfected the ideological base culminating in the creation of the Khalsa -the true citizen, living with the Grace of Waheguru and completely submitted to growth and welfare of society.

Guru Nanak challenged the fundamentals of Brahminism and other schools of social, religious and cultural domination. This confrontation continues. The Sikh religio-political ideology is clear and unambiguous. The Sikhs are a nation sui-generis. The Sikh Commonwealth crafted and nurtured by the Gurus can grow and prosper in an environment devoid of hindrances and subjugation. The Sikh Commonwealth will not submit itself to another state authority. This is the genesis of the Sikh case, hitherto fore not understood by the Indian media and deliberately shunned and ignored by Indian political thinkers and analysts.

Over the last 60 years, India has pursued a pre-meditated colonial policy against the Sikh people. In the decade after 1947, our language and economic prosperity was attacked. In the second decade, our territory and natural resources were usurped. Simultaneously, our religious identity was besmirched and schismatic forces were sponsored. During this period, with an unabashed use of Article 356 of the Indian constitution legitimately formed governments in Punjab were brought under President's rule. Sikh leadership continues to be hauled under trumped up sedition charges from time to time. To break our backs and "to teach us a lesson", during the fourth decade of "independence", the holiest of our holies, Darbar Sahib was attacked, Akal Takht was demolished and using the full might of the state, a physical destruction of the Sikhs was carried out on a gigantic scale. Subsequently, the unique identity of the Sikh religion was questioned and

challenged by right-wing forces. Presently the demography of Punjab is being systematically ruined. Every step has been directed towards decimation of Sikhs and Sikhism.

The Sikhs rue the decision of their forefathers who tied the destiny of the Sikhs with India. Nothing has gone right for the Sikhs as a people. Each clause mentioned below is a testimony of hate, discrimination, repression, subjugation perpetuated by India, irrespective of the political party in power.

**Below are 60 charges:**

1. On the midnight of 14 August 1947, British India was partitioned and Sikhs as a people underwent the trauma and rigours of one of the biggest transfers of population in world history from West Punjab to East Punjab. Home and hearth were lost and the economy of the Panjabis was ruined. The Sikhs were made to leave their most cherished and sacred place, Nankana Sahib -the birthplace of Guru Nanak. According to one estimate, the Sikhs lost more than forty percent of their territory and more than six percent of their total population. The Sikhs decided to join India after Congress leaders made certain commitments and promises not only to safeguard Sikh interest but also to give equal opportunities in the larger polity. But once India gained independence they backtracked and refused to honour their promises.

2. On 10<sup>th</sup> October 1947, a secret circular by the Punjab Governor, Sir Chandu Lal Trivedi, declared that Sikhs are a criminal tribe. The circular addressed to deputy commissioners of Punjab, labeled the Sikhs a criminal tribe, threat to peace and that the activities of Sikhs should be kept under watch.

3. In the month of February, 1948, right-wing Hindu members of the Jalandhar Municipal Committee officially resolved to adopt the Hindi language as the medium of instruction in schools of the district, to taunt the Sikhs and to decimate the importance of mother tongue Punjabi. In the same year, the Dar Commission submitted its report against the formation of linguistic states.

4. On 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1949, Sikh leader and president of the Shiromani Akali Dal, Master Tara Singh was arrested at Narela, under charges similar to sedition in nature disallowing him to participate in a religious ceremony.

5. On 26 January, 1950, the Constitution of India as framed by the Constituent Assembly was adopted. As the Constitution failed to be truly federal in character and did not give special rights to ethnic peoples and nationalities, the two Sikh members in the Constituent Assembly, Bhupinder Singh Mann and Hukam Singh declared that, "*The Sikhs do not accept this constitution. The Sikhs reject this constitution.*"

6. The Government of India enters into a pact with the pseudo-Nirankaris to subvert the separate and distinct entity of the Sikh religion.

7. In 1951, in the first census in 'independent' India, under explicit and implicit orders of the state machinery, Hindi was preferred over Punjabi. The ruling Congress party went to the extent of issuing an advertisement in newspapers asking non-Sikh residents of Punjab to return Hindi (in

Devnagari script) as their mother tongue, even though Punjabi had been their mother tongue since ages.

8. On 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1952 Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, opposed the formation of Punjabi Suba. This was in total contrast to the commitment to demarcate India on a linguistic basis made by the Congress party in 1929, 1946 and 1947.

9. On 4<sup>th</sup> March, 1953, the Akali-led government of PEPSU province was dismissed without any ground. Upset over the misuse of Article 356 of the Constitution by the Congress government, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the founding father of the Indian constitution, while speaking in the Upper house of the Indian parliament, roared, "*I wish to set fire to such a constitution.*" This was the first non-Congress government that was dismissed and President's rule was imposed.

10. On 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1955, a ban was imposed on the raising of the slogan "*Punjabi Suba Zindabad*". Subsequently, the police under the command of DIG Ashwani Kumar entered the Darbar Sahib Complex and raided the offices of the Shiromani Akali Dal to detain Akali leaders. The Head priest of Akal Takht Sahib was arrested and tear gas shells were thrown in the perambulation around the Darbar Sahib. The Head pries of Darbar Sahib and Akal Takht Sahib were detained.

11. In 1957, in continuation of the anti-Punjabi language tirade, a cross-section of Hindu fundamentalists (Jan Sangh) floated Hindi Raksha Samiti under the leadership of Yag Dutt Sharma that launched a violent "Save Hindi Struggle" campaign which comprised of throwing cigarette butts in holy water tanks, tearing of pages of Sikh religious texts and shearing of hair of Sikhs by waylaying them. Discrimination was evident as Hindu hooliganism was not stopped whereas Sikhs were beaten up.

12. On 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1959 peaceful protestors of the Shiromani Akali Dal, on their way to the Indian parliament to protest the violation of their rights were detained, harassed, maltreated and arrested.

13. In 1960, the biggest Morcha for Punjabi Suba was launched. 57,000 Sikhs courted arrest. Master Tara Singh was arrested. In the same year, on June 12, a silent march was taken in Delhi protesting the arrest of Master Tara Singh. For the first time, the Delhi administration ordered that any Sikh entering Delhi or walking the streets of the city should be given a thrashing. Harbans Singh Frontier who led the first Jatha was mercilessly beaten up when he came out of the Gurdwara Sisganj Sahib.

14. In the sixties, the Indian state patronised and assisted the left movement in Punjab to destroy Sikh culture, Sikh traditions, Sikh religion and Sikh ethos. On 22 May, 1960, 11 Sikhs of Tarna Dal were gunned down at Paonta Sahib, Himachal Pradesh by Mahant Gurdial Singh's henchmen who was entrenched in the Gurdwara with logistical support from police and the district administration.

15. The Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966 was passed, which dealt a death-blow to the territorial and water rights of the people of Punjab. Sections 78, 79 and 80 of the Panjab Reorganisation Act placed the irrigation and hydel-power projects of the Panjab geographically in Himachal

Pradesh. These provisions also gave exclusive overall control of these projects to the Central government. It was in total contravention of Article 246 of the Indian constitution and universally accepted riparian principles.

16. In 1967, the Congress conspired to topple the first Akali-led government by engineering defection and thereafter withdrawing its support, and imposing President's rule.

17. In 1970, Sikhs settled in the Terai region of Uttar Pradesh were forcibly evicted from there under one pretext or the other. In recent times, the Sikh-majority district of Udham Singh Nagar was also forcibly attached to the newly carved state of Uttaranchal Pradesh against the express wish of Sikh residents in that area.

18. In 1971, in a move to scuttle the importance of martial races in the Indian armed forces, the defence ministry under Jagjivan Ram, took a policy decision, to recruit army personnel on the basis of population rather than merit. The percentage of Sikh participation in the Indian Armed Forces was gradually reduced to a meager 2 percent. Promotions to high-ranking Sikh officers were scuttled on pretext or the other. The government compelled Sikh officers, both in the Defence and Civil services to renounce their Sikh identity ( i.e. Kesh and Kirpan) if they desired promotions and possible retention in their services. This illegal and racial discrimination continues.

19. In 1972, the Punjab police in Gurdwara Sadabart, near Ropar, killed 12 Sikhs.

20. In 1973, the Shiromani Akali Dal adopted the Anandpur Sahib Resolution asking for federal structure but the Indian state and media launched a vicious campaign against it, dubbing it as anti-national.

21. Upon the imposition of emergency in 1975, thousands of volunteers of the Shiromani Akali Dal opposing the emergency imposed by Mrs. Indira Gandhi were incarcerated.

22. On April 13, 1978, thirteen Sikhs were killed in cold-blood by the pseudo-Nirankaris in the heart of Amritsar who had been given permission to voice anti-Sikh sermons in the holy city of Amritsar by the Punjab government. In the same year, 4 Nihang Sikhs were killed at Pundri, Haryana, by police of the Akali Dal supported Haryana Government under the chief ministership of Chaudhary Devi Lal. In the same year Sikh protestors were fired at in Kanpur and Delhi leading to death of some activists.

23. As the Punjab and Sind Bank was understood to be the banks of Sikhs and Punjabis, when the bank reached the zenith of its glory, in 1980, the bank was nationalized and brought under the direct control of the government of India.

24. On 14<sup>th</sup> January 1980, copies of *Guru Granth Sahib* were burnt at Chando Kalan in Haryana.

25. On 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1980 Baba Gurbachan (neo-Nirankari) and 64 associates accused in the case of the murder of 13 Sikhs on April 13, 1978 were acquitted by the Sessions Judge of Karnal, Mr.

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Gupta. It is an open secret that all attempts were made by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and others to influence the judiciary for their acquittal.

26. On 1<sup>st</sup> May 1982, the Indian Government banned the Dal Khalsa, which was struggling for Sikh rights. Sometime later, the All India Sikh Students Federation, which was one of the oldest Sikh youth organizations working amongst Sikh students for propagation of Sikh religion was also banned by government of India.

27. During the Asian games in 1982, Sikhs were banned from entering Delhi. With full tacit approval of the state authorities, Sikhs were badly humiliated at various places in Haryana. Their shops were looted and property destroyed.

28. On 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1983, 26 Sikhs were killed by the police, at Kupp, near Malerkotla, during the "Rasta Roke" agitation of the Akali Dal.

29. In 1983, the State Reserve Police and the Central Reserve Police were directed by the government to attack Gurdwaras on the slightest pretext. During the year, Gurdwara Sahib Sisganj, Delhi, Gurdwara Imli Sahib, Indore, Gurdwara Sahib, Churu, Rajasthan, Gurdwara Sahib Chandokalan, Haryana and Gurdwara Sahib, Chowk Mehta, Amritsar were attacked.

30. From February 15-20, 1984, the Hindus of Haryana under the guidance of the Chief Minister Bhajan Lal and senior police officials, attacked innocent Sikhs in the cities of Panipat, Rohtak, Kaithal Karnal, Ambala, Jind and other parts of Haryana province and killed 20 Sikhs, burnt six Sikh shrines and looted more than 200 Sikh houses and shops.

31. In June 1984, on the orders of the Prime Minister of India, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Darbar Sahib and 37 other Gurdwaras were attacked by all sections of the Indian Armed forces and other security agencies, killing thousands of Sikhs, desecrating the holy premises, vandalizing heritage records and artifacts. They not only killed the fighting forces but also innocent Sikh men, women and children.

32. During the attack on Darbar Sahib, the Indian Armed Forces vandalized the Sikh Reference Library and the looted material has not been returned to this day.

33. After the attack on Darbar Sahib, an internal circular of the Indian Army entitled, Baat Cheet exhorted members of the Indian Armed Forces to earmark baptized Sikhs, all of who were labeled as dangerous people who were supposed to be having direct links with 'terrorists'.

34. In November, 1984, Sikhs were attacked in 87 towns and cities in 'secular' India. According to estimates by human rights organizations at least 10,000 Sikhs were virtually butchered or burnt alive. Officially, 3,700 Sikhs were killed in a matter of 48 hours. More than 200,000 Sikhs rendered homeless and without work. More than 358 Gurdwaras were desecrated and destroyed. Justifying this official pogrom against the Sikhs against the Sikhs, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi shamelessly proclaimed, "When a big tree falls, the earth shakes."

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35. On 25 July 1985, the Rajiv-Longowal accord was reached which contained unattainable and unachievable proposals. The Accord was attained under deceit and pressure on Sant Longowal. Still, for the record, no part of the accord has been implemented.

36. Since 1986, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and the International Committee of the Red Cross have been debarred from officially entering Punjab for documenting human rights violations. This ban still continues.

37. In 1987, the *Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987* was passed. This act violated all norms of criminal jurisprudence. Every safeguard guaranteed by the Constitution, all international standards of human rights laid-down by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights were violated by this Act, even though India is a signatory to both these declarations. The Sikhs suffered the consequences of TADA. Thousands of Sikh youth were detained, tortured, and killed both in Panjab and in other Indian states.

38. On 12<sup>th</sup> May 1987, the Union government misusing Article 356 of the Indian constitution dismissed the Akali government led by S S Barnala in Punjab and imposed President rule.

39. On 14-15 September, 1988, Sikh students of the Engineering College at Bidar in Karnataka were subjected to a brutal racial attack in which many students were killed and a large number of them were injured.

40. In 1988, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi introduced the 59th amendment to the constitution of India, rescinding the right to life of the people of Punjab and enabling more discriminatory laws against Punjab.

41. On 13<sup>th</sup> January, 1988, Sikhs were injured and killed in Jammu & Kashmir during the procession to observe the birthday celebrations of Guru Gobind Singh.

42. On 6<sup>th</sup> January, 1989, without substantial evidence, Kehar Singh was hanged. The advocates and judges colloquium objected to this judicial murder, but it was still carried out.

43. A written circular was sent by the Director General of Police, Mr. K. P. S. Gill to all Senior Superintendents of Police in Punjab dated 30 August, 1989, giving details of rewards to them for the apprehension and liquidation of wanted "terrorists/extremists".

44. In 1990, Prime Minister V.P. Singh introduced the 65th amendment to the constitution, to prolong Presidential Rule in Panjab. Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar repeated this in 1991 when he initiated the 75th Constitutional Amendment.

45. In 1991, the Bombay police issued a circular to collect details of Sikh residents to cause them harassment and humiliation.

46. Elections scheduled for June 1991 were aborted only 24 hours prior to polling time by the then President Mr. R. Venketaraman on advice from Prime Minister-designate Mr. P. V. Narasimha Rao. Chief Election Commissioner, Mr. T.N. Seshan, implemented this illegal order.

47. On 28 July, 1991, a circular was issued in the Terai region asking Sikh residents to prove their innocence. Police intimidation and restrictions on purchase of property became the norm in this Sikh-majority area of the State of Uttar Pradesh.

48. In 1991, Brigadier Sinha of the Indian Army publicly declared that the only way to subvert the culture of the Sikhs was to rape and humiliate Sikh women.

49. On 15 March, 1992, a written discriminatory order was issued by the state government of Rajasthan for registration of land owned by Sikhs.

50. On 3 April, 1992, former judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and chairman of the Punjab Human Rights Organization, Justice Ajit Singh Bains was arrested under the anti-people legislation, TADA. In spite of massive protests by human rights activists, lawyers and political activists, the Punjab and Haryana High Court did not intervene.

51. On 8-9 June, 1992, five innocent villagers from village Behla, district Amritsar were used as a human shield by the security agencies comprising of the Punjab police and the Central Reserve Police Force in an operation against Sikh insurgents. All were killed and later dubbed as militants.

52. On 9 October, 1992, Bhai Harjinder Singh Jinda and Bhai Sukhdev Singh were sent to the gallows under the provisions of the TADA act, which was later on held null and void by the Supreme Court of India. It is significant to mention that as many as 400 petitions challenging the validity of T.A.D.A. were pending judgment for more than 8 years in the apex court. The decision though was taken after hanging Jinda and Sukha.

53. On 1 January, 1993, the former Jathedar of Akal Takht Sahib, Bhai Gurdev Singh Kaonke, who had been kidnapped by the police a few days ago, was tortured and extrajudicially killed by the Ludhiana police.

54. In 1993, 11 Sikh young pilgrims on way by bus to Hazur Saheb, Nanded from Pilibhit were removed from the bus and shot dead in cold blood in front of all other passengers by the police, alleging that they were all "terrorists".

55. On 8-9 November, 1994, six Sikh under trial detainees under TADA, in the Pilibhit prison in the state of Uttar Pradesh were brutally beaten to death by the 42 members of the prison staff with support from the infamous Provincial Armed Constabulary of Uttar Pradesh. 22 other Sikh detainees were seriously injured.

56. On 6 September, 1995, human rights activist, Jaswant Singh Khalra, who had unearthed gross human rights abuses in the district of Amritsar about individuals who had disappeared involuntarily was tortured and killed extra judicially.

57. Mr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Human Resources Minister earmarked 100 crores for the celebration of 300 years of Khalsa Panth. Most of the money was apportioned to RSS supported organizations for penetrating into Sikh institutions to undermine the separate identity of the Sikhs and diluting Sikh ideology with the motive of evolving pan-Hinduism which propagates the Sikhs to be a sect of Hinduism.

58. On 20 March 2000, coinciding with the visit of US President, Bill Clinton, 35 young Sikhs were killed in Chittisingpura, Kashmir by state vigilantes. This has been proved without doubt but the state has not taken any action so far.

59. In June 2005, the leaders of the Dal Khalsa and Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) were implicated in false cases under sedition charges when they participated in a function to observe the anniversary of the attack on Darbar Sahib.

60. In the year 2007, while the blasphemous activities of Sirsa dera chief, Gurmeet Ram Rahim have been allowed to continue under state patronage and security, in complete violation of legal provisions, sedition charges have been foisted against those Sikh leaders who took up cudgels against him.

### **Why this Charge Sheet?**

1. India is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Newspapers, magazines and television channels are filled with euphoria about the years gone by. 60 heroes of India. 60 books of India. 60 leaders of India. 60 achievements of India. 60 sportspersons of India. Is this the complete picture?

2. How about 60 incidents that should put India to shame? Can we forget the storming of Darbar Sahib code-named Operation Bluestar in June 1984? Has the media forgotten that false sedition cases were levied against leading human rights activists like Aurobindo Ghose, Amiya Rao and others, in 1985 when they tabulated gross human rights abuses by the Indian security agencies during Operation Woodrose? How can we forget that in broad daylight, in Delhi, which has the seat of power of the country and emissaries from all over the globe, Sikhs were burnt alive with tyres around their necks? What about the Nellie massacre in Assam? Only the insane will ignore the blinding of undertrials by the police in Bhagalpur and the recent vicious genocidal attacks against Muslims in Gujarat?

3. How about 60 religious, social and political activists who have been detained under various unlawful provisions of Indian draconian laws like TADA and POTA? –the detention of more than 400 Sikh detainees in the Jodhpur prison for five years without trial; –the daylight extrajudicial execution of hundreds upon thousands of Sikh youth; --five years of solitary confinement for Simranjit Singh Mann; --the case of Chanu Sharmila of Manipur on hunger strike against the misuse of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act for more than 6 years in a row; –the extra-judicial murder in Assam of human rights activist and editor of Asomiya Pratidin, Mr. Parag Das; –the repeated detention of water rights activist Medha Patkar; --the disappearance and subsequent elimination of human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalra; the extra-judicial execution of Jathedar of Akal Takht Bhai Gurdev Singh Kaonke; the arrest of former judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Ajit Singh Bains; the extermination

of the entire family of Advocate Kulwant Singh, *et al.* Why is the Indian media silent about all this? Why can't the media write about 60 gross human rights violations by India against its own citizens?

4. To agree to disagree is a pre-requisite for the success of democracy. Today however, on the entire political spectrum, from left to right, we are suffering from an overdose of over-patriotism. Today, in India, dissension is sedition. The executive, the legislature, the judiciary and the media, singly and in tandem continually seems to be telling the minorities, "prove your innocence, and prove that you are not traitors."

5. In such a situation, the Dal Khalsa, in keeping with the high traditions of the organization and adhering to our faith in truthful living, was left with no choice but to speak its mind about the true status of the Sikhs in India. We have attempted to lodge a charge-sheet of the Sikh nation against the Indian state and we will file this with the United Nations with the hope that some day some Sikh representatives will obtain an opportunity with the international body to elaborate on the charges and submit the full case of the Sikh people.

This 60-point year-to-year charge sheet tabled here is by no means totally exhaustive, but all major misdemeanors, misappropriations, mischiefs, misrepresentations, misgivings of the Indian state find a mention. Every charge individually and collectively sufficiently holds India responsible for being unfair and unjust to the Sikh people.

### **India's Long History of Atrocities Against the Sikhs**

The Dal Khalsa report is very detailed, but it does not cover all the abuses of the Sikh Nation by the Indian regime. Such a complete catalogue would go on for many more pages. As Narinder Singh, a spokesman for the Golden Temple, told America's National Public Radio in 1997, "the Indian government, all the time they boast that they are democratic, that they are secular. They have nothing to do with a democracy, nothing to do with a secularism. They just kill Sikhs to please the majority."

Former Speaker of the Indian Parliament Balram Jakhar said, "If we have to kill a million Sikhs to preserve India's territorial integrity, so be it." India is well on its way to that goal. According to figures compiled by the Punjab State Magistracy and human-rights organizations, the Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs in Punjab. These figures were published in *The Politics of Genocide* by Inderjit Singh Jaijee. *The Sikhs in History* by S. Singh reports the number as 1.4 to 2.3 million Sikhs, more than one million in the decade of 1981-91. And the bloodshed continues.

In addition, a report by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) showed that the Indian government admitted to holding 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners. These prisoners are being held without charge or trial, some of them since 1984! Others have simply "disappeared."

The Indian Supreme Court described the situation in Punjab as "worse than a genocide." Democracies don't commit genocide. This ethnic cleansing is the mark of a brutal tyranny.

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In addition, the government has killed over 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, over 500,000 Muslims, more than 90,000 of them in Kashmir and another 2,000 to 5,000 in Gujarat, and tens of thousands of Assamese, Bengalis, Bodos, Dalits, Manipuris, Tamils, adivasis, and other minorities. (The Dalits, referred to as "Untouchables," are the aboriginal people of South Asia.) According to Amnesty International, tens of thousands of these minorities are being held as political prisoners.

When India achieved independence in 1947, the Hindus of India and the Muslims of Pakistan each received their own sovereign, independent states. Sikhs were a party to the arrangement and were supposed to receive their own state as well. But the Sikh leadership of the time accepted the false promises of Jawahar Lal Nehru and the Indian National Congress that no law affecting Sikh rights would be passed without Sikh consent and they would have "the glow of freedom" in Punjab. On this basis Sikhs took their share with India.

Almost immediately, the repression of the Sikhs by India commenced. Home Secretary Patel sent out a memo describing Sikhs as "a criminal class" who were to be put under special watch. The Indian constitution to this day refuses to allow Sikhism to be recognized as a distinct and separate religion. Although India maintains that Sikhs are Hindus because Guru Nanak was born Hindu – which is something like maintaining that Christians are just a segment of Judaism because Jesus was born Jewish – India still treats the Sikhs as a minority and commits brutal atrocities against us.

The Indian government is determined to destroy the Sikh religion by any and all means. They are trying to create sects in the Sikh religion, such as Dera Sucha (Jhutha) Sauda, Nirankari, Radswami, and other such cults. After Guru Gobind Singh there is no living guru, as the heads of these sects claim to be. That is contrary to the Sikh religion.

Recent atrocities include the 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.

The Indian government tolerated and supported Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, the leader of the Sacha Sauda cult, who portrayed himself as Guru Gobind Singh in newspaper advertisements and was performing rites that only the Guru can perform. This was a major affront to the Sikh community and the Sikh religion. In its May 17, 2007 issue the *Panthic Weekly* reported that the current Chief Minister, Parkash Singh Badal and his son Sukhbir came and bowed their heads before this fake baba, seeking his political support. He also went to a Hindu temple and wore a *mukat* and temple official put a *tilak* (Hindu dot) on his forehead.

On September 21, 2007 in Amritsar, a Sikh woman named Lakhbir Kaur held a press conference, which was reported in the *Tribune* newspaper of Chandigarh, in which she stated that her brother, Kinder Singh, age 20, a truck driver, had been killed in a fake encounter by the police "for no reason." Kinder Singh was "pulled out of a truck in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh, and shot dead," according to Colonel G.S. Sandhu, chairman of the Madhya Ex-Servicemen Human Rights Front and Aapna Punjab, a non-governmental organization. Colonel Sandhu

demanded a full investigation of the affair and that compensation for Kinder Singh's killing be paid to his family.

The police claimed that Kinder Singh was Jaspal Singh, a "militant" who had a price of Rs. 5 lakh on his head. But Jaspal Singh was sitting next to Lakhbir Kaur at her press conference. Yet police files show Jaspal Singh as having been killed by police. Unfortunately, this has been a common occurrence.

Several years ago, the *New York Post* reported that a Sikh man who had been listed as having been killed in an encounter sued the Indian government to force them to declare them alive. Who was killed in place of this man? Why wasn't he properly identified and why weren't this person's remains ever turned over to his family?

In 1994, the U.S. State Department reported that the Indian government had paid out more than 41,000 cash bounties to police officers for killing Sikhs. One such bounty was paid to an officer for killing a three-year-old boy, claiming he was a "terrorist." (He would be dubbed "the toddler terrorist.") Another bounty was paid to a police officer who reported killing a man who later showed up in court, suing the government to prove that he was alive. Who was killed in his place?

On June 20, 2006, Human Rights Watch issued a bulletin on the case of Sikh activist Kulvir Singh Barapind, who had been extradited to India from the United States a few days earlier. Barapind had been tortured in 1988 and 1989 to force him to reveal the names of other Sikh activists. According to Human Rights Watch, "Barapind described to the U.S. court how the police suspended him in the air from his wrists with his arms tied behind his back, rolled a wooden log over his thighs to crush his muscles, tore his legs apart at his waist to a 180-degree angle, applied electric shocks, and beat him on the soles of his feet, among other methods. He also submitted evidence that Indian officials tortured his family and friends."

In their report, Human Rights Watch wrote that "the Indian security forces have a long history of mistreating Sikh activists in custody." They added that "Indian security forces have a long history of abusing criminal suspects and detainees by torturing them. They've used those methods against politically active Sikhs without facing any punishment."

Former Jathedar of the Akal Takht Gurdev Singh Kaunke was abducted by the police on December 20, 1993, then murdered by Superintendent of Police Swaran Singh Ghotna. Ghotna has never been brought to justice. On January 3, 1994, his body was found, having been dumped in a canal.

The police arrested the driver for Baba Charan Singh, a Sikh religious leader, tied his legs to two jeeps that drove off in different directions, and tore him in half. No action has been taken against his killers either. Atrocities like this are routinely committed with impunity in India.

Prior to former President Bill Clinton's visit to India in March 2000, 38 Sikhs were murdered in the village of Chithisinghpura. According to witnesses, the killers spoke Hindi. According to Amnesty International, "the attackers wore uniforms of the armed forces and were led by a tall

man whom they addressed as Commanding Officer (CO). All Sikh men were rounded up, ostensibly to check their identities, and made to sit on the ground in two groups against the walls of the gurdwaras [Sikh temples] a few hundred metres from each other; they were shot at point blank range. As the attackers withdrew, they reportedly shouted Hindu slogans."

There have been two investigations of the massacre, one by MASR and the Punjab Human Rights Organization (PHRO) and another by the International Human Rights Organization (IHRO), both concluded that the Indian government was responsible for the massacre. So did reporter Barry Bearak of the *New York Times Magazine*.

What motive would Kashmiri freedom fighters have to kill Sikhs? This would be especially stupid when the President of the United States is visiting. The freedom movements in Kashmir, Khalistan, Nagaland, and throughout India need the support of the United States.

In the foreword he wrote to former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's book, President Clinton wrote, "During my visit to India in 2000, some Hindu militants decided to vent their outrage by murdering thirty-eight Sikhs in cold blood. If I hadn't made the trip, the victims would probably still be alive. If I hadn't made the trip because I feared what religious extremists might do, I couldn't have done my job as president of the United States. The nature of America is such that many people define themselves—or a part of themselves—in relation to it, for or against. This is part of the reality in which our leaders must operate."

In a village in Kashmir, Indian troops were caught red-handed trying to burn down a gurdwara (a Sikh place of worship) and several Sikh houses to set the Muslim villagers and the Sikh villagers against each other, as part of India's divide-and-rule strategy. Instead, the Sikh and Muslim villagers joined forces to stop the attack. They seized a jeep from the troops and the Border Security Force had to come later and retrieve it.

On March 15, 1997, Punjab police death squads kidnapped and murdered Kashmir Singh, publicity secretary of the Akali Dal (Amritsar.) Every major newspaper in India has condemned this as a police murder. The Indian Express, a pro-government newspaper, described it as a "cold-blooded killing." All opposition members of the Punjab Legislative Assembly walked out when their demand for an independent investigation of this incident was not met.

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On February 22, 1992, around 8:45 PM, police broke into the home of a Sikh woman named Manjit Kaur. She was 24 and four months pregnant. They repeatedly raped her and bit her cheeks, leaving scars. They also committed other atrocities against Manjit Kaur.

Amandeep Kaur, 19, was the sister of a suspected "militant" named Harpinder Singh Goldi. The police repeatedly raped, tortured, and mistreated her at police stations around the Bathinda

district. She reported her case to the PHRO and on January 24, 1992, she was killed in police custody.

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The newspaper *Hitavada* reported that the Indian government paid the late governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, \$1.5 billion to foment and support covert state terrorism in Punjab and Kashmir. This is in spite of the fact that two thirds of India's population lives on Rs. 20 per day or less. That is the equivalent of 40 cents.

The January 2, 2002 issue of the *Washington Times* reported that India sponsored cross-border terrorism in Sindh, a province of Pakistan. India's leading newsmagazine, *India Today*, reported that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were created by the government of India and its leaders were put up by the regime in the finest hotels in Delhi. Internet journalist Justin Raimondo reported that former Defense Minister George Fernandes actually raised money and arms for the LTTE.

Kanwar Singh Dhama was a onetime "militant" who was hauled out by former Punjab DGP K.P.S. Gill at a press conference. During his remarks, Dhama exposed the Indian government's own involvement in the "militancy." Gill's men had to forcibly stop Dhama from talking.

A Sacramento businessman named Balbir Singh Dhillon went to Punjab to visit relatives. The Indian government planted RDX explosives in his car, then arrested him as a "militant." Only when they came under strong pressure from the Council of Khalistan and other Sikh organizations did they finally release Sardar Dhillon.

When the late journalist Sukhbir Singh Osan, who passed away too young, exposed Indian government atrocities on his website Burning Punjab and in print reports, he received a call threatening him that "it is dangerous to write against the government." This was not the only threat that Sardar Osan received.

In 1982, the government of Haryana under Bhajan Lal conspired with Delhi to assault and kill Sikhs on the way to the Asian Games in Delhi. The excuse was an announcement by the Akalis of a peaceful demonstration to make the international community aware of the gross violations of human rights with regard to the Sikhs.

Even retired and serving senior civil and military officers, judges, lawyers, ex-ministers, women and children were victims of this government-organized massacre. In many cases their hair - held sacred by the Sikhs - was cut off. Forcibly cutting the hair of a baptized Sikh is the worst humiliation that can be inflicted on him or her.

According to the February 17, 2004 issue of the *Tribune* of Chandigarh, a Sikh named Gurnihal Singh Pirzada, who was a high official of the Indian Administrative Service, was released from jail claiming that "his fundamental right to liberty was violated." He was 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.

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Bibi Jaswant Kaur was a mother of six who lost her husband in 1987. Three of her six sons were killed by tuberculosis. The Punjab police kidnapped and murdered her other three sons.

Pragat Singh, 23, was arrested in 1987. The police kept him in captivity for 14 months. After his release, police raided his home on September 9, 1988, and shot him dead. Jagir Singh, 25, Bibi Jaswant Kaur's eldest son, who worked as a volunteer in a Gurdwara in Taran Taran, was snatched by the police and never returned. He simply "disappeared."

Bibi Jaswant Kaur's youngest son, Mohinder Singh, 20, was with Baba Charan Singh. On June 14, 1991, he was abducted by the police. He was killed in police custody. Jaswant Kaur has tried all possible avenues to get justice, but has had no luck.

Manjit Kaur Dakha is a Sikh woman whose husband was repeatedly picked up and tortured by the police. After her husband sought political asylum in the United States, Mrs. Dakha, her father, and her 6-month-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 military man, has been repeatedly tortured physically, mentally and psychologically by Punjab police since May 27, 1986. The police stole valuable articles from his house, which they have never returned. Sardar Fauji has written to the Prime Minister, the Home Minister, the Chief Justices of both the Indian Supreme Court and the Punjab and Haryana High Court, and the senior Session Judge in Amritsar, but has received no relief.

In 1993, Harpal Singh Cheema, a Sikh activist, requested asylum in the United States after he and his wife were subjected to brutal harassment by the police prior to 1992. Since Cheema was returned to India in 2006 (despite a court order forbidding him from being sent back), he has been kept in a high-security prison. His crime? He advocated freedom for the Sikh Nation.

Another person who has been a victim of Indian tyranny and harassment is Bibi Charanjit Kaur. In 1998, Bibi Charanjit Kaur's sister Ravinder Kaur and her 75-year-old mother were arrested and tortured by the police. Her cousin, Charan Singh, was arrested and tortured by the police in Jammu and Kashmir.

On August 24, 2000, her sister Manpreet Kaur, 45, was arrested along with her two children, ages 7 and 9, charged with being involved in bombings. Manpreet Kaur's husband, Ravinder

Singh, was arrested in 2002. Both were tortured. Both had to be released because there was no evidence against them.

On November 9, 2000, another cousin, Manmohan Singh, who is the chairman of the Dashmesh Youth Organization, was picked up and thrown in jail. 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. The police arrested her brother, Rajinder Singh. The arrests, torture, and murder of Charanjit Kaur's relatives put the lie to India's claims that it is a secular democracy.

Torture is routine. Sikhs and other minorities routinely have heavy metal rods rolled over their legs. They have been given electric shocks to the genitals. Methods of torture include being beaten unconscious, being beaten with lathis (bamboo canes), belts, boots, fists, truncheons, rifle butts, leather straps with wooden handles, metal rods, and branches from thorn bushes. It is common to use a thick wooden roller to force the victim's legs apart, often a full 180 degrees.

One such case is that of Sartaj Singh, a Sikh residing in Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir. He was tortured by the police and subjected to psychological harassment to force him to confess to things he did not do. The police tried to force Sartaj Singh to tell them 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". Such forced, false confessions are common in Punjab under Indian rule.

Jagtaar Singh Hawara, his wife and other family members have been, tortured and harassed by the Punjab and Delhi police. The police forced tobacco into his mouth in contravention of the Sikh religion.

Devinder Pal Singh, who was coerced into making such a "confession," is being put to death by the Indian government for the murder of a Congress Party politician, a crime that even the Indian government now admits that he did not commit. Yet he remains under a death sentence.

Farmers in Punjab are being forced to buy supplies at exorbitantly high prices and sell their grain at prices well below market. This is another Indian government measure to keep the Sikhs poor and unable to claim our rights.

Even today, organizations like Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and other organizations are not permitted in Punjab. Amnesty International has been banned from the state since 1978. Even the repressive Castro regime in Cuba has allowed Amnesty International into the country more recently than they have been allowed into Punjab.

### **The Golden Temple Attack**

From June 4 to 6, 1984, the martyrdom day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji, the Indian armed forces mounted Operation Bluestar, a military attack on the Golden Temple in Amritsar, the most sacred of Sikh shrines, the Vatican of the Sikhs, the center and seat of the Sikh religion, and 37 other Gurdwaras (Sikh places of worship) throughout Punjab. The operation was undertaken under the cover of night. The objective was to crush the movement for freedom, but as Sant

Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, who was killed in the attack, predicted, the attacks “laid the foundation stone for Khalistan.” It created new supporters for Khalistan.

Sant Bhindranwale was a fierce opponent of the Nirankari cult. They were associated with the Arya Samajis, which were Hindu organizations. The Nirankaris were another effort to undermine the Sikh religion, with the tacit support of the Indian government.

Sant Bhindranwale was also a strong anti-Communist who broke the influence of Naxalites and pro-soviet Communists in Punjab and neighboring states. The Indian government had signed a 100-year friendship treaty with the Soviets, so this activity would also have been offensive to them. A few days before the attack, the Indian government spread the rumor that Bhindranwale was in contact with the CIA as further justification of their actions. But the primary purpose of the attacks was to shut down the Sikh struggle for freedom.

Over 20,000 Sikhs would lose their lives in the attacks, including Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, General Shabeg Singh, and other Sikh leaders who were working to reclaim the Sikh Nation’s birthright of freedom and sovereignty, as well as children, pilgrims, and temple workers. Some of those inside the complex were found with their hands bound and bullets in their heads, murdered in cold blood by the invading Indian forces. Sri Darbar Sahib took over 300 bullet holes. The Sikh Reference Library was destroyed. The reading of Sri Guru Granth Sahib inside Harmandir Sahib was interrupted for the first time in almost 300 years.

In the attack on the Darbar Sahib complex, which is discussed in the Dal Khalsa report, several Sikh boys, ages 8 to 13, were taken outside and asked if they supported Khalistan. They answered “*Bole So Nihal*” and were shot to death. The Indian Army shot bullets into a copy of the *Guru Granth Sahib* that was written in the time of the Gurus. They vandalized the complex. This was a massive act of state terrorism that made it clear that there is no place for Sikhs in India.

According to *Chakravyuh: Web of Indian Secularism* by Gurtej Singh, Professor of Sikhism, Sikhs such as the late Gurcharan Singh Tohra and Harchand Singh Longowal (later famous for the traitorous Rajiv-Longowal Accord) invited the Indian government to attack Darbar Sahib to finish off the Khalistan movement and kill Bhindranwale. Their letters are reprinted in *Chakravyuh* along with the letters of other Sikh leaders who collaborated with the Indian regime.

The Golden Temple attack led to the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, which in turn led to the Delhi massacre of Sikhs. Another 20,000 Sikhs lost their lives in the massacre while the state-run radio and TV cried for more Sikh blood. Sikh police were locked in their barracks to prevent them from stopping the massacre.

Unfortunately, this was not the only time that the Golden Temple would come under attack. On February 7, 1998, the government of Prakash Singh Badal, Chief Minister of Punjab, attacked the Darbar Sahib complex. They ransacked and desecrated the complex. The Badal government fired the democratically-elected President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC.) Shortly thereafter, Badal removed the Jathedar of the Akal Takht, Bhai Ranjit Singh.

### The Khalra Case

On September 6, 1995, human-rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalra, General Secretary of the Human Rights Wing (SAD), was washing his car when the police arrested him. Sardar Khalra's crime was exposing the Indian government's policy of secret cremations in which young Sikhs were picked up, tortured, murdered, secretly cremated, and declared "unidentified bodies." Their remains were never returned to their families. Former Punjab Director General of Police K.P.S. Gill was identified by witnesses as one of the conspirators in the Khalra disappearance.

Investigating three cremation grounds in Tarn Taran, Khalra had determined that about 25,000 Sikhs were murdered in that sector in this manner. Follow-up investigation by some of Sardar Khalra's associates determined that the number of secret cremations was approximately 50,000.

On October 27, 1995, Jaswant Singh Khalra was murdered in police custody. He was just 45 years old. His body was never given to his family. Instead, it was dumped in the Harike Canal.

Nine police officials were implicated in the disappearance and murder of Sardar Khalra, including K.P.S. Gill. One police officer, A.S. Sandhu, committed suicide. Gill and others are still at large.

Sandhu is the officer who picked up Baba Charan Singh. He also grabbed Baba Charan Singh's brother.

In a speech in Canada, Sardar Khalra said, "in Amritsar district alone, 2,000 children are missing and the government must tell us where they are. The government was quiet. Then, we filed a petition before the High Court on behalf of some families, asking the Court to tell us where those children are. The government then gave an affidavit denying any knowledge about these children." It was after this petition that Khalra "disappeared."

Such tactics are reminiscent of the "disappearances" in the former Soviet Union and other repressive tyrannies. They are not the tactics of democracies.

The main eyewitness to the Khalra kidnapping, Rajiv Singh Randhawa, has been repeatedly harassed by the police. He was arrested in front of the Golden Temple in Amritsar on the fifth anniversary of the Khalra kidnapping for the crime of attempting to hand a piece of paper to the then-British Home Minister, Jack Straw. He was charged with robbery and murder, charges that were determined to be trumped up.

As Amnesty International wrote, "This case highlights the continuing lawlessness of sections of the police in Punjab. Amnesty International is seriously concerned that these charges against Rajiv Singh Randhawa, like other charges brought in the past, are merely a means of harassing and intimidating him."

Randhawa has been repeatedly arrested on other charges. He was charged with trying to set up an organization called the Tigers of Sikh Land to fight for Khalistan. The Punjab Human Rights commission ruled that those charges were "concocted" to dissuade Randhawa from testifying in

the Khalra case. The Commission urged criminal charges against the police officers, but no charges were ever filed. Randhawa was given compensation for false arrest.

In 1998, while riding his scooter, Randhawa was kidnapped in front of his home by the police. Five police officers pointed guns at Randhawa's head, tied him up with his own turban, and forcibly took him and a friend. This was a clear attempt to intimidate the key witness to police crimes against the Sikh Nation. It was business as usual, the police acting to intimidate anyone who tried to bring them to justice.

### The Air India Attack

Prior to September 11, 2001, the bombing of Air India Flight 182 in 1985 was the single worst act of terrorism involving aircraft in history. 329 innocent people were killed in that incident. Many of them were Sikhs.

Two Canadian journalists who covered the Air India story, Zuhair Kashmeri of the *Toronto Globe and Mail* and Brian McAndrew of the *Toronto Star*, wrote a book called *Soft Target: How the Indian Intelligence Service Penetrated Canada*, which U.S. Congressman Edolphus Towns (D-NY) has called "the definitive account of the Air India case." In the book, Kashmeri and McAndrew showed conclusively that the Indian government carried out the bombing of Air India Flight 182 in 1985, killing 329 innocent people, in order to blame the Sikhs and set up an excuse for more repression.

In the book, they write that "The only way India could disrupt support for the Khalistan movement in Canada was by disgracing the Sikhs in the minds of other Canadians." They quote the Canadian Security Investigations Service as saying, "if you really want to clear the incidents quickly, take vans 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."

Kashmeri and McAndrew showed that the Indian Consul General in Toronto, Surinder Malik, suddenly pulled his wife and daughter off the doomed flight and a friend of Malik's who was an auto dealer also cancelled his reservation suddenly. Malik pressured the *Globe and Mail* to rush the story to print because that would make Sikhs look bad.

Malik was calling Canadian authorities before the bombing was public knowledge, trying to place the blame on an "L. Singh" and feeding them other details that nobody should have known at that time. (L. Singh would turn out to be Lal Singh, who would later publicly state that he was offered "two million dollars and settlement in a nice country" if he would offer false testimony against the Sikhs who were accused of the bombing. He refused.)

Kashmeri and McAndrew write:

Curiously, 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.

Malik continually fed the Globe information pointing to Sikh terrorists as the source of the bombs. He was behind another story six days after the crash, this one headlined "Air-India pilot reported given parcel by Sikh."

The accused Sikhs, Ajaib Singh Bagri and Ripudaman Singh Malik (no relation to Surinder Malik), were acquitted when Canadian Justice Ian Josephson threw out their cases, saying that the witnesses against them were "not credible." (I was a witness in that trial and my testimony was covered by the CBC.) Yet India continues to try to blame the Sikhs for this atrocity.

Malik also knew details about the attack at an early stage that the investigators did not know until later in the investigation. He continually fed the newspapers disinformation to link Sikhs to the attacks. The only way Malik could have had so many details so early was if the Indian government was behind the attack. Malik was later expelled from Canada.

According to *Soft Target*, "Malik also decried the Canadian system of justice for failing to come up with a quick solution to the bombings. "In India we would have had a confession by now. You people have too many civil and human-rights laws," he complained."

In the year prior to the bombing, the Indian government issued 87 warnings about an airplane bombing. The State Bank of India gave a loan of \$2 million to the leader of the organization it blamed for the bombing just before the bombing took place. At the time of the bombing, the Congress Party needed the Sikhs as scapegoats to win on a law-and-order platform.

In July 2007, the Indian news service Tehelka reported that during his questioning in 1992, Talwinder Singh Parmar of Babbar Khalsa identified the Indian government as the culprit in the bombing. Tehelka reported that the information had been compiled by the Punjab Human Rights Organization, an NGO that works of human rights in Punjab, Khalistan. The PHRO spent several years interviewing Parmar's associates as part of its own investigation into the bombing. Its records were turned over to the commission of inquiry headed by Canadian Justice John Major.

When I testified in the trial of Bagri and Malik, I said the same thing. CBC reported:

The witness also testified it's possible a prominent Babbar Khalsa leader, who had ties to both Bagri and co-accused Ripudaman Singh Malik, was really a government agent.

The leader, Talwinder Singh Parmar, is believed to have been the mastermind of the Air India bombing plot. Parmar was killed by Indian police a decade ago.

Aulakh testified it's possible Parmar was murdered after he was through working as an Indian government agent.

PHRO's information identifies the "third man" in the bombing as Lakhbir Singh Rode, head of the International Sikh Youth Organization. According to Sarabjit Singh, chief investigator for the PHRO, the government killed Parmar to hide the fact that Rode was an Indian government agent.

Parmar was reported to have been killed in an "encounter" on October 15, 1992 (not long after his interrogation), but Tehelka reports that he was actually killed in police custody. Tehelka quotes former Punjab Police DSP Harmail Singh Chandi, who arrested and questioned Parmar, as saying that Parmar was killed in police custody. Senior officials ordered Chandi to destroy the records of his questioning of Parmar, but he secretly retained them.

The PHRO report states, "On October 14, 1992, a high-level decision was conveyed to the police that Parmar had to be killed...The contradiction in the FIR [First Investigation Report] and post-mortem report (PMR) is too obvious. As per the FIR, Parmar was killed by AK-47 fire by SSP Satish K Sharma from a rooftop. The PMR shows the line of fire of the three bullets is different. It cannot be if one person is firing from a fixed position. The PMR is very sketchy and no chemical analysis was done. Moreover, the time of death is between 12am and 2am according to the PMR, whereas the FIR records the time of death at 5.30am."

"After the Khalistan movement gained in sympathy in the West, especially in Canada, after the 1984 Blue Star operation and the killing of Sikhs in Delhi, a plot was hatched to discredit the Sikh movement," Sarabjit Singh wrote. "Parmar was roped in by Lakhbir at the behest of his masters. The Punjab Police got orders to finish off Parmar as he knew too much about the main perpetrators. On the day of the Kanishka blast, an explosion took place at Japan's Narita airport, where two Japanese baggage handlers were killed. The plot was to trigger blasts when the two aircraft had de-embarked their passengers but the 1 hour 40 minute delay in Kanishka's takeoff led to the bomb exploding mid-air."

India's guilt was confirmed in the book *Betrayal: The Spy That Canada Abandoned* by David Kilgour, a Member of Parliament. He writes about a Canadian-Polish double agent named Ryszard Paszkowski who was approached by representatives of the Indian government. They asked him to participate in a second bombing, saying "the first one worked so well."

On August 2, 1984, two suitcases meant to be loaded as bombs on another plane exploded at the Madras (Chennai) airport. This was promptly blamed by the Indian government on the LTTE, its own creation. The Indian government was so proud of this act of terrorism that they kept trying to repeat it!

### The Repression Continues to This Day

The repression of the Sikhs continues to this day. Although India proudly proclaims itself "the world's largest democracy," the world knows better. Congressman Towns has said that "the mere fact that they have the right to choose their oppressors does not mean they live in a

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democracy.” U. S Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-Cal.) said on August 2, 1999, “for the people in Kashmir and Punjab and Jammu, India might as well be Nazi Germany.” As the late General Narinder Singh said, “Punjab is a police state.”

As a Khalistani website puts it, “There is no letup in the killings by the security personnel and the anti-social elements hired for the purpose. People are randomly and systematically picked up and lodged in police stations, interrogation centres (which are in fact, torture chambers) and prisons. In most cases no official report is lodged or it is delayed indefinitely which gives flexibility to the police to extort money or finish off the "culprits" in faked encounters.”

India continues to station half a million troops in Punjab, Khalistan to suppress the Khalistan freedom movement, which it claimed it had long since “crushed.”

In June 2005 and January 2006, 35 Sikh leaders were arrested and charged for marching and speaking in support of Khalistan, the independent Sikh homeland, and raising the Khalistani flag. None of these activities is a crime, but the Indian regime continues to prosecute people for these legal political activities. In the past, it has arrested Sikhs simply for wearing a saffron turban, the color of Khalistan, even though the Indian courts have ruled that this is not a crime.

Chief Minister Badal was elected previously on a promise that he would bring the police who committed atrocities to justice. He never made any move to do so.

Because of atrocities like these, Sikhs such as Colonel Sandhu of Aapna Punjab are seeking downsizing of the Punjab police, who are too prone to abuse. Colonel Sandhu has also started a terror helpline in Tarn Taran so that victims can report incidents.

In May, according to the *Tribune*, Colonel Sandhu demanded a full accounting for Sikhs murdered in fake encounters. Fake encounters are incidents where an innocent person is killed by the police, who then report it as an encounter. It provides the police massive leeway to commit brutal atrocities. He said that an inquiry by the police would not be “eyewash” designed to spare the police any responsibility for their crimes. He said that the extrajudicial killings were “sanctified” and had the approval of the government.

Recently, former Punjab DGP S.S. Virk was arrested on corruption charges. On a policeman’s salary, he had apparently managed to accumulate assets worth over one billion dollars.

Ironically, he was arrested by the government of Parkash Singh Badal, who previously ran the most corrupt government in Punjab’s history. The Badal government had a term for bribery: “fee for service.” No fee, no service. Their corruption was so complete that Mrs. Badal could tell how much money was in a bag just by picking it up.

Unfortunately, Virk was not arrested for his part in the atrocities against the Sikh Nation while he was DGP. Virk had close relationships with the “Cats,” a renegade force of onetime militants

who were working for the government, committing atrocities. One such "Cat," Sukhwinder Singh Sukhi, was reported to have been killed in an "encounter". He is another who was listed as being killed but is very much alive. Who was killed in Sukhi's place?

Virk was the DGP who presided over the murders of tens of thousands of Sikhs by the Indian regime in Punjab, Khalistan. No one has ever been brought to justice for these murders nor, with selected individual exceptions, has anyone ever been brought to justice for the mass murders of other minorities, such as Christians, Muslims, and others.

### **Indian Infiltration of Sikh Organizations**

Sikh organizations have been massively infiltrated by the Indian government to undermine the struggle for freedom, independence, and human rights.

Indian government agents infiltrated Sikh groups where they created chaos and caused Sikhs to be labelled as terrorists. He said one such group was the Babbar Khalsa, which is on Canada's list of terrorist organizations.

According to *Chakravayuh*, such Sikhs as Didar Singh Bains, Ganga Singh Dhillon, the late Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan, Simranjit Singh Mann, Chief Minister Badal, Harchand Singh Longowal, and others are under the control of the Indian government.

The book reprints their letters of support for the Indian government, including Mann's letter saying that "I reiterate my allegiance to the Constitution and I stand by the integrity of the country." When Mann was in the United States in 2000, he called for the closing of the offices of the Council of Khalistan. Recently, he has again attacked the Council of Khalsitan.

The book shows the letters of Gurcharan Singh Tohra and Harcharan Singh Longowal to the Indian government before the Golden Temple attacks in which they pledge support for the attacks. "Sant Jarnail Singh is not going to give up and now I strongly feel that we have to do what we planned earlier and Sardar Parkash Singh Badal has already explained it," Longowal writes. "I am sure that our plan will work and this ordeal will be over in no time."

Some of the letters note the cooperation of leaders such as Dr. Chohan and Ganga Singh Dhillon. "Dr. Chohan called me last night and he has agreed to work with us he has told me to go ahead with our plan and he will do what we tell him to do," Tohra writes. He writes in another letter that they have "made a deal with Ganga Singh Dhillon of America. As I told you when we met that Ganga Singh will go for a good price," he writes.

In his letter, Longowal writes that "Major General Jaswant Singh Bhullar and Professor Manjit Singh Sidhu have agreed to go to America. Full instructions have been given to them and ... (f)inancial arrangements have been made. Sardar Didar Singh Bains of America and Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan will work with them. They have been told to stop Sikhs living abroad before they

get organise (sic) and start supporting Sant Jarnail Singh [Bhindranwale]. Please let your people know to support these men with all assistance in any form.”

General Bhullar is the founder and Secretary General of the World Sikh Organization, which spent a lot of Sikh money for a big “WSO House” in Washington, DC and formerly published *World Sikh News*. Didar Bains was the President. WSO still exists in name, especially in Canada, but has essentially died away, having outlived its usefulness to the Indian government. It issues occasional statements, but otherwise does nothing.

Another Sikh organization that was under government control, as we have seen, was Babbar Khalsa. Both Babbar Khalsa and the International Sikh Youth Federation have been designated by the U.S. government as terrorist organizations, and both are under the control of the Indian government

The Indian government went so far as to set up alternate Panthic Committees for the purpose of confusing and dividing the Sikh Nation. After the genuine Panthic Committee, under the leadership of Baba Gurbachan Singh Manochahal, moved for independence, India set up its own Panthic Committee under the leadership of its agent Dr. Sohan Singh. That second, fake Panthic Committee gave rise to the Khalistan Affairs Center under the mysterious Amarjit Singh, who will not tell anyone where he or his family is from in Punjab.

Sohan Singh denies that Amarjit Singh is his authorized representative, but the connection is well known and proclaimed on the Khalistan Affairs Center’s website. Amarjit Singh has been connected to Simranjit Singh Mann. These infiltrations were aimed at destroying the Sikh Nation’s drive to regain its lost independence.

**The Only Solution: Khalistan**

Without political power, nations perish and religions don’t flourish. The history of the Sikh Nation presents ample proof of this. When Sikhs were out of power, they have been persecuted, murdered, and hunted by the Mogul rulers. As soon as the Sikhs established their first rule in 1710, Sikhs had the glow of freedom that only lasted six years.

Again in 1765, Sikhs were able to establish their political power in the form of 12 missals, which were finally consolidated by Maharajah Ranjit Singh in 1799. He hoisted the flag of the Sikh nation in Lahore and established it as the capital of the Sikh Raj. Sikhs stopped the invasions of Moguls from the West once and for all. They even conquered Kashmir from Afghanistan in 1819 and made it a part of the Sikh empire. Hari Singh Nelwa, the famous Sikh general, even conquered Kabul and occupied it for six months. He made an agreement with the Afghans that they would not pass the Khehber Pass to the east. Hari Singh Nelwa also built many forts near the Khehber Pass so that invasions from the west could always be checked.

The contemporary struggle to liberate the Sikh homeland, Punjab, Khalistan, is part of the same historical process.

As I have discussed, Sikhs were supposed to receive our own state when India achieved independence, but the crafty Indian leaders tricked Master Tara Singh and his associates into taking their share with India. The persecution that has gone on ever since shows what a disastrous mistake that was. To this day, the Sikh Nation's desire for sovereignty remains undiminished.

No Sikh representative has ever signed the Indian constitution. Accordingly, India's absorption of Punjab, Khalistan is not legal.

In 1978, the Akalis passed the Anandpur Sahib Resolution. This was before major Akali leaders conspired with the regime to arrange the Golden Temple attack. In April 1986, the Panthic committee passed a resolution for an independent Khalistan and then in 1987, the Panthic Committee formally declared Khalistan independent. India refuses even to let the Sikhs of Khalistan take a vote on the matter.

Concurrent with the 1987 declaration, the Panthic Committee appointed the Council of Khalistan to lead the struggle to liberate Khalistan. The Council has been working since then to achieve the liberation of Khalistan by peaceful, democratic, nonviolent means. We have received support from numerous members of the U.S. Congress such as Congressman Towns, Congressman Rohrabacher, and Congressman Dan Burton (R-Ind.) and members of the Canadian parliament, including David Kilgour. A former Canadian Cabinet member, Herb Dhaliwal, publicly urged India to allow self-determination in Punjab while he was serving in the Cabinet. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and all the others who have supported our cause for the work they have done.

We have used devices such as the *Congressional Record* and the book you are reading (thanks to the London Institute of South Asia) to record the accurate history of our struggle and the repression of the Sikhs by India, and to promote the cause of freedom and self-determination.

The *Congressional Record* is serving as a vehicle to keep an accurate record of the repression and to defeat India's effort to whitewash the situation and the history of the Sikhs and other minorities. The *Congressional Record* carries repeated calls for a free and fair plebiscite on the independence of Khalistan and the other nations seeking their freedom from India. There are also repeated calls for a cut off of U.S. aid to India until human rights are respected.

The Vishav Sikh Council USA is putting together a book that will contain all the Congressional Record statements – more than a thousand! That book is expected to be out later this year. We thank Dr. Jasbir Singh Mann for suggesting and persuading the VSC to preserve these documents in this form. The compilation of these statements is vitally important to preserve an accurate record of our struggle and the repression of the Indian regime. It will be a good read for

every Sikh and should be kept in every Gurdwara so the atrocities committed against the Sikh Nation and other minorities can be exposed to the world.

Books such as this one and the forthcoming VSC book are important because the Indian government spends a lot of money to propagate the myth that "most of the Sikh leaders...would like to see Indian Sikhs integrate with the mainstream Indians" through propaganda books like Dr. Surjit Kaur's *Among the Sikhs: Reaching for the Stars* as well as two high-dollar lobbying firms in Washington, D.C.

Former Presidential candidate Steve Forbes, editor of *Forbes Magazine*, compared India to the old Austro-Hungarian Empire, a multinational state that could not survive its own instability. The Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia are other such states. Similarly, India is not a single country, but an amalgam of many countries thrown together under one umbrella by the British colonialists for their administrative convenience. It has 18 official languages. There are 17 freedom movements within the country's artificial borders, including those in Khalistan, Kashmir, and Nagaland. It cannot survive.

Dr. Jack Wheeler of the Freedom Research Foundation, an expert in international relations, has predicted that India and Pakistan will both fall apart. Even former Home Minister L.K. Advani admitted that "if Kashmir goes, India goes." Just as force could not keep Austria-Hungary or the Soviet Union together, it cannot keep India together.

As former Jathedar of the Akal Takht Professor Darshan Singh has said, "If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh."

Khalistan is the Sikh Nation's birthright. The demand for Khalistan grows louder. Former Member of Parliament Atinder Pal Singh has publicly called for a Sikh state and has organized seminars on the issue. Dal Khalsa and other organizations have led marches throughout Punjab demanding Khalistan. There is more and more activity in support of an independent Khalistan every day.

The time is coming when Khalistan will be free and it is coming soon. Once that happens, the Sikhs and all people in Khalistan will be able to live in peace, dignity, prosperity, freedom, and security. There will be no more atrocities and our interests will be protected internationally by our own Embassies.

The time is now. A *Shantmai Morcha* (peaceful agitation) for Khalistan is called for. The leadership in Punjab must undertake it. All Sikh leaders owe it to our Sikh brothers and sisters. We must begin now. Let us reclaim our birthright of freedom and sovereignty. That is the only way to end the atrocities.

Without political power, we cannot survive. India is determined to wipe out the Sikh religion. We must act now for our own preservation. Let us free Khalistan for ourselves and our

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posterity. As the late American President Ronald Reagan used to ask, "If not us, who? If not now, when?"

Remarks of Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh  
President, Council of Khalistan  
To the London Institute of South Asia  
London, United Kingdom  
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## **State and Individual Terrorism In Perspective and Retrospect: Indian Genocide against Sikhs and Other Minorities**

Brigadier General Ismat Saeed, President of the London Institute of South Asia,

Directors and Members of the London Institute:

Thank you for inviting me to participate in your forum on state and individual terrorism. I am pleased to have this opportunity to share information about Indian terrorism against Sikhs and other minorities. It is great to be back here at the London Institute of South Asia.

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.

India proclaims itself to be a democracy. However, the essence of democracy is the right to self-determination. That means more than just holding multiparty elections. It doesn't matter to Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, Dalits, or other minorities who wins elections. The repression

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continues. As U.S. Representative Edolphus Towns has said, "The mere fact that they have the right to choose their oppressors does not mean they live in a democracy."

The Council of Khalistan, which I head, often cites the statistics on India's genocide. They are startling. 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. According to Amnesty International, there are tens of thousands of other minorities being held as political prisoners. 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.]"

According to former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann, the Indian government has murdered over a million Sikhs since 1982. This aligns with a threat made by the former Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Balram Jakhar, who said, "If we have to kill a million Sikhs to preserve our territorial integrity, so be it." In 1994, according to the U.S. State Department, the Indian regime paid more than 41,000 cash bounties to police officers for killing Sikhs. Over 50,000 Sikh youth were killed and secretly cremated by the police as "unidentified bodies." The person who exposed the secret cremation policy, Sardar Jaswant Singh Khalra, was arrested and murdered in police custody.

Even protesting corruption will get you in trouble. Recently, activist Anna Hazare, yoga guru Baba Ramdev, and their followers were forcibly removed from the Gandhi cremation site after "hundreds of people" gathered in Delhi to hear Hazare condemn the police crackdown against Baba Ramdev, who continues his fast in his home town of Haridwar, according to the BBC. Mr. Hazare also held a fast against

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corruption in April. Baba Ramdev is demanding the return of bribe money held overseas.

Honest people have joined hands to speak out about corruption. The people of India are fed up with the corruption, bribery, and the accumulation of dirty money by the ruling class. Congress Party leader Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul were recently seen in Switzerland taking care of their secret Swiss bank account where they keep their black money.

Sadly, the leadership of Punjab is no better. The Badal family also accumulated large amounts of black money through corruption. It is also stashed away in other countries, like the money of the Gandhis. Chief Minister Badal's son Sukhbir recently opened a massive hotel of over 1,000 rooms in Gurgaon (Haryana), a suburb of Delhi, worth thousands of crores of rupees. He didn't even open the hotel in Punjab and create jobs in Punjab. The money came from corruption. Mr. Badal's late wife, Surinder Kaur, could tell just how much money was in a bag just by lifting it. This is how deeply the corruption is rooted. That money was collected selling jobs to the people of Punjab. Even driver jobs were sold for black money. The whole government machinery was so corrupt they had a name for bribery. It was called "fee for service."

In addition to its genocidal policies against the Sikhs, India has also killed more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, over 100,000 Muslims in Kashmir, tens of thousands of other 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."

But these statistics only tell part of the story.

Just last month, we observed the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Golden Temple massacre of June 1984. Over 20,000 Sikhs in all lost their lives in these attacks, known as Operation Bluestar. More than 100 Sikh boys ages 8

to 13 were taken outside and asked if they supported Khalistan, the independent Sikh homeland. When they answered "*Bole So Nihal*," they were brutally shot to death. The Indian army even shot bullet holes into an original copy of the *Guru Granth Sahib*, the Sikh holy scripture, written in the time of the Gurus. The *Guru Granth Sahib* was granted guruship by the last of the 10 Sikh gurus, Guru Gobind Singh. They removed ancient writings from the Gurus and others of that time. These writings have never been returned. On June 7, with the fighting essentially over, they burned the central library complex, destroying many priceless manuscripts. This is an act of terrorism against the Sikh people.

Sadly, this is typical of the way that India's so-called "democracy" operates. India is a Fascist state under a democratic façade. Sikhs such as Rajiv Singh Randhawa, the late Sukhbir Singh Osan (founder of Burning Punjab), and others would later find themselves being harassed and threatened by the Indian government for peaceful activities. Jathedar Gurdev Singh Kaunke was murdered by the police. No one has been held accountable. The driver for Baba Charan Singh had his legs tied to two jeeps which then drove off in opposite directions, tearing him apart. The late governor of Punjab, Surendra Nath, was paid a billion dollars to organize and support covert state terrorism in Punjab and Kashmir. According to the *Washington Times*, India is fomenting cross-border terrorism in the Pakistani province of Sindh.

Indian agents often dress up as militants to foment terrorist incidents. In one incident, 35 Sikhs were killed in the village of Chitthisinghpura. Two independent human-rights investigations in Punjab – one by the Punjab Human Rights Organization and another by the International Human Rights Organization – as well as an investigation by reporter Barry Bearak of the *New York Times* showed that Indian agents disguised as militants carried out the attack. In his introduction to Madeline Albright's book *The Mighty and the Almighty*, former U. S. President Bill Clinton wrote: "During my visit to India in 2000, some Hindu militants decided to vent their outrage by murdering 38 Sikhs in

cold blood. If I hadn't made the trip, the victims would probably still be alive. If I hadn't made the trip because I feared what religious extremists might do, I couldn't have done my job as president of the United States." The people who carried out the massacre spoke Hindi and said "Jai Hind," which means "Long live India."

One egregious case of Indian intelligence carrying out violence to harm the Sikh Nation was the Air India bombing of 1985. Air India flight 182 was blown up off Ireland in 1985. It was on its way from Toronto to Bombay. It was supposed to be blown up at the London airport when no passengers would be aboard, but due to delays it blew up over Ireland.

Shortly after the bombing occurred, two Canadian journalists, Zuhair Kashmeri of the *Toronto Globe and Mail* and Brian McAndrew of the *Toronto Star*, wrote an excellent book on the case entitled *Soft Target*, which proves that the Indian government itself carried out the bombing. This finding is confirmed in a book by former Member of Parliament David Kilgour entitled *Betrayal: The Spy Canada Abandoned*.

In the book, Kashmeri and McAndrew quoted a Canadian Security Investigative Service (CSIS) investigator 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."

In spite of this, former DGP of the Punjab police K.P.S. Gill, who is responsible for the murders of tens of thousands of Sikhs, including Jaswant Singh Khalra and Jathedar Kaunke, recently made the ridiculous claim that the Canadian government was involved in the incident. Mr. Gill also falsely claimed that the United States and the United Kingdom were fomenting "militancy," according to the *Tribune* of Chandigarh.

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This shows the lengths the Indian regime will go to to cover up its own culpability.

The book shows that within hours after the flight was blown up, the Indian Consul General in Toronto, Surinder 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 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!

According to Wikipedia, on June 20, 1985, two days before the flight, "at 1910 GMT, a man paid for the two tickets with \$3,005 in cash at a CP ticket office in Vancouver. The names on the reservations were changed; 'Jaswand Singh' became 'M. Singh' and 'Mohinderbel Singh' became 'L. Singh.'" Note that this is the same name that Consul General Malik told investigators to look for -- "L. Singh."

It would later come out in newspaper reports that a Sikh named Lal Singh 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.

Consul General Malik had also pulled his wife and daughter off the flight suddenly at the last minute, on the feeble excuse that the daughter had a paper for school. A friend of Consul General Malik's who was a car dealer also cancelled at the last minute.

According to Kashmeri and McAndrew, "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.

[Consul General] Malik continually fed the *Globe* information pointing to Sikh terrorists as the source of the bombs. He was behind another story six days after the crash, this one headlined ‘Air-India pilot reported given parcel by Sikh.’” Kashmeri and McAndrew also wrote, “Malik pressured the *Globe* to publish this story, adding that it could be used to make a stronger case for blaming the Air-India and Narita bombings on the Babbar Khalsa leader. Malik also decried the Canadian system of justice for failing to come up with a quick solution to the bombings. ‘In India we would have had a confession by now. You people have too many civil and human-rights laws,’ he complained.”

The main backer of the group that was supposedly behind the Air India bombing had received a \$2 million loan from the State Bank of India just before the plane was attacked, according to Soft Target. The year after the bombing, three Indian consuls general were asked to leave the country. At the time of the bombing, the Congress Party needed the Sikhs as scapegoats to win votes on a law-and-order platform. The attack also served as justification for the government to shed more Sikh blood.

Tehelka.com, a respected Indian online news service, confirmed this in its report “Breaking the Silence”. Tehelka reported that the Indian regime murdered its own agent, Talwinder Singh Parmar, a Babbar Khalsa leader, to keep him from exposing government involvement in the bombing.

In his book *Betrayal: The Spy That Canada Abandoned*, former Canadian Member of Parliament David Kilgour reports on a Canadian-Polish double agent named Ryszard Paszkowski, who was approached

by representatives of the Indian regime, who asked him to participate in a second bombing because "the first one worked so well."

There is also evidence suggesting Indian government involvement in the bombing of the parliament building in New Delhi a few years ago. Among other things, no officials were killed. The only victims were low-caste people. 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, Chithisinghpora, and others) in the guise of minorities. The organization that claimed responsibility for the attacks was previously unheard of.

Even I have been called a terrorist by the Indian government, despite the public commitment of the Council of Khalistan, which I lead, to liberating Khalistan, the Sikh homeland, by democratic, peaceful, and nonviolent means. What sounds more like terrorism to you, our peaceful agitation for freedom or a pattern of violent repression of which these acts are emblematic?

India has sent its agents all over the world, including some Sikhs, to infiltrate Sikh organizations and Gurdwaras and to undermine the Sikh cause. They have set some of them up in fancy offices that are never used. These agents aim to destroy our religion, our culture, or our birthright of freedom.

In 2009, seven bomb explosions in Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, killed 65 people and injured over 200. India blames Bangladeshis, but there is a long history of Indian intelligence carrying out acts of this type themselves to set minorities against each other.

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On September 21, 2007 in Amritsar, a Sikh woman named Lakhbir Kaur held a press conference, which was reported in the *Tribune* newspaper of Chandigarh, in which she stated that her brother, Kinder Singh, age 20, a truck driver, had been killed in a fake encounter by the police "for no reason." Kinder Singh was "pulled out of a truck in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh, and shot dead," according to Colonel G.S. Sandhu, chairman of the Majha Ex-Servicemen Human Rights Front and Aapna Punjab, a non-governmental organization. Colonel Sandhu demanded a full investigation of the affair and that compensation for Kinder Singh's killing be paid to his family.

The police claimed that Kinder Singh was Jaspal Singh, a "militant" who had a price of Rs. 5 lakh on his head. But Jaspal Singh was sitting next to Lakhbir Kaur at her press conference. Yet police files show Jaspal Singh as having been killed by police. Unfortunately, this has been a common occurrence.

Another Indian operation, carried out through organizations such as the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh, formed in support of the Italian Fascists, is the murder of missionary Graham Staines and his two young sons by 60 to 70 Hindus chanting "Victory to Hannuman." All of these events were carried out by Indian forces. India seeks to kill all non-Hindus to enforce Hindu Rashtra on all the people.

Some of the Indian government's atrocities include the 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.

What has happened to the Sikhs is bad enough. If it were the full extent of India's terrorism and tyranny, that would be reason enough to condemn them. Unfortunately, Sikhs have not been the only victims.

Christians have suffered a wave of violence at the hands of India ever since Christmas 1998. There have been many reports of priests being

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murdered and nuns being raped. At least one nun was even made to drink her own urine. Christian churches have been burned. Christian schools and prayer halls have been attacked.

According to the *Christian Post*, such attacks are increasing. According to the Global Council of Indian Christians, the state of Karnataka alone has registered 87 such cases in 20 months. That is just one state.

There have been numerous attacks on Christian worship services in which people have been beaten. Many of these attacks have occurred inside homes in the places of worship of Christians while people were worshipping within the privacy of their homes and churches.

In one such case near the village of Barakhama, 415 of 450 homes belonging to Christians have been burned to the ground. The police, in many cases, refuse to either file FIRs or pursue the matter with seriousness. In many instances, cases have been booked against the victims.

Missionary Joseph Cooper was beaten so severely he had to spend a week in an Indian hospital – after which the government kindly threw him out of the country. No one has been brought to justice for the beating of Joseph Cooper, and only one flunky has been brought to account for the Staines murder.

The *Christian Post* reported that in December 2005, three Christians were beaten up while distributing religious tracts. This parallels the legal problems that have beset Rajiv Singh Randhawa, the sole witness to the kidnapping of Jaswant Singh Khalra, who, among other things, has been arrested for trying to hand a piece of paper to the British Foreign Secretary.

After attacks on Christians on January 24, 2001, Father Dominic Immanuel went on record thanking Sikhs for protecting the Christians.

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A few years ago, two church workers and a teenage boy were shot at while they prayed. The boy was injured. Two Christian missionaries were beaten with iron rods while they rode their bicycles home. A Christian cemetery in Port Blair was vandalized.

The violent, Hindu nationalist Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), which was founded in support of the Fascist movement, published a booklet detailing how to file false criminal cases against Christians and other religious minorities. The RSS objects to the presence of missionaries in India.

The police even broke up a Christian religious festival with gunfire!

Kashmir is a killing field where over 700,000 Indian troops carry out murders, torture, and other atrocities on a regular basis with impunity. This is in addition to half a million troops stationed in Punjab— a pretty neat trick, since India says its army only numbers a little less than a million soldiers. India refuses to allow Amnesty International, the Red Cross, or other organizations to operate in these troubled areas.

A Dalit constable was stoned to death after he entered a temple on a rainy day. A Dalit girl was blinded by her teacher for drinking water out of the common pitcher. Dalits are treated as subhuman even though they are Hindu. Dalits are denied land and forced to work in horrible conditions. They are routinely abused by higher castes with impunity. Dalit girls are routinely sold into sex slavery.

Perhaps this is why Dalits in extremely large numbers are converting to Christianity, to Buddhism, to Sikhism, and to other religions that do not recognize the caste system. That, in turn, is helping to fuel the laws being passed throughout India that prohibit anyone from converting to any religion other than Hinduism.

Indian journalist Tavleen Singh has reported in India's leading newsmagazine, *India Today*, that the Indian government created the

Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), an organization that the U.S. government has identified as a "terrorist organization." According to Internet journalist Justin Raimondo, former Indian Defense Minister, George Fernandes, raised money and arms for the LTTE.

In Gujarat, the Chief Minister, Mr. Modi, presided over the murders of 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims while the police were ordered to stand by and do nothing, in a striking parallel to the Delhi massacres of Sikhs in 1984. One police official told the press that the massacre was pre-planned.

Lt. Col. Prasad Shrikant Purohit, a member of India's military intelligence, carried out bombings of the Samajhauta Express. The confession of a prisoner called Swami Asemanad implicates Purohit in virtually all bomb blasts against the country's Muslim population, not just the Samajhauta bombing.

The only way that the minorities are going to escape this tyranny is by achieving their independence. But India refuses to allow a simple vote on the matter. Instead, it steps up the repression any time any of the 17 freedom movements within its border seems to be gaining ground.

It is important to continue to stand for freedom in South Asia. As former President Bush has said, "Freedom is the birthright of every man, woman, and child." Without political power, nations, peoples, and religions perish.

The only way to achieve lasting peace, freedom, security, prosperity, dignity, and stability in South Asia is to allow the people of Punjab, Khalistan, of Kashmir, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, and all the nations seeking their freedom from India to have their independence. Until such time, the atrocities of the Indian government against these and other minorities will continue unabated. *India has completely stopped the recruitment of Sikhs in the Indian Army. It is nothing but naked racism.*



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

Dear Prime Minister Gilani:

It was a pleasure to meet you again in Lahore during my visit to Pakistan to celebrate Guru Nanak's birthday earlier this month.

On behalf of the Sikh Nation, thank you for building the road from Kartarpur to the Indian border. This will make it much easier for Sikhs to get to and from Dera Baba Nanak in India to Kartarpur Sahib.

I also wanted to thank you for ordering the laying of the foundation for Guru Nanak Sikh University at Nankana Sahib within the next two months. I know that this will be a fine educational institution that will educate many Sikhs and Muslims. Education is vital to the prosperity of the Sikh Nation as well as for Pakistan.

We know of your family's long connection to the Sikh Nation. You belong to the family of Sain Mian Mir, who laid the foundation of the Golden Temple. Like your distinguished family member, you are helping the Sikhs by laying the university foundation yourself.

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 at Nankana Sahib 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 building the road between Kartapur Sahib and the Indian border. Also, thank you for laying the foundation for the Guru Nanak University at Nankana Sahib.

Sincerely,

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## NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE KHALSA PANTH

# Let 2012 Bring Freedom to the Sikh Nation May Guru Bless the Khalsa Panth in 2012 With Freedom, Happiness, Honor, Dignity, and Prosperity Liberating Khalistan Must Be Focus of New Year

Dear Khalsa Ji:

**WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA, WAHEGURU JI KI FATEHI!**

Please let me take this opportunity to wish a Happy New Year to you and your family and the Khalsa Panth. May 2012 be your best year yet. I wish you an abundance of health, joy, and prosperity.

Freedom is a basic right of all peoples and nations. 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 routinely does this to Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, and other minorities. It is not a true democracy.

Legislative Assembly elections in Punjab have been set for January 30. I urge you to support only candidates who are publicly supporting a free and independent Khalistan. Please take this chance to liberate Khalistan. Work and vote for candidates who support an independent, sovereign Khalistan. The Legislative Assembly can declare Khalistan free. This opportunity will not come around again for another five years. Former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann's Akali Dal (Amritsar), former MP Atinder Pal Singh's Akali Dal (Khalistani), and Dal Khalsa have been publicly supporting Khalistan. They have participated in events such as seminars and marches to advance the cause of a free and independent Khalistan. It is time for the Sikh nation to reciprocate. The work they have been doing should be rewarded. Please support them and any other candidates who support Khalistan.

Late in 2010, Sardar Mann held a conference in Jagraon in Ludhiana District. 80,000 to 100,000 attended. They raised slogans of *Khalistan Zindabad* and passed a resolution for Khalistan. "The only solution to the Punjab and Sikh problem is an independent Khalistan" Sardar Mann has said. "The establishment of Khalistan is of the utmost importance. To keep peace in South Asia, a buffer state of Khalistan is essential." Khalistan declared its independence from India on October 7, 1987. Sikhs must be allowed to have a free and fair plebiscite on the issue of Khalistan. In a democracy, you cannot continue to rule against the wishes of the people.

Neither the Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) nor the Congress Party can be acceptable to any true Sikh. Badal maintains a political alliance with the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the political arm of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), which openly wants to destroy the Sikh religion and all other non-Hindu religions. But the Congress Party is no better. It was the party that is guilty of attacking the Golden Temple in June 1984, in which India murdered over 20,000 Sikhs including Sant Bhindranwale, General Shabeg Singh, Bhai Amrik Singh, over 100 Sikh youth ages 8 to 13, and others. Both of those parties want to destroy the Sikh religion and other minorities, including Christians, Muslims, and others.

Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale said that if India attacked the Golden Temple, it would lay the foundation for Khalistan. He was right. After the June 1984 attack, the movement for Khalistan was energized. The Indian troops burned the Sikh library, destroyed *Hukam Namas* and other historical documents, and took many other items which are the property of the Khalsa Panth. To this day, those items have not been returned.

At a court appearance in Chandigarh in November, Sardar Jagtar Singh Hawara, who is accused of masterminding the assassination of the late Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh, was attacked by militant Hindu fundamentalists after announcing their intention to do so. Beant Singh presided over the murders of more than 50,000 Sikhs. Sardar Jagtar Singh Hawara is a true, brave Sikh of Guru Gobind Singh. This attack is just the latest demonstration that there is no place for Sikhs within Hindu India. If this can happen on the grounds of the court after the intent to do it had been announced, then Sikhs are not safe anywhere in India. This is further evidence that we need a sovereign, independent Khalistan.

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. 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 eradicate Sikhism will succeed. The sooner we can liberate Khalistan, the better.

Sikhs are *NOT* Hindus. The Sikh religion was established by Guru Nanak. It has ten Gurus. The last guru, Guru Gobind Singh, gave Guruship permanently to the *Guru Granth Sahib*. Sikhs don't believe in the caste system; Hindus do. The caste system is essential to Hinduism. Hindus don't believe in equality. Sikhs believe all people are equal, including gender equality. Hindus believe women are inferior. Thus, Sikhs can't be Hindus. At age 5, Guru Nanak refused to wear the Hindu ceremonial thread, the *Jannau*. Sikhism is the youngest religion in the world and its fifth largest. Hindus claim that Sikhism, Buddhism, and Jainism are all branches of Hinduism. None of them is. I am surprised they didn't claim Christianity is a branch of Hinduism too. If Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, and others are part of Hinduism, why are the Hindus killing and persecuting them? Guru Nanak and Buddha were from Hindu families. Jesus was from a Jewish family. Does that make Christianity a part of Judaism?

We must rebuild the Gyan Godhri Gurdwara in Hardwar. The Gurdwara, which hosted Guru Nanak, the first Sikh Guru, was demolished in the 1984 massacre of Sikhs after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. After the demolition, the BJP built an office and toilets on the site. Sikhs appealed to the BJP and the government of Uttaranchal Pradesh to remove the building and give the land back to the Sikhs. (According to land records, the land belongs to the Gurdwara Sahib.) The government offered the Sikhs land elsewhere for a Gurdwara, but they objected, saying the Gurdwara should be in the same place where Guru Nanak preached and demonstrated the folly of ritualism. They pointed out that the BJP had demolished the Babri Mosque, one of the most revered mosques in India, to replace it with a Ram Mander (a temple to Ram, allegedly on the site where Ram was born.) If you have to demolish a mosque for your Ram Mander, they argued, why shouldn't the Sikh Nation have that site back?

I appeal to Dalit Sikhs to join the Sikhs who are fighting for Khalistan and take a leading role. You are the sons of Guru Gobind Singh ("*Rangele Guru Ke Bete.*") Other Sikhs are followers of Guru Gobind Singh. It is time for the sons of the Guru to be involved in freeing the Sikh Nation.

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. None has worked harder for that cause than this office. When Khalistan is free, Sikhs can resolve all issues in a way that benefits the Khalsa Panth. 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.*" 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. Khalistan is the only way that Sikhs will be able to live in freedom, peace, prosperity, and dignity. Let that be the mission of 2012.

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.

Let us work to make certain that 2012 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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President  
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October 24, 2011

## OPEN LETTER TO THE SIKH NATION

# Congratulations to Sikh Nation on Guru Nanak's Birthday

*Celebrate by Redoubling Effort to Liberate Khalistan  
Successful Convention Impetus to Greater Action*

Dear Khalsa Ji:

***WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA, WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH!***

Congratulations to the Sikh Nation on the birthday of Guru Nanak. This year Guru Nanak's birthday falls on November 10. I will be going to Nankana Sahib to celebrate along with tens of thousands of Sikhs worldwide.

The impending *Parkash Ustau* of Guru Nanak reminds us that the Indian government is doing everything it can to harm the Sikhs in every way possible. It is doing its level best to eliminate the Sikh religion. Over 15,000 Sikhs are expected in Nankana Sahib this November for Guru Nanak's birthday. However, the representation from Punjab would be greater if the Wagah border were open. Unfortunately, this will only happen when Khalistan is free.

Sikhs must fight injustice, discrimination, and repression. We have done so for others, such as Guru Teg Bahadur being beheaded to stop the forcible conversion of Hindu Pandits in Kashmir to Islam. Now it is time to do so on our own behalf. Sikhs must get their marriage certificates under the Anand Marriage Act of 1909, not the Hindu Marriage Act.

According to former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann, the Indian government has murdered more than a million Sikhs since 1982. This aligns with a threat made by the former Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Balram Jakhar, who said, "If we have to kill a million Sikhs to preserve our territorial integrity, so be it."

India has also killed more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland and murdered priests, raped nuns, burned churches, and destroyed Christian schools and prayer halls. They expelled missionary Joseph Cooper from the country after militant Hindu nationalists beat him up so badly that he had to be in the hospital for a week. Missionary Graham Staines and his two young sons were burned to death while sleeping in their jeep by a mob of militant Hindus chanting "Victory to Hanuman," a Hindu god.

In addition, over 100,000 Muslims in Kashmir and 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat were murdered while the police were under orders to stand aside and let the massacre occur, a frightening parallel to the 1984 Delhi massacres of Sikhs. India has killed tens of thousands of Tamils, Assamese, Manipuris, Bodos, Dalits ("untouchables", the aboriginal people of India), and others have been murdered by the Indian regime. A report by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) 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 Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "**worse than a genocide.**"

The Indian government would never have dared to attack the Golden Temple if Khalistan were free and we had our own Khalsa army. For any religion to flourish, it is essential to have freedom. Every nation wants to be ruled by

themselves, not by other countries. Sikhs in Punjab, Khalistan continue to be ruled by the repressive, brutal, Hindu nationalist Indian regime. That is why the Panthic Committee, led by Jathedar Manochal, declared the independence of Khalistan on October 7, 1987. Will you help preserve the Sikh religion by helping to free the Sikh Nation?

The Guru granted sovereignty to the Sikh Nation, saying "*In Grieb Sikhin Ko Deon Patshahi.*" The Sikh Nation must achieve its independence to fulfill the mandate of the Guru. We always remember it by reciting every morning and evening, "Raj Kare Ga Khalsa." Now is the time to act on it. Do we mean what we say every morning and evening?

If we are to be your voice in Washington, working with public officials, I will need a fully-staffed office. When this office was fully functioning, we got over 1500 statements in the Congressional Record about the genocide and persecution of the Sikhs, human rights violations in India, and related topics. U.S. aid to India was cut seven times. We need the support of the Khalsa Panth to continue this work. Through our work, the Sikh diaspora has exposed the genocide against Sikhs through the United States Congress, as well as other countries such as Great Britain, Canada, Belgium, Germany, and others. This work must continue and expand. We must keep at it until Khalistan is free.

The Council of Khalistan had a very successful convention in Glen rock, New Jersey October 8 and 9. We thank all the people at the Glen rock Gurdwara who made it so successful. The convention passed a resolution for Khalistan and the delegates asked me to lobby the U.S. Congress on behalf of Khalistan. This convention was an impetus to further our efforts toward the liberation of Khalistan.

Sikhs must speak for, work for, and vote for Khalistan. India is represented through its Embassy, which shells out big money to two separate lobbying firms to lobby on its behalf. Sikhs have no embassy. We must have our own representatives in the U.S. government. The Council of Khalistan has been doing this work for 24 years. We are very well equipped to do this work, but it costs money. We need the full support of the Sikh diaspora.

Remember the words of Professor Darshan Singh, former Jathedar of the Akal Takht: "***If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh.***" The time to achieve our independence is now. India is not one country. It is a polyglot empire thrown together under one roof for the administrative convenience of the British colonialists. It has 18 official languages. History shows that such countries are doomed to fall apart. India will collapse just like the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the Soviet Union, and other multinational states such as Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

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Soon Kashmir will be free from Indian occupation. As L.K. Advani predicted, "When Kashmir goes, India goes." We agree with him and we urge the Indian government to hold a free and fair plebiscite on the question of independence and to sit down with representatives of the Sikh Nation to negotiate the boundaries of a sovereign, independent Khalistan. Sikhs must use the upcoming elections to elect representatives who will make certain that India does that. Only by freeing Khalistan will we put an end to this corruption and restore control of Punjab and its assets to the people, to whom it rightfully belongs. A sovereign, independent Khalistan is a must for the survival of the Sikh Nation and will provide an optimal environment for the Sikh Nation to progress to its optimum potential politically, religiously, and economically. Let us take this opportunity to free Khalistan.

Panth Da Sewadar,



Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh  
President  
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October 24, 2011

The Honorable Bobby Jindal  
Governor of Louisiana  
PO Box 94004  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9004

Dear Governor Jindal:

Congratulations on your re-election as Governor of Louisiana. The people of Punjab are proud to have one of our own in such a high position. I know that you will continue to serve the people of your state well.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh  
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September 28, 2011

The Honorable Sardar Avtar Singh Makkar  
President  
Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee  
Amritsar, Punjab India

Dear Sardar Makkar:

Congratulations on being chosen as President of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee for the seventh time. As you know, it is a enormous responsibility. You must deal with abudget of crores of rupees in a way that is most advantageous for the Sikh Nation.

I am glad that the SGPC supports educational efforts. Education is important for the advancement and well-being of the Sikh Nation. As you already give support to educational institutions, I am writing to urge you to support establishment of a medical college in Tarn Taran.

As you know, Tarn Taran is the district headquarters and the place where Guru Arjun Dev Sahib was based. It is an important place in Sikhism, as you know. That is why establishing a medical school there would be very appropriate. This will be of great benefit to the Sikh Nation and especially to future generations.

I urge you to support this very worthy project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh  
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cc.: Hon. Harjit Singh Raniwallah, MLA  
✓ Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal  
Captain Amarinder Singh, MLA, President Punjab Pradesh Congress

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September 28, 2011

The Honorable Kulbir Singh Barapind  
Member, SGPC  
V. & P.O. Barapind, Via Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar  
Punjab, India

Dear Sardar Barapind:

Congratulations on your election to the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee. I know that you will be a very effective and strong advocate for the Sikh Nation.

Without political power, religions perish. The evidence from around the world is clear. Look at what India has done to the Buddhists. Freedom is universal. Guru Gobind Singh said, "*In grieb Sikhin ko deon Patshahi.*" He gave us the legacy of sovereignty. Each morning and evening, Sikhs pray "*Raj Kare Ga Khalsa.*" Do we really mean it or are we lying to the Guru and ourselves?

You remember that Punjab was independent from 1710 to 1716 and from 1765 to 1849. Sikhs were to receive our own state at the time of independence in 1947. Under the rule of Maharajah Ranjit Singh, Punjab was a secular state in which Sikhs, Hindus, Muslims, and Christians all held high posts in the government. It was also under Maharajah Ranjit Singh that Darbar Sahib was rebuilt and covered with gold, earning the nickname "Golden Temple." And as you know, the Panthic Committee declared Khalistan independent on October 7, 1987, after passing a resolution for independence on April 29, 1986. As former Jathedar of the Akal Takht Professor Darshan Singh has said, "*If a Sikh is not for Khalistan, he is not a Sikh.*"

Invaders used to invade Darbar Sahib, where the SGPC's headquarters is located, and routinely desecrate it. Sikh missals and Maharajah Ranjit Singh with predominantly Sikh armies invaded Afghanistan and put a stop to the invasions. The last invasion, however, was the brutal military attack by the Government of India in June 1984. How can Sikh leaders work cooperatively with those who desecrate Darbar Sahib? If the Sikh Nation had had its sovereignty and its own army, Hindustan would never have dared to desecrate Darbar Sahib.

Outside Sikhs have been very helpful to the Sikhs in Punjab, Khalistan. According to Sardar Inderjit Singh Jaijee and Bibi Baljit Kaur Gill of the Movement Against State Repression (MASR), India would have murdered 10 times as many Sikhs as the quarter of a million it did kill had the Sikhs outside India not spoken up. We intend to continue speaking out until Khalistan is free.

I urge you to work in your capacity as a member of the SGPC for a free and independent Khalistan. Our journey will not be complete until we reclaim our lost sovereignty so that all Sikhs can live in freedom, peace, security, prosperity, and dignity.

The time has come to break the yoke of Indian oppression and reclaim the freedom that is our birthright.

Congratulations again on your election to the SGPC.

Sincerely,

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## OPEN LETTER TO THE SIKH NATION

# SGPC Elections Set for September 18

## *Legislative Assembly Elections Early Next Year*

### **Choose Honest Leadership Committed to Sikh Freedom**

### *Don't Miss This Peaceful, Democratic Opportunity to Liberate Khalistan*

Dear Khalsa Ji:

**WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA, WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH!**

Elections for the SGPC have been set for September 18. As you know, the SGPC is the organization that controls all the Gurdwaras in Punjab. In addition, Legislative Assembly elections are set for February 2012. Do not miss this opportunity for Sikhs to install honest, dedicated leadership. Choose only leaders who are committed to Khalsa Raj. Only when Khalistan is free will the repression of our Sikh brothers and sisters end. Only when Khalistan is free can Sikhs live in prosperity, security, and dignity. Only when Khalistan is free of Indian occupation can Punjab's farmers get a fair price for their crops. Only when Khalistan is free will our water stop being diverted to nonriparian states. These elections provide an opportunity to reclaim our freedom.

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We must remove Parkash Singh Badal and his allies from power. Remember, Badal's allies in the SGPC removed Akal Takht Jathedar Vedanti after he spoke out for Khalsitan. Badal disgraced the Sikh Nation by running the most corrupt government in Punjab's history. His government was so corrupt, they even came up with a new term for bribery: "fee for service." If you didn't pay the fee, you didn't get the service. Clearly, the Akalis do not merit the Sikh Nation's support. Badal also broke his campaign promises. He promised to release all the political prisoners. Yet according to the Movement Against State Repression (MASR), the Indian regime admitted to holding 52,268 Sikhs as political prisoners. They are being held without charge or trial, some of them since 1984! How can a democratic state hold political prisoners? He promised to punish police officials who have committed atrocities against Sikhs since 1984. No such action was ever taken. Where is the punishment of Swaran Singh Ghotna, who murdered Jathedar Gurdev Singh Kaunke? Where is the punishment of the police officers who kidnapped and murdered Sardar Jaswant Singh Khalra? He promised to appoint a commission to study the human-rights violations against the Sikhs, but when such a commission was formed by concerned Sikhs, he shut it down and denied it a meeting place. Unfortunately, there is no difference between Badal and his nephew Manpreet, who has consorted with the Communist Party. His party will not help to advance the cause of the Sikhs either.

The Congress Party is no better. Badal's daughter is married to Adesh Pratap Singh Kairon, grandson of the Congress Party Chief Minister of the 1950s, Pratap Singh Kairon. The Badals have their tentacles in all the parties. Congress is the party that invaded and desecrated the Golden Temple and 125 other Sikh Gurdwaras throughout Punjab in June 1984 to murder Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and 20,000 other Sikhs, including General Shabeg Singh, Bhai Amrik Singh, and over 100 Sikh religious students ages 8-13 who were taken out into the courtyard and shot. No conscientious Sikh can support the Congress Party. It is the enemy of the Sikh Nation. If Sikhs will not even protect the sanctity of the Golden Temple, how can the Sikh Nation survive as a nation?

Sikhs must speak for, work for, and vote for candidates committed to freeing our homeland, Punjab, Khalistan, from Indian occupation. Let us take this opportunity to put people in office who will work for Sikh freedom and will work to give the Sikh Nation a free and fair plebiscite on freedom for Khalistan.

The Sikh Nation must support candidates who will support Sikh freedom. Dal Kahlsa has been very active, marching, speaking, rallying, and otherwise promoting Khalistan. Sardar Atinder Pal Singh, leader of the Akali Dal (Khalistani) and a former Member of Parliament, has been a consistent supporter of Khalistan, even asking on the floor of Parliament why we could not have Khalistan. Candidates of their party or whom they support should be supported by the Sikh Nation. And the candidates of S.S. Mann's Akali Dal (Amritsar) are supporters of Khalistan, as well. In addition, the All-India Sikh Students Federation has decided to contest the SGPC elections, according to PTI. We call on Sikhs in Punjab to support these candidates and others who are supporting the cause of a free Khalistan. In addition, where there are not such freedom-minded candidates, we call on distinguished Sikh leaders such as Justice Ajit Singh Bains, Professor Gurdarshan Singh Dhillon, Professor Gurtej Singh, and others to run themselves or find candidates who reflect their views. And we call on them to give a ticket to deserving, educated political prisoners. This will help to get the political prisoners freed and will help to put people on the SGPC and in the Legislative Assembly who are committed to Sikh freedom and sovereignty. After the elections, the Legislative Assembly can pass a resolution for the independence of Khalistan, as declared on October 7, 1987.

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Dear Dr. Aulakh:

Thank you for your letters of September 12, 2007, to Secretary Michael Chertoff and to me, expressing concern regarding the screening of passengers with head coverings, in particular, Sikhs wearing turbans.

We had hoped to provide you with a complete response by this time. However, in an effort to provide a comprehensive response we are still gathering information regarding the concerns that you have raised. Please be assured that we will provide you with a final response within 30 days.

We appreciate that you took the time to share your concerns with us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracey St. Pierre". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tracey St. Pierre  
Acting Director  
Office of the Executive Secretariat



D.O. No. VI/11034/89/02-IS.VI

L. K. ADVANI  
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Dear Shri Mann Ji,

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Kindly refer to your D.O. letter No. DO/SSSM/2003/249 dated 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2003 and the subsequent letter No. DO/SSM/2003/427 dated 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2003 regarding the Annual Report of the Ministry of Home Affairs for the year 2002-2003 relating to Punjab.

2. The inputs included in the Annual Report are only suggestive and the intention behind them is to highlight the nefarious role of the Pak ISI in reviving militancy in Punjab. The points stated by you will be kept in view while preparing the Ministry's Annual Report for 2003-2004.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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## **Gyan Godhri Gurdwara Must Be Rebuilt Immediately Sikh Nation Appreciates Efforts of Sant Daduwal, G.S. Babbar SGPC, Badal Must Use Influence to Get Land Vacated**

**WASHINGTON, DC, January 6, 2012** – Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, today called for the rebuilding of the Gyan Godhri Gurdwara in Hardwar. The Gurdwara, which hosted Guru Nanak, the first Sikh Guru, was demolished in the 1984 massacre of Sikhs after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

In the burning of the Gurdwara, a large number of Sikhs were killed. After the demolition, the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the political arm of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), a militant Hindu nationalist organization founded in sympathy with the Italian Fascists, built an office and toilets on the site. Sikhs appealed to the BJP and the government of Uttaranchal Pradesh to remove the building and give the land back to the Sikhs. (According to land records, the land belongs to the Gurdwara Sahib.) The government offered the Sikhs land elsewhere for a Gurdwara, but they objected, saying the Gurdwara should be in the same place where Guru Nanak preached and demonstrated the folly of ritualism. They pointed out that the BJP had demolished the Babri Mosque, one of the most revered mosques in India, to replace it with a Ram Mander (a temple to Ram, allegedly on the site where Ram was born.) If you have to demolish a mosque for your Ram Mander, they argued, why shouldn't the Sikh Nation have that site back?

Late last month, Sant Baljit Singh Daduwal, Sardar Gurcharan Singh Babbar, and others started protests in Delhi in front of the offices of the BJP. About 10,000 people showed up to protest. Thousands of Sikhs were arrested, including Sant Daduwal and Sardar Gurcharan Singh Babbar. No representative of the Akali Dal or the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) attended.

"The Sikh Nation appreciates the efforts of Sant Daduwal, Sardar Gurcharan Singh Babbar, and the others who are fighting for this important cause," said Dr. Aulakh. "I challenge the SGPC: Your job is to manage the Gurdwaras in Punjab and protect the Gurdwaras in other places. Where were you when these arrests were taking place? Where are you today? Why did you not take notice?" he asked. "Why doesn't Chief Minister Badal talk to L.K. Advani and the BJP, with whom he has a political alliance, and ask them to vacate the land so that Sikhs can rebuild the Gyan Godhi Gurdwara? Who do the Akalis represent, the Sikh Nation or the Hindu oppressors? If they cannot even protect the Gurdwara of Guru Nanak Sahib, how can they protect the Sikh religion?" he said. "This is just one more proof that the Sikh Nation must reclaim its sovereignty in an independent Khalistan," Dr. Aulakh said.

Without an independent Khalistan, Sikhs cannot survive. The Khalsa Panth knows that political power is essential for the enhancement of any religion. The Sikh Nation is not safe in India and the religion cannot flourish under India's repression. Sikhs have seen what has been done to Buddhism in the Buddha's homeland. It is flourishing in Asia, but not in India. In addition to its genocide against the Sikhs, India has also killed more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, over 100,000 Muslims in Kashmir, tens of thousands of other Christians and Muslims throughout the country, and tens of thousands of Tamils, Assamese, Manipuris, and others. It is holding over 52,000 Sikhs as political prisoners without charge or trial, according to MASR. Some have been in illegal detention since 1984! Amnesty International reports that tens of thousands of other minorities are also being held as political prisoners.

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"The only way this repression will end is when we free Khalistan," said Dr. Aulakh. "It is time to reclaim our birthright and reclaim our sovereignty. We must free Khalistan now."

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## **Punjab Elections Set for January 30 Vote for Candidates Who Support Khalistan Make Sure Candidates are Asked About Khalistan Your Future Is In Your Hands S.S. Mann, Atinder Pal Singh Advocating Khalistan**

**WASHINGTON, DC, January 6, 2012** – Elections for the Punjab Legislative Assembly have been set for January 30. This is a critical opportunity. "Please take this chance to liberate Khalistan," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, the government *pro tempore* of Khalistan, which leads the struggle to liberate Khalistan by peaceful, democratic, nonviolent means. "Work and vote for candidates who support an independent, sovereign Khalistan. The Legislative Assembly can declare Khalistan free. This opportunity will not come around again for another five years."

Former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann's Akali Dal (Amritsar) and former MP Atinder Pal Singh's Akali Dal (Khalsitani) have been publicly supporting Khalistan. They have declared support and participated in events such as seminars and marches to advance the cause of a free and independent Khalistan. It is time for the Sikh nation to reciprocate. The work they have been doing should be rewarded. Please support them and any other candidates who support Khalistan.

Sardar Jagtar Singh Hawara has said that Captain Amarinder Singh is a 500 times better Sikh than Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal, and he is right. Badal maintains a political alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which openly wants to destroy the Sikh religion and all other non-Hindu religions. Badal, along with Longowal, went to see Indira Gandhi and asked her to attack the Golden Temple to dislodge Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwaale from there. It is a shame for any Sikh to invite an enemy to attack the Golden Temple. But the Congress Party is no better. It was the party that is guilty of attacking the Golden Temple in June 1984, an atrocity that killed over 20,000 Sikhs. It is the party that presided over the genocide in Punjab under Beant Singh. Both of those parties want to destroy the Sikh religion and other minorities, including Christians, Muslims, and others. Neither of these parties is acceptable to real Sikhs.

"In the words of former Akal Takht Jathedar Professor Darshan Singh: '***If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh.***'" said Dr. Aulakh. Akal Takht Jathedars Bhai Ranjit Singh and Joginder Singh Vedanti also publicly supported Khalistan. "It is time for the Sikh Nation to follow these Jathedars and reclaim our birthright of freedom," Dr. Aulakh said. "Freedom for Khalistan is closer than ever," he said. "The time has come to stake our claim."

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"The only way this repression will end is when we free Khalistan," said Dr. Aulakh. "I call on all Sikhs to support the candidates who support Khalistan. Let us unite behind Sikhs who will stand up to Indian oppression," he said. "Do not let this opportunity get away. We must support pro-Khalistan candidates and we must launch a *Shantmai Morcha* to liberate Khalistan. We must free Khalistan now."

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## Jagtar Singh Hawara Attacked At Court by Militant Hindu Fundamentalists *True Face of Majority Hindu Rule Is Exposed*

WASHINGTON, DC, January 6, 2012 – At a court appearance in Chandigarh in November, Sardar Jagtar Singh Hawara, who is accused of masterminding the assassination of the late Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh, was attacked by militant Hindu fundamentalists. Beant Singh presided over the murders of more than 50,000 Sikhs.

Sardar Hawara and an associate, Sardar Paramjit Singh Bheora, were brought to court “under tight security”, according to *Express India*. They report that before assaulting Sardar Hawara and Sardar Bheora, the Hindu fundamentalists, members of the militant Akhil Rashtriya Hindu Seva Suraksha Samiti (ARHSSS), chanted nationalist slogans. Then, according to the *Tribune* (Chandigarh), ARHSSS militant Nishant Sharma “hit [Hawara] with his head. Hawara responded by slapping Sharma,” the *Tribune* reports. According to the *Times of India*, Sardar Hawara has serious back problems.

Sardar Hawara’s advocate, Simranjit Singh, called the attack a serious breach of security. He stated that the attacks had been planned well in advance, according to the *Tribune*. The *Times of India* reports that the group had announced publicly that it would attack Sikh activists in broad daylight. The paper reports that Sardar Hawara was attacked after raising pro-Khalistan slogans. It quotes the national general secretary of the Hindu militant organization, Ashutosh Gautam, as saying, “We were demanding the trial...through video conferencing because whenever they come to attend court hearings, they raise anti-India slogans, which hurts the sentiments of public.”

“This attack is just the latest demonstration that there is no place for Sikhs within Hindu India,” said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. “If this can happen on the grounds of the court after the intent to do it had been announced, then Sikhs are not safe anywhere in India. This is further evidence that we need a sovereign, independent Khalistan,” 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.**’ Professor Darshan Singh is right,” Dr. Aulakh said. He noted that Akal Takht Jathedars Bhai Ranjit Singh and Joginder Singh Vedanti also publicly supported Khalistan. “The Sikh Nation should listen to these jathedars,” said Dr. Aulakh. He warned that “the Khalsa Panth will be paying close attention to what happens to these Hindu militants.”

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“The only way this repression will end is when we free Khalistan,” said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. “I call on all Sikhs to support pro-Khalistani organizations and parties. Sardar Jagtar Singh Hawara is a true, brave Sikh of Guru Gobind Singh,” Dr. Aulakh said. “The Sikh Nation wholeheartedly supports Sardar Hawara and is very proud of him. When he shows up in court, I urge Sikhs to attend the hearing to support him against Hindu militants. We need more brave Sikhs who will stand up to Indian oppression,” he said. “The oppression cannot continue. We must free Khalistan now.”

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## Mann Protests at Golden Temple

**WASHINGTON, DC, November 30, 2011** – Members of the Akali Dal (Amritsar), led by former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann, protested with black flags at the Golden Temple against L.K. *rath yatra* (chariot trip) in Punjab. Advani had been travelling all over India in his chariot. He went to Punjab to show Hindu supremacy over the Sikhs. Advani's trip was separately protested by members of the All-India Sikh Students Federation.

Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal gave a *Siropa* (robe of honor) to Mr. Advani, a former Cabinet minister in the Hindu nationalist BJP government. The head *granthi* at the Golden Temple, Balwinder Singh, refused to give him a *Siropa* because Advani was involved in the June 1984 attack on the Golden Temple complex in which over 20,000 Sikhs were killed, including Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, General Shabeg Singh, and others. During the Golden Temple attack, young boys ages 8 to 13 were taken outside and asked if they supported Khalistan, the independent Sikh country. When they answered with the Sikh religious incantation "*Bole So Nihal*," they were shot to death. The *Guru Granth Sahib*, the Sikh holy scriptures, written in the time of the Sikh Gurus, were shot full of bullet holes and burned by the Indian forces.

Mr. Badal and Harcharan Singh Longowal went to Indira Gandhi to urge her to send the army to the Golden Temple, the center and seat of the Sikh religion, to dislodge Sant Bhindranwale. It is shameful for any Sikh to be involved in the attack on the Golden Temple. They are misusing the name of the old, pious Akali Dal. Badal, Longowal, and the late Gurcharan Singh Tohra will go down as traitors to the Sikh Nation for inviting the attack.

Mr. Badal's daughter-in-law, Harsimran Kaur Badal, took it upon herself to change the "*Fateh*" in "*Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh*" to "*Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Jai*", as in "*Jai Hind*." This is an outrage against the Sikh religion. No one has the right to change this. This *Fateh* was given to the Khalsa Panth by Guru Gobind Singh Sahib.

Where were Dal Khalsa and the other Sikh organizations? Why didn't they join in this demonstration? I ask Dal Khalsa, the Akali Dal (Khalistani), and all pro-Khalistan organizations to join together to defeat the Badal forces and end India's occupation of our homeland, Punjab, Khalistan. Badal and his party must be voted out. They are the enemy of the Sikh Nation. Congress, which carried out the June 1984 attack on Darbar Sahib, is also the enemy of the Sikh Nation. We need strong, pro-Khalistani leaders. Remember the words of former Akal Takht Jathedar Professor Darshan Singh: "***If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh.***" Akal Takht Jathedars Bhai Ranjit Singh and Joginder Singh Vedanti also publicly supported Khalistan. The Sikh Nation should listen to these jathedars and not to corrupt leaders like Badal and his party.

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## Sikhs Celebrate 543<sup>rd</sup> *Parkash Ustav* (Birthday) of Guru Nanak With Devotion, Enthusiasm, Reverence

WASHINGTON, DC, November 30, 2011 – Over 20,000 Sikhs from around the world gathered in Nankana Sahib (now in Pakistan) for the celebration of the 243<sup>rd</sup> *Parkash Ustav* (birthday) of Guru Nanak, the first Guru of the Sikh religion. About 3,000 were from India, as the Indian government limited the number of visas it issued. Many of those in attendance from India were agents of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), which is India's intelligence service. Gurdwara Nankana Sahib was artistically decorated with a massive display of lights around the entire building. The property has 350 new rooms for pilgrims and is very well maintained.

Evacuee Property Trust Chairman Syed Asif Hashmi attended the ceremonies. The arrangements were excellent. The government of Pakistan made a special effort to make sure that every crossroads and bridge along the route from Lahore to Nankana Sahib had security for the pilgrims so that there would not be any undesirable incidents.

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. Representatives of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) offered siropas to officials of the Evacuee Property Trust.

A descendant of Rai Balar Bhatti, who gave land in Nankana Sahib to Guru Nanak, took Dr. Aulakh to Rai Balar Bhatti's grave. Dr. Aulakh distributed peace awards in Lahore.

Slogans of "Khalistan Zindabad" resonated throughout Nankana Sahib during the day's speeches. The 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. Dr. Aulakh and Sardar Manmohan Singh of Dal Khalsa UK raised slogans of "Khalistan Zindabad." The Sangat responded with great enthusiasm. Dr. Aulakh blasted Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal for offering an Akali ticket in the upcoming Assembly elections to Izhar Alam, a former police official who was responsible for the murders of over 200 Sikh freedom fighters and their families. Dr. Aulakh said that Badal should be ashamed to offer an Akali ticket to a murderer of the Sikh Nation. Some Akalis complained about this criticism of Badal. It looks like the Akalis have lost the Sikh spirit.

The Sikh Nation knows that political power is essential for the enhancement of any religion. The Sikh Nation also knows that the gold was added to cover the building of Darbar Sahib when the Sikhs ruled Punjab from 1765 to 1849. Since then, it is also called the Golden Temple. After midnight the celebration concluded with ceremonies according to the Sikh *rehat maryada*. Fireworks were displayed by the visiting Sikhs.

The Sangat showed great devotion and reverence on this pious occasion. Guru Nanak was the founder of the Sikh religion. ("*Marya Sikha Jagat Sitch Nanak Nirmal Panth Chalaya.*") It was an occasion of great happiness for the Khalsa Panth. The events were carried live on Pakistani TV and on Punjab Radio from London and Punjabi Radio in California, which are heard throughout the world. The events could be seen in Punjab, Khalistan. Dr. Aulakh did several television and radio interviews. Sikhs who were able to participate in the celebration left with a special glow of happiness. They felt uplifted by being at the birthplace of Guru Nanak.

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## Dr. Aulakh's Visit to Europe Very Productive

**WASHINGTON, DC, November 30, 2011** – Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, enjoyed a very productive and successful visit to Europe this month. He visited Belgium and England.

Belgian Sikhs performed Akand Path. The *Guru Granth Sahib*, the Sikh holy scripture, was read without interruption for 48 hours. Dr. Aulakh spoke at two Gurdwaras in Belgium. The Sangat raised slogans of "Khalistan Zindabad." In England, Dr. Aulakh appeared three times on Sikh TV, taking calls and answering questions. This channel is seen throughout Europe on television and worldwide on the Internet. During Dr. Aulakh's visit to London, Sardar Akaldev Singh Panesar and Sardar Sarjit Singh Khalsa were very helpful, picking him up at the airport and dropping him off, as usual. "I thank Sardar Panesar and Sardar Khalsa," Dr. Aulakh said.

Without an independent Khalistan, Sikhs cannot survive. The Khalsa Panth knows that political power is essential for the enhancement of any religion. The Sikh Nation is not safe in India and the religion cannot flourish under India's repression. "The Sikh Nation must free Khalistan," said Dr. Aulakh. "India is destined to crumble," he said. The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has predicted that India will break up by 2015. The breakup of India is inevitable because it not a single nation, but a multinational state thrown together by the British colonialists for their administrative convenience. It has 18 official languages and many more which are unofficial.

"Democratic" India continues to arrest people for engaging in free speech. On February 27 in Jalandhar, former Member of Parliament Sardar Atinder Pal Singh, President of the Shiromani Akali Dal (Khalistani), was arrested along with four other members of his party while putting up banners supporting Khalistan. He was putting up the banners in preparation for a press conference about Khalistan. In 2009, Sardar Daljit Singh Bittu, President of the Akali Dal (Panch Pardhani), was arrested for displaying pictures of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and speaking out in support of an independent Khalistan. He is still in jail. Two leading Sikh activists were arrested for peacefully protesting the construction of a statue to honor Beant Singh, the late Chief Minister who presided over the murder of tens of thousands of Sikhs.

According to former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann, the Indian government has murdered over a million Sikhs since 1982. This aligns with a threat made by the former Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Balram Jakhar, who said, "If we have to kill a million Sikhs to preserve our territorial integrity, so be it." India has also killed more than 300,000 Christians since 1948, almost 100,000 Muslims in Kashmir since 1988, and tens of thousands of Assamese, Bodos, Manipuris, Tamils, Dalits, 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 are being held as political prisoners in India without charge or trial. Some have been in illegal custody since 1984! "These prisoners never committed any crime but peacefully speaking out for Sikh freedom," said Dr. Aulakh. "What is a democracy doing holding political prisoners?," he asked. "This alone shows that for Sikhs and other minorities, there is no democracy, no freedom of speech."

"As Professor Darshan Singh, a former Jathedar of the Akal Takht, said, **'If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh'**," Dr. Aulakh noted. "We must continue to pray for and work for our God-given birthright of freedom," he said. "Without political power, religions cannot flourish, repression continues, and nations perish."

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## Council of Khalistan Convention Very Successful

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 24, 2011 –A large number of Sikhs converged on the Gurdwara Sahib in Glen Rock, New Jersey to attend the Council of Khalistan's 24<sup>th</sup> annual convention, which was held October 8 and 9. The convention was very successful. The convention marked the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Khalistan's declaration of independence, which occurred on October 7, 1987, and the formation of the Council of Khalistan at that time to serve as the government *pro tempore* of Khalistan and lead the struggle for Khalistan's freedom.

Sikhs in attendance listened to various speakers and passed a resolution to liberate Khalistan. They called for unity among Sikh organizations. Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, spoke on the progress the Council has made in the past year. Slogans of "Khalistan Zindabad" were raised to an enthusiastic response. The delegates passed a resolution for the liberation of Khalistan. They called for a full-time, staffed Council of Khalistan office and more activity in the U.S. Congress. Delegates from the Sikh Cultural Society of New York suggested that every Gurdwara should contribute on a regular basis and Sardar Harbans Singh Dhillon of the Sikh Cultural Society accepted the responsibility of raising funds during Dr. Aulakh's visit there.

Dr. Aulakh reported that the Council of Khalistan has maintained its website, set up a Facebook page to better reach the Sikh community, exposed the atrocities against the Sikh Nation, called for the establishment of a Guru Arjun Dev Medial College at Tarn Taran, and engaged in other activities on behalf of the Sikh Nation. Dr. Aulakh called for the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabhandak Committee to open education centers for computers, medical and engineering schools, and sports centers to provide opportunities for young Sikhs.

"I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the convention a success," said Dr. Aulakh. "I would especially like to thank the Managing Committee of the Glen Rock Gurdwara, especially Sardar Charan Singh Kalsi, Vice President of the Gurdwara, and the president of the Gurdwara for their financial support. I would also like to thank Dr. Ranbir Singh Bhalla, Sardar Buta Singh, Kharaud of the Akali Dal (Amritsar), Sardar Pritam Singh Grewal, and Sardar Amarjit Singh Grewal and their families. I would also like to thank Sardar Jas Paul Singh and Sardar Manpaul Singh for their support and Mrs. Kalsi for her hospitality," Dr. Aulakh said. "This convention has been a significant step forward for the cause of freedom for Khalistan," said Dr. Aulakh. "A free Khalistan is the only way to end the repression of the Sikhs and allow the Sikh Nation to live in freedom, peace, security, dignity, and prosperity," he said. He called for courses on Sikhism in American universities so that the Sikh religion will be better understood in the West.

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Sikhs are considered slaves in India. Atrocities against Sikhs go unpunished. Tytler, HKL Bhagat, Sujjan Kumar, Kamal Nath, and many others have been proven guilty of killing thousands of Sikhs, yet no action has been taken against them. Sikhs have been denied a Sikh Marriage Act. Instead, India has forced Sikhs to marry under the Hindu Marriage Act. Sikh farmers have been forced to buy supplies at exorbitant prices and sell their crops at prices below market rates, leading to many suicides. For Sikh youth in India, there is a lack of jobs, so they are cutting their hair and going away from the Sikh religion. All of this is part of India's plan to eliminate the Sikh religion, Dr. Aulakh said.

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## Congratulations to Sikh Nation on Guru Nanak's 542<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 24, 2011 –November 10 marks the 542<sup>nd</sup> *Parkash Ustau* (birthday) of Guru Nanak, who founded the Sikh religion. Sikhs from all over the world will gather in Nankana Sahib, now in Pakistan, to celebrate. Last year, over 15,000 Sikhs attended the celebration, including 3,000 from India. Even more are expected this year. If the India-Pakistan border at Wagah were open, hundreds of thousands of Sikhs from Punjab would come. But that can only happen when the Sikh Nation frees Khalistan, the Sikh homeland that declared its independence on October 7, 1987.

Guru Nanak spoke out against repression. He called Babar (invader from Afghanistan) *jabir* (tyrant) and accused him of forcibly taking people's wealth. Guru Nanak was even imprisoned.

The Sikh Nation is required to fight repression, injustice, and discrimination. The Gurus did it. They gave their lives for the freedom of others. Guru Teg Bahadur was beheaded in Delhi to stop the forcible conversion of Kashmiri Pandits (Brahmins) to Islam.

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## Sikhs Protest Visit of Indian Prime Minister to UN *Manmohan Singh Is Unelected Tool of Gandhi Dynasty*

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 28, 2011 – Hundreds of Sikhs converged from all over the region this past Saturday to protest the visit of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to the United Nations in New York. They came from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Washington DC, Maryland, and Virginia. They raised slogans of "India out of Khalistan", "Manmohan Singh, go back", "Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, puppet of Sonia Gandhi", and "Khalistan Zindabad."

There were many speakers, including Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, which leads the struggle for an independent Sikh homeland, Khalistan. Among those in attendance were Dr. Bakhshsih Singh Sandhu of Sikhs for Justice; Charan Singh Kalsi, a longtime advisor to the Council of Khalistan and Vice President of the Glen Rock (NJ) Gurdwara; Surjit Singh Klar of the Sikh Cultural Society, leader of the Akali Dal (Amritsar) in the United States, and representatives of the Sikh Youth of America and Gurdwaras in the Tristate area.

Prime Minister Singh lied to the international community about the genocide against the Sikh Nation. In 1993, he went to Geneva to appear before the UN Human Rights Commission and said that there were no human rights abuses against Sikhs in Punjab, even though he knew better. 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. According to Amnesty International, there are tens of thousands of other minorities being held as political prisoners. 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.]" According to former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann, the Indian government has murdered over a million Sikhs since 1982. This aligns with a threat made by the former Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Balram Jakhhar, who said, "If we have to kill a million Sikhs to preserve our territorial integrity, so be it." India has also killed more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, over 100,000 Muslims in Kashmir, tens of thousands of other 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."**

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Manmohan Singh is not an elected Member of Parliament but was installed by Sonia Gandhi as a member of the Rajya Sabha from a constituency that has no Sikh population. He is Prime Minister because Rahul Gandhi is not ready. It was under the rule of Prime Minister Singh's Congress Party, led by Sonia Gandhi's late mother-in-law, Indira Gandhi, that the Golden Temple, the center and seat of the Sikh religion, was attacked and desecrated by Indian military forces in June 1984.

"The protest at the United Nations shows that Khalistan's freedom is nearer than ever," said Dr. Aulakh. "India is destined to fall apart soon." Last year, the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) predicted that India will break up by 2015. India is a multinational state thrown together by the British colonialists for their administrative convenience. The breakup of India is inevitable. "As Professor Darshan Singh, a former Jathedar of the Akal Takht, said, **'If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh'**," Dr. Aulakh noted. "Two other Jathedars, Bhai Ranjit Singh and Joginder Singh Vedanti, have taken the same position. The Sikh Nation should listen to these Jathedars," he said. "It is time to liberate Khalistan."

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## Badal Akali Dal Wins SGPC Elections Massive Election Fraud Reported

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 28, 2011 – The Akali Dal (Badal) won the elections for the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC), winning 161 of 170 seats. Eight of the nine opposition members are affiliated with the Panthic Front, a pro-Khalistan party. One is an independent. Massive election fraud was reported.

The *Hindustan Times* reported that Chief Minister Badal's home village "abounds with fake voters." One house, number 567 in Badal village, is home to 289 voters, according to the SGPC voter rolls. Just three houses contain a total of 1,720 voters. Many voters appear under multiple identities. According to the *Times*, Gidderbaha subdivisional magistrate Pushpinder Singh Kaile said, "Since we did not receive objections from villagers about bogus votes, all those who submitted forms were enrolled as voters." He called the massive election fraud "a clerical mistake." Badal's cousin, Hardip Inder Singh Dhillon, said that "many of these voters are not even Sikhs." By law, all SGPC voters must be Sikhs. On September 19, the *Tribune* (Chandigarh) quoted the Chief Minister's nephew, Manpreet Badal, as saying, "If anarchy is a virtue, then Parkash Singh Badal is its incarnation. I am disgusted to learn that to win the SGPC poll, the government left no stone unturned to abuse the law."

Former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann was one apparent victim of Badal's fraud, losing by about 200 votes. There was also a candidate in his constituency from the Panthic Front. Despite Badal's fraud, a majority of voters there voted for one of these candidates, who were campaigning on a platform of liberating Khalistan. "In the future, I would advise the Akali Dal (Amritsar) and the Panthic Front to cooperate to avoid this kind of outcome. The only one who benefitted was Badal," said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. "The Badal Akali Dal is the enemy of all Sikhs," he said. In Phillaur, so-called "militant" Kulbir Singh Barapind, was elected. We congratulate Barapind and we are sure he will work for the independence of Khalistan. Dr. Aulakh said that the Akali Dal fraud showed that it was afraid of the strength of the pro-Khalistan candidates. "Anyone who speaks out for freedom is called a militant or a terrorist by the Indian regime," said Dr. Aulakh. He noted that lakhs [hundreds of thousands] of voters who voted for the Akali Dal Mann and the Panthic Front voted for Khalistan.

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"The massive fraud that Badal had to undertake to win this election shows that the flame of Khalistan burns in the Sikh hearts," said Dr. Aulakh. "India is destined to crumble." The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has predicted that India will break up by 2015. The breakup of India is inevitable because it is not a single nation, but a multinational state thrown together by the British colonialists for their administrative convenience. "As Professor Darshan Singh, a former Jathedar of the Akal Takht, said, **'If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh'**," Dr. Aulakh noted. "Two other Jathedars, Bhai Ranjit Singh and Joginder Singh Vedanti, have taken the same position. The Sikh Nation should listen to these Jathedars," he said. "The time has come to free Khalistan."

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## Dr. Aulakh Writes to Prime Minister of Canada About Free Movement for Bhupinder Singh

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 3, 2011 – Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, wrote today to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in regard to the case of Bhupinder Singh, who recently came to Canada along with his wife and son to visit his sister and was asked to leave the country. Bhupinder Singh is the author of a book on Sikhs in World War II. He lives peacefully in The Netherlands and has even visited India for the funeral of his mother and was photographed with former Cabinet minister L.K. Advani. Yet merely because of his membership in a Sikh activist organization, Bhupinder Singh was detained, questioned, and then released. Then the Immigration authorities came to his sister's house and he was asked to leave Canada.

Dr. Aulakh noted that there are about 700,000 Sikhs in Canada. They are peacefully, productively involved in all walks of life. "Western democracies should not be toeing the line of the Indian government, given its atrocious record on human rights and its record of making inaccurate statements," he wrote. "Any claims made by the Indian government should be taken with a grain of salt."

Dr. Aulakh cited the Indian regime's ongoing attempts to blame Sikhs for the Air India bombing. Shortly after the bombing occurred, two Canadian journalists, Zuhair Kashmeri of the *Toronto Globe and Mail* and Brian McAndrew of the *Toronto Star*, wrote an excellent book on the case entitled *Soft Target*, which proves that the Indian government itself carried out the bombing. *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 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! It would later come out in newspaper reports that a Sikh named Lal Singh 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. According to Kashmeri and McAndrew, "[Consul General] Malik continually fed the *Globe* information pointing to Sikh terrorists as the source of the bombs. Malik also decried the Canadian system of justice for failing to come up with a quick solution to the bombings. 'In India we would have had a confession by now. You people have too many civil and human-rights laws,' he complained."

India has a long record of claiming militancy whenever it is criticized. Jaswant Singh Khaira, leader of the Human Rights Wing (SAD), was killed in police custody after he exposed the government's policy of secret cremations of Sikhs. Jathedar Gurdev Singh Kaunke, who was equivalent to the Pope or the Dalai Lama in the Sikh religion, was brutally murdered by the Indian government and his body was never returned.

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"Sikhs such as Bhupinder Singh should be allowed free access," Dr. Aulakh wrote. "Their travel should not be restricted on the word of such a government. Please act to ensure freedom of movement for Sikhs and other minorities from India."

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## Dr. Aulakh Seminar in England Very Successful

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Indian police arrested human-rights activist Jaswant Singh Khaira after he exposed their policy of mass cremation of Sikhs, in which over 50,000 Sikhs have been arrested, tortured, and murdered, and then their bodies were declared unidentified and secretly cremated. He was murdered in police custody. His body was not given to his family.

The police never released the body of former Jathedar of the Akal Takht Gurdev Singh Kaunke after SSP Swaran Singh Ghotna murdered him. Ghotna has never been brought to trial for the Jathedar Kaunke murder. No one has been brought to justice for the kidnapping and murder of Jaswant Singh Khaira.

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! 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. Now the Indian army has stopped recruitment of Sikh soldiers. "I guess it's hard to get minority soldiers to oppress minorities," said Dr. Aulakh.

"Freedom is the God-given right of every nation and every human being," said Dr. Aulakh. Sikhs must be allowed to have a free and fair plebiscite on the issue of Khalistan. In a democracy, you cannot continue to rule against the wishes of the people. As former Senator George Mitchell said about the Palestinians, "the essence of democracy is the right to self-determination." "We must reclaim the sovereignty of the Sikh Nation," Dr. Aulakh said.

"The only way that the Sikh Nation can flourish and progress is in a sovereign, independent Khalistan," said Dr. Aulakh. "As Professor Darshan Singh, former Jathedar of the Akal Takht, said, '**If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh.**'" 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. We must free Khalistan now."

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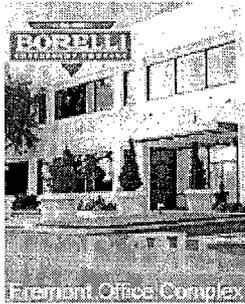


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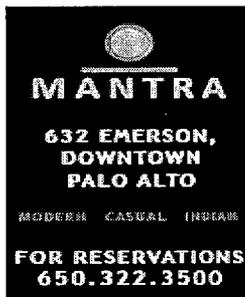
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## Does Manpreet Badal Offer a Vision of Liberty

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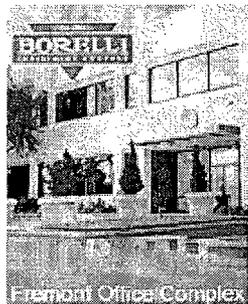
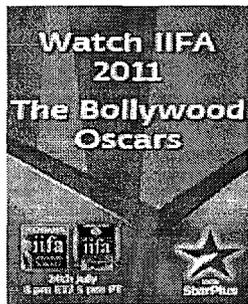
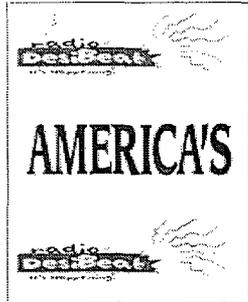
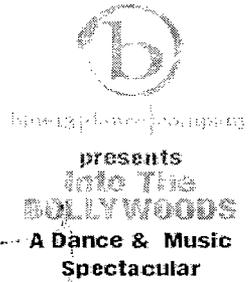
Many politicians today sing the praises of secularity, which has been a favorite theme of



Mr. Manpreet Badal since he formed the People's Party of Punjab (PPP). Not all of them have divined the real meaning of secularity. A secular nation is such because it recognizes the individual freedom of every man to make his own choices in life. As long as the rights of others) is cherished, a country will find peace and success. The most secular countries are those which place the greatest importance upon the preservation of individual liberties. That is why the United States, a nation with a grand tradition of reserving the liberties to the individual, remained a rich and peaceful country for so long.

Being secular has nothing to do with foregoing religion, but rather with accepting and respecting the right of each man to believe or not believe as devoutly as he wishes. But the concept of secularism is illustrated by his decision to leave his baptism and trim his beard. Yet his gurus showed that a true Punjabi need not discard the practices of religion, culture, even his own personal system of belief in order to support the just treatment of all people. Being willing to defend secularity with one's life is what matters. Guru Arjan Dev Ji set an example by bringing together the rich and upper-caste with the low-caste and out-caste whom he worked to unite as a single human race. The diverse collection of human beliefs can only live in harmony when guaranteed an open forum in which all can flourish alongside one another. The question which must then be posed to one who would guide the future of Punjab is if he truly believes in the virtues of justice and liberty.

Mr. Badal is credited with making Bhagat Singh, a famous victim of injustice, "the flavor of Punjab politics once again." He often sings the revolutionary hero's praises and launches his *Jago Punjab Yatra* at Singh's ancestral village. [1] However, it remains to be proved if Manpreet Badal can walk his talk. For one thing, he is inspired by Mohandas Gandhi, who created



as a Hindu nation and argued for the British right to hang Bhagat Singh. [2] Furthermore is truly an admirer of Bhagat Singh, Badal's inaction in seeking justice for Kuljeet Singh is perplexing.

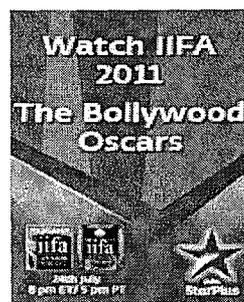
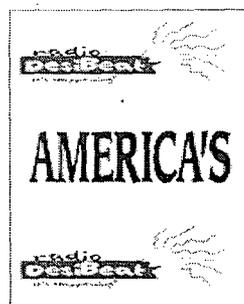
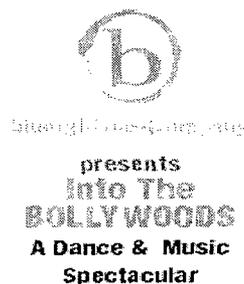
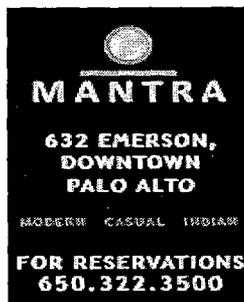
The son of Bhagat Singh's younger sister, Kuljeet was abducted and murdered in custody by Indian police officers in 1989. Since 1997, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has been hearing a case against five police officers who are accused of killing Kuljeet. The case dragged on for 14 years with no resolution. Meanwhile, Kuljeet's family has only kept the case in court by working tooth and nail in a desperate hope for justice. The government has done nothing to protect them, even after an armed gang invaded the family home in 2002 and threatened to kill them for pursuing the case. Bhagat Singh's family symbolizes the heroism and secularism of Punjab. Yet even the descendants of India's most renowned hero are not safe from arbitrary murder by government forces.

Although Badal has espoused communist sentiments, a political system so deeply corrupt as India's will certainly not find its cure in the failed philosophies of Mao, Marx or Stalin whose attempts to micromanage and centrally plan peoples' lives led to the most horrible genocides of the 20th century. Instead, Punjabis ought to turn to their own history for inspiration. Punjab has been a bastion of secularism for centuries. Even in the 14th century noble souls such as Baba Namdev Ji discovered an incomparable environment of tolerance in Punjab. Having retained its historical tradition of religious freedom, Punjab became as a land of saints and gurus. In return for acceptance of their right to religious liberty, these holy men and philosophers have defended the freedom of others.

In 1606, for instance, Punjab produced the first great salvo against the intolerance and injustice generated by the caste system. The fifth Sikh guru, Guru Arjan Dev Ji, encouraged unity among the common people by teaching a creed of "neither Hindu nor Muslim" and emphasized the importance of recognizing universal human equality. Emperor Jahangir, the Mughal ruler of India, mocked those who embraced this message, saying Guru Arjan "captured many of the simple-hearted of the Hindus, and even of the ignorant and foolish followers of Islam, by his ways and manners." [3] Those people to whom Jahangir referred were clearly low-castes and out-castes who found freedom from caste simply by denying caste chains and embracing the practice of equality.

Guru Arjan paid with his life to defend the right of these sons of the soil to follow the teachings of proponents of secularism like Baba Farid and Guru Ravidas. Emperor Jahangir arrested him and ordered him to excise all portions of the Adi Granth that he claimed "opposed to the Hindu and Musalman religions" and to pay a monstrously large fine. When Guru Arjan refused, he was tortured for days. He died on May 30, 1606, becoming the first victim of the Indian state's attempt to suppress the Punjabi right to freedom of speech and religious legacy lives on forever in the hearts of the poor, low-caste and out-caste peoples of Punjab. Punjabis should be wary against the possibility that the PPP might lead to the creation of another elite caste, which will seek to control the powerless and downtrodden peoples by placing political power in the hands of a few.

Two of the severest crises facing Punjab today are an epidemic of drugs and exhaustion of the agricultural industry. Leadership and truthfulness are crucial qualities for addressing life or death issues, which must not be used as the stuff of political or religious games. Punjab was recently ranked as the state with the second-highest number of drug abusers. Over 70 percent of young people reportedly abuse hard drugs like opium, heroin and synthetic painkillers. The infestation of drugs is particularly horrible in the districts bordering the Pakistani border, across which most drugs reaching Punjab are smuggled. [4]



The agricultural crisis is just as alarming. In 2003, one of the most recent years for which government figures are available, 17,107 Indian farmers committed suicide. No entire in Punjab has been comprehensively surveyed for even a full year, so it is difficult to get the exact number of Punjabi farmer suicides. However, an NGO called Movement Against State Repression extrapolated figures in 2007 suggesting that up to 40,000 farmers in had taken their own lives between 1988 and 2006, a rate which has not decreased. [5] The cause of distress for most of these farmers is a growing water shortage in a country which according to the *New York Times*, 60 percent of agriculture "still depends entirely on the rains." [6]

The central government has sold out the future of Punjab through gross misallocation of water rights to other states and erosion of local control over agricultural policies. Farm suicides are not the only consequence. Potable water has become an increasingly scarce commodity in rural areas. Cancer brought on by extreme pollution is rampant. Moreover, agricultural water is swiftly disappearing as Punjab risks becoming a desert. According to the Earth Institute of Columbia University, "Over-cultivation of rice is a chief culprit in the groundwater depletion crisis. While not a traditional crop in semi-arid Punjab, since the combination of new bore well technologies and government policies subsidizing the price of rice and free electricity for farmers has turned the state into a major exporter of rice crop." [7]

The provision of free electricity shifted agriculture in Punjab, land of five rivers, from employing surface water to being completely dependent on groundwater-based irrigation. Another report by the Earth Institute stated:

"While extensive irrigation networks help to buffer seasonal rainfall variations, widespread rural electrification in the state has led to extensive groundwater based irrigation. Coupled with a flat-fee electricity subsidy that has led to a dramatic increase in the number of groundwater-based irrigation now far surpasses surface water use.... The state is overdrawing its groundwater resources by a shockingly unsustainable 45 percent over replenished by rainfall every year." [8]

It appears the core of the problem is the central government's constant interference in Punjab, which ought to be solely the business of Punjabis. If left alone, no one knows better how to run a farm or what crops to grow than the farmer himself. Liberating the local farmer from the dictates of New Delhi, which manipulate and corrupt the natural, level playing field of a free market. Will Badal take the venturesome yet shrewd step of demanding decentral control of Punjab's economy?

Despite Badal's nearly two decades of involvement in Punjabi politics, he has yet to take any initiative on this critical issue. Mr. Badal, your confidence in your promises would be greatly enhanced if, while serving your uncle, you had pursued solutions to this problem including the over-dependence of Punjab on agriculture rather than industries of the future. Removing the state's economic concerns from the central government's purview would empower state and local governments to make wiser decisions about how to foster a rural economy. Even Captain Amarinder Singh of the Congress Party has supported economic sovereignty for Punjab, signing a bill while Chief Minister in 2004 to cancel the central government's plans for diversion of Punjabi river waters to other states.

Similarly, the drug epidemic might be curtailed through sovereign action. In his agenda for PPP, Badal warned about what he terms the "drug menace," but will he prove that those words are sincere and not mere sentiment? Although President Obama has secured the border against the flow of illegal immigration and drugs, India seems incapable of controlling

its own borders. Punjabis should not have to depend upon the negligent central government when the state is perfectly capable of securing its borders without the assistance of the centre.

The time has come for Badal's mettle to be tested. Will he support Punjab taking the initiative to secure its own borders to preserve the safety, well-being and very lives of its citizens? Badal, you have so far done nothing tangible to demonstrate the seriousness of your border security policy. Encouraging Red Ribbon Awareness Week, as used in the U.S. to promote a drug-free lifestyle, might have reassured Punjabis about the security of their sons and daughters. An even bolder move would be to request that international aid to India from the United States and the United Nations organization be cut conditional upon the certain progress towards eliminating drug abuse.

All too often, international aid like that given by the U.S. merely serves to line the pockets of India's ruling elite. This is hardly surprising in a country where, in 1989, the Congress Party and other top echelon politicians were caught deciding what artillery to purchase based on which arms company gave the largest bribes. According to the *Economist*, this type of graft is even more endemic to the Indian political system. The usual, unrestrained government power is the problem, as explained in the *Economist*. "India must redouble its efforts to liberalise. The state could outsource office equipment, tape and sell wasteful and corrupt state-owned firms (why does the government make watches?). For all that the 'licence Raj' was supposedly scrapped two decades ago, it still takes nearly 200 days to get a construction permit and seven years to close a business. Regulations are not, by and large, deterrents to corruption, but a source of it." When he became the third president of the United States, Thomas Jefferson refused to indulge in business while in office. Similarly, George W. Bush placed his bet on a blind trust while serving as president. Mr. Badal, will you make a similar bet? Would you agree to releasing your personal financial records so that Punjabis can scrutinize them to ensure you are free from entangling and corrupting influences? Can the people of Punjab trust you to report every single financial interest, whether large or small, and honestly admit how much you are worth? Additionally, many politicians in India have taken control of properties and businesses for their own personal gain and continue to hold them through sheer muscle. Mr. Badal, can you be trusted not to do the same?

As a servant of humanity, Nanak warned against these kinds of predatory rulers. He denounced their treasons, saying:

"The kings are tigers, and their officials are dogs; they go out and awaken the sleeping people to harass them. The public servants inflict wounds with their nails. The dogs lick the blood that is spilled. But there, in the Court of the Lord, all beings will be judged. Those who have violated the people's trust will be disgraced." [10]

Badal projects a tempting vision of secularism and progress that seems unachievable in a society where practitioners of torture, perpetrators of cold-blooded murders and instigators of massacres currently work as everything from police officers to cabinet ministers. Will he address the related issues of human rights violations in Punjab and the rise of Hindu extremism (known as *Hindutva*) throughout India? Or will he turn a blind eye and pretend that these do not exist? His message about the need for secularism is, oddly, targeted solely at the Sikhs, although it is the assimilationist forces of *Hindutva* which most commonly commit acts of violence.

*Hindutva* is a pan-Hindu worldview which preaches a goal of regional supremacy. This supremacist ideology was woven into the Indian Constitution through Article 25, which

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in part: "...the reference to Hindus shall be construed as including a reference to persons professing the Sikh, Jaina or Buddhist religion." This definition of "Hindu" is viewed by minorities as an attempt to forcibly convert Sikhs, Jains and Buddhists with the stroke pen. Such misguided decrees are one major reason that many minorities never ascribe to the founding document, which they considered as giving far too much power to the central government. Even as eminent a figure as Dr. B. R. Ambedkar felt cheated by the constitution saying:

"People always keep on saying to me, 'Oh, you are the maker of the Constitution.' My answer is I was a hack. What I was asked to do, I did much against my will.... My friends tell me I made the Constitution. But I am quite prepared to say that I shall be the first person to die for it. I do not want it. It does not suit anybody." [11]

Even in as far flung a country as Norway, mass killer Anders Behring Breivik applauded nationalist sentiments of extremist Hindus. Buried amidst the lunacy of his manifesto he discovers that Breivik was "convinced that Hindus' covert violence against Muslims is the right way to avenge their persecution during 1000-1525 AD." [12] While such psychopaths encourage the Sangh Parivar in its genocidal goals, Punjabis must become more vigilant ever. How would Badal respond to this indicator of growing international support for the violence of Hindutva? As its poisonous influence grows and assimilationist attempts in Punjab will need a time-tested leader to face off against this treacherous ideology. Mr. Badal's failure to highlight these issues is not reassuring.

The expansion of *Hindutva* is made clear by the impunity with which the Indian state perpetrates virtually all violent crimes against non-Hindus. Had justice ever been passed down for the November 1984 Sikh Genocide or the murder by police of human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khaira, India might not have endured the rise of a national culture of impunity. As a result, massacres of minorities in Orissa, Gujarat and Kashmir have likewise been ignored. Badal has maintained his silence on these atrocities.

When the government bothers to investigate such crimes at all, it targets minorities as suspects. Illustrating the ludicrous extent to which this occurs, Arundhati Roy wrote: "In Gujarat after the 2002 state-assisted pogrom in which an estimated 2000 Muslims were killed and 150,000 driven from their homes, 287 people have been accused under POTA. Of these 286 are Muslim and one is a Sikh!" [13] Excoriating the centre for its toleration of the most savage atrocities, Roy queried:

"When a government more or less openly supports a pogrom against members of a minority community in which up to 2,000 people are brutally killed, is it fascism? When women of a minority community are publicly raped and burned alive, is it fascism? When authorities see to it that nobody is punished for these crimes, is it fascism? When a 150,000 people are driven from their homes, ghettoised and economically and socially boycotted, is it fascism?" [14]

That India's security forces should fail to bring to justice those who torment the country's minority communities is not surprising considering their own reputation. The use of torture, execution and illegal disposal of the dead are all tactics regularly employed by the Indian police. In December 2010, for instance, cables obtained by Wikileaks revealed that the Indian embassy in Delhi has concluded in recent years that India "condones torture." That determination was reached after the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) advised U.S. officials that Indian authorities commonly employ electrocution, beatings and sexual humiliation to torture detainees. Noting that all branches of India's security forces engage in such misconduct, one ICRC cable stated: "The abuse always takes place in

presence of officers and ... detainees were rarely militants (they are routinely killed)." [ years earlier, Roy reached a similar conclusion, writing:

"Last month I was a member of a peoples' tribunal on POTA. Over a period of two day listened to harrowing testimonies of what goes on in our wonderful democracy. Let me you that in our police stations it's everything: from people being forced to drink urine, t stripped, humiliated, given electric shocks, burned with cigarette butts, having iron rod up their anuses to being beaten and kicked to death." [16]

If Badal wants to know what a true Punjabi looks like, there are many examples which gone before him. Guru Arjan is not the least of those. As Badal is tested in the field in coming days and months, he must show that he bears the same commitment to prese liberty as held by the secular heroes of Punjab. Punjabis must serve as watchdogs an remain alert to see if Badal is of the caliber necessary to resist the forces of extremism tyranny. Mr. Badal, are you made of Punjabi soil or are you merely a feudal landlord li after power?

The poor and clean-spirited people of Punjab can ill afford another political game. The needs a visionary and his vision, not gimmicks. Whether they are people of the Bible, Gita, of the Guru Granth, of the Koran or of no faith whatsoever, Punjabis of every eth creed and persuasion deserve an end to the cycle of misery in which the central gover has trapped their homeland. Punjabis will not endure another mockery of their lives by ruling elite.

All the people of Punjab bear an obligation to keep their fellow Punjabis awake. We ca all Punjabis to knock hard upon the vessel to discover if Manpreet Badal is indeed sou he a wise vessel in which to hold the future of Punjab? Many politicians have hidden tl wolf snouts beneath the soft wool of sheep. Can Mr. Badal be trusted as a herald of h rather than deceit? It appears he has already broken his promises to end nepotism by providing tickets to his father and cousin. [17] Will his vision truly produce liberty or sin extend the pattern of tyranny that has been the hallmark history of the land of five river

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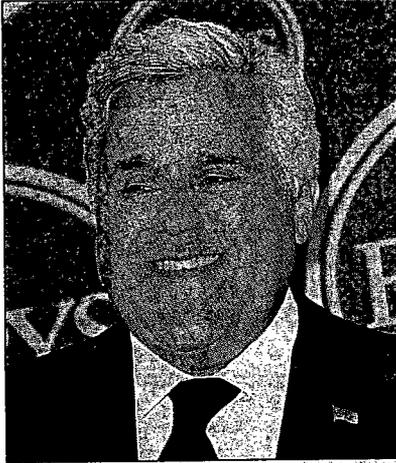
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# U.S. Defends Jay Leno Remark Involving Golden Temple



"The Tonight Show" host Jay Leno. (Getty Images)

## From News Dispatches

WASHINGTON — The United States Jan. 23 snubbed India even before it could lodge a formal protest over a purported insult to Sikhs, saying comments made by comedian Jay Leno in a skit briefly involving the Golden Temple appear to be satirical in nature and are constitutionally protected

under free speech, reported the Times of India.

A State Department official emphasized at the same time that the U.S. has "absolute respect for all the people of India, including Sikhs," and pointed out that President Obama was the first president ever to host a celebration in honor of Guru Nanak Dev in the White House. "And our view is, obviously, that Sikh Americans have contributed greatly to the United States," spokesperson Victoria Nuland added.

According to a PTI report from New Delhi, India said it will be taking up the issue of popular television host Leno's remarks about Amritsar's Golden Temple with the American authorities and observed that most of the late night shows in America are "flippant."

"The late night talk shows are flippant most of the time in the U.S.," External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna said.

He, however, said talk show hosts should be "extremely sensitive to the sensitivities of religious

groups" within their country and outside.

Leno, the host of the popular "The Tonight Show" on NBC, flashed a picture of the Golden Temple on his program and termed it as a possible summer home of Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

Krishna said the ministry will ask the Indian ambassador to the United States to take up the issue with the authorities.

Overseas Indian Affairs Minister Vayalar Ravi, who is currently in the United States, had "objected" Jan. 22 to the remark.

"It is quite unfortunate and quite objectionable that such a comment has been made after showing the... Golden Temple," Ravi told a group of Indian reporters.

"Golden Temple is Sikh community's most sacred place. Even our prime minister went there for praying in the New Year. I believe that the person who has shown is not that ignorant. The American government should also look at this kind of thing," the NRI Affairs minister said.

# World Bank Finds Corruption in 5 Health Projects

NEW DELHI (PTI) — The World Bank said it has discovered serious cases of fraud and corruption in five health projects in India dealing with eradication of tuberculosis and malaria, and HIV/AIDS.

An internal probe into the projects, which involved \$569 million, revealed unacceptable indicators of fraud and corruption, World

Bank president Robert B. Zoellick said in a statement last week. The projects are: the \$114 million Malaria Control Project; \$82.1 million Orissa Health Systems Development Project; \$54 million Food and Drug Capacity Building Project; \$193.7 million National HIV/AIDS Control Project; and the \$124.8 million Tuberculosis

Control Project.

Of the five projects, only the \$54 million Food and Drug Capacity Building Project is pending. No funds have been disbursed for the project, the bank said. The Indian government, which was involved in the bank investigation, said it would set up four groups to probe the charges.

The center also said the Health Ministry has been working on framing detailed guidelines and modalities to increase and strengthen

procurement systems in states in order to curb corruption in health-care projects.

"Four groups, consisting of members from the finance and health ministries, would be set up to probe the irregularities found by the World Bank in projects dealing with eradication of tuberculosis and malaria, and HIV/AIDS control schemes," Health Secretary Naresh Dayal told PTI.

The cases of frauds and corruption were discovered during

the World Bank's Detailed Implementation Review, launched in 2006, with support from the Indian government.

In 2005, the World Bank found corruption in a reproductive and child health project in India, prompting the multilateral agency to withhold aid for sometime. Subsequently, two pharmaceutical companies were barred by the Bank. The current DIR was prompted by that investigation, the World Bank said.

## Kolkata's Burrabazar Burns



**KOLKATA** — Firefighters battling the flames in the famous Burrabazar market's narrow, crammed lanes as the fire raged for three straight days starting Jan. 12. A series of explosions have sparked fear the 14-story building could collapse. Some 2,500 shops have been gutted by the fire. Property damage is estimated at over \$50 million. No one has been seriously injured or killed but a trader whose shop was destroyed died of a heart attack Jan. 13, apparently after learning the extent of the damage. The cause of the fire has yet to be established but it is known that the building housed large amounts of diesel fuel for the generator. (AFP photo)

## Another Woman Ready to Testify In 1984 Sikh Riots Cases

NEW DELHI (PTI) — Bhagwani Devi, a witness in the 1984 anti-Sikh riots cases who had been listed as untraced by police, has said she lives in the Indian capital and is keen to give her testimony.

Devi, 65, may not be the only "untraced" witness ready to present their versions on the riots. There are at least nine more such witnesses ready to help protracted investigations into the mass killings, the head of a riot victims' group claimed.

The readiness of Devi to testify comes close on the heels of another key witness in California, Jasbir

Singh, who had also been listed as untraced, to do the same.

Singh, however, has refused to travel to India, as demanded by the Central Bureau of Investigation. Last week, his lawyer told Indian television channels Singh is prepared to testify via videoconference or in California because he feared for his life in India.

Singh has alleged he saw Congress Party leader Jagdish Tytler inciting mobs to kill Sikhs.

Devi claims police did not record her statement even once even though she filed affidavits before the Justice M.L. Jain and A.K. Bannerji Committee in July 1987 and the Nanavati Commission in 2005.

Asked why she had kept quiet so far, Devi claimed she had unsuccessfully approached police

to submit her statement. "The only thing police did was to ask me to fill some papers for the loss suffered," she said.

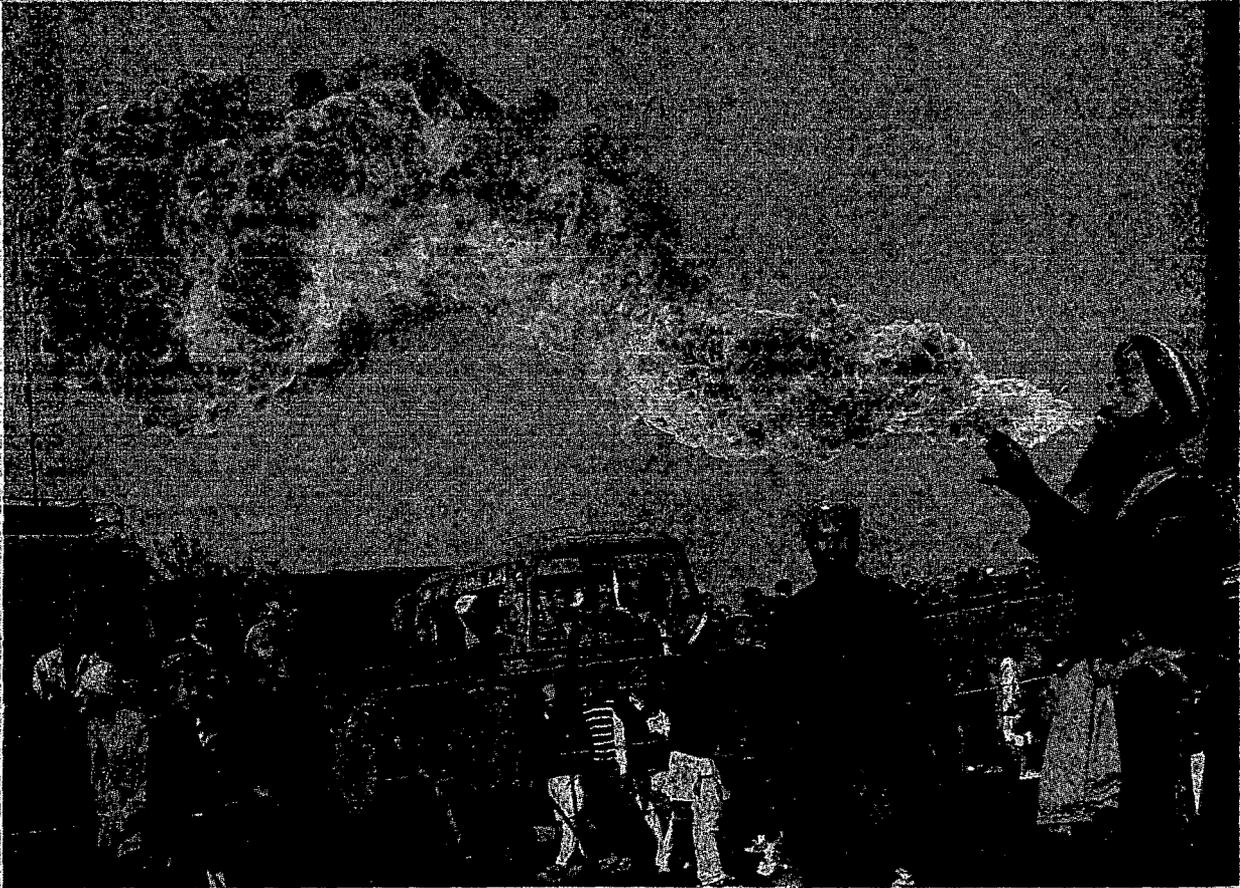
Devi, who works as a maid, says her two sons — Hoshiar Singh, 21, and Mohan Singh, 18 — were dragged out of their home and burned to death in front of her eyes in the Sultanpuri region of Delhi. She now lives in Rohini.

"I lost everything when I lost my sons, I want the police to record my statement," she told PTI. Devi alleged she saw a Congress leader leading a mob and instigating it to "kill Sikhs."

Atma Singh Lubana, president of the Riots Victim Camp, said there are many witnesses who have been declared "untraced" by police even though they are alive and available to testify.

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## SIKH CEREMONY HEATS UP



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A Sikh warrior in Jammu, India, blows fire Thursday during Nagar Kirtan, a customary ceremony in honor of Gobind Singh, the guru whose birthday is Saturday. The 10th and last Sikh guru initiated the special order of devotees called the Khalsa Panth.

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# Top Honor for U.S. Army Doctor Kamaljeet Singh Kalsi Awarded Bronze Star

■ 'Exceptionally meritorious service'

By SUNITA SOHRABJI  
India-West Staff Reporter

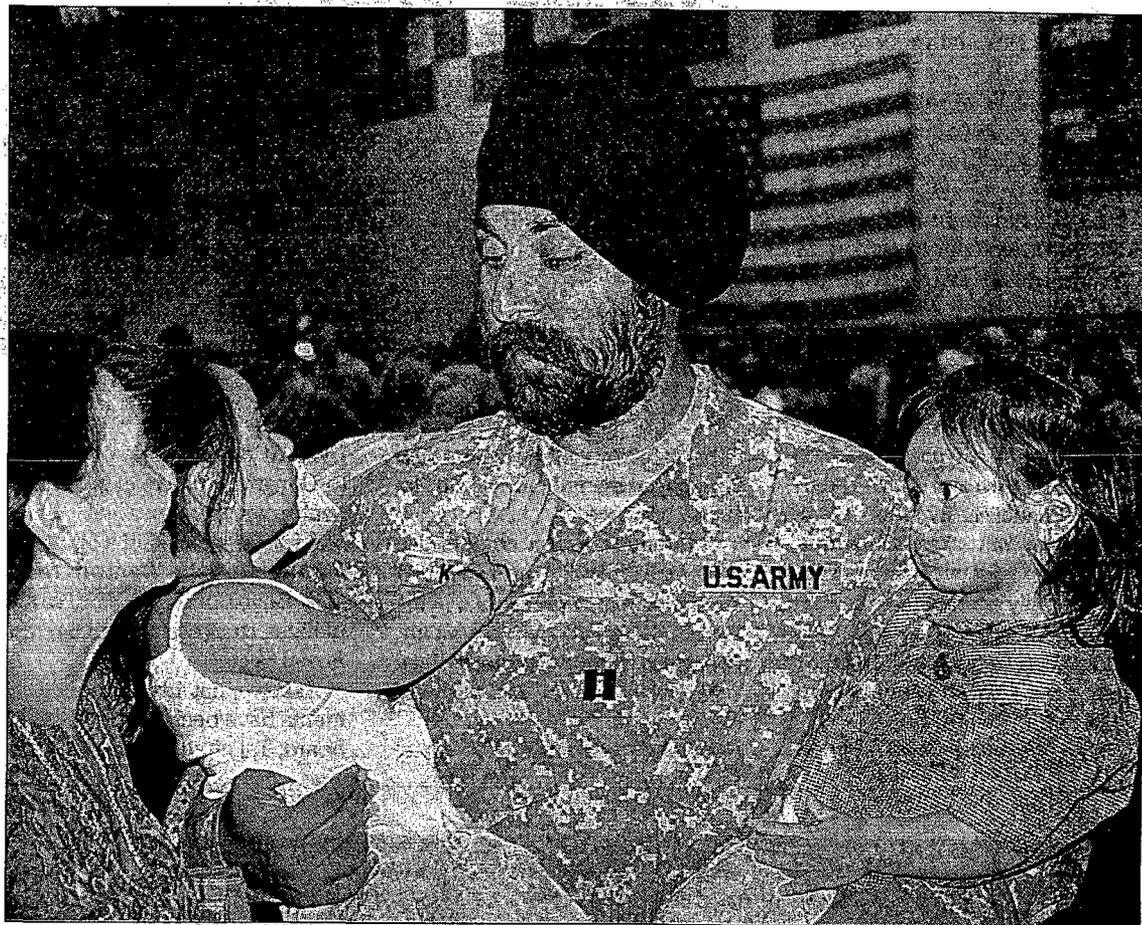
Major Kamaljeet Singh Kalsi, one of only three turbaned soldiers currently serving in the U.S. Army, received a bronze star Dec. 1, after returning from a six-month stint in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

In its citation for Kalsi's bronze star - the fourth-highest combat award - the Army recognized Kalsi's "exceptionally meritorious service as an emergency medicine physician" while deployed in Afghanistan.

"His leadership and dedication to duty were instrumental to the unit's mission during combat operations," noted the Army.

The Army also listed 20 of Kalsi's major achievements while he was deployed in Afghanistan, noting that he provided emergency care to over 750 soldiers and successfully resuscitated back to life two patients who were clinically dead on arrival from the only Army expeditionary hospital in Afghanistan.

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Capt. Kamaljeet Singh Kalsi cradles his daughter, Maya, and his son, Kabir, as his wife, Chinar, looks on after his graduation from the Basic Officer Leadership Course Sept. 3 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Kalsi, an emergency room doctor from Riverside, N.J., is one of three practicing Sikhs allowed to serve in the Army while retaining their articles of faith. (Steve Elliot photo, courtesy of the U.S. Army)

## No siropa for LK Advani in Golden Temple

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AMRITSAR/CHANDIGARH: Breaking away from tradition, the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) did not bestow a 'siropa' (robe of honour) on BJP leader L K Advani in the sanctum sanctorum of the Golden Temple here on Tuesday.

This comes in the wake of protests in Punjab in the course of his Jan Chetna Yatra for his comments on Operation Bluestar in his autobiography 'My Country, My Life'.

Advani was given the 'siropa' at the SGPC's information office, located outside the Darbar Sahib.

There were protests too during his visit to the Golden Temple, with SAD (Delhi) and SAD (Amritsar) raising slogans. On Sunday, protesters had pelted eggs on Advani's 'rath' and staged black flag protests in Barnala.

On Tuesday, SAD (Amritsar) supporters, led by Simranjit Singh Mann, stood outside the Akal Takht and waved black flags, shouting slogans of 'Khalistan Zindabad' and 'Advani Murdabad' just when Advani, escorted by the task force of SGPC, was about to move towards the Golden Temple. This happened right in front of police officers who were present there to supervise security arrangement.

On his way back, Advani was taken to the information office of SGPC and given a 'siropa' besides a set of books. When he stepped out, SAD (Delhi) supporters, led by state president Jaswinder Singh Balliwal, started raising slogans of 'Sikhan da gaddar- Advani Murdabad'. SAD (D) had warned the SGPC against honouring Advani at Darbar Sahib, in view of his assertions in his autobiography.

"How can the SGPC honour someone who has admitted that he instigated former PM Indira Gandhi to launch Operation Bluestar at Darbar Sahib," said Balliawal. Advani refused to comment on the controversy despite repeated queries by mediapersons. "Advani offered Rs 500 when he bowed before the Guru Granth Sahib, but the SGPC attendants - who give a 'siropa' to all those devotees who offer Rs 100 or more -- did not give him one even then," an eye-witness said.

None of the senior office-bearers of SGPC, including president Avtar Singh Makkar and secretary Dilmegh Singh, were present during Advani's visit. The CM also kept away while BJP MP from Amritsar Navjot Sidhu accompanied Advani. SGPC officials said they "leave decisions such as giving siropas to visiting dignitaries to staff on duty inside the Golden Temple".

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## Advani Faces Slogan Shouting Crowds in Amritsar

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Amritsar, Nov 15: BJP leader Lal Krishna Advani today faced hostile crowds of workers of some Akali Dal factions during his visit to the Golden Temple when he was greeted by slogans.

In the morning, when Advani entered the periphery of the Golden Temple to pay obeisance, he was greeted with slogans of Khalistan raised by activists associated with former MP Simranjit Singh Mann.

Men of the SGPC task force escorted Advani into the sanctum sanctorum, while Police Commissioner R P Mittal was present to oversee the security.

Advani, his wife Kamala and daughter Pratibha were offered Siropa at the information centre of the temple.

The BJP leader faced angry protests from President of Shiromani Akali Dal (Delhi) Jaswinder Singh who was present there with dozens of his supporters.

Earlier, Singh and AISSF President Karnail Singh Peermohammad, in a memorandum submitted before the Jathedar of Akal Takht, said that the rally of Advani should be boycotted in Amritsar since he had claimed he had a hand in the Indian government's military action on Harmandir Sahib in June 1984.

When asked about his views on Operation Blue Star on the Golden Temple in 1984, Advani walked away with folded hands.

Earlier, last evening during his arrival at the rally venue in the city Advani was greeted with the slogans of 'Khalistan Zindabad' by radical Sikhs who were rounded up by the police immediately after.

For the freedom of KHALISTAN Akhand Path  
of Guru Granth Sahib was performed with  
the sponsorship of Sardar S.S. Jalwehra at Guru Ram  
Das Sikh Study and Cultural center, Smiss Street,  
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Dr. G.S. Anlakh spoke and raised 5 slogans of Khalistan Zindabad

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## 4 try to manhandle Hawara; 1 slapped

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Claiming to be activists of a right-wing Hindu outfit Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Suraksha Samiti, the four had reportedly requested cameramen to remain present outside the District Court complex, Sector 17 to record the “thrashing” of Hawara. Awarded the death sentence for murdering Beant Singh, Hawara instead thrashed one of them in full public view.

The high-voltage drama was witnessed at around 10 am when Hawara and his accomplice Paramjit Singh Bheora, were being produced before a local court. One of the four activists pushed Hawara when the latter was entering inside the Court amidst tight security.

Hawara, whose left hand was handcuffed, immediately caught hold of the activist and slapped him in full public view with his right hand. The other three tried to save their friend but were restrained by the Chandigarh Police and taken into police custody.

Following the ruckus created by the four, who kept raising slogans propagating their party's name, the police blocked the road adjoining the Court. This resulted in harassment to commuters.

The four have been booked on charges of obstructing public servant from conducting his duty; wrongful restraint and voluntarily causing hurt. Those booked are Nishant Sharma, Ramesh Dutt, Manish Sood and Ashutosh Sharma.

Hawara and Paramjit Singh Bheora were brought to Chandigarh district court today for resumed hearing of the infamous Burail jail break case. Both the terrorists are lodged in Tihar Jail in connection with the New Delhi blasts case of 2004.

According to eyewitnesses, the activists were waiting near the gate of the court complex and pounced on Hawara. Raising slogans against Hawara and Bheora, the “activists” alleged that Hawara and Bheora are a threat to the society.

Hawara, Bheora and their accomplice Jagtar Singh Tara along with another murder convict Devi Singh had made a sensational escape from Burail Jail in January 2004 by digging a 104-foot long tunnel. While Hawara and Bheora were arrested, Tara and Devi Singh are still at large. The court today issued a notice to the Chandigarh Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) regarding the security to the defence counsel.

Meanwhile, the family of the accused the State agencies of planning of the attack in order to force them to agree for video conferencing on the grounds of Law and order problem. Taking cognisance of an application moved by Arvind Thakur, Hawara's defence lawyer, the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate today issued notices to the Chandigarh SSP.

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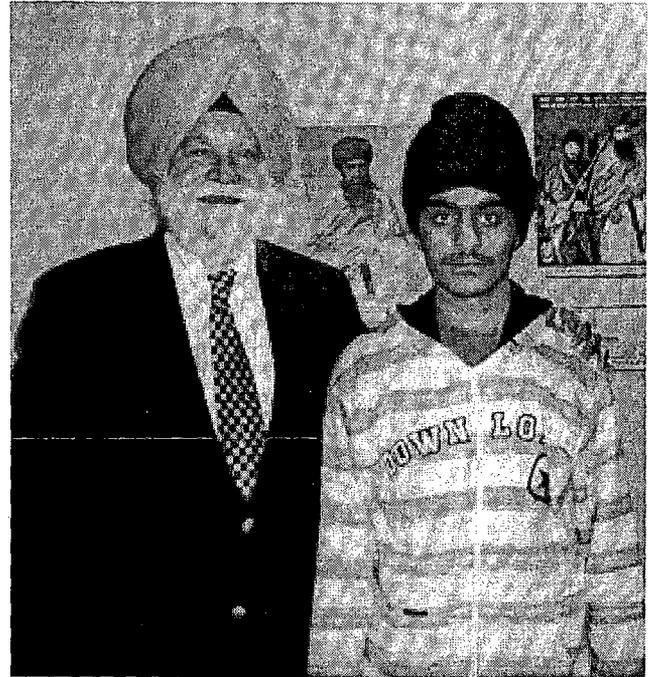
# Gurmit Singh Aulakh

From SikhiWiki

**Gurmit Singh Aulakh** is the President of the Council of Khalistan, an organization that supports the establishment of Khalistan, a sovereign Sikh nation in South Asia. He is the President of Khalistan, which was declared by the Panthic Committee (Sarbat Khalsa - Khalsa Panth) on October 7th, 1987. He has made efforts to lobby politicians in the United States.

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Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh with Sunny Singh Jalwehra (Brussels) - photo taken on Nov 23, 2008

## Khalistan movement

On October 7, 1987, Aulakh and his associates declared Khalistan's independence from India. Aulakh was declared as the President by the Panthic Committee selected by the Sarbat Khalsa in 1986.

In 1997, Aulakh received the Quaid-E-Azam Jinnah Freedom Award from the Pakistan Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee in Houston, Texas.[1] as he supports Pakistani occupation of Khalistani Capital of Lahore.

On Jan. 30, 2001 Dan Burton mentioned in the Congressional records that a Christian organization called the "Persecuted Church of India" had thanked Aulakh for his efforts.

*(Many Indian Christians are harassed by Hindutvists in India. In fact, Christian missionary Graham Stewart Staines, 58, and his two sons, Philip, ten, and Timothy, eight, were burned to death when the Jeep they were sleeping in was doused with gasoline and set on fire.)*

On Oct. 14, 1999, John Dollittle stated in the House of Representatives that "the Council of Khalistan, held October 9 and 10 in New York, the delegates passed a resolution to nominate Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, for the Nobel Peace Prize. I believe that he would be an excellent candidate." [citation needed]

On Oct. 13, 1999, Edolphus Towns stated in the Congressional records that Aulakh has been declared "Khalistan

Man of the Year. "[citation needed]

## Lobbying and political connections

Dr. Aulakh has been a lobbyist for the Khalistan cause and was able to temporarily receive support from a few politicians in the US and UK. *The majority*

- Edolphus Towns, member of the U.S. House of Representatives, from New York. He has been a supporter of Khalistan and Nagalim. Towns also wanted to "declare India a terrorist state" because of "the pattern of Indian terrorism against its minorities", an allegation that was summarily dismissed by the White House.[2]
- Dan Burton, member of the United States House of Representatives from Indiana. He was a supporter of an independent Kashmir and Khalistan but has distanced himself from both since 9/11.
- Jesse Helms, former five-term Republican U.S. Senator from North Carolina. About two decades ago, he had circumvented the State Department's refusal of a visa to separatist Khalistan activist Jagjit Singh Chauhan by inviting him to testify before a Senate agriculture committee he headed.[3]
- Lord Avebury, a member of the British House of Lords.

## Attempts to introduce bills to censure the Government of India

Aulakh and his supporters have been active lobbyists in several attempted pieces of anti-India legislation aimed at limiting humanitarian developmental aid to India.

- In 1997, HR 182, the Human Rights in India Act, was sponsored by Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN) and Rep. Gary Condit (D-CA). to cut-off U.S. development aid to India until the president certifies to Congress that India has taken "certain steps to prevent human rights abuses" in India.
- Another resolution, H. Con. Res. 37, sponsored by Condit and Rep. Dana Rohrbacher (R-CA) called for an internationally-supervised plebiscite in Punjab on the question of independence for the region. The act secured the support of only 82 members while 342 voted against it.

Neither piece of legislation had any major effect. Dan Burton beat a hasty retreat again in the House of Representatives in August 1999, withdrawing his amendment seeking a 25 per cent cut in the US development aid to India, in the face of an overwhelming opposition. Burton could line up only two lawmakers to speak in his favour. On the other hand, at least 21 Congressmen spoke out against the anti-India proposal. The opposition to the anti-India measure was so strong that Burton withdrew instead facing a decisive defeat on the floor.[5]

The Indian Govt played a ploy on Dr Gurmit Singh Aulakh in 2002, accusing him of obtaining signatures by deception, which isn't true.

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# Behold the Mighty Beard, a Badge of Piety and Religious Belonging

Go ahead, picture a religious Jew.

Now picture a Muslim cleric.

Now an Amish farmer.

What do they have in common? Beards.

And not neatly trimmed beards, but, in the popular

stereotype, long, unruly beards, which connote piety, spiritual intensity and a life so hard at study that there is no time for a shave. The scholar, the mystic, the terrorist, the holy man — they all have beards.

Last month, the connection between hirsuteness and religiosity appeared in federal court, not for the first time. In this latest case, a federal court refused to consider the appeal of a Jewish prisoner in New Hampshire who had bristled against regulations limiting his beard to a quarter-inch.

In upholding a 2010 summary judgment against the prisoner, Albert Kuperman, convicted in 2002 of sexually molesting a minor, the First Circuit panel did not disagree that Mr. Kuperman had a religious obligation to refrain from shaving. But it concluded, in a decision issued July 14, that “alternative means remained open for Kuperman to exercise the constitutionally protected right

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at issue.” The prison, in other words, had to allow Mr. Kuperman, who has since been released, some avenue for religious observance, but not every avenue.

Being bearded is just one of many obligations that some strictly religious Jewish men uphold. Only one of the Torah’s 613 commandments applies to facial hair, and scholars disagree on the commandment’s interpretation.

But the beard is integral to many men’s religious identities, not just religious Jews. The beard, especially the really big beard, constitutes a look, one that dictates how they are perceived by the world.

“Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head or clip off the edges of your beard,” according to Leviticus 19:27. That commandment has produced reams of rabbinic commentary. Some traditional Jews believe only the chin must remain unshaven. Others argue the unshaven area is larger, and some teachings hold that the prohibition against shaving extends to the neck. Rabbis draw distinctions between shaving (forbidden) and practices like cutting the hair with scissors, plucking it with tweezers and removing it with depilatories (depending on whom you ask, possibly permitted).

But to focus on the legalisms misses the point. In many religious communities, the beard is

the man’s ID badge, his sign of membership. Like the Hasid’s black hat or the Muslim’s kufi, it’s what he acquires when he joins the community, and it’s what he gets rid of when he leaves. It is a form of religious garb, with different versions in different religious tribes.

According to Steven D. Reschly, who teaches history at Tru-

*The scholar, the mystic, the terrorist, the holy man — they all have whiskers.*

man State University in Missouri, Amish men’s beards, without mustaches, are not religiously commanded. Their only ritual function is to distinguish married men, who wear beards, from single men, who do not. (The Amish do not wear wedding rings.) They are mainly a tradition, around which legends sprout like whiskers.

“The standard story is that the Amish do not wear mustaches or buttons because mustaches and brass buttons were associated with the French military in the 18th century,” Dr. Reschly wrote in an e-mail. “Amish men will

sometimes tell you that they think Amish women got rid of the mustaches on their men because they did not like to kiss their husbands with all that hair on the upper lip.”

The beards, which, according to Dr. Reschly, “reflect late 17th- and early 18th-century rural clothing and grooming patterns in northwestern Switzerland and northeastern France,” honor the past and its folkways.

“They indicate respect for tradition, refusal to recognize changing fashions, and in general nonconformity to the world, all of which do have spiritual significance in the Amish world view,” Dr. Reschly wrote.

The beard has a long history in the Islamic world, but as with the Amish, the tradition is not commanded by Scripture. Rather, it seems to originate in a hadith, or saying, from the prophet Muhammad.

“There is nothing specific in the Koran that tells people to wear beards,” said Adnan Zulfiqar, the Muslim spiritual adviser at the University of Pennsylvania. “Mainly it derives from prophetic traditions, particularly one in which a non-Muslim delegation came to the prophet, and he was taken aback by their appearance, and he made this statement that you leave your beard but trim your mustaches.”

Mr. Zulfiqar said clerics disagreed on whether the beard was

obligatory for Muslim men. “The more conservative you are, the more likely to see it as obligatory.” Those who would require the beard disagree over how long it should be, he said.

But all over the Muslim world, the full beard has come to connote piety and spiritual fervor. It is such a powerful cultural signifier, in fact, that it inspires non-Muslims, too.

“We have the Muslim beard, known as the ‘Sunni beard’ here in Philadelphia,” Mr. Zulfiqar said. “The iteration,” he added, “is pretty long and scraggly, and it has become part of the fashion here. In urban Philadelphia, you will see ‘Sunni beards’ being worn by non-Muslims as well. It’s become part of urban culture, particularly among African-Americans. They wear really scraggly, unkempt beards, and it is considered aesthetically pleasing and fashionable. And you don’t have to be Muslim.”

Of course, the beard is only a sign of righteousness. It is no guarantor, as Mr. Zulfiqar reminds us.

“I recall one gentleman who came back from a trip to Pakistan and remarked to me, ‘I learned one thing: the longer the beard, the bigger the crook.’ His anticipation was people with big beards would be really honest, but he kept meeting people lying to him.”

# ISI May Try to Rescue Fai, Say U.S. Prosecutors

By **LALIT K. JHA**  
Press Trust of India

WASHINGTON — Pakistan's intelligence service ISI could try its best to rescue Ghulam Nabi Fai, accused of being on its payroll for 20 years and funneling its cash into the U.S. to influence lawmakers on Kashmir, feel federal prosecutors, who also claim that the Kashmiri separatist had lived "a life of lies."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gordon Kromberg said ISI has a wide network of supporters and agents across the globe and would try its best to rescue 62-year-old Fai, head of the Kashmiri American Council who has been put under house arrest with electronic surveillance and an unsecured bond of \$100,000.

"Based on the information in the complaint and to a large degree conceded by Mr. Fai after his ar-

rest, he has been an agent of the Pakistani intelligence service for more than 20 years," he said.

"As such it is likely that the Pakistani intelligence service has an obligation to try to protect Mr. Fai from getting prosecuted for being their agent. As a result, he likely has a network of support internationally from the secret service of a foreign government," Kromberg said.

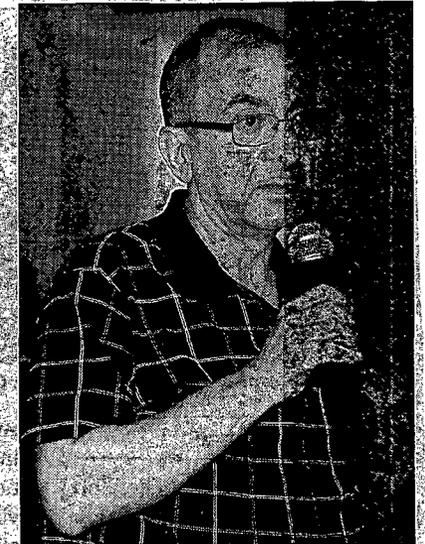
The ISI has facilities throughout

Europe, Kromberg said.

Meanwhile, the U.S. government has launched forfeiture proceedings against Fai's house — valued at more than \$700,000 according to public records — on grounds of violation of money laundering rules and the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

In other news, prosecutors told a U.S. court July 27 that Fai's campaign for self-determination in Kashmir was at the direction of the ISI, which provided him at least \$4 million to influence American policy on the issue.

However, Fai's attorneys refuted such a claim and argued that the KAC chief has always espoused the cause of an



File photo of Ghulam Nabi Fai.

## Fai Tries to Get Political Mileage Out of Arrest

WASHINGTON (PTI) — Arrested on charges of illegally lobbying on behalf of Pakistan's ISI on Kashmir, separatist Kashmiri leader Ghulam Nabi Fai and his supporters July 27 tried to gain political mileage after he was released from detention by a U.S. court and put under house arrest.

Fai, who lives in Fairfax, Virginia, along with his Chinese wife and his two children, waved his hand to a few dozen supporters who attended court proceedings as he was being taken out of the court room to the prison by court marshals.

His supporters waved their hands to Fai.

The court ordered that he be released from prison and instead put under house arrest with electronic surveillance.

As everyone came out of the

court room, people started congratulating Fai's wife Chang Ning Ying Q. She instantly gave a speech lasting less than a minute, thanking everybody for their support and asking them to join her for dinner.

She said she has full faith in the justice system and then asked people to pray to the God for "justice" to the people of Kashmir.

Happy that the court has accepted Fai's bail bond, M. Tahir, chairman of the Fai Relief Committee, said: "Kashmiri people will continue to work diplomatically and politically in the whole world, especially in the U.S. to get right of self-determination to the people of Jammu and Kashmir for which Dr. Fai was working for two decades."

Tahir said this was "deeply shocking" news for the community that Fai was taking money

from Pakistan's spy agency.

Fai had donated to the congressional campaigns of Republicans and Democrats for years, including \$250 to President Barack Obama in 2008, according to Federal Election Commission records.

The FEC records show that since 1997 Rep. Dan Burton's campaign received \$7,500 from Fai. Zaheer Ahmed, another U.S. citizen charged along with Fai, gave \$4,000 to Burton between 2008 and 2010. In a statement, Burton said he was shocked by Fai's arrest and had no idea he was involved in a foreign intelligence operation.

Pakistan's ministry of foreign affairs in Islamabad struck a defiant tone after Fai's arrest. In a statement, the ministry said it is protesting Fai's arrest and praised his contributions on be-

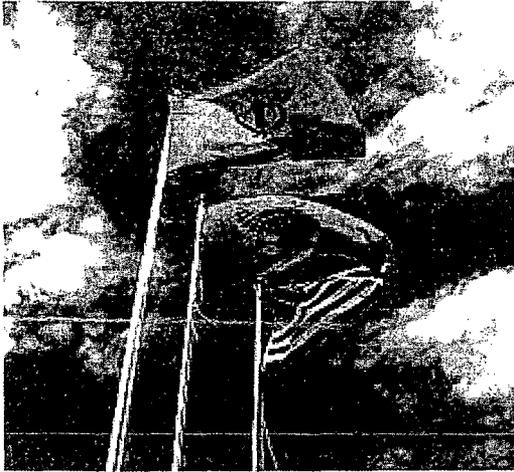
half of Kashmir. The statement also refers to a "slander campaign against Pakistan," an apparent reference to the Justice Department's allegations and media coverage of the case. The statement did not address the accusation that he was an unregistered agent for the ISI.



# Historic Khalistan Day Parade a Huge Success



*Sikhs Gather in Thousands to Celebrate the 312<sup>th</sup> Birthday of The Khalsa.  
The Sikh Nation Vows to Reclaim its Lost Sovereignty through  
Peaceful, Democratic, and Political Means.*



crowd that Hindu policeman had forcefully removed the turban of a Sikh at a recent international gathering in Mohali, Punjab, near Chandigarh.

"Freedom and sovereignty are our birthright," Dr. Ajrawat told the assembled thousands, "and we have ruled Punjab three times—from 1710-1716, from 1763-1799 as twelve Misls, and from 1799 to 1849 as United Khalsa Rule or Raj, under the leadership of Maharaja Ranjit Singh. We are not separatists or terrorists but a legitimate nation that lost its sovereign-

ty to the British in 1849."

He further asserted that the Sikh nation must have its own intelligence service, so that they are not betrayed again by deep undercover agents like Nanak Chand Malhotra, alias Master Tara Singh, a representative of the radical RSS Hindu leader Golwalkar. Nanak Chand Malhotra, disguised as a Sikh, cast the lot of Sikhs with India in 1947, declaring Sikhs to be part of the Hindu religion. The Sikh congregation affirmed Dr. Ajrawat's presentation by cheering and raising the five slogans of Khalistan Zindabad. Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, who was guest of honor, also addressed the crowd and emphasized the importance of Sikh rule, the liberation of Khalistan, and the necessity of fighting the tyranny of the Indian government.

The late Col. Partap Singh, President of the Khalsa Raj Party and author of the historic book *Khalistan, the Only Solution*, was honored for his sacrifice and hard work in seeking the establishment of a Sikh homeland in Punjab, Khalistan. Dr. Aulakh, a friend and fellow compatriot of Col. Partap Singh, received a Siropa on his behalf. S. Hari Singh Aulakh and his late wife Davinder Kaur were honored with Siropas for their contribution to the Sikh struggle during demonstrations organized by Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh and Dr. Paramjit Singh Ajrawat over the last 26 years.

Dr. Ajrawat applauded the efforts of Sikh leader Simranjit Singh Mann for his dedicated and ongoing efforts to liberate Punjab, Khalistan from the clutches of Indian occupation. The three-member committee of Shromani Akali Dal Mann, including Boota Singh Kharoudh, Surjit Singh Kalhar, and Rupinder Singh Baath, were given Siropas on behalf of the Sikh leader S. Simranjit Singh Mann. Though invited as a chief guest by the Khalistan Day Parade Organization, S. Simranjit Singh Mann could not be present because of the revocation of his U.S. visa by the state department at the request of the Indian government. Despite this act of oppression and manipulation, the Sikh Nation affirmed its resolution to fight against continued discrimination and insults.

G.S. Dhillon, Bhupinder Singh Gabri, Kanwaljit Singh Rekhi, and Harmohan Singh Gabri were specially recognized for their con-

tribution to the Khalistan Day Parade, which celebrated its 10th anniversary. S. Inderjit Singh Rekhi applauded the initiative of the Khalistan Day Parade and congratulated fellow Sikhs on the 312<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Khalsa.

A special tribute was given to all the members of the organization who helped make this historic event possible. Guru Ka Langar was served during the Diwan. Special thanks were given to the contributors to the Langar, including Preet Palace Restaurant, Sukhdev Singh Gill, Jaskaran Singh Gill, and others.

After the final Ardaas and the playing of the martial tune "Khalsa the Brave and Scotland the Brave" by bagpipe major Steve Cochran, the Khalistan Day Parade started down Constitution Ave. towards Third Street at the Washington Mall and Capitol Hill. At the head of the colorful parade was the Golden Temple Float, on which Guru Granth Sahib was elegantly displayed. The Panj Payras (The Five Beloved Ones) led the float, followed by thousands of parade participants.

At the very front Dennis Lathan Singh, an African Sikh American, who was honored earlier with Siropa carried the U.S. flag, reminding the world that the Sikh Nation believes in the equality of all mankind, based on the correct principles taught by the Sikh Gurus. Two banners followed, with these inscriptions: "The Khalistan Day-Vaisakhi-Birthday of the Khalsa" and "We Shall Not Forget the Holocaust of the Sikhs—1984." The beautiful display by Sikh youth from the Harkrishan Institute of Sikh Studies, under the leadership of Gurdeep Singh, was worthy of praise and attracted the spectators with its appreciation for Sikh heritage and patriotism for America. Both sides of Constitution Ave. were lined with thousands of visitors, who had participated in the earlier Cherry Blossom Parade.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Khalistan Day Parade was a reminder to fellow Sikhs and other American onlookers of the glorious Sikh past, their contributions to the betterment of humanity, their fight against tyranny in World Wars I and II, and their present resolve to reclaim their lost sovereignty. The crowd showed their appreciation by taking pictures of the parade and reading pamphlets distributed by American friends of the Sikh Nation.

The Khalistan Day Parade concluded on Third Street at Capitol Hill and the Washington Mall. The pipe major of the two bands was presented with Robes and Swords of Honor. A Sikh cultural program followed this ceremony, where well-known Sikh artists, including Mohan Singh Bains, Ajit Singh Dhaliwal, Dharam Singh Goraya, Harjit Singh Hundal and others gave outstanding performances to entertain the enthusiastic Sikh and American crowds. Additional free Langar was given to all participants. Aroma Restaurant was applauded for its contributions.

At about 7 p.m., the final ceremony of the Khalistan Day Parade came to an end, with the jubilant crowd promising to return in even bigger numbers for next year's parade.

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# Man Pleads Guilty of Illegal Exporting to India

## From News Dispatches

Parthasarathy Sudarshan, 47, the owner of an electronics business in Simpsonville, S.C., pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia March 13 to one felony count of conspiracy to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, Export Administration Regulations, the Arms Export Control Act and International Traffic in Arms Regulations.

He is scheduled to be sentenced June 16.

Sudarshan was charged with illegally exporting controlled microprocessors and electronic components to Indian government entities that were developing ballistic missiles, space launch vehicles and fighter jets.

"The defendant participated in a clandestine network that circumvented our export laws and put sophisticated technology in the hands of foreign companies that were listed as end-users of concern for proliferation reasons," stated U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor.

"By fraudulently acquiring and

shipping controlled missile technology overseas, this defendant violated both our federal law and our national security," added U.S. Assistant Attorney General for National Security Kenneth L. Wainstein.

According to court documents, Sudarshan was chief executive, managing director and president of Cirrus Electronics, which has offices in South Carolina, Singapore and Bangalore.

Among recipients of the U.S. technology were the Vikram Sarabhai Space Center, an enterprise within India's Department of Space; and Bharat Dynamics, Ltd., an enterprise in India's Ministry of Defense.

The U.S. government said VSSC participates in India's space launch vehicle program and BDL participates in India's development of ballistic missiles.

During the period 2002-06, Sudarshan acquired for VSSC and BDL components having applications for missile guidance and firing systems in the U.S.

In the case of at least two U.S. vendors, he and others at Cirrus provided U.S. companies

with fraudulent certificates that claimed that the end-users of these electrical components were non-restricted entities in India, when, in fact, the items were for VSSC, the U.S. said. There were no export licenses for any of the shipments to VSSC and BDL.

Sudarshan sent the products through his company's Singapore office to disguise the fact that the ultimate destination was India, U.S. authorities charged.

Sudarshan also acquired microprocessors for Tejas, a fighter jet under development in India. Because the microprocessors are on the U.S. Munitions List, the State Department must license any export of the products.

On two occasions in 2004 and 2006, Cirrus shipped 500 microprocessors to the Aeronautical Development Establishment, an enterprise in India's Ministry of Defense, while where there were no licenses for them.

"The Department of Commerce's Entity List puts exporters on notice regarding end-users that are of proliferation concern," said U.S. Commerce Assistant

Secretary for Export Enforcement Darryl W. Jackson. "This case demonstrates that we will take action against those exporters who evade our export control system."

India March 14 rejected the

charges. "No official of the government of India has violated the laws of India or the United States and New Delhi's procurement process is quite transparent," a senior official of the Indian Embassy told PTI.

# Indian Embassy Worker Tied to Arms Conspiracy

By GLENN KESSLER  
Washington Post Staff Writer

An employee with the Indian Embassy in Washington and Indian government agencies conspired with an international electronics executive to obtain secret weapons technology from U.S. companies, according to a guilty plea the businessman made yesterday in federal court.

The plea by Parthasarathy Sudarshan, 47, before a federal judge in Washington suggests the Indian government violated a pledge made in 2004 that it would not try to bypass U.S. export-control laws and regulations that were imposed after India tested a nuclear weapon in 1998.

The Bush administration has invested significant effort in seeking to conclude a deal that would give India access to U.S. civilian nuclear technology. The deal, which has stalled because of political difficulties in India, requires final approval from Congress, and some lawmakers expressed outrage after an indictment of Sudarshan was unsealed last year.

The Indian Embassy did not respond to a request for comment.

In a separate case announced yesterday, a Minnesota company, MTS Systems Corp., pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years' proba-

tion and fined \$400,000 for repeatedly falsifying documents so it could illegally export equipment for use in India's nuclear program.

According to court documents, Sudarshan, as chief executive of Cirrus Electronics, sought to evade the export laws by arranging for critical parts needed for missiles, space launch vehicles and fighter jets to be shipped to Singapore, which did not require a license from the Commerce Department. The parts then were secretly rerouted to India.

The documents said that Sudarshan worked closely with an Indian Embassy employee identified only as "co-conspirator A." At one point, according to court documents, Sudarshan advised the official that a shipment of microprocessors for combat aircraft "is leaving for Singapore, as we do not want it to be held up at U.S. customs for want of business registration and export code numbers, etc."

Sudarshan, of Simpsonville, S.C., agreed to cooperate with the investigation as part of his guilty plea and faces a maximum five-year prison term for conspiring to violate two federal laws.

Sudarshan's attorney, Reid Weingarten, did not return a call seeking comment.

## Prosecutors Deny Offering Deal to Air India Convict

TORONTO (PTI) — Canadian prosecutors have denied offering a deal to the lone convict in the 1985 Air India bombing in exchange for information on his accomplices, a report said.

In a report last week, the Globe and Mail daily said the British Columbia government had told Inderjit Singh Reyat he would receive a sentence of two to five years, instead of a maximum 14, if he provided valuable information about others involved in the Kanishka airliner bombing that killed all 329 people aboard, mostly of Indian origin.

Reyat, who was described by a trial judge as an "unmitigated liar," is currently serving a five-year sentence after pleading guilty of manslaughter. His sentence ends Feb. 9 but he faces perjury charges that are punishable with a maximum 14 years in jail. The perjury trial is to open Feb. 4.

An indictment filed in February 2006 listed 27 instances in which Reyat allegedly lied while testifying at the trial of Vancouver businessman Ripudaman Singh Malik and Ajaib Singh Bagri, a Kamloops mill worker, in 2003. Both Malik

and Bagri were acquitted for lack of evidence.

Reyat was found guilty of aiding and abetting in the making of the bomb that caused the explosion in Kanishka but a court said he lacked any knowledge of who put the explosive device on the airplane.

Air India Flight 182 from Montreal to New Delhi exploded over the Atlantic Ocean near Great Britain on June 23, 1985. An hour earlier, a bomb in baggage intended for another Air India flight exploded in Tokyo's Narita Airport, killing two baggage handlers.

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## India Should End Hindu-Christian Violence: HRW

By a Staff Reporter

NEW YORK — The Indian government should act immediately to end violence between Hindus and Christians in Orissa state, said Human Rights Watch Dec. 29.

Violence broke out Dec. 24 during Christmas celebrations in Orissa's Kandhamal district.

A group of Christians allegedly attacked the vehicle of a local right-wing Hindu organization leader. In retaliation, Hindu mobs burned down at least 19 churches, according to an HRW release.

HRW called for an independent inquiry and prosecution identifying those instigating the Orissa

violence.

"The Orissa government should have addressed this problem before it became violent," said Meenakshi Ganguly, senior researcher for the Asia division of HRW. "The authorities are still failing to react quickly enough, and now ordinary people are being attacked."

Right-wing Hindu organizations such as Vsihwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal have promoted anti-Christian propaganda in Orissa, hoping to convert Christians, said HRW.

The groups accuse Christian missionaries of forcing tribal people and low-caste Hindus to convert to Christianity.

## Mistaken identity or fake encounter?

Tribune News Service

Amritsar, September 21, 2007: In what could be yet another case of mistaken identity or a planned fake encounter, the sister of a victim here today claimed that the actual "militant" the police claimed to have killed was still alive.

Lakhbir Kaur alleged that the police killed her brother, Kinder Singh, who was an innocent truck driver, on August 13, 1993, for no reason. Interestingly, Jaspal Singh, who had an award of Rs 5 lakh on his head and was shown killed in police files, was still alive. He was present with Lakhbir Kaur here today.

Addressing a press conference, Col G.S. Sandhu, chairman of the Majha Ex-Servicemen Human Rights Front & NGO Aapna Punjab, demanded a probe by a retired high court judge to bring out the truth of fake encounters so that compensation could be given to the families of the victims.

"Kinder Singh of Nagoke (20) was pulled out of a truck in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh, and shot dead. The story planted was that militant Jaspal Singh of Nangli,

carrying a reward of Rs 5 lakh, was shot in a police encounter. Kunan Singh, father of Kinder Singh, sold his 3 acres of land and shifted to UP and the family is now living in abject poverty," said Colonel Sandhu.

"Already, leaks from police sources suggest that Kinder Singh and Sukhpal Singh of Kala Afghana were killed as a result of mistaken identity as no reward money was claimed and the records being old have been destroyed as per laid down rules and now it is difficult to pinpoint responsibility at this stage. The issue is why the families of the two victims were not informed about their deaths," he questioned.

Colonel Sandhu demanded "the state should not shy away from admitting past mistakes, render apology, provide compensation and bring the guilty to the book." He also sought downsizing of the top-heavy police in Punjab. He has also started a terror helpline in Tarn Taran (9876169922).

## **Canadian Police Seeks To Visit India To Investigate Air India Bombing**

TORONTO (PTI) - Canadian police have sought the Indian government's permission to visit the country to investigate the June 1985 bombing of an Air India flight that killed 329 people, an official has said.

Inspector Lloyd Plante said investigators of Royal Canadian Mounted Police's task force met with Indian government representatives in Canada last week to update them on the ongoing criminal probe into the bombing.

Plante stressed the planned trip to India has nothing to do with recent news reports about an alleged confession by suspected mastermind Talwinder Singh Parmar while he was being interrogated in Punjab in October 1992.

"This trip, frankly, had been planned well in advance of the news reports," Plante said.

Plante said the criminal case is active, despite the acquittal of two key suspects - Ripudaman Singh Malik and Ajaib Singh Bagri - two years ago.

Ashok Sharma, the Indian consul-general in Vancouver, said Indian officials were pleased with the progress of the criminal case.

# SAN Protests Labor Abuse at 'Little India' Store

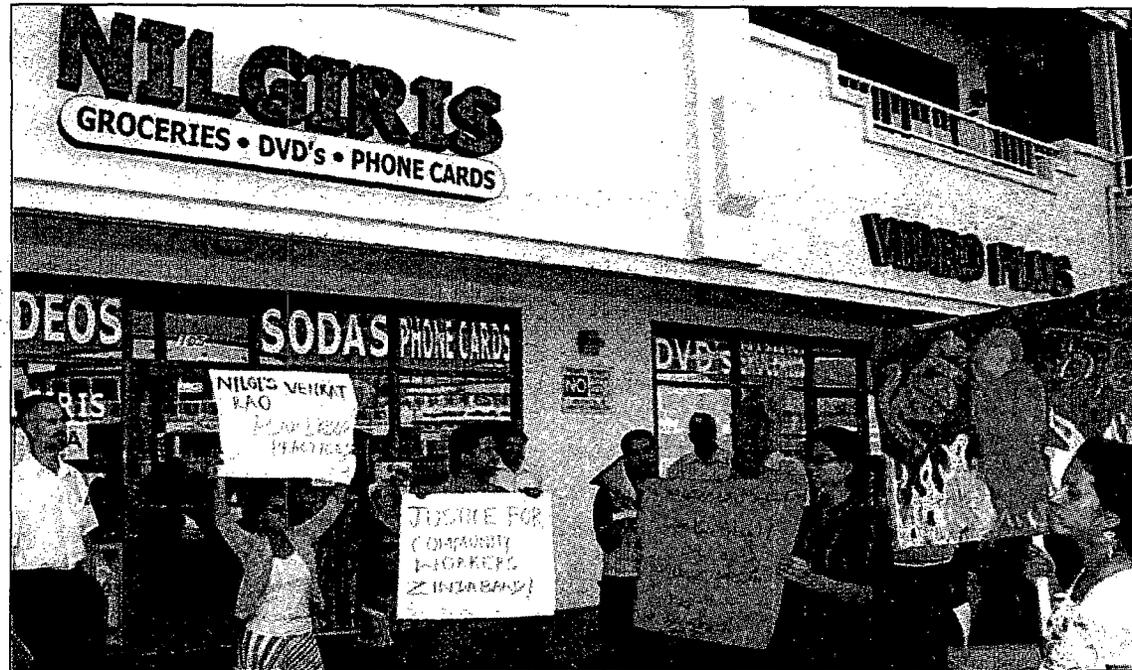
By MICHEL W. POTTS  
Special to India-West

ARTESIA, Calif.—Waving handmade placards and chanting, less than a dozen demonstrators organized by the South Asian Network marched down Pioneer Boulevard in the heart of the "Little India" enclave here Aug. 17 to protest against the labor practices of an Indian American-owned business.

After the two-and-a-half block march to the Sunshine Plaza, located directly across the street from the Little India Village complex, the protesters gathered in front of Venkat Rao's Nilgiri's Groceries and continued chanting, "What Do We Want? Justice! When Do We Want It? Now?" and "Workers Rights Zindabad."

According to an SAN press release distributed at the demonstration, the protest centers around the allegation that Rao has "neglected his legal and moral obligations" to treat Parshotam Lal, a former worker, fairly and pay him for his labor.

Lal, who was present at the demonstration, contended that for eight months in 2003 he had worked in Rao's store but was not adequately compensated for his labor. He took his case to the California state labor commissioner, who in 2004 ordered Rao to pay Lal a total of \$21,472.43 for unpaid wages and for violating



Waving handmade placards, less than a dozen SAN demonstrators protested against the labor practices of Venkat Rao's Nilgiri's Groceries store. (Michel Potts photo)

Lal's rights.

When Rao allegedly failed to comply, the state labor commissioner turned the matter over to the Superior Court of the Southeast District in Los Cerritos, which in September 2004 issued a judgment ordering Rao to pay the money owed to Lal.

When Lal's money was not forthcoming, Lal had Steven Zrucky, an attorney with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, work out a settlement with Rao, who signed an agreement in which

he stipulated that he would pay Lal a total of \$12,000 in three payments of \$4000 each, beginning in July of 2007, and agreed to attend three training classes on workers rights.

According to the SAN release, Rao has not paid anything since Aug. 10 of this year. "Furthermore, on Aug. 10th, 2007, SAN was informed by his attorney that Mr. Rao refuses to attend workers rights training," the press released stated.

According to Zrucky, Rao as-

serts that "he was doing Lal a big favor by having him hanging around the store, but actually he was stocking and clerking and all that. I've been doing this work for 26 years, and this is a very common response when...they think they can take advantage of folks."

Rao was not in his grocery store during the demonstration and was unavailable for comment.

"We're not here just to protest for one incident of workers rights abuses, we're here to raise aware-

ness about the abuses of workers rights on Pioneer Boulevard and the abuses that many community members face within these community businesses," Jyoti Chand, a community advocate in SAN's civil rights unit, told India-West.

The "Little India" enclave is "only one area where people in the community are being abused because of their immigration status, and this abuse is happening everywhere against South Asian workers and Latino workers and immigrant workers in general," she added.

Not only are the rights of undocumented workers violated, "but also people who are permanent residents, people who are elderly, people who are limited in English and people who are recent immigrants who don't know their rights," she pointed out. "So this is a broad sector of the community that this issue is impacting."

The protest was the first of its kind that SAN has mounted against an Indian-owned business. "In the next year, what SAN is planning to do is to reach out to the workers on Pioneer Boulevard and we want to organize a 'Know Your Rights' training and workshops," Chand said.

"Our end goal is to have a formal body of workers that puts pressure on the employers. So (the protest against Rao) is the beginning point of that."

## ਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹਾਲੇ ਪੂਰਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਇਆ : ਭਾਈ ਹਵਾਰਾ

ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ/ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਟਾਈਮਜ਼ ਬਿਊਰੋ

ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਫਾਂਸੀ ਦੀ ਸਜ਼ਾ ਦੇ ਖਿਲਾਫ ਅਪੀਲ



ਕਰਨਗੇ ਜਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ? ਵੀਰਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਗੱਲ ਤੋਂ ਪਰਦਾ ਉੱਠ ਗਿਆ ਅਤੇ ਫਾਂਸੀ ਦੀ ਸਜ਼ਾ ਦੇ ਖਿਲਾਫ ਆਪਣਾ ਵਕਾਲਤਨਾਮਾ ਸਾਈਨ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਹਾਲਾਂਕਿ ਬਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਫਾਂਸੀ ਦੀ ਸਜ਼ਾ ਦੇ ਖਿਲਾਫ ਕੋਈ ਵਕਾਲਤਨਾਮਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਭਰਿਆ। ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਵਿਚ ਵਕਾਲਤਨਾਮਾ ਸਾਈਨ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਗਏ ਵਕੀਲ ਅਰਵਿੰਦ ਠਾਕੁਰ ਨੇ

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### ‘ਜਿਉਂਦੇ ਰਹਿ ਕੇ ਪੂਰਾ ਕਰਾਂਗਾ ਮਿਸ਼ਨ’

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## KANISHKA TRAGEDY OPERATION SILENCE

*The police encounter of Kanishka bombing's alleged mastermind, Talwinder Parmar, may have been staged to save the real players. Vikram Jit Singh reports*

Fifteen years after Babbar Khalsa International leader Talwinder Singh Parmar, one of the two alleged masterminds of the mid-air bombing of Air India's Kanishka airplane, was shown as having been killed in an encounter in Punjab, retired Punjab Police DSP Harmail Singh Chandi, who nabbed Parmar from Jammu in September 1992 and interrogated him for five days before he was killed along with five others, has come forward with the claim that Parmar was killed in police custody on the orders of senior police officers, who also asked his confession record to be destroyed. In his confession, Parmar had named Lakhbir Singh Brar "Rode", nephew of the late Bhindranwale and head of the banned International Sikh Youth Federation, as the mastermind of the bombing. Rode, who is now said to be holed up in Lahore, has never figured in the investigations of either the CBI or the Canadian authorities.

Chandi has brought forward the entire record of Parmar's confession, including audio tapes and statements, before the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the John Major Commission of Inquiry that is reinvestigating the June 23, 1985 blast that claimed 331 lives off the Irish coast. Chandi had been ordered by senior officers to destroy the records but he retained them secretly. The record was brought before the Major Commission due to seven-year-long investigations by the Punjab Human Rights Organisation (PHRO), a Chandigarh-based ngo that conducted interviews of Parmar's associates in India and Canada and pieced together a comprehensive report. The PHRO's Principal Investigator Sarbjit Singh and lawyer Rajvinder Singh Bains flew to Canada along with Harmail in June and produced their findings before the Commission's counsels.

A Canadian citizen, Parmar was shown as having been killed in an exchange of fire between police and six militants in the wee hours of October 15, 1992, near village Kang Arian in Phillar sub-division. However, evidence brought forward by Harmail (who was then DSP, Phillaur) shows that Parmar was interrogated between October 9 and 14 by senior police officers, where he revealed that the blasts were instigated by Lakhbir Singh Brar Rode.

Parmar's confession reads: "Around May 1985, a functionary of the International Sikh Youth Federation came to me and introduced himself as Lakhbir Singh and asked me for help in conducting some violent activities to express the resentment of the Sikhs. I told him to come after a few days so that I could arrange for dynamite and battery etc. He told me that he would first like to see a trial of the blast...After about four days, Lakhbir Singh and another youth, Inderjit Singh Reyat, both came to me. We went into the jungle (of British Columbia). There we joined a dynamite stick with a battery and triggered off a blast. Lakhbir and Inderjit, even at that time, had in their minds a plan to blast an aeroplane. I was not too keen on this plan but agreed to arrange for the dynamite sticks. Inderjit wanted to use for this purpose a transistor fitted with a battery...That very day, they took dynamite sticks from me and left.

"Then Lakhbir Singh, Inderjit Singh and their accomplice, Manjit Singh, made a plan to plant bombs in an Air India (AI) plane leaving from Toronto via London for Delhi and another flight that was to

leave Tokyo for Bangkok. Lakhbir Singh got the seat booking done from Vancouver to Tokyo and then onwards to Bangkok, while Manjit Singh got it done from Vancouver to Toronto and then from Toronto to Delhi. Inderjit prepared the bags for the flights, which were loaded with dynamite bombs fitted with a battery and transistor. They decided that the suitcases will be booked but they themselves will not travel by the same flights although they will take the boarding passes. After preparing these bombs, the plan was ready for execution by June 21 or 22, 1985. However, the bomb to be kept in the flight from Tokyo to Delhi via Bangkok exploded at the Narita airport on the conveyor belt. The second suitcase that was loaded on the Toronto-Delhi ai flight exploded in the air."

Sarbjit said the PHRO's probe has shown that Parmar was killed to hide the name of Lakhbir, who was an Indian agent. "After the Khalistan movement gained in sympathy in the West, especially in Canada, after the 1984 Blue Star operation and the killing of Sikhs in Delhi, a plot was hatched to discredit the Sikh movement. Parmar was roped in by Lakhbir at the behest of his masters. The Punjab Police got orders to finish off Parmar as he knew too much about the main perpetrators. On the day of the Kanishka blast, an explosion took place at Japan's Narita airport, where two Japanese baggage handlers were killed. The plot was to trigger blasts when the two aircraft had de-embarked their passengers but the 1 hour 40 minute delay in Kanishka's takeoff led to the bomb exploding mid-air," Sarbjit said.

What gives credence to Sarbjit's charge is the Source Report (in Tehelka's possession) prepared by the Jalandhar Police soon after Parmar was killed. Based on information provided by Parmar — though not attributing it to his interrogation — the report makes no reference to Lakhbir. Interestingly, Lakhbir, accused in many acts of terrorist violence, is wanted by the Indian Government in only a minor case registered in Moga, Punjab. The Red Corner Interpol notice, A-23/1-1997, put out by the CBI against Lakhbir states: "OFFENCES: House breaking, theft, damage by fire."

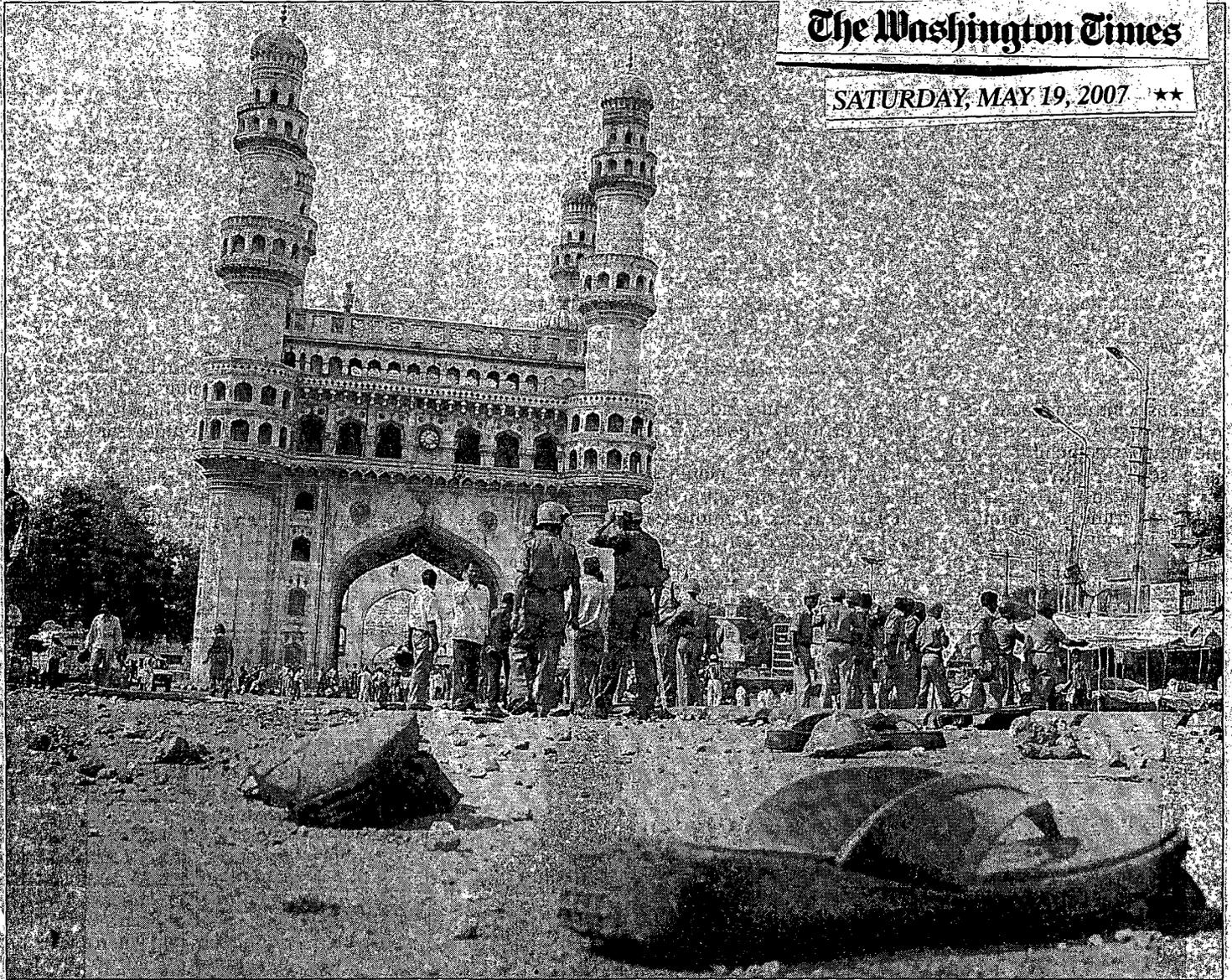
The PHRO told Canadian authorities that conclusive evidence existed of Parmar being killed in police custody and not in the "encounter" shown in FIR No 105 registered at Phillaur police station on October 15, 1992. The PHRO report, AI Flight 182 Case, states "On October 14, 1992, a high-level decision was conveyed to the police that Parmar had to be killed...The contradiction in the FIR and post-mortem report (PMR) is too obvious. As per the FIR, Parmar was killed by AK-47 fire by SSP Satish K Sharma from a rooftop. The PMR shows the line of fire of the three bullets is different. It cannot be if one person is firing from a fixed position. The PMR is very sketchy and no chemical analysis was done. Moreover, the time of death is between 12am and 2am according to the PMR, whereas the FIR records the time of death at 5.30am." Then Jalandhar SSP and now IGP, Satish K Sharma, denied the charge. "It was a clean encounter. The RCMP is bringing this up because they botched their investigations and failed to get convictions," he said.

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# Bomb at historic mosque kills 11

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Footwear lay strewn near the Charminar in Hyderabad, India, yesterday after riots broke out following a blast at the nearby Mecca Masjid. Agence France-Presse/Getty Images

By Omer Farooq  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Riots break out in Hyderabad

**HYDERABAD, India** — A bomb ripped through a historic mosque in south India yesterday, killing 11 persons. Two others were killed in subsequent clashes between angry Muslim worshippers and security forces, police said.

Minutes after the blast at the 17th-century Mecca Masjid, worshippers who were angered by what they said was a lack of police protection began chanting "God is great." Some hurled stones at police, who dispersed them with baton charges and tear gas.

While the situation at the mosque was quickly brought under control, Muslims later clashed with security forces in at least three parts of Hyderabad,

said Mohammed Abdul Basit, police chief of Andhra Pradesh state, where Hyderabad is located.

Police fired live ammunition and tear gas to quell the riots, killing two persons, he said.

The bombing, which also wounded 35, and clashes raised fears of wider Hindu-Muslim violence in the city, long-plagued by communal tensions — and occasional spasms of inter-religious bloodletting.

Authorities across India were told to be alert for any signs of Hindu-Muslim fighting, and top officials called for calm.

Many of the 35 persons wounded were seriously hurt, and the city's police chief, Balwinder Singh, warned the death

toll could rise.

Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, the chief minister of Andhra Pradesh state, appealed for calm between Hindus and Muslims. Mr. Reddy told reporters in New Delhi, where he was meeting with federal officials on unrelated business, that one bomb went off about 1:30 p.m. and that police found and defused two other bombs soon after.

About 10,000 people usually attend Friday prayers at the mosque, which is located in a Muslim neighborhood of Hyderabad, and the blast sparked a panic.

The explosion drew comparisons to a Sept. 8 bombing of a mosque during a Muslim festival in Malegaon, a city in west-

ern India, that killed 31 persons.

There are an estimated 130 million Muslims in India, a country of 1.1 billion people.

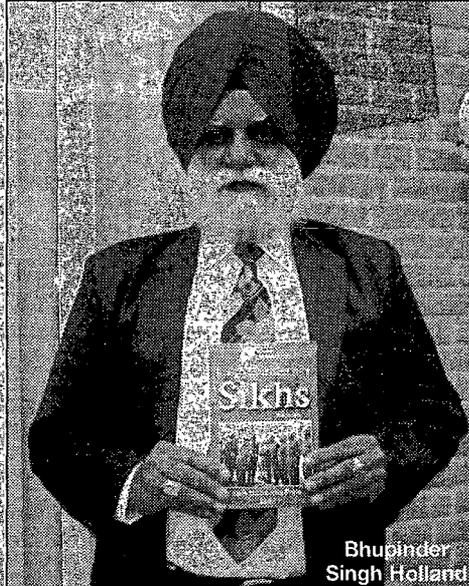
India's worst religious violence in recent years was in 2002, in the western Gujarat state. More than 1,000 people, most of them Muslim, were killed by Hindu mobs in revenge attacks after a train fire killed 60 Hindus returning from a religious pilgrimage. Muslims were blamed for the train fire.

A series of terrorist bombings have hit India in the past year, including the July 11 bombings of seven Bombay commuter trains that killed more than 200 people. Most of the bombings have been blamed on Muslim militants based in neighboring Pakistan, India's longtime rival.

# Netherlands recognizes Sikhs' right to wear turban

WSN Network

**AMSTERDAM:** The government of the Netherlands (Holland) has recognized the Sikhs' right to wear a turban when taking pictures for national ID or passport. Schools and government institutions will no longer require Sikhs to remove their turban while taking photos. This was prompted by a recent legislation for integration of immigrants into mainstream Dutch culture and the influence of radical Islam in Europe. Specific mention about the Sikh religion has been made in all official forms where picture is required. The Sikh community in the Netherlands had pre-empted the various governmental organizations ahead of the new legislation educating them on the importance of having the turban for Sikhs. Bhupinder Singh Holland, who has researched and written two books on "Why Europe Should be Indebted to the Sikhs", led the effort in contacting various gov-



Bhupinder Singh Holland

ernment officials for having an exception for practicing Sikhs who have a Turban as a requirement of the Sikh Religion.

The positive response by the Netherlands government and recognition of the Sikhs' sacrifices

during two World Wars for the freedom of Europe is a positive step. The recognition of the Turban as a requirement for Sikhs by the government of the Netherlands is significant as the Netherlands is home to the World Court at The Hague, where the French Turban case may eventually be decided.

The Sikh identity has been under attack by forces all over the world. Talking to the World Sikh News, Bhupinder Singh Holland explained how the Sikh community in the Netherlands has organized seminars in Dutch by Sikh University Students in all major cities to educate the local population on the sacrifice of Sikhs during World War 1 and World War 2. There are an estimated 20,000 Sikhs who reside in the Netherlands. The city of Amsterdam has 72 Indian Restaurants owned and operated by the Sikh community. Even though a small minority the Sikh community has done well with over four gurdwaras in Amsterdam.

May 15, 2007

## Sikhs protest blasphemy

Satinder Bains | Chandigarh  
Dera followers also go on rampage

The clashes between the followers of *Dera Sacha Sauda* of Sirsa and Sikh organisations, that began in Bathinda on Monday, spread to other parts of the country on Tuesday, even as violent mobs burnt one car and damaged over a dozen vehicles, including an ambulance, in Bathinda.

At least 30 persons, including two Punjab Police personnel, were injured in Bathinda, where over 10,000 followers of *Dera Sacha Sauda* attacked the police forcing them to run for shelter. The police had to fire in the air and lob teargas shells in self-defence. The situation is still volatile as *Dera* followers, called *premis*, are not ready to give up till their demands are met.

The police have sealed all roads to prevent entry of members of Sikh organisations into the city, to avert any major clash. Two photographers covering the protests were also injured in stone-pelting by *Dera* followers.

Reports of protests and burning of effigies are coming from all over the country, but the situation is still tense in Patiala and Amritsar. One person was injured in Patiala when members of the *Dera* attacked Sikhs trying to burn an effigy near the bus stand. Later Sikh activists forced all markets in the city to close down. Police force has been deployed in large numbers, police officials said.

In Sriganganagar, the Baba followers fought pitched battles with police and damaged property in several towns of Punjab and clashed with Akalis in Rajasthan as they went on the rampage to protest an alleged insult to their head. At least 50 people, including over 20 policemen, were injured in violent protests in Bathinda and Sriganganagar in Rajasthan. Supporters of Sikh groups also burnt effigies of *Dera* chief at several places in Punjab. In Indore, Guru Singh Sabha set afire an effigy of the *Dera* chief.

Meanwhile there were reports of protests from other parts of the country, including Uttarakhnad and Jammu.

SGPC president Avtar Singh Makkar charged the Congress with conspiring to revive terrorism in the State. In Amritsar, members of the Damdami Taksal once headed by radical Sikh leader Jarnail Singh Bhindrawala held a protest march with naked swords and burnt the effigy of head of *Dera Sacha Sauda*, Baba Gurmit Singh Ram Rahim. They also served an ultimatum for the arrest of the Baba.

Reports of protests were also received from Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Fatehgarh Sahib. The protests may take an ugly turn if the State Government fails to contain violence. It is learnt that Punjab Chief Minister and president of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) Parkash Singh Badal has asked the police and partymen to use restraint and not to

react to protesting *Dera* activists.

Punjab Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Law and Order Chander Shekhar said that followers of *Dera Sacha Sauda* had dispersed by evening and things were returning to normal. He however said that the next two three days were crucial. He added that the number of Sect followers was very large in Bathinda, but the situation had been controlled due to the restraint shown by the police.

Meanwhile, accusing the *Dera Sacha Sauda* chief of playing with Sikh sentiments, the Dal Khalsa has asked the Punjab Chief Minister to rein in his activities, lest it could spell disaster for the State. Party spokesman Kanwar Pal Singh said that the Congress was patronising the sect in the same manner as it did in the case of the Nirankaris in the mid-70s. He said the activities of *Dera* chief were provocative and had hurt the religious sentiments of the Sikhs. He said it reminded him of the violence in 1978 when Nirankaris under the patronage of the Congress had created problems for the Akalis. Incidentally at that time also Parkash Singh Badal was the Chief Minister.

He accused Badal of adopting dilly-dallying tactics, while dealing with such elements that were responsible for making mockery of the Sikh ethos and principles. He said the Congress Government at the Centre was manoeuvring the CBI to save Baba from its clutches in a murder case.

The organisation lambasted the State administration for preventing the Sikhs from lodging their protest democratically against the sect's blasphemous acts. He said an advertisement issued by the *Dera* chief published in a Punjabi paper was highly derogatory.

Baba Gurmit Ram Rahim Singh, however in a press statement denied that he had tried to copy Sikh Gurus in any way. He said that was his aim to bring peace and brotherhood in the world. The Sikhs are objecting to *Dera* chief Baba Gurmit Ram Rahim portraying himself in the attire of the 10th Sikh Guru Gobind Singh and inserting advertisements in newspapers saying that he would give nectar to his disciples.

Meanwhile, the five Sikh high priests who held an emergency meeting at Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of Sikhs here on Tuesday have condemned the blasphemous advertisement issued by the *Dera Sacha Sauda* chief and called a Sikh conclave at Takht Damdama Sahib near Bathinda on May 17, to decide the further course of action.

# Ex-official Says Air India Flight 182 Faced Specific Threat

By **ROB GILLIES**  
Associated Press

TORONTO — A witness at Canada's inquiry into a 1985 Air India plane bombing has testified that he saw intelligence just days before the bombing indicating the airline was about to be attacked.

James Bartleman, Ontario's ceremonial head of state and Canada's former director of security and intelligence for the Department of External Affairs, says the information came in the form of an electronic intercept from the top-secret Communications Security Establishment, an arm of the Defense Department.

He says the material suggested Air India was being targeted for the coming weekend—the weekend that Flight 182 did indeed go down with the loss of 329 lives.

"I was going through the daily intercepts package," Bartleman said on May 3. "I saw in there a document that said Air India was being targeted that weekend."

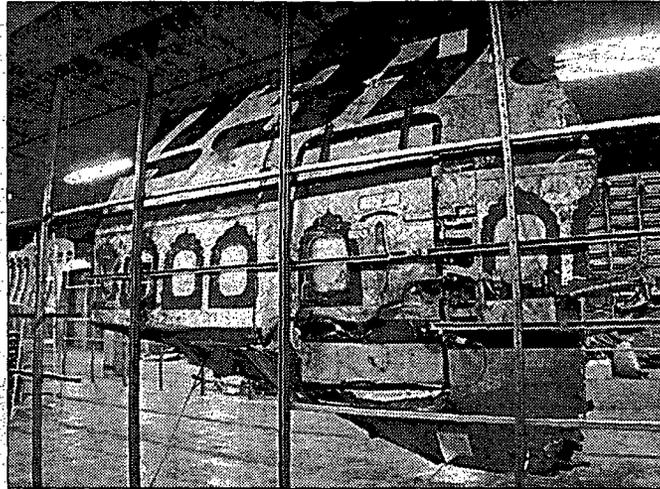
Bartleman said he informed police and was told by one officer that they were already aware of the information.

The revelation, if accurate,

contradicts one of the most widely repeated mantras about the June 23, 1985 bombing—that authorities had no advance warning of a specific threat about Air India flights being targeted.

The inquiry started in September to shed light on whether Canadian police and security officers did all they could to prevent the bombing. It is being held at the demand of the victims' relatives, who were devastated when Canada's costliest investigation and a two-year trial ended in acquittals in March 2005. The dead included 280 Canadian citizens, most of them of Indian origin or descent.

The plane exploded and crashed off Ireland on June 23, 1985. It was brought down by a bomb believed to have been planted by Sikh extremists campaigning for a homeland in Punjab. An hour earlier, a bomb in baggage intended for another Air India flight exploded



The right front door of Air India 182 recovered from the ocean floor. (aerospacweb photo)

in Tokyo's Narita airport, killing two baggage handlers.

Bartleman told the public inqui-

documents and I asked if he had seen it and if he was taking action. His reaction startled me," Bartle-

ry that the intercept could be described as "raw intelligence that hadn't yet been checked out." But he was worried enough to take it personally to a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer who retorted that he had already seen it and did not need anyone to tell him how to do his job.

Bartleman said he could not recall the name of the officer.

"I pulled out the

man said. "And so I said fine. I confirmed that he had seen it and that the RCMP would take that into consideration and would do what was necessary. I then took it back and that was that. And then the next thing, in my memory, was the downing of the aircraft."

#### PTI reports:

"It was a bombshell. An absolute bombshell," Hari Venkatacharya, whose wife lost her first husband and two children in the 1985 disaster, said about Bartleman's testimony.

Venkatacharya said Bartleman's revelations caused feelings of shock, anger and outrage, but not surprise.

"We've always felt there have been people with information out there who have not come forward," he said.

# Report on HSC Hiding Sangh Parivar Links Denounced

By a Staff Reporter

NEW YORK — The Campaign to Stop Funding Hate has released a new report, "Lying Religiously: The Hindu Students Council and the Politics of Deception" April 15 which brings together evidence from multiple sources to demonstrate a web of connections between the Hindu Students

in North America and elsewhere," the release says. "Starting with the origin of the HSC in 1991, when Ajay Shah, the first president of the HSC, proudly declared that the HSC was part of the VHP of America, the report documents the rise of early HSC leaders into the ranks of Sangh Parivar leadership in North America, the detailed family connections

of college students regarding its ties to the Sangh Parivar,"

Meanwhile, in a press release from New Jersey, HSC denounced the report, saying that the report, "which has no claims of authorship or organizational sponsorship, makes the erroneous claim that HSC has been deceiving its members about its activities. The true deception is in the report itself, which attempts to present itself as a reputable source of information about HSC while

actually being a mix of outdated information (some of which is 15 years old and presented as currently accurate) and inaccurate claims published by anonymous authors concealing their true motivations for initiating this misleading attack."

HSC has always been open about its activities, the release said. HSC argues that its mission of learning about Hindu culture and heritage and developing awareness about issues affecting

Hindus brings in contact with a host of organizations including the Art of Living, BAPS, Chinmaya Mission, Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, the Gayatri Parivar, Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, International Society of Krishna Consciousness, the Vedanta Society, Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America, and various Hindu temples and ashrams. This does not mean HSC is responsible for the actions of those groups, it said.

***CFSH said the report provides the first comprehensive documentation of the origins, methods and practices of the HSC, which has been denounced by the HSC.***

Council and "the violent, Hindu ultra-right Sangh Parivar, and exposes the deliberate efforts of the HSC leadership to conceal its links with the Sangh Parivar in order to deceive Hindu-American college students," according to a press release from CSFH.

In a separate press release, the HSC later denounced the report, dismissing the charges of deception as "erroneous."

The CFSH press release said that the report provides the first comprehensive documentation of the origins, methods and practices of the HSC.

"Almost all of the documentation used to construct the current report comes from the archives of the HSC itself and from the publications of the Sangh Parivar

between a significant section of the HSC leadership and the Sangh Parivar, and the central role played by the HSC in the creation and maintenance of the Sangh Parivar's internet infrastructure, including the web infrastructure of the Sangh Parivar's parent organization, the RSS."

"Most of the young desi Americans who join the HSC have no clue as to the connections between the HSC and the militant and violent Hindu right wing in India" said Samip Mallick, one of the campaign coordinators for CSFH. "We fully support the creation and existence of Hindu student organizations on college campuses, but we are unable to condone the Hindu Student Council's continued misleading

# India Official Dismisses Iran Reports

By GLENN KESSLER  
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Indian government is "quite amazed" by news reports suggesting that New Delhi is building a closer military relationship with Iran, a senior Indian official said yesterday, seeking to dampen growing congressional concern over India's relations with the Islamic republic.

Indian Foreign Secretary Shriv Shankar Menon, who completed two days of talks with U.S. officials, including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, also reported great strides in resolving disputes that have held up the implementation of a landmark 2006 nuclear accord between the United States and India.

"Both sides want to get this done," Menon said. "We are both keen to do it quickly," he said, adding that "we will try to wrap it up this month" when his counterpart, Undersecretary of State R. Nicholas Burns, visits India in a few weeks.

The nuclear agreement has been widely opposed by nonproliferation experts who fear it will weaken rules preventing the spread of nu-

clear weapons by allowing the sale of U.S. nuclear technology to a country that has refused to join the nuclear nonproliferation treaty. Opponents in Congress have seized on reports of a closer Iran-India military relationship and a recent criminal case charging that Indian government agencies conspired to obtain secret weapons technology from U.S. companies.

Eight senators, led by Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.) and Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), recently sent a letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh calling on India to "cease all military cooperation with Iran immediately." The letter noted news reports that the two nations have created a "joint defense working group."

The respected weekly Defense News, quoting officials in both countries, reported in March that the commander of Iran's navy visited India and that the new group would study whether India should train Iranian military personnel. But Menon denied the report.

"I was quite amazed to see all those stories, quite frankly," he said. "I am not sure what they are based on, stories of military cooperation

and so on." He said that India and Iran established a joint working group on defense in 2003 but "it hasn't met for many years."

He added that the Bush administration has not sought any assurances regarding India's military ties to Iran. "I am sure they know what's there," he said. "They haven't asked."

Menon also expressed puzzlement over the criminal indictment, which suggested that the Indian government violated a pledge made in 2004 that it would not try to avoid U.S. export control laws and regulations. An unnamed Indian Embassy official was listed as an unidentified co-conspirator in the indictment of the head of a South Carolina firm for exporting defense technology.

"We have absolutely no interest in breaking U.S. laws," Menon said.

He said his half-hour discussion with Rice focused on how the U.S.-India relationship has been transformed, not the nuclear deal. "We have moved it forward considerably," he said, referring to the nuclear accord. "I didn't have to actually go to her and say, 'We want help.'"

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# Lawmakers Decry Iran-India Alliance

## Leaders Warn of Damage to Nuclear Deal

By GLENN KESSLER  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Key congressional supporters of closer ties with India have signed a toughly worded bipartisan letter to the Indian prime minister warning of "grave concern" that India's ties with Iran "have the potential to significantly harm prospects" for a nuclear cooperation deal that President Bush reached with India in 2005.

The letter is noteworthy for its tone and because it was signed by the Democratic as well as Republican leaders of the key congressional panels involved in the issue. It was sent yesterday, one day after Indian Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon publicly dismissed reports of closer military cooperation with Iran.

The letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh lists a series of recent meetings between Indian and Iranian officials as indications of growing cooperation between the two countries on military and energy issues. "We must stress that the subject of India's strengthening relationship with Iran will inevitably be a factor" when Congress votes on the final language of the nuclear agreement, the letter said.

Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice have pushed hard for the nuclear deal with India, saying that rewriting U.S. laws to allow peaceful nuclear cooperation with India will help usher in a new era in U.S.-India relations. But the nuclear accord has been opposed by non-proliferation experts, who fear it would weaken rules preventing the spread of nuclear weapons by allowing the sale of U.S. nuclear technology to a country that has refused to join the nuclear nonproliferation treaty.

When Congress debated a bill to give initial approval to the accord with India, lawmakers considered tying final passage to India's dealings with Iran but dropped that provision under pressure from the administration.

Congressional aides, speaking on the condition of anonymity in order to not upstage the lawmakers, said anger has been building in Congress over the perception that India stepped up contacts with Iran this year, just weeks after the initial



Rep. Tom Lantos and other Foreign Affairs members said India's nuclear cooperation deal could be derailed.

bill was approved by Congress.

Lawmakers "are not just alarmed but actually outraged by India's outreach to Iran," one aide said.

The letter was signed by Reps. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (Fla.), the panel's ranking Republican; Howard L. Berman (D-Calif.); Gary L. Ackerman (D-N.Y.), chairman of the Middle East and South Asia subcommittee; Mike Pence (Ind.), the subcommittee's ranking Republican; Brad Sherman (D-Calif.), chairman of the terrorism and nonproliferation subcommittee; and Ed Royce (Calif.), that subcommittee's ranking Republican.

"It is difficult for us to fathom why India, a democracy engaged in its own struggle against terrorism, would want to enhance security cooperation with a repressive government widely regarded as the world's most active state sponsor of terrorism," the letter said.

It added that "India's pursuit of closer relations with Iran appears to be inconsistent with the letter and spirit" of Bush and Singh's announcement of a "global partnership" between the two countries.

Congressional aides said a subtext of the letter is growing concern in Congress that the administration is too eager to wrap up negotiations with India. Menon negotiated with U.S. officials in Washington this week, and both sides reported that they hope to strike a final deal later this month.

An Indian Embassy official said that he had not seen the letter but that Menon's comments on Tuesday had addressed the issue.

## **Rights Groups Urge India to End Discrimination of Dalits**

NEW YORK (PTI) — A group of international human rights organizations has asked the Indian government to take steps to implement recommendations of a United Nations committee that cited allegations of "persistent violence and discrimination" against Dalits.

The organizations include Human Rights Watch, the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice at the New York University School of Law, and the International Dalit Solidarity

Network.

"The U.N. Committee's concluding observations confirm that India has failed to properly protect Dalits and tribal communities," said Brad Adams, Asia Director of Human Rights Watch.

"This is a prime opportunity for India to give its own policies on discrimination some meaning," he said, adding that laws need to be implemented, and those who violate them prosecuted.

The report by the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination had found that "de facto segregation of Dalits persists," and highlighted "systematic abuse against Dalits including torture and extrajudicial killings," an "alarming extent of sexual violence" against Dalit women, and "caste discrimination" in post-tsunami relief.

It gave India a year to respond to four of its recommendations.

# ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤੇ ਪੰਥ ਨੂੰ ਬਚਾਉਣਾ ਏ ਤਾਂ ਬਾਦਲ ਨੂੰ ਹਰਾਓ ਬਾਬਾ ਸਰਬਜੋਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੇਦੀ

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ਪਵੇਗੀ ਤੇ ਨਵਾਂ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਉਸਾਰਨਾ ਪਵੇਗਾ। ਇਸ ਦਾ ਇਕੋ ਇਕ ਗੁਰੂ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਹਾਲ ਦੀ ਘੜੀ ਕੈਪਟਨ ਅਮਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਹਮਾਇਤ ਕਰੀਏ ਤੇ ਨਵਾਂ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਉਸਾਰਨਾ ਦੇ ਲਈ ਉਦਮ ਕਰੀਏ।

**ਸੁਆਲ-ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਤੇ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਪਸੰਦ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋ?**

—ਮਾਮਲਾ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਤੇ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਦੀ ਪਸੰਦ ਦਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ, ਮਸਲਾ ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀ ਅਣਖ ਤੇ ਹੋਂਦ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਹੜਾ ਲੀਡਰ ਉਜਾਗਰ ਕਰ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਸਮੇਂ ਸਾਡੇ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਸਿਰਫ ਕੈਪਟਨ ਅਮਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹੀ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਨੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀ ਅਣਖ ਨੂੰ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਕਾਇਮ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਹੈ, ਅੱਗ ਵੀ ਉਸ ਤੋਂ ਅਸੀਂ ਆਸ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਦੁੱਖ ਇਸ ਗੱਲ ਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਕਿਸੇ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੇ ਏਜੰਡੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤੇ ਪੰਥ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਲਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਗੌਰਵ ਆ ਗਏ, ਬਜ਼ੁਰਗਾਂ ਨੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਹਿੱਤਾਂ ਲਈ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀਆਂ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ, ਉਹ ਮਸਲੇ ਵਿਸਾਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ। ਸ਼ਮਣੀ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਬਾਦਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੰਥ ਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀ ਰੂਹ ਗਾਇਬ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਨੇ ਦਰਿਆਈ ਪਾਣੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਮੱਦੇ ਤੇ ਰਾਜਧਾਨੀ ਨੂੰ ਬਿਲਕੁਲ ਵਿਸਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। 1984 ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਹੁਣ ਤੱਕ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਦੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਗਿੱਦੇ ਜੰਮਿਆਂ ਤੇ ਗਜ਼ਨੀਤੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਬਾਦਲ ਦਲ ਸੱਤਾ ਦਾ ਅਨੰਦ ਮਾਣਦਾ ਰਿਹਾ। ਦੁੱਖ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਇਹ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸੱਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਬਾਦਲ ਨੇ ਸਿਰਫ ਪੰਥ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਹੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੇ, ਸਗੋਂ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਦੁਸ਼ਮਣ ਵਜ਼ ਜਾਣੀ ਜਾਦੀ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਨਾਲ ਨਾਪਾਕ ਗਜ਼ਨੀਤਕ ਗਠਜੋੜ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ।

**ਸੁਆਲ-ਭਾਜਪਾ ਨੂੰ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਜਮਾਤ ਮੰਨਦੇ ਹੋ?**

—ਭਾਜਪਾ ਦਾ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਨਾਮ ਜਨਸੰਘ ਸੀ। ਉਸ ਨੇ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਵਲੋਂ ਲਾਏ ਸਾਰੇ ਸੋਚਿਆ ਦਾ ਜ਼ਰੋਦਾਰ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ ਤੇ ਅੱਜ ਵੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਮੰਗਾਂ ਦਾ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਦੇ ਅਹੁਦੇ ਲਈ ਉਭਾਰ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਉਮੀਦਵਾਰ ਲਾਲ ਕ੍ਰਿਸ਼ਨ ਅਡਵਾਨੀ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਸਵੈ-ਜੀਵਨੀ ਪੁਸਤਕ 'ਮਾਈ ਕੰਟਰੀ ਮਾਈ ਲਾਈਫ' ਵਿੱਚ ਖੁਦ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇੰਦਰਾ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਹਿਚਕਚਾਹਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੀ ਪਰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ (ਅਡਵਾਨੀ) ਨੇ ਹੀ ਜ਼ਰ ਪਾ ਕੇ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ 'ਤੇ ਫੌਜੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ (ਇੰਦਰਾ ਗਾਂਧੀ) ਨੂੰ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤਾ। 1984 'ਚ ਹੋਈ ਇਸ ਫੌਜੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ, ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਹਰ ਵਾਰ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਮੌਕੇ ਕੇਸ ਕਰਵਾਉਂਦਾ ਹੈ, ਨੂੰ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਆਗੂਆਂ ਨੇ 'ਦਰ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਈ ਸੁਲਾਘਾਯੋਗ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ' ਦੱਸਿਆ, ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ੰਸਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਲੱਭ ਵੰਡੇ ਤੇ ਇੰਦਰਾ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨੂੰ 'ਦਰਗਾ' ਦਾ ਖਿਤਾਬ ਦਿੱਤਾ। 2002 ਵਿੱਚ ਗਜ਼ਰਾਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਮੁੱਖ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨਰਿੰਦਰ ਮੋਦੀ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਹੇਂ

ਭਾਜਪਾ ਨੇ ਮੁਸਲਮਾਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਨਸਲਕਸ਼ੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਅਤੇ 2008 ਵਿੱਚ ਕਰਨਾਟਕ, ਉੜੀਸਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਈਸਾਈਆਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਭਾਰੀ ਜ਼ੁਲਮ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਪਰ ਬਾਬਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇ ਵਾਰਸ ਕਹਾਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਬਾਦਲ ਦਲ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਅਵਾਜ਼ ਤੱਕ ਨਾ ਉਠਾਈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਨਰਾਜ਼ ਨਾ ਹੋ ਜਾਵੇ।

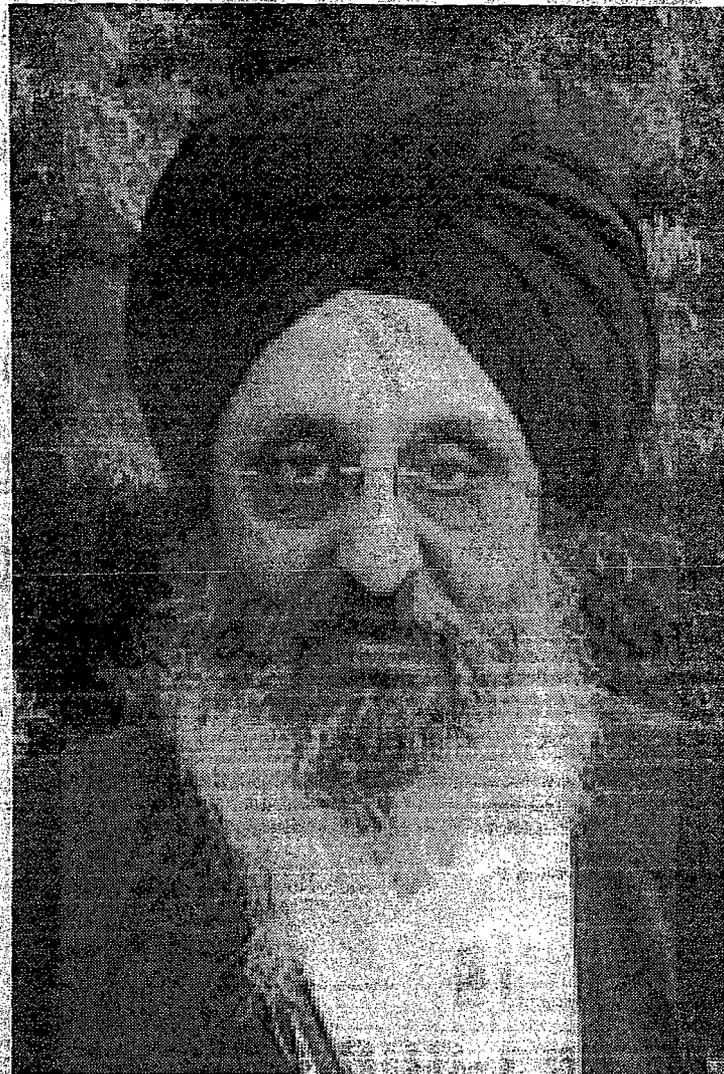
**ਸੁਆਲ-ਬਾਦਲ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਕੀਤੇ ਵਾਅਦਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਕਿਉਂ ਮੁਕਰਦੇ ਰਹੇ?**

—ਵਿਧਾਨ ਸਭਾ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਬਾਦਲ ਦਲ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਚੋਣ ਮੈਨੀਫੈਸਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਾਅਦਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਬਣਨ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਾਲੇ ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਝੂਠੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਦੌਰੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਅਫਸਰਾਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕਰ ਕੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਜ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਬੰਦ ਨਿਰਦੋਸ਼ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਰਿਹਾਅ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ। ਹੋਇਆ ਇਸ ਦੇ ਉਲਟ ਕਿ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਸੰਗਠਨਾਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਹੋਏ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਤਸ਼ੱਦਦ ਦੀ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਣਿਆ ਗੈਰ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਬਾਦਲ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਬਣਨ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਭੋਗ ਪਵਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਇਸ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਦਾ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਗੁਰਮਤਿ ਨੂੰ ਪਰਨਾਏ ਸੱਤਾ ਨੇ ਵੀ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ। ਇਸ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ ਸਾਡਾ ਪੂਰਾ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਲੋਕ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦਰਿਸ਼ਤ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਉਠਣ। ਪਰ ਬਾਦਲ ਨੇ ਸਟੇਟ ਦੇ ਡੱਡ ਨਾਲ ਸਭ ਕੁਝ ਦਬਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਸਾਡੇ ਕਾਰਜਾਂ ਤੇ ਪਾਬੰਦੀ ਲਗਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ। ਝੂਠੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫਸਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਨਾਮ ਵਜੋਂ ਤੁਰੱਕੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਹੁਣ ਸੱਵਾ ਮੁਕਤ ਉਪਰੰਤ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਬਾਦਲ ਦਲ ਦੀਆਂ ਟਿਕਟਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਨਿਵਾਜਿਆ ਹੈ। ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਘਾਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਅਫਸਰ ਇਜ਼ਹਾਰ ਆਲਮ ਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਨੂੰ ਬਾਦਲ ਦਲ ਨੇ ਟਿਕਟ ਦਿੱਤਾ।

**ਸੁਆਲ-ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਪਾਣੀਆਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਬਾਦਲ ਦਲ ਦਾ ਕੀ ਨਜ਼ਰੀਆ ਰਿਹਾ?**

—2007 ਦੀਆਂ ਵਿਧਾਨ ਸਭਾ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਬਾਦਲ ਦਲ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਚੋਣ ਮੈਨੀਫੈਸਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਚੋਣ ਵਾਅਦਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਕੈਪਟਨ ਅਮਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲੋਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿਧਾਨ ਸਭਾ ਵਿੱਚ 12 ਜੁਲਾਈ 2004 ਨੂੰ ਪਾਸ ਕੀਤੇ ਐਕਟ Punjab Termination of Agreement Act-2004 ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 5, ਵਿਧਾਨ ਸਭਾ ਦੇ ਪਹਿਲੇ ਹੀ ਇਜਲਾਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੱਦ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੇਗੀ। ਪਰ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਦੇ ਡਰ ਤੋਂ ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਵੀ ਉਹ ਪਾਸਾ ਵੱਟ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਪਰ 2004 'ਚ ਕੈਪਟਨ ਅਮਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲੋਂ ਐਕਟ ਪਾਸ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ ਇੱਕ ਮਿਸਾਲ ਹੈ, ਕਿ ਨਾ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਦੀ ਇਸ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਮੋਰਚਾ ਲਾਇਆ ਸੀ, ਨਾ ਹੀ ਆਪਣੇ ਚੋਣ ਮੈਨੀਫੈਸਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਵਾਅਦਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਵੋਟਾਂ ਬਣੀਆਂ ਸਨ, ਪਰ ਜਿਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦਾ ਗਹਿਣਾ ਪਾਣੀ

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ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਖਤਰਾ ਹੈ। ਪਰ ਕੈਪਟਨ ਅਮਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਪ੍ਰ. ਭੁੱਲਰ ਦੀ ਫਾਂਸੀ ਮਾਫੀ ਦਾ ਮੱਦਾ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਕੋਲ ਉਠਾਉਂਦੇ ਰਹੇ। ਇਥੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਕੈਪਟਨ ਤੇ ਮਹਾਂਗਣੀ ਪੁਲੀਤ ਕੌਰ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਕੋਲ ਅਨੰਦ ਕਾਰਜ ਐਕਟ ਦਾ ਮਸਲਾ ਵੀ ਹੱਲ ਕਰਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਯਤਨਸ਼ੀਲ ਹਨ।

**ਸੁਆਲ-ਪੰਜਾਬ 'ਚ ਪੰਥ ਦਾ ਭਵਿੱਖ ਕੀ ਹੈ?**

—ਹਾਲ ਦੀ ਘੜੀ ਢਹਿੰਦੀ ਕਲਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋ ਜਿਸ ਦਾ ਸਿੱਖਵਾਰ ਬਾਦਲ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਹੋ ਤੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਉਹ ਲੀਡਰ ਵੀ ਹਨ ਜੋ ਪੰਥ ਦਾ ਦਰਦ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਵੀ ਇਕ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਉਸਾਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਕੇ। ਜਿੰਨਾ ਚਿਰ ਤੱਕ ਅਸੀਂ ਇਕ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਉਸਾਰਨ ਵਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਵੱਧਦੇ ਤੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਯਕੀਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿਵਾਉਂਦੇ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਪੰਥ ਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਸੱਚ ਤੇ ਪਹਿਰਾ ਦੇਵਾਂਗੇ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਚਿਰ ਤੱਕ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤੇ ਪੰਥ ਦੇ ਭਵਿੱਖ ਦੀ ਬੇਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣੀ ਰਹੇਗੀ। ਸਾਨੂੰ ਲੋਕ ਚਿੰਤਾ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਤੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਪਹਿਰਾ ਦੇਣਾ ਪਵੇਗਾ। ਮੈਂ ਅੱਗੇ ਵੀ ਇਕ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਉਸਾਰਨ ਲਈ ਯਤਨਸ਼ੀਲ ਰਿਹਾ ਹਾਂ ਤੇ ਹੁਣ ਵੀ ਇਹ ਯਤਨ ਕਰਦਾ ਰਹਾਂਗਾ।



**ਚੋਣਾਂ ਭਗੌੜੇ...**

**ਗੁਰਦਿਆਲ ਸਿੰਘ :** ਬੰਬਰ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਦਾ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ 3 ਮਈ, 1994 ਨੂੰ ਭਗੌੜਾ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਲਸ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਵਿਚ ਹੈ।

**2. ਪਿੰਡ ਅਰਨੇਟੂ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਹਰਭਜਨ ਸਿੰਘ :** ਭਿੰਡਰਾਂ ਵਾਲਾ ਟੀਗਰ ਫੋਰਸ ਦੇ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਨੂੰ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੇ ਟਾਡਾ ਤੇ ਇਰਾਦਾ ਕਤਲ ਦੇ ਦੋ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ 1991 ਅਤੇ 1993 ਵਿਚ ਭਗੌੜਾ ਕਰਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਾਣਦੀ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਦੁਨੀਆ ਦੇ ਕਿਸ ਕੋਨੇ ਵਿਚ ਜਾ ਬੈਠਾ ਹੈ।

**3. ਹਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਉਰਫ ਬੁੱਧ :** ਸਮਾਣਾ ਦੇ ਪਿੰਡ ਮਲਕਾਣਾ ਪੱਤੀ ਹਰੇ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਪੁਲਸ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਵਿਚ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਵਿਚ ਰਹਿ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਪਰ ਪੁਲਸ ਇਸ ਗੱਲ ਤੋਂ ਅਨਜਾਣ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਹਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਿਸ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਨਾਲ ਜੁੜਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ।

**4. ਹਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਉਰਫ ਭਟੇੜੀ :** ਬੰਬਰ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਰੱਖਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਰਾਜਪੁਰਾ ਦੇ ਪਿੰਡ ਭਟੇੜੀ ਦਾ ਰਹਿਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਪੁਲਸ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਇਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਵਿਚ ਛੁਪਿਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ।

**5. ਕਰੋੜਾ ਸਿੰਘ, ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਗੁਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ :** ਪ੍ਰਤਾਪ ਨਗਰ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਟਾਡਾ, ਨਾਜਾਇਜ਼ ਅਸਲਾ ਰੱਖਣ, ਇਰਾਦਾ ਕਤਲ ਅਤੇ ਲੁੱਟਾਂ-ਖੋਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੂੰ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੇ 1993 ਵਿਚ ਭਗੌੜਾ ਕਰਾਰ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ, ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਗੁਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਿਜ਼ੇ ਵਿਚ ਸਕੇ ਭਰਾ ਦੱਸੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ।

**6. ਗੁਰਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਾਦਰੇੜਾ :** ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਲਿਬਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਫੋਰਸ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਖੁਫੀਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਲਿਸਟ ਵਿਚ ਅਠਵੇਂ ਨੰਬਰ 'ਤੇ ਆਉਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਦਾਦਰੇੜਾ ਜਿਸਦਾ ਕਿ ਚੁਲ੍ਹਾ ਟੁੱਟਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ, ਨੂੰ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੇ 1997 ਵਿਚ ਭਗੌੜਾ

ਕਰਾਰ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ।

**7. ਜਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਕੂਹਲਾਮਜਰਾ :** ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਕਮਾਂਡੋ ਫੋਰਸ ਦਾ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੇ 1990 ਤੋਂ ਟਾਡਾ ਦੇ ਮੁਕੱਦਮੇ ਵਿਚ ਲੋੜੀਂਦਾ ਸੀ। ਕੂਹਲਾਮਜਰਾ ਨੂੰ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੇ 6 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ, 2000 ਤੋਂ ਭਗੌੜਾ ਕਰਾਰ ਦੇ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਹੈ। ਕੋਈ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਾਣਦਾ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਦੁਨੀਆ ਦੇ ਕਿਸ ਕੋਨੇ ਵਿਚ ਬੈਠਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ।

**8. ਤਰਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਸੁਖਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ :** ਸੁਤਰਾਣਾ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਉਕਤ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਲਿਬਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਫੋਰਸ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹਨ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੋਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੇ 1994 ਵਿਚ ਭਗੌੜਾ ਕਰਾਰ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ।

**9. ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਮਸ਼ੇਰ ਸਿੰਘ :** ਆਲ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਟੂਡੈਂਟਸ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੂੰ ਟਾਡਾ, ਅਸਲਾ ਅੰਕਟ, ਇਰਾਦਾ ਕਤਲ ਅਤੇ ਪੁਲਸ ਹਿਰਾਸਤ 'ਚੋਂ ਫਰਾਰ ਹੋਣ ਦੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ ਦੇ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਲੋੜੀਂਦੇ ਸਨ। ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਖੁਫੀਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਲਿਸਟ ਵਿਚ 13ਵਾਂ ਅਤੇ 14ਵਾਂ ਰੋਕ ਹੈ।

**10. ਸਤਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੱਤਾ :** ਡੇਹਰਾ ਗੁੜ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਸਤਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੱਤਾ ਨਾਮ ਦਾ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਵੀ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੂੰ ਨਾਜਾਇਜ਼ ਅਸਲਾ ਰੱਖਣ ਤੇ ਟਾਡਾ ਦੇ ਵੱਖ-ਵੱਖ ਮਾਮਲਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਲੋੜੀਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਸੱਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੇ 1991 ਵਿਚ ਭਗੌੜਾ ਕਰਾਰ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ।

**11. ਪਿਆਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ, ਗੁਰਦਿੱਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਕੁਲਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ, ਦਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਵੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ :** ਬੰਬਰ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਖਿਲਾਫ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਪੁਲਸ ਨੇ

**ਕੀ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਹੈ ਆਈ.ਬੀ. ਦਾ**

ਆਈ. ਬੀ. ਦੇ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਪੁਲਸ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਗਲ ਦੀ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਖੁਫੀਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਲੰਬੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੋਂ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਬੈਠੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਭਗੌੜੇ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਸੁਰਾਗ ਲਗਾਉਣ ਵਿਚ ਲੱਗੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ। ਆਈ. ਬੀ. ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਪੁਲਸ ਦੇ ਰੁਝੇਵਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਖਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਆਈਆਂ ਸਰਗਰਮੀਆਂ ਤੇਜ਼ ਕਰ ਦਿੰਦੇ ਹਨ।

29 ਜੁਲਾਈ 2009 ਨੂੰ ਅਨ ਲਾਅਫੁੱਲ ਐਕਟੀਵਿਟੀਜ਼ ਦੇ ਤਹਿਤ ਮੁਕੱਦਮਾ ਦਰਜ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ। ਪੁਲਸ ਰਿਕਾਰਡ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਇਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਬਰਤਾਨੀਆ ਵਿਚ ਦੱਸੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਉਕਤ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਦਰਜਨਾਂ ਹੀ ਹੋਰ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਹਨ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਖੁਫੀਆ ਤੰਤਰ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਨਿਗਾਹਾਂ ਗੋਡੀਆਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ

ਹਨ। ਅਗਰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲਸ ਦੇ ਖੁਫੀਆ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੀ ਮਨੀਏ ਤਾਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਾਰੇ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਲੰਬੇ ਅਰਸੇ ਤੋਂ ਤਲਾਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਜਾਣਕਾਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਮੰਨਣਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦਾ ਪੁਲਸ ਤੰਤਰ ਪੂਰੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਚੋਣ ਡਿਊਟੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਰੁੱਝ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਪੁਲਸ ਦੇ ਇਸ ਰੁਝੇਵੇਂ ਦਾ ਫਾਇਦਾ ਉਠਾ ਕੇ ਭਗੌੜੇ ਅੰਤਵਾਦੀ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਗਤੀਵਿਧੀਆਂ ਤੇਜ਼ ਕਰਕੇ ਦੇਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਅਫਰਾ-ਤਫਰੀ ਪੈਦਾ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਨ।

**ਕਾਲੀਆ ਤੇ...**

ਖੁਰਾਣਾ ਤੇ ਸਵਰਨਾ ਰਾਮ ਨੂੰ ਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਠਹਿਰਾਇਆ ਸੀ। ਹੁਣ ਇਸ ਮੁੱਦੇ 'ਤੇ ਸ਼ਾਂਤਾ ਕੁਮਾਰ ਵੀ ਚੁੱਪ ਕਿਉਂ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਹੋਰਾਨੀ ਵਾਲੀ ਗੱਲ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਨੂੰ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਟਿਕਟ ਦੇਣ ਸਮੇਂ ਰੱਤੀ ਭਰ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਰਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਆਈ।

**ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਪੁਰਬੀ...**

ਚਾਵਲਾ ਵਿਧਾਇਕ ਸਨ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਚੋਣ ਨਾ ਲੜਨ ਦਾ ਇਰਾਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਾਇਆ ਸੀ। ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਪੁਰਬੀ ਸੀਟ ਜੋ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਲਈ ਨਵੀਂ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਭਾਜਪਾ ਐੱਮ. ਪੀ ਨਵਜੋਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਿੱਧੂ ਦੀ ਪਤਨੀ ਨਵਜੋਤ ਕੌਰ ਸਿੱਧੂ ਨੂੰ ਟਿਕਟ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ।

ਫਗਵਾੜਾ ਤੋਂ ਸੋਮ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਨੂੰ ਟਿਕਟ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਪਿਛਲੀ ਵਾਰ ਸਵਰਨਾ ਰਾਮ ਨੇ ਇੱਥੋਂ ਚੋਣ ਲੜੀ ਸੀ। ਵਰਣਨਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪਾਰਟੀ 20 ਸੀਟਾਂ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਕਰ ਚੁੱਕੀ ਹੈ।

**ਸੀ. ਬੀ. ਆਈ.....**

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॥ ਪਾਠਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਰਾਇ ॥

ਵਾਹ! ਵਾਹ! ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ  
'ਫਖਰ-ਏ-ਕੌਮ'

ਪਿਛਲੇ ਦਿਨੀਂ ਬਾਦਲ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨੂੰ 'ਪੰਥ ਰਤਨ' ਜਾਂ ਫਖਰ-ਏ-ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਖਿਤਾਬ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਜਾਣ 'ਤੇ ਮਨ ਵਿਚ ਕਈ ਖਿਆਲ ਆਏ ਕਿ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਚਲਾਈ ਗਈ ਸੰਪ੍ਰਦਾਇ-ਜਿਸਦੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਰਾਸਤ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਬੇ-ਇਨਸਾਫੀ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਜੂਝਦਿਆਂ, ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਰਾਜਿਆਂ ਲਈ ਇਹ ਸ਼ਬਦ ਵਰਤਣੇ—

"ਕਾਲ ਆਈ ਕੁੰਤੋ ਮੁੰਗੀ ਖਾਜ ਹੁਆ ਮੁਰਦਾਰ ਗੁਸਾਈ,  
ਰਾਜੇ ਪਾਪ ਕਮਾਵੰਦੇ ਉਲਟੀ ਵਾਜ ਖੇਤ ਕੋ ਖਾਈ।" ਆਦਿ ਆਦਿ।

ਬਾਦਲ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨੇ ਵਿਰਾਸਤ-ਏ-ਕੌਮ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਬੜੀ ਚੰਗੀ ਗੱਲ ਹੈ—ਚੱਪੜ ਚਿੜੀ ਵਿਚ ਬੰਦਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਦੀ ਯਾਦਗਾਰ (ਮੀਨਾਰ) ਬਣਾਇਆ—ਸ਼ਬਾਸ਼ੇ ਦੇਣੀ ਬਣਦੀ ਹੈ—ਵਾਹ! ਵਾਹ!! ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰ ਵੀ ਕੌਮ ਕਰੇ। ਪਰ ਇੰਨੇ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਕੋਈ ਆਦਮੀ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਖਰਚਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਇਹ ਸਭ ਕੁਝ ਉਸਾਰ ਕੇ ਪੰਥ ਰਤਨ ਦਾ ਔਵਾਰਡ ਲੈਣ ਦਾ ਹੱਕਦਾਰ ਬਣ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ? ਗਿਆਨੀ ਜ਼ੈਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਹੁੰਦਿਆਂ ਆਨੰਦਪੁਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਮਾਰਗ (ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਇਤਿਹਾਸਕ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਜੌੜਨ ਲਈ ਬਣਾਇਆ ਸੀ, ਕੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਫੋਕੀ ਸ਼ਾਬਾਸ਼ੇ ਵੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਸੀ?

ਕੀ ਇਹ ਉਹੀ ਬਾਦਲ ਸਾਹਿਬ (ਫਖਰ-ਏ-ਕੌਮ) ਹਨ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ 1982 ਵਿਚ ਧਰਮ ਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚਾ ਲਗਾ ਕੇ ਇੱਕ ਲੱਖ ਮਰਜੀਵਤਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਤੋਂ ਸਹੁੰਆਂ ਖਵਾਈਆਂ ਸਨ ਤੇ ਜਦੋਂ ਹਰਿਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ 'ਤੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਫੌਜ ਦਾ ਹਮਲਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ, ਇਹਨਾਂ ਮਰਜੀਵਤਿਆਂ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਕਿੰਨਿਆਂ ਕੁ ਨੇ

ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀਆਂ ਪਾਈਆਂ ਸਨ? ਬਜਾਇ ਇਸਦੇ ਇਹ ਉੱਥੋਂ ਬਾਹਾਂ ਖੜ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਨਿਕਲੇ ਸਨ।

ਕੀ ਇਹ ਉਹੀ ਬਾਦਲ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਹਨ, ਜੋ ਧਰਮ ਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤਾਂ ਸ਼ਹੀਦਾਂ ਦੇ ਭੋਗਾਂ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਸਨ, ਪਰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸ਼ਹੀਦਾਂ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਦਾ ਇਵਜ਼ ਲੈਣ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਭਰਸ਼ੀ 'ਤੇ ਕਾਬਜ਼ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਕਦੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ? ਬਜਾਏ ਇਸਦੇ ਇਹ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਆਤਮਾਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਰੱਜ ਸੱਤਾ ਦੇ ਨਸ਼ੇ ਵਿਚ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਜਿਪਸੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਕਾਫਲਿਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਪੂੜਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਰੋਲ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ।

ਕੀ ਇਹ ਉਹੀ ਬਾਦਲ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਹਨ ਜਿਹੜੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਜੁਝਾਰੂਆਂ ਦੀ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫਸਰਾਂ ਸੁਮੇਧ ਸੈਣੀ ਅਤੇ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਇਜ਼ਹਾਰ ਆਲਮ ਨੂੰ ਸਨਮਾਨਤ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਸੁਮੇਧ ਸੈਣੀ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵਿਚ ਵਿਜੀਲੈਂਸ ਬਿਊਰੋ ਦਾ ਚੀਫ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਮੁਹੰਮਦ ਇਜ਼ਹਾਰ ਆਲਮ ਨੂੰ ਮਲੇਰਕੋਟਲੇ ਤੋਂ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਦੀ ਟਿਕਟ ਦੇ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ।

ਕੀ ਇਹ ਉਹੀ ਬਾਦਲ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਹਨ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ 2007 ਦੀ ਇਲੈਕਸ਼ਨ ਸਮੇਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਦਰਿਆਈ ਪਾਣੀਆਂ ਵਿਚਲੀ ਧਾਰਾ 5 ਨੂੰ ਖਤਮ ਕਰਨਾ ਏਜੰਡੇ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਬਣਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਸੁਪਰੀਮ ਕੋਰਟ ਵਿਚ ਗਿਆ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਵਕੀਲ ਪਾਰਾ 5 ਤੋਂ ਮੁਕਰ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ।

ਕੀ ਇਹ ਉਹੀ ਬਾਦਲ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਹਨ, ਜਿਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਧਰਮ ਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚੇ ਵਿਚ ਹਜ਼ਾਰਾਂ ਨੌਜਵਾਨ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਕਰਵਾਏ, ਮਾਵਾਂ-ਭੈਣਾਂ ਤੇ ਬਜ਼ੁਰਗਾਂ ਦੀ ਪੱਤ ਰੁਲਵਾਈ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੂੰ ਅੱਗ ਦੀ ਭੱਠੀ ਵਿਚ ਝੋਕ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੀ ਜੁਆਨੀ ਦੀ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਹੋਈ। ਕੀ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਅੱਜ ਤੱਕ ਆਨੰਦਪੁਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਮਤੇ, ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਪਾਣੀਆਂ, ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਬੋਲਦੇ ਇਲਾਕੇ,

ਚੰਡੀਗੜ੍ਹ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਣਾ—ਬਾਹਰੇ, ਭਾਜਪਾ ਦੀ ਸੈਂਟਰ ਵਿਚ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਹੁੰਦਿਆਂ ਇਸ ਗੱਲ ਨੂੰ ਦੁਹਰਾਇਆ? ਕੀ ਇਹ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਲੀਡਰਸ਼ਿਪ ਨੂੰ ਦੱਸਦੀ ਸੋਚ ਸੀ ਜਾਂ ਇਹ ਸਭ ਕੁਝ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਫੋਬਣ ਲਈ ਕਿਸੇ ਤੀਜੀ ਧਿਰ ਦੀ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਹੋਈ ਸੋਧ ਸੀ? ਜਿਹਨਾਂ ਭੱਦਰ ਪੁਰਸ਼ਾਂ ਨੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਖਿਤਾਬ ਦੇਣ ਬਾਰੇ ਸੋਚਿਆ ਸੀ—ਕੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਅੱਖਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਗੱਲਾਂ ਦੀ ਰੜਕ ਨਹੀਂ ਆਈ।

ਇਸ ਵਿਚ ਕੋਈ ਸ਼ੱਕ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਿ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਬਾਦਲ ਦੇ ਕਾਰ ਮੁਖਤਾਰ ਪਰਕਾਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਸੁਖਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ (ਉੱਪ ਮੁੱਖ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਪੰਜਾਬ) ਹਨ, ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਤੋਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਇਸ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਵਿਚ ਪੱਤਾ ਵੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਿਲਦਾ। ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਭੇਜੇ ਹੋਏ ਗੁਪਤ ਲਿਫਾਢੇ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਜਨਮ ਲੈਂਦੇ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ ਫਿਰ ਉਹ ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਵੀ ਵੱਡੇ ਖਿਤਾਬ ਲੈ ਲੈਣ, ਕੌਣ ਰੋਕ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ? ਫਿਰ ਇਹ ਗੱਲ ਤਾਂ ਬਿਲਕੁਲ ਸੱਚੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਕੂੜ ਰੁਪੀ ਅਮਾਵਾਸ (ਮੱਸਿਆ) ਵਿਚ ਜੋ ਜੋਝ ਚੜ੍ਹੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ, ਉਸ ਵਿਚ ("ਮਾਵਾਂ ਧੀਆਂ ਮੇਲਣਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਪਿਉ-ਪੁੱਤ ਜਾਂਝੀ ਹਨ।") ਹੁਕਮ ਤਾਂ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦਾ ਹੀ ਚੱਲਣਾ ਹੈ ਨਾ ਤੇ ਲਾਵਾਂ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਉਹ ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਹੁਕਮ ਕਰਨਗੇ, ਉਸਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹਨੀਆਂ ਹੀ ਪੈਣੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਪਰ ਇਸ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਲਿਖਣ ਲੱਗਿਆਂ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਇਤਿਹਾਸਕਾਰ ਦੋਦਾਂ ਖੋਲੇ ਉਗਲੀਆਂ ਰੱਖਣ ਲਈ ਮਜਬੂਰ ਹੋਣਗੇ।

—ਮਾਸਟਰ ਹਰਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ, ਨਿਊਯਾਰਕ।

ਸਨਮਾਨ ਦੀ ਵਿਧੀ

ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਸ. ਪਰਕਾਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ ਨੂੰ ਫਖਰ-ਏ-ਕੌਮ ਪੰਥ ਰਤਨ ਦੀ ਉਪਾਧੀ ਨਾਲ ਸਨਮਾਨਿਤ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਕਈ ਸੰਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਮੈਂ

ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦਾ ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਕੀਤੇ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਾਂ। ਪਰਕਾਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਲੰਬਾ ਅਰਸਾ ਮੁੱਖ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਉਹ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਇਸ ਕੁਰਸੀ 'ਤੇ ਕਾਇਮ ਰਹੇ ਹੁਣੇ ਹੁਣੇ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਗੁਰਦੁ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਵੀ ਕੌਮ ਨੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਉੱਪਰ ਹੀ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਬਹੁਗਿਣਤੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਬਹੁਮਤ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਅੰਦੋਂ ਹੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਕਦੇ। ਆਲੋਚਨਾ ਸਿਰਫ ਆਰ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਇਰਾਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ।

ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਨੂੰ ਯਾਦਗਾਰਾਂ ਉਸਾਰ ਕੇ ਉਜਾਗਰ ਕੀਤੇ ਇਹ ਨਿਵੇਕਲਾ ਕਾਰਜ ਸਿਰਫ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਹਿੱਸੇ ਆਇਆ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਉਹ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਣਾ ਵਾਜਬ ਹੈ। ਪਰ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਜਿਸ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਉਸਦੇ ਹੱਕ ਵਿਚ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਾਂ। ਜਿਸ ਢੰਗ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨ ਨੇ ਉੱਪਰਲੀ ਮੰਜ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਤੇ ਸਿਰੋਪਾਓ ਕੀਤੇ ਹਨ ਤੇ ਜਿਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਪਰਕਾਸ਼ ਬਾਦਲ ਨੇ ਹੇਠਾਂ ਖੜ੍ਹ ਕੇ ਉੱਚੀਆਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਹ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਹਨ ਤੇ ਉਹ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਦੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਗੋਂ ਮੰਗ ਰਹੇ ਜਾਪਦੇ ਹਨ। ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਦਾ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ, ਉਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਵੱਡਾ ਦਿਖਾਇਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਇਹ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ, ਪਰਕਾਸ਼ ਬਾਦਲ ਨੂੰ ਬਹੁਤ ਛੋਟਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਦਰਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਪੰਥ ਰਤਨ ਸਨਮਾਨ ਪ੍ਰਦਾਨ ਦੀ ਇਸ ਵਿਧੀ ਬਾਰੇ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਜਾਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ।

—ਹਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੈਣੀ, ਨਿਊ



ੴ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ॥

ਕਦੇ ਮੰਗਿਆਂ ਮਿਲਣ ਅਜ਼ਾਦੀਆਂ ਨਾ, ਹੁੰਦੇ ਤਰਲਿਆ ਨਾਲ ਨਾ ਰਾਜ ਯਾਰੇ।



ਬਹੀਦ ਭਾਈ ਤਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ

**ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਮੂਵਮੈਂਟ ਦੀ ਚੜ੍ਹਦੀ ਕਲਾ ਲਈ  
ਬੈਲਜੀਅਮ ਵਿਖੇ  
ਐਤਵਾਰ 20 ਨਵੰਬਰ, 2011 ਨੂੰ**



ਬਹੀਦ ਸੰਤ ਜਰਨੈਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਭਿੰਡਰਾਂਵਾਲੇ

**ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ ਸਮਾਗਮ**



ਜਰਨੈਲ ਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ  
ਜਲਵੇੜਾ



ਸ: ਜਸਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ  
ਖਾਲੜਾ



ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀ ਦੁਸ਼ਮਣ ਇੰਦਰਾ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਈ ਬੇਅੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਸਤਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਗੋਲੀਆਂ ਮਾਰ ਕੇ ਸ਼ਹਾਦਤ ਦਾ ਜਾਮ ਪੀਤਾ।



ਜਰਨੈਲ ਲਾਭ ਸਿੰਘ



ਜਰਨੈਲ ਮਲਾਗਰ ਸਿੰਘ  
ਬੱਬਰ

ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀਓ,

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖਾਲਸਾ ॥ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫਤਹਿ ॥

ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦਾ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਕਿਸੇ ਧਰਮ ਜਾਂ ਫਿਰਕੇ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਦਾ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਹੈ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਸੰਨ 1947 ਈ. ਤੋਂ ਹੀ ਲੜਿਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਕਿੰਨੇ ਭੋਲੇ ਤੇ ਅਨਾੜੀ ਸਨ, ਜੋ ਕਿ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਲੀਡਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਝੂਠੇ ਵਾਅਦਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਕਸਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਲਪੇਟ ਵਿਚ ਆ ਗਏ। ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਵੱਜੋਂ, ਅਰਧ ਸੈਨਿਕ ਬਲ, ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਤੇ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਸੰਗਠਨ 3 ਲੱਖ ਈਸਾਈਆਂ, 2,50,000 ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਅਤੇ 1,15,000 ਮੁਸਲਮਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੌਤ ਦੇ ਘਾਟ ਉਤਾਰ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ। ਤੁਸੀਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਪੱਗ ਲਾ ਕੇ ਉਸ ਨਾਲ ਸੁਲਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ। ਉਹ ਨੌਜਵਾਨ ਮੁੰਡਾ ਜਿਸ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਮਾਂ-ਭੈਣ ਨਾਲ ਸ਼ਬਰ ਜਨਾਹ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਦੇਖਿਆ ਹੈ, ਉਹ ਡਟਿਆ ਖੜਾ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਲਈ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਹੀ ਇਕੋ ਇਕ ਰਾਹ ਹੈ।

ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਲੈਡ ਦੇ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਵੇਟਾਂ ਦੇ ਢਾਂਚੇ ਨੂੰ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਫਿਰਕੂ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਸਾਮਰਾਜ ਦਾ ਰਾਜ ਬੋਪਣ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਕੁਝ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਮਝਦੀ। ਵੇਟਾਂ ਦਾ ਰਾਜ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਸਿਰਫ ਖਤਰੇ ਦੀ ਘੰਟੀ ਹੈ। ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਭਵਿੱਖ ਦਾ ਹੱਲ ਵੇਟਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਣਾ। ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਨੇਤਾ ਘੱਟ ਗਿਣਤੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਨਸਲਗੁਸ਼ੀ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਉਦੇਸ਼ ਨਾਲ ਜਨਸੰਘ, ਆਰ. ਐਸ. ਐਸ, ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ, ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਜਾਗਰਨ ਮੰਚ (ਭਗਵਾ ਬਰਗੋਡ), ਸੰਘ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ, ਅੰਤਿਮ ਭਾਰਤ, ਬਜਰੰਗ ਦਲ, ਅਖਿਲ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ, ਸਿਵ ਸੈਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਮਹਾਰਾਸ਼ਟਰ ਨਵ ਨਿਰਮਾਣ ਸੈਨਾ (ਮਨਸਾ) ਵਰਗੇ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਅੱਤਵਾਦੀ ਸੰਗਠਨ ਪੈਦਾ ਕਰ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਲਈ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਅਤਿ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ।

**ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ**

- \* ਆਰੰਭ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸੁੱਕਰਵਾਰ 18 ਨਵੰਬਰ, 2011
- \* ਭੋਗ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਖੰਡ ਪਾਠ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਐਤਵਾਰ 20 ਨਵੰਬਰ, 2011

ਉਪਰੰਤ ਕਥਾਵਾਚਕ ਸੰਤ ਬਾਬਾ ਕਰਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਬੰਬੇ ਵਾਲੇ, ਰਾਹੀ ਜਥਾ ਦਮਦਮੀ ਟਕਸਾਲ - ਭਾਈ ਹਰਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ, ਭਾਈ ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਠਾਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਕੌਂਸਲਜ਼ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰੈਜੀਡੈਂਟ ਡਾ. ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਆਪਣੇ ਵਿਚਾਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਿਹਾਲ ਕਰਨਗੇ।

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ਬਾਬਾ ਭਨਿਆਰਾਂ ਵਾਲਾ

ਨੂਰਪੁਰ ਬੇਦੀ-ਪਿੰਡ ਧਮਾਣਾ ਸਥਿਤ ਡੇਰਾ ਭਨਿਆਰਾਂਵਾਲੀ ਇਤਿਹਾਸਗੜ੍ਹ ਦੇ ਮੁਖੀ ਬਾਬਾ ਪਿਆਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਭਨਿਆਰਾਂਵਾਲੇ 'ਤੇ 27 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਬਾਅਦ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ ਤਿੰਨ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਚਾਕੂਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਹਮਲਾ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਇਹ ਹਮਲਾ ਬਾਬੇ ਦੀ ਕੋਠੀ 'ਚ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਮੁਤਾਬਕ ਜਦੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ ਦੇ ਵਜੇ ਬਾਬਾ ਪਿਆਰਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਆਪਣੀ ਕੋਠੀ ਵਿਖੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਕਮਰੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਬੈੱਜੇ ਵਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ ਤਾਂ ਪੈਰੋਕਾਰ ਬਣ ਕੇ ਆਏ ਤਿੰਨ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ

ਨੇ ਪਲਾਸਟਿਕ ਦੇ ਛੁਰਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਬਾਬੇ 'ਤੇ ਹਮਲਾ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ, ਜਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਉੱਥੇ ਤਾਇਨਾਤ ਸੀ. ਆਰ. ਪੀ. ਐਫ. ਦੇ ਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਤੇ ਪੀ. ਏ. ਪੀ. ਦੇ ਇਕ ਏ.ਐਸ.ਆਈ. ਸੁਭਾਸ਼ ਚੰਦ ਨੇ ਅਸਫਲ ਬਣਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਮੌਕੇ 'ਤੇ ਪਹੁੰਚੇ ਸੀ.ਆਰ.ਪੀ.ਐਫ. ਦੇ ਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਤਿੰਨੇ ਹਮਲਾਵਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਾਬੂ ਕੀਤਾ। ਇਸ ਘਟਨਾ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਡੇਰੇ ਵਿਚਲੇ ਪੈਰੋਕਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਹਮਲਾਵਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਰਨਾ-ਕੁੱਟਣਾ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਹਮਲਾਵਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਬਚਾਅ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੈਰੋਕਾਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਡੱਟ ਕੇ ਮੁਕਾਬਲਾ ਕੀਤਾ। ਇਸ ਝੜਪ ਨੂੰ ਰੋਕਣ 'ਚ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਦੇ ਕਈ ਜਵਾਨ ਵੀ ਫੱਟਕ ਹੋਏ। ਝੜਪ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਜ਼ਖ਼ਮੀ ਹੋਏ ਇਕ ਹਮਲਾਵਰ ਦੀ ਹਾਲਤ ਕਾਫ਼ੀ ਨਜ਼ੁਕ ਦੱਸੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਬਾਬੇ 'ਤੇ ਹਮਲਾ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਤਿੰਨੇ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਪਛਾਣ ਹਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੱਤਰ ਜਾਰਵੀਯ ਸਿੰਘ, ਚਰਵੀਯ

## ਹਮਲਾਵਰ 14 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਨਿਆਂਇਕ ਹਿਰਾਸਤ 'ਚ

ਅਨੰਦਪੁਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ-ਬਾਬਾ ਭਨਿਆਰਾਂ ਵਾਲਾ ਤੇ ਹਮਲਾ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਤਿੰਨੋਂ ਕਥਿਤ ਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਹਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ, ਧਰਮਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਫਤਹਿਗੜ੍ਹ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਗੁਰਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਲੁਧਿਆਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਏ. ਐਸ. ਆਈ. ਰਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਹੇਠ ਕੀਤੇ ਸਖਤ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਉਪ ਮੰਡਲ ਨਿਆਂਇਕ ਮੈਜਿਸਟ੍ਰੇਟ ਕੇਵਲ ਕ੍ਰਿਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਵਿਚ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਜਿਥੇ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਜੱਜ ਨੇ ਤਿੰਨੋਂ ਕਥਿਤ ਦੋਸ਼ੀ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ 13 ਨਵੰਬਰ ਤੱਕ ਨਿਆਂਇਕ ਹਿਰਾਸਤ ਵਿਚ ਭੇਜ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ।

ਬਾਬੇ ਦੀ ਕੋਠੀ ਤੇ ਡੇਰੇ ਨੂੰ ਪੂਰੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਸੀਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਬਾਬਾ ਭਨਿਆਰਾਂਵਾਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲੀਸ ਤੇ ਸੀ.ਆਰ.ਪੀ.ਐਫ. ਦੇ ਸੁਰੱਖਿਆ ਦੇ ਬਾਵਜੂਦ ਤਿੰਨ ਨੌਜਵਾਨਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਛੁਰਾਨੁਮਾ ਹਥਿਆਰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਬਾਬੇ ਤੱਕ ਪਹੁੰਚਣ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਨ ਚਿੰਨ੍ਹ ਲੱਗ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਬਾਬੇ ਨੇ ਪੀ.ਏ.ਪੀ. ਨੂੰ ਹਟਾ ਕੇ ਸੀ.ਆਰ.ਪੀ.ਐਫ. ਦੀ ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਬਟਾਲੀਅਨ ਲਗਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ।

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# ਰਾਜਸ਼ਾਸੀ ਨੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ 'ਤੇ ਲਗਾਏ ਦੋਸ਼, ਕਿਹਾ ਗੋਲਕਾਂ ਛਕਣ ਨਾਲ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਨੂੰ ਪੈ ਰਿਹੈ ਘਾਟਾ

## ਬਾਦਲ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਲੁੱਟ ॥ ਮੱਕੜ ਨੇ ਰਾਜਸ਼ਾਸੀ ਦਾ ਬਿਆਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਕਾਰਿਆ

ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ-ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਘਾਟੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਸਕੱਤਰ ਰਘਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਜਸ਼ਾਸੀ ਨੇ ਇਕ ਵਾਰ ਫਿਰ ਮੁੱਖ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ, ਕਮੇਟੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੱਕੜ ਅਤੇ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਹੋਰ ਅਹੁਦੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਬਹਿਸ ਲਈ ਨਲਕਾਰਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਸਾਰੇ ਜਦ ਚਾਹੁਣ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਪਾਸ ਕੀਤੇ ਬਜਟ ਬਾਰੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਬਹਿਸ ਕਰ ਲੈਣ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ, “ਮੈਂ ਸਾਬਤ ਕਰ ਦਿਆਂਗਾ ਕਿ



ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੱਕੜ

ਕਿਸ ਢੰਗ ਨਾਲ ਬਾਦਲ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਲੁੱਟ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ 1920 ਦੇ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੀਡ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਰਘਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਜਸ਼ਾਸੀ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਆਮਦਨ ਘਟੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਸਿਰੋਪੇ ਅਤੇ ਲੰਗਰ ਦੇ ਖਰਚ ਦੁਗਣੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ।

ਇਹ ਗੁਰੂ ਦੀ ਗੋਲਕ 'ਤੇ ਡਾਕਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਤਾਂ ਹੋਰ ਕੀ ਹੈ। ਰਾਜਸ਼ਾਸੀ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਪਿਛਲੇ 4 ਸਾਲਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਸੰਗਤ ਦੀ ਆਮਦ ਬਹੁਤ ਵੱਧ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਰਾਜਸ਼ਾਸੀ ਨੇ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਆਮਦਨ 2008-09 ਵਿਚ ਜੋ 17 ਕਰੋੜ ਭਾਵ 19.77 ਫ਼ੀਸਦੀ ਵਧੀ ਸੀ, ਉਹ ਘੱਟ ਕੇ 2009-10 ਵਿਚ 10 ਕਰੋੜ 50 ਲੱਖ ਭਾਵ 9.65 ਫ਼ੀਸਦੀ ਅਤੇ 2010-11 ਵਿਚ ਘੱਟ ਕੇ 6.56 ਫ਼ੀਸਦੀ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ

ਇਸ ਦੇ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ ਸਿਰੋਪੇ ਦਾ ਖਰਚ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ 100 ਫ਼ੀਸਦੀ ਵੱਧ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਭਾਵ 4 ਕਰੋੜ 6 ਲੱਖ ਤੋਂ ਸਿੱਧਾ 8 ਕਰੋੜ 46 ਲੱਖ ਰੁਪਏ ਚਲਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਜਦਕਿ ਸਿਰੋਪਾ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮੁਫਤ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ। ਇਸੇ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਲੰਗਰ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਚ 2010-11 ਦਾ ਲੰਗਰ ਖਰਚ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਮੁਕਾਬਲੇ 54 ਫ਼ੀਸਦੀ ਵੱਧ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਭਾਵ 8 ਕਰੋੜ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਕੇ 13 ਕਰੋੜ 75 ਲੱਖ 'ਤੇ ਚਲਾ ਗਿਆ

ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਤੱਥ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਗੁਰੂ ਦੀ ਗੋਲਕ ਵਿਚ ਬਹੁਤ ਵੱਡੀ ਪੱਧਰ 'ਤੇ ਘਪਲਾ ਹੋ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਕੋ ਤੱਥ ਕਿ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿਚ ਦੁਪਤਰੇ ਨਾਮ ਦਾ ਇਕ ਰਜਿਸਟਰਡ ਲੱਗਾ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਸੀ। ਜਿਸ 'ਤੇ ਚੜ੍ਹਤ ਵਿਚ ਆਇਆ ਸੋਨਾ, ਚਾਂਦੀ ਅਤੇ 500 ਤੋਂ 1000 ਵਾਲੇ ਨੋਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਨਾਲ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਸਿਰੋਪੇ ਦੀ ਗਿਣਤੀ ਵੀ ਲਿਖੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਸੀ। ਇਹ ਸਿਸਟਮ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਬੰਦ ਕਰਨਾ ਸਿੱਧੀ ਘਪਲੇਬਾਜ਼ੀ ਨੂੰ ਜਨਮ ਦੇਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਮੱਕੜ ਗੁਰੂ ਦਾ ਲੰਗਰ ਕਾਦਲ ਚਲਾ ਦਿਆਂ ਸਿਆਸੀ ਕਾਨਫ਼ਰੰਸਾਂ, ਨਿੱਜੀ ਭੋਗਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਭੋਜ ਕੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਘਰ ਨਾਲ ਧਰੋਹ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਅੰਕੜੇ ਦੱਸਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਐਕਟ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਸਕੀਮ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ 2007-08,

2008-09, 2009-10 ਅਤੇ 2010-11 ਵਿਚ ਕਰਮਵਾਰ ਬਣਦਾ ਕੁਲ 86 ਕਰੋੜ 26 ਲੱਖ 19 ਹਜ਼ਾਰ 134 ਰੁਪਏ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਖਾਤਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਜਮ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਰਵਾ ਦੇਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਐਕਟ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਸਕੀਮ ਦੀਆਂ ਪੱਜੀਆਂ ਉਡਾ ਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਆਡੀਟਰਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਰੀਪੋਰਟਾਂ ਦੀ ਉਲੰਘਣਾ ਕਰ ਕੇ 69 ਕਰੋੜ 73 ਲੱਖ 39 ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਰੁਪਏ ਇਕਲੇ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਗੋਲਕ 'ਤੇ ਡਾਕਾ ਮਾਰਿਆ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟ ਮੈਡੀਕਲ ਟਰੱਸਟਾਂ, ਐਜੂਕੇਸ਼ਨ ਅਦਾਰਿਆਂ, ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਸਿੱਖ ਯੂਨੀਵਰਸਿਟੀ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਕਰੋੜਾਂ, ਅਰਬਾਂ ਰੁਪਏ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨ ਦੇ ਲੱਗੇ ਹਨ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਬਜਟ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਜਨਰਲ ਹਾਊਸ ਵਿਚ ਪੇਸ਼ ਹੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ, ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇਹ ਟਰੱਸਟ ਹੁਣ ਜ਼ਰੀਰ ਬਣਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਨ।



ਰਘਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਜਸ਼ਾਸੀ

ਮੱਕੜ ਨੇ ਦੋਸ਼ ਕੀਤੇ ਹੱਦ

ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੱਕੜ ਨੇ ਰਘਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਜਸ਼ਾਸੀ ਦੇ ਬਿਆਨ ਦਾ ਸਖ਼ਤ ਨੋਟਿਸ ਨੈਂਦਿਆਂ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਭੂਠਾ ਦਾ ਪੁਲੰਦਾ ਕਰਾਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਅਧੀਨ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਸਹੁੰਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ

ਨਿਯਮਾਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਪਾਰਦਰਸ਼ੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਹਿਸਾਬ-ਕਿਤਾਬ ਬਕਾਇਦਾ ਸਾਲਾਨਾ ਬਜਟ ਅਤੇ ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਮਾਸਕ ਪਰਚ 'ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਗਜ਼ਟ' ਰਾਹੀਂ ਜਨਤਕ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਧਰੇ ਬੱਕ ਦੀ ਗੁੰਜਾਇਸ਼ ਨਹੀਂ।

ਹਰਿਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਸਾਲਾਨਾ ਆਮਦਨ ਘਟਣ ਸਬੰਧ ਰਘਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਬਿਆਨ ਬਾਰੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ 2007-08 ਤੱਕ ਸੰਗਤ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਚੈੱਕ

ਡਰਾਫਟ ਅਤੇ ਆਨਲਾਈਨ ਡੋਨੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ ਗੋਲਕ ਖਾਤੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਸਾਲ 2008-09 ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਰਕਮ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਵੱਖਰਾ ਖਾਤਾ ਖੋਲ੍ਹ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਖਾਤਾ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਬਜਟ ਦੇ ਪੰਨਾ ਨੰਬਰ 3 ਦੇ ਆਈਟਮ ਨੰਬਰ 5 'ਤੇ ਦਰਜ ਹੈ। ਰਘਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜ਼ਿਕਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਸਾਲ 2010-11 ਵਿੱਚ 6.75 ਫ਼ੀਸਦ ਵਾਧੇ ਦੀ ਰਕਮ ਅਨੁਮਾਨਿਤ ਹੈ, ਜਿਸ ਤੋਂ ਉਹ ਖੁਦ ਵੀ ਭਲੀ ਭਾਂਤ ਜਾਣੂ ਹਨ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ ਹਰਿਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ਰਧਾਲੂਆਂ ਦੀ ਆਮਦ 'ਚ ਭਾਰੀ ਵਾਧਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਗੋਲਕ ਵੀ ਵਧੀ ਹੈ ਪਰ ਆਏ ਦਿਨ ਵੱਧ ਰਕਮ ਮਹਿੰਗਾਈ ਕਾਰਨ ਖਰਚਾ ਵਧਣਾ ਵੀ ਕੁਦਰਤ ਹੈ।

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ਡੇਰਾ ਸੱਚਾ ਸੌਦਾ ਤੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤ 'ਚ ਟਕਰਾਅ

(ਸਫ਼ਾ 1 ਦੀ ਬਾਕੀ)

ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੇ ਭੀੜ 'ਤੇ ਲਾਠੀਚਾਰਜ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਦੋਹਾਂ ਧਿਰਾਂ ਕੋਲ ਡਾਗਾਂ ਤੇ ਤਲਵਾਰਾਂ ਸਨ। ਪੀਐਮ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਕਾਰਕੁੰਨਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਪੁਤਲਾ ਸਾੜਨ ਤੇ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਹੀ ਖੋਹਣ 'ਚ ਕਾਮਯਾਬ ਹੋ ਗਏ। ਗੋਰਤਲਬ ਹੋ ਕਿ ਬੀਤੇ ਕੋਲ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ 'ਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਸਥਾਵਾਂ ਨੇ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਕਰਕੇ ਡੇਰਾ ਸੱਚਾ ਸੌਦਾ ਦੇ ਮੁਖੀ ਖਿਲਾਫ਼ ਰੋਸ ਮਾਰਚ ਤੇ ਪੁਤਲਾ ਸਾੜਨ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਉਲੀਕ ਲਿਆ ਸੀ। ਸ਼ੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੇ ਮੈਂਬਰ ਸੁਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਗੀਆ ਤੇ ਬੀਬੀ ਦਵਿੰਦਰ ਕੌਰ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੱਭਾ ਗੁਰੂ ਘਰ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਰਾਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਿੱਧੂ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਵਿਚ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਕਰੀਬ 9 ਵਜੇ ਸਵੇਰੇ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਹਾਜੀ ਰਤਨ ਵਿਚ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਹੋਈ ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਸੁਖਮਨੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀ ਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਮਨੀ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਵਾ ਸੁਸਾਇਟੀ ਦੇ ਆਗੂ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੋਏ।

ਸੱਚਾ ਸੌਦਾ ਵਾਲਾ ਬਾਬਾ ਤੇ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਅਮਨ ਨੂੰ ਲਾਂਬੂ ਲਾਉਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਨੇ-ਦਸੂਹਾ

ਨਿਊਯਾਰਕ, (ਸ.ਪ.ਬ.)-ਸ਼ੋਮਣੀ ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਦੇ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਮੀਤ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਸ. ਮਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਸੂਹਾ ਨੇ ਸੱਚਾ ਸੌਦਾ ਸਿਰਸਾ ਦੇ ਮੁਖੀ ਵਜੋਂ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਲਿਬਾਸ ਵਿਚ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਛਕਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਨਕਲ ਨੂੰ ਬੇਹੱਦ ਅਫ਼ਸੋਸਨਾਕ ਕਰਾਰ ਦਿੰਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਅਜਿਹਾ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਮਾਹੌਲ ਨੂੰ ਖਰਾਬ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਅਖੌਤੀ ਬਾਬੇ ਵਲੋਂ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਬਰਾਬਰੀ ਨਾਬਰਦਾਸ਼ਤ ਕਰਨ ਯੋਗ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਹੈ। ਇਸੇ ਕਾਰਨ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਜਜ਼ਬਾਤ ਭੜਕੇ ਹਨ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਹੋਰਨੀ ਜ਼ਾਹਿਰ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿਚ ਅਕਾਲੀ-ਭਾਜਪਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਗਠਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਵਾਪਰੀ ਇਸ ਘਟਨਾ ਨੇ ਬਾਬੇ ਅਤੇ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਦੇ ਮਨਸਬਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਹੋਰ ਵੀ ਉਘਾੜ ਕੇ ਰੱਖ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਅਖੌਤੀ ਬਾਬਾ ਇਸੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਇਕ ਪਤਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਕਤਲ ਅਤੇ ਅਰਤਾ ਨਾਲ ਬਦਫ਼ੈਲੀ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਸੀ ਬੀ ਆਈ ਦੀ ਜਾਚ ਦਾ ਸਾਹਮਣਾ ਕਰ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਜੱਗ ਜ਼ਾਹਿਰ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਬਾਬੇ ਨੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੋਸ਼ਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਬਚਣ ਲਈ ਵਿਧਾਨ ਸਭਾ ਚੋਣਾਂ ਵਿਚ

ਸ਼ਰੇਆਮ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ ਹਮਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਨੇ ਵੀ ਉਸੇ ਦਾ ਬਚਾਅ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਵਾਅਦਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਮਦਦ ਲੈਣ ਦੀ ਬਜ਼ਰਗੀ ਭਰੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕੀਤੀ ਸੀ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਜਦ ਬਾਬੇ ਤੇ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਦੇ ਮਨਸਬੇ ਲਕਾ ਨੇ ਅਸਫਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਤਾਂ ਹੁਣ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਰਾਜ ਅੰਦਰ ਗੜਬੜ ਫੈਲਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਅਜਿਹੀਆਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਕਰਨੀਆਂ ਆਰੰਭ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਸ. ਦਸੂਹਾ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦਾ ਲਿਬਾਸ ਤੇ ਕਲਗੀ ਪਹਿਨ ਕੇ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਛਕਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਨਕਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਬਾਬੇ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀ ਅਣਖ ਅਤੇ ਗੋਰਤ ਨੂੰ ਵਗਾਰਿਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਜਜ਼ਬਾਤਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਖੇਲਣ ਦਾ ਯਤਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਦੁਨੀਆ ਭਰ ਵਿਚ ਵਸੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਬਾਬੇ ਦੀ ਇਸ ਕਰਤੂਤ ਦੀ ਸਖਤ ਨਿਖੇਧੀ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਮੂਹ ਸੰਗਤ ਨੂੰ ਅਪੀਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਸੁਚੇਤ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਜਿਥੇ ਅਜਿਹੀਆਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈਆਂ ਖਿਲਾਫ਼ ਰੋਸ ਜਥੇਬੰਦ ਕਰਨ। ਉਥੇ ਸੱਜਮ ਵਿਚ ਰਹਿ ਕੇ ਚੱਲਣ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਮਾਹੌਲ ਨੂੰ ਅੱਗੇ ਲਾਉਣ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਦੀਆਂ ਚਾਲਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਾਕਾਮ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ।

# ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਭੇਸ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਹੈਲੀਫੈਕਸ ਵਿਚ ਰਹਿ ਰਿਹਾ ?

ਪਟਿਆਲਾ/ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਟਾਈਮਜ਼ ਬਿਊਰੋ  
ਪੰਜਾਬ ਅੰਦਰ ਖਾੜਕੂਵਾਦ ਦੇ ਸਿਖਰ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਮਾਰੇ ਗਏ ਡਾ. ਗੁਰਨਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਬੁੱਢਾਲਾ ਨਾ ਦੇ ਖਾੜਕੂ ਦੇ ਸਿਰ 'ਤੇ 25 ਲੱਖ ਦਾ ਇਨਾਮ ਜਿੱਤਣ ਦੀ ਨਵੀਂ ਕਹਾਣੀ ਦੀ ਅਸਲੀਅਤ ਉਜਾਗਰ ਹੋਣ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਕਈ ਕੇਸਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਪਰਤਾਂ ਪੁਲੀਸੀਆਂ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋ ਗਈਆਂ ਹਨ। ਸੱਚ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਆਉਣ 'ਤੇ ਕਿ ਅਸਲ 'ਚ ਇਸ ਖਾੜਕੂ ਦੀ ਥਾਂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਵਲੋਂ ਸੁਖਪਾਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਕਾਲਾ ਅਫਗਾਨਾ ਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਗੱਭਰੂ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਰ ਦਿਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ, ਹੁਣ ਕਈ ਖੂਨੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਮੁਕਾਬਲਿਆਂ 'ਚ

ਮਾਰੇ ਗਏ ਪੁਲਸੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਜਿਊਂਦੇ ਹੋਣ ਦੀਆਂ ਕਹਾਣੀਆਂ ਵੀ ਬੇਨਕਾਬ ਹੋਣ ਲੱਗੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਅਜਿਹੇ ਮਾਹੌਲ ਵਿਚ ਪਿਛਲੇ ਦਿਨੀਂ ਖਾੜਕੂਵਾਦ ਦੌਰ ਦੇ ਸਭ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਜਾਲਮ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫਸਰ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਦੇ ਜਿਊਂਦੇ ਹੋਣ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਦਾਅਵਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਇਹ ਸਨਸਨੀਖੇਜ਼ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਾਵਾ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਹੱਕਾਂ ਲਈ ਸਮਰਪਤ ਸਖਸੀਅਤ ਕਰਨਲ ਜੀ ਐਸ ਸੰਧੂ ਨੇ ਹੁਣ ਕਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਬਦਨਾਮ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫਸਰ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਆਤਮ ਹਤਿਆ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਖ਼ਤਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋਇਆ, ਬਲਕਿ ਉਹ ਭੇਸ ਬਦਲ ਕੇ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਦੇ ਹੈਲੀਫੈਕਸ ਖੇਤਰ 'ਚ ਰਹਿ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ।

ਬ੍ਰਿਟਿਸ਼ ਕੋਲੰਬੀਆ ਦੇ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਰੇਡੀਓ ਸ਼ੇਰੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰੋਗਰਾਮ ਆਵਾਜ਼ੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ 'ਚ ਗੱਲਬਾਤ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਕਰਨਲ ਸੰਧੂ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਅਜੀਤ ਸੰਧੂ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਤੋਂ ਕੈਨੇਡਾ ਭੱਜ ਕੇ ਚਲਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ ਤੇ ਉਥੇ ਹੈਲੀਫੈਕਸ 'ਚ ਸਿਰ-ਮੁੰਹ ਮੁਨਵਾ ਕੇ ਬਦਲਵੇਂ ਭੇਸ 'ਚ ਗੁਮਨਾਮ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਗੀ ਜੀ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਕਰਨਲ ਸੰਧੂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀਆਂ ਲਗਾਤਾਰ ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਰਹੱਸਮਈ ਕਹਾਣੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਪਰਦਾ ਉਠਾਉਣ ਦੀ ਕੋਸ਼ਿਸ਼ 'ਚ ਹਨ। ਇਥੇ ਜ਼ਿਕਰਯੋਗ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਬਲੈਕ ਕੈਟ ਸੁਪਰਵਿਦਰ ਸੁੱਖੀ ਦਾ ਕੇਸ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਆਉਣ ਮਗਰੋਂ ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੇ ਮੁਖੀ ਐਸ ਐਸ ਵਿਰਕ ਨੇ

ਮੰਨਿਆ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਖਾੜਕੂਵਾਦ ਸਮੇਂ 300 ਦੇ ਕਰੀਬ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਮੁਖਬਰ ਤੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫਸਰ ਰੁਪੋਸ਼ ਕਰ ਦਿਤੇ ਗਏ ਸਨ। ਰੇਡੀਓ ਦੇ ਸੰਚਾਲਕ ਦੇ ਇਹ ਪੁੱਛੇ ਜਾਣ 'ਤੇ ਕਿ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੰਧੂ ਦੀ ਖੁਦਕਸ਼ੀ ਮਗਰੋਂ ਲਾਸ ਮਿਲਟ 'ਤੇ ਹੋਈ ਸ਼ਨਾਖਤ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਧ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਦੀ, ਤਾਂ ਕਰਨਲ ਸੰਧੂ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਸ਼ਨਾਖਤ ਜਾਂ ਤਾਂ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਜਾਂ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ, ਪਰ ਇਥੇ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਹੀ ਰਲੇ ਹੋਏ ਸਨ ਅਤੇ ਲਾਸ ਰੇਲਵੇ ਟਰੇਕ 'ਤੇ ਬੁਰੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੁਚਲੀ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਚਿਹਰਾ ਬੇਖਫਾਣਾ ਸੀ। ਚੇਤਾਰਹੇ ਕਿ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਬਾਬਾ ਦੀਪ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਵੇਸ 'ਚ ਪਹੁੰਚਣ ਦੇ ਜ਼ਿੰਮਪਲ ਕਰਨਲ ਸੰਧੂ 1982

'ਚ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਫੌਜ ਦੇ ਅਹੁਦੇ ਤੋਂ ਸੇਵਾ ਮੁਕਤ ਹੋਏ ਸਨ। ਕਰਨਲ ਸੰਧੂ 1962, 65 ਤੇ 1971 ਦੇ ਯੁੱਧਾਂ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਫੌਜ 'ਚ ਅਹਿਮ ਅਹੁਦਿਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ 1971 ਦੇ ਜੰਗੀ ਫੌਜੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਭਾਰਤ-ਪਾਕਿ ਤਬਾਦਲੇ 'ਤੇ ਸੈਨਿਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਰੁਲਣ ਦੀ ਕਹਾਣੀ ਵੀ ਮੰਦਭਾਗੀ ਹੈ। ਪਿਛਲੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਕਰਨਲ ਸੰਧੂ ਨਿਰੋਗ ਆਗੂ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਪੂਹਲਾ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੁਧ ਮੁਹਿੰਮ ਚਲਾਕੇ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਲਾਖਾਂ ਪਿੱਛੇ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਉਣ ਵਿਚ ਮਹੱਤਵ ਰੱਖੇ ਸਨ ਤੇ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਹੱਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਹਿਮ ਮੁੱਦਿਆਂ 'ਤੇ ਸਰਗਰਮ ਹਨ।

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# ਪ੍ਰੋ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲੋਂ ਵਿੱਢੇ ਗਏ ਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ ਚੱਲਦਾ ਰੱਖੀਏ

ਵਾਸ਼ਿੰਗਟਨ/ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਟਾਈਮਜ਼: ਬਿਊਰੋ ਕੋਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਡਾ. ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਨੇ ਜਾਣੇ ਪਛਾਣੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਦਵਾਨਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਮੈਰੀ ਮਾਊਂਟ ਮੈਨਹਟਨ ਕਾਲਜ ਦੇ ਟੀਚਰ ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਅਚਨਚੇਤੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਚਲਾਣੇ 'ਤੇ ਗਹਿਰੇ ਦੁੱਖ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਾਵਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਪ੍ਰੋ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਬੀਤੇ 31 ਮਾਰਚ ਨੂੰ ਇਕ ਸੜਕ ਹਾਦਸੇ ਵਿਚ ਮੌਤ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਸੀ। ਉਹ ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜਾ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ ਅਤੇ ਕੋਈ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਗੱਡੀ ਦੀ ਫੇਟ ਮਾਰ ਕੇ ਫਰਾਰ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ। ਪ੍ਰੋਫੈਸਰ ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਅਕਾਲ ਚਲਾਣੇ 'ਤੇ ਜਾਰੀ ਸ਼ੋਕ ਸੰਦੇਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਡਾ. ਔਲਖ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਮੌਤ ਨਾਲ ਸਿੱਖ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਨਾਲ ਨਾਸਕ ਕਾਉਂਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਨਾ ਪੂਰਾ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲਾ ਘਾਟਾ ਪਿਆ ਹੈ। ਇਹ ਘਾਟਾ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਯਾਰਾਂ ਦੋਸਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਦਿਆਰਥੀਆਂ ਲਈ ਹਰ ਵੀ ਜ਼ਿਆਦਾ ਤੇ ਦੁਖਦਾਈ ਹੈ। ਉਹ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਪਿਆਰਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਰਹਿ ਰਹਿ ਕੇ ਯਾਦ ਆਉਂਦੇ ਰਹਿਣਗੇ। ਡਾ. ਔਲਖ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਲਈ ਫਖਰ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਇਹ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪ੍ਰੋ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਦੋਸਤ ਸਨ। ਪ੍ਰੋ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਰਿਸ਼ਤੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਗਹਿਰੇ ਦੁੱਖ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਾਵਾ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਡਾ. ਔਲਖ ਨੇ

ਕੋਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਡਾ. ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਵਲੋਂ ਅਪਣੇ ਅਤਿ ਨੇਤੂਲੇ ਸਹਿਯੋਗੀ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਵ ਭਿੰਨੀ ਸਰਧਾਜਲੀ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਜੀਵਨ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਗੀ ਅਤੇ ਮੌਤ ਅਕਾਲ ਪੁਰਖ ਦੇ ਹੱਥ ਵਿਚ ਹੈ। ਮਨੁੱਖ ਇਥੇ ਆ ਕੇ ਬੇਵਸ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਪਰ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨ ਦੀ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਸਤਾਬਕ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਘੱਲੇ ਆਵੇ ਨਾਨਕਾ ਸੰਦੇਉਠਿ ਜਾਇਦੇ ਮਹਾਵਾਕ 'ਤੇ ਅਮਲ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਸਿਰਫ ਇਹ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਪ੍ਰੋ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲੋਂ ਵਿੱਢੇ ਗਏ ਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ ਚੱਲਦਾ ਰੱਖੀਏ। ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਜਦੋਂ ਜਹਿਦ ਕਰਦੇ ਰਹੀਏ ਅਤੇ ਮਨੁੱਖਤਾ ਦੀ ਭਲਾਈ ਲਈ ਆਪਣਾ ਯੋਗਦਾਨ ਪਾਉਂਦੇ ਰਹੀਏ। ਪ੍ਰੋ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਬੇਟੇ ਸ਼ਰਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਦੱਸਿਆ ਕਿ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਪਿਤਾ ਮਨੁੱਖਤਾਵਾਦੀ ਸਨ, ਜੋ ਹਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਭਲਾਈ ਲਈ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਹੀ ਸਰਗਰਮ ਰਹਿੰਦੇ ਸਨ। ਉਹ ਸਮਾਜ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਦਿਲ ਤੋਂ ਕਰਦੇ ਸਨ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਨਿਉਯਾਰਕ ਸਿੱਖ ਕਮਿਊਨਿਟੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੋਸਲਰ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਵੀ ਨਿਭਾਈ। ਨਿਉਯਾਰਕ ਤੋਂ ਡਾ. ਰਣਬੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਭੱਲਾ ਨੇ ਪ੍ਰੋ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੀਤੇ ਕੰਮਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਭਾਈਚਾਰੇ ਵਿਚ ਨਿਭਾਏ ਰੋਲ ਬਾਰੇ ਵਿਸਥਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਚਰਚਾ ਕੀਤੀ। ਡਾ. ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ ਨੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਸ਼ੋਕ ਸੰਦੇਸ਼ 'ਚ ਅੱਗੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਪ੍ਰੋ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ

ਸਿੰਘ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਵੱਡੇ ਸਮਰਥਕ ਸਨ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਕੋਸਲ ਆਫ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਦੇ ਸਲਾਹਕਾਰ ਵਜੋਂ ਸੇਵਾ ਨਿਭਾਈ ਹੈ। ਜੋ ਕਿ ਲੋਕਤੰਤਰੀ ਤਰੀਕੇ ਨਾਲ ਅਹਿੰਸਕ ਯਤਨਾਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਯਤਨ ਕਰ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਡਾ. ਔਲਖ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਅਕਾਲ ਪੁਰਖ ਦੇ ਚਰਨਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਅਰਦਾਸ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਪ੍ਰੋ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਰੂਹ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਾਂਤੀ ਬਖਸ਼ੇ ਅਤੇ ਦੁੱਖ ਵਿਚ ਡੁੱਬੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਣਾ ਮੰਨਣ ਦਾ ਬਲ ਬਖਸ਼ੇ। ਇਸੇ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਵਰਲਡ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੋਸਲ-ਅਮੈਰੀਕਨ ਰੀਜ਼ਨ ਦੇ ਸਾਬਕਾ ਵਾਈਸ ਚੇਅਰਪਰਸਨ ਡਾ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੇ ਅਕਾਲ ਚਲਾਣੇ 'ਤੇ ਦੁੱਖ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਾਵਾ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਸੰਸਥਾ ਦਾ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਡਾ. ਮਨਹਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਪੱਥ ਅਤੇ ਪਰਿਵਾਰ ਲਈ ਨਾ ਪੂਰਾ ਯੋਗ ਘਾਟਾ ਕਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਡਾ. ਗੁਰਚਰਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਿਸਕਾਮ ਸੇਵਾ ਭਾਵਨਾ ਨਾਲ ਸਮਾਜ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ। ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਵੱਖ ਵੱਖ ਧਰਮਾਂ ਦੇ ਫਿਰਕਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਸਦਭਾਵਨਾ ਅਤੇ ਪ੍ਰੇਮ ਪਿਆਰ ਦੇ ਪਾਸਾਰ ਲਈ ਸਦਾ ਮੁਦਈ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਕੰਮ ਕੀਤਾ।

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ਇਹ ਪੰਥਕ ਅਵਾਰਡ, ਪੰਥਕ ਸ਼ਖਸੀਅਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ, ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ ਦੇ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਭਾਈ ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਖੋਂ (ਦਾਖਾ) ਵੱਲੋਂ ਫਰੀਮਾਂਟ ਗੁਰੂ ਘਰ ਵਿੱਖੇ 28 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ 2007 ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਅਵਾਰਡ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਉਰਫ ਦਲ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਅਲਾਇੰਸ ਦੀ 14 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ 1745 ਦੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਬੈਠਕ ਨੂੰ ਸਮਰਪਿਤ ਹਨ।

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| 1-ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਪੀਸ ਅਵਾਰਡ                    | = ਡਾ:ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਔਲਖ                 |
| 2-ਨਵਾਬ ਕਪੂਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਅਵਾਰਡ           | = ਸ੍ਰ ਸਿਮਰਨਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮਾਨ              |
| 3-ਸਿੱਖ ਜਰਨੈਲ ਭਾਈ ਬਘੇਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਅਵਾਰਡ | = ਡਾ:ਪਰਮਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਜ਼ਰਾਵਤ             |
| 4-ਸੰਤ ਸੁੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਅਵਾਰਡ           | = ਸੰਤ ਰਾਮ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਮਦਮੀ ਟਕਸਾਲ           |
| 5-ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਾਈ ਅਮਰੀਕ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਅਵਾਰਡ     | = ਡਾ:ਅਵਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੇਖੋਂ                |
| 6-ਗਿਆਨੀ ਗੁਰਦਿੱਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਅਵਾਰਡ       | = ਡਾ:ਸੁਖਪ੍ਰੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਉਦੋਕੇ             |
| 7-ਭਾਈ ਕਾਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਨਾਭਾ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਅਵਾਰਡ        | = ਡਾ:ਹਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਿਲਗੀਰ             |
| 8-ਸ੍ਰ ਕਪੂਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਮੈਮੋਰੀਅਲ ਅਵਾਰਡ            | = ਸਿਰਦਾਰ ਗੁਰਤੇਜ ਸਿੰਘ                 |
| 9-ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਾਈ ਹਰਜਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜਿੰਦਾ ਅਤੇ        |                                      |
| ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਾਈ ਸੁੱਖਦੇਵ ਸਿੰਘ ਸੁੱਖਾ ਅਵਾਰਡ        | = ਜਿੰਦਾ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਭਾਈ ਬਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਜੋਆਣਾ |

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## ANNEXURE A.

## ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਮ

ਮਤਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਟੇਟ

ਮ.

1. ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧਕ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦਾ ਜਨਰਲ ਸਮਾਗਮ 9 ਮਾਰਚ 1946 ਨੂੰ ਜਥੇਦਾਰ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨਗੀ ਹੇਠ ਆਰੰਭ ਹੋਇਆ :

ਸ. ਬਸੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਕੁੱਕੜ ਪਿੰਡ ਨੇ ਹੇਠ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਮਤਾ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ :-

ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੇ ਵਰਤਮਾਨ ਰਾਜਸੀ ਹਾਲਾਤ ਤੇ ਕੌਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਦਿਮਾਗੀ ਦਸ਼ਾ ਤੇ ਉਤਪੰਨ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਤੇ ਜੋ ਖਤਰਨਾਕ ਅਸਰ ਪੈਣ ਦੀ ਸੰਭਾਵਨਾ ਹੈ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਮੁੱਖ ਰੱਖਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਦੇਸ਼ ਵਿੱਚ ਜੋ ਇਨਕ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਹਨ, ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਹਸਤੀ ਕਾਇਮੀ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਨੂੰ ਅਨੁਭਵ ਕਰਕੇ :

(ੳ) ਸ਼੍ਰੋਮਣੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਐਲਾਨ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਵੱਖਰੀ ਕੌਮ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ

(ਅ) ਇਸ ਅਜਲਾਸ ਦੀ ਰਾਏ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਮੁੱਖ ਧਰਮ ਅਸਥਾਨ ਸਭਿਆਚਾਰਕ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਿਵਾਜ ਸਵੈਮਾਨ ਤੇ ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਦੀ ਰਾਖੀ ਤੇ ਭਵਿੱਖਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀ ਤਰੱਕੀ ਲਈ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਟੇਟ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ । ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਪੀਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਵੱਧ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਉਪਰਾਲਾ ਕਰਨ ।

ਸ. ਅਮਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਦੁਸਾਂਝ ਨੇ ਮਤੇ ਦੀ ਤਾਈਦ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਆਖਿਆ ਕਿ ਮੌਜੂਦਾ ਹਾਲਾਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇਸ਼ ਦੇ ਵਾਧੇ ਲਈ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਲਈ ਵੱਖਰੀ ਸਟੇਟ ਕਾਇਮ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ । ਸਿੱਖ ਵੱਖਰੀ ਕੌਮ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਜੋ ਗੁਣ ਇੱਕ ਕੌਮ ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਣੇ ਚਾਹੀਦੇ ਹਨ ਉਹ ਸਾਰੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੌਜੂਦ ਹਨ ਆਵਾਜ਼ ਉਠਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਇੱਕ ਵੱਡੇ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਦਰਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਟਾਹਣੀ ਹਨ । ਮੈਂ ਕਹਿੰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਅਸਾਨੂੰ ਹੜੱਪ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਉਠਾਈ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ । ਅਸੀਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੂਜੀ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਗੁਲਾਮ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਫਲ ਫੁਲ ਗਿਣਤੀ, ਸਾਡੀ ਸਟੇਟ ਕਾਇਮ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਰਸਤੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਰੁਕਾਵਟ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੀ । ਬਤੌਰ ਕੌਮ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਕੌਮਾਂ ਦੇ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਮਿਲਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ ।

ਸ. ਗੁਰਦਿੱਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਦੀ ਝੰਗ ਮਘਿਆਣਾ ਨੇ ਆਖਿਆ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਮਤੇ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਰਾਏ ਲੈਣ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ । ਸ. ਗੁਰਦਿਆਲ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਰਾਜੋਆਣਾ ਨੇ ਮਤੇ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰੋਤਸਾਹੀ ਕੀਤੀ ।

ਸ. ਸੋਹਣ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਜਲਾਲ ਉਸਰਮ ਸ. ਵਜ਼ੀਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਮਿੰਟਗੁਮਰੀ ਤੇ ਸ. ਸੰਤਾ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਏਡੀ ਵੱਡੀ ਮਹਾਨਤਾ ਵਾਲਾ ਮਤਾ ਜ਼ਰੂਰ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਰਾਏ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ ।

ਗਿਆਨੀ ਕਰਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੀ ਨੇ ਮਤੇ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰੋਤਸਾਹੀ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਆਖਿਆ ਕਿ ਛੇਤੀ ਹੀ ਹਿੰਦੋਂ ਬਣਤਰ ਬਾਰੇ ਵਿਚਾਰਾਂ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਮਹਾਨ ਮਾਮਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਅੱਗੇ ਤੇ ਨਹੀਂ ਪਾ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਰਾਏ ਹੁਣੇ ਦੇਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿ ਹੋਣ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਵਿਚਾਰਾਂ ਸਮੇਂ ਸਾਡੀ ਰਾਏ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਾਡਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਟੇਟ ਦਾ ਮੁਤਾਲਬਾ ਬਿਲਕੁਲ ਮਾਕੂਲ ਹੈ । ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਆਪਣੇ ਆਪ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੱਕ ਕੌਮ