

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

For Six Month Period Ending 7-31-2012
(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant

(b) Registration No. 5597

COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant -

730 24th St. N.W. # 310
WASHINGTON D.C. 20037

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

(a) If an individual:

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| (1) Residence address(es) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | } N/A |
| (2) Citizenship | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| (3) Occupation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | |

(b) If an organization:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

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

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

Yes No

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

If no, please attach the required amendment.

N/A

¹ 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

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)² 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)² 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 A³ Yes No

Exhibit B⁴ Yes No

N/A

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

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

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

If no, please attach the required amendment.

N/A

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 SIKHS, CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS, DALITS ETC. IN INDIA AND INTERNATIONALLY AT THE BEHEST OF INDIAN GOVT. INDIA HOLDS 52,268 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN JAILS WITHOUT TRIAL OR CHARGES. INDIA HAS MURDERED OVER 250,000 SIKHS, OVER 300,000 CHRISTIANS AND OVER 100,000 KASHMIRIS. HINDU GOVT. HEADED BY MODI IN GUJRAT HAS MURDERED 2000-5,000 MUSLIMS IN GUJRAT STATE. ISSUED PRESS RELEASES, LETTERS, GAVE LECTURES IN GURDWARA, SIKH PRADES IN WASHINGTON DC AND NEW YORK. ALSO PARTICIPATED IN DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON D.C. REGARDING BALWANT SINGH RAJONA'S HANGING. ALSO SEE MY WEB AND FACE BOOK.

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

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter. ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN SEEK SUPPORT FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN SIKH HOMELAND, PUNJAB, KHALISTAN TO SECURE SOVEREIGNTY AND FREEDOM FOR THE SIKH NATION BY REMOVING INDIAN OCCUPATION OF PUNJAB, KHALISTAN. THE SIKH NATION DECLARED ITS INDEPENDENCE ON OCT. 7, 1987 NAMING NEW COUNTRY KHALISTAN ALSO EXPOSED THE GENOCIDE AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE SIKH NATION, THE CHRISTIANS, THE NAGAS, THE MUSLIMS, THE DALITS AND OTHERS IN INDIA. DALKHALSA IN PUNJAB PASSED A RESOLUTION FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF KHALISTAN. S. SIMRANTIT SINGH'S PARTY ALSO PASSED A RESOLUTION FOR KHALISTAN. COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN WORKED TO PRESERVE WATER, THE NATURAL RESOURCE OF PUNJAB WHICH IS NEEDED TO IRRIGATE THE CROPS. PUNJAB IS A FARMING STATE WHICH PRODUCES 80% OF INDIAN WHEAT RESERVE AND 70% OF RICE RESERVE. PUNJAB FARMERS ARE NOT GETTING FAIR PRICES FOR THEIR PRODUCE, NOT EVEN THE COST OF PRODUCTION. INDIAN GOVT CONTROLS THE PRICES. FARMERS ARE BEARING BIG LOSSES AND COMMITTING SUICIDES. INDIAN GOVT. DIVERTING PUNJAB RIVER WATER TO HARYANA AND RAJASTHAN WITHOUT PAYING ANY COMPENSATION. ONLY FREE KHALISTAN WILL BRING PROSPERITY TO PUNJAB.

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.

⁵ 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 \$305.00 EVERY SIX MONTHS. COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN DOES NOT HAVE ANY BANK ACCOUT.

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

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 campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit 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 value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

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.

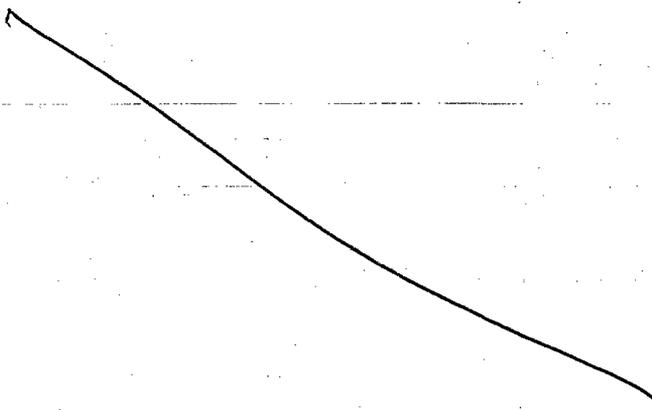
(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

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

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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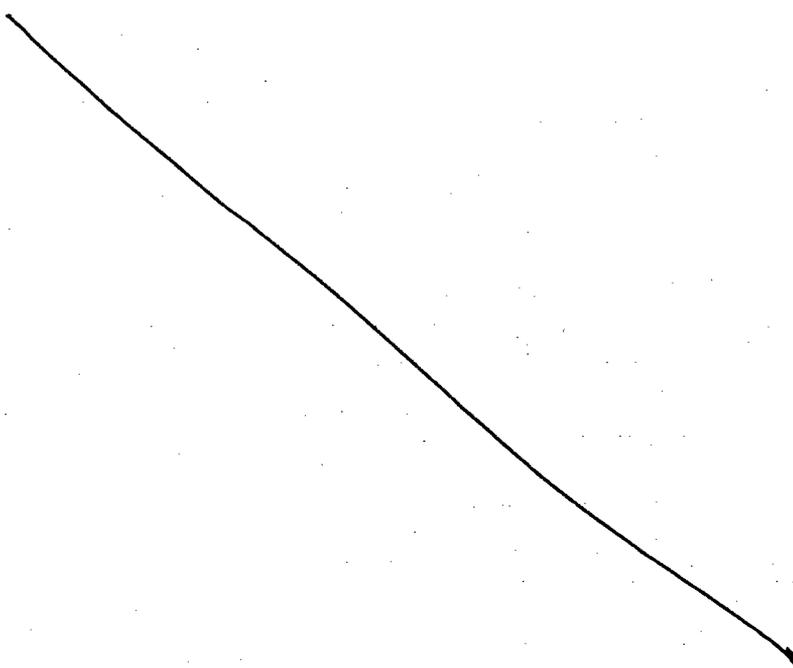
(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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 value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) - During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²
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) PUNJABI

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

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

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to 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 signature¹³)

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G. S. Aulakh

[GURMIT SINGH AULAKH]

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

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

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 in Item 5 of the supplemental statement.

Short Form List for Registrant: Council of Khalistan

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
Aulakh	Gurmit Singh	03/16/2004

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Sikhs Observe Anniversary of Golden Temple Massacre *Sikhs Never Forgive, Forget This Brutal Attack* Bhindranwale Said Attack "Will Lay Foundation of Khalistan"

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 2, 2012 – Sikhs from all over the East Coast gathered in Washington, D.C. today to commemorate the Indian government's brutal military attack on the Golden Temple, the center and seat of the Sikh religion, and 37 other Sikh Gurdwaras throughout Punjab, in June 1984, in which over 20,000 Sikhs were murdered. Similar events were held in London, New York, several cities in Canada, at the United Nations, and around the world.

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 phrase "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.

The Golden Temple attack was a brutal chapter in India's repression of the Sikhs, according to Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, the government *pro tempore* of Khalistan, the Sikh homeland. "Sikhs cannot forgive or forget this atrocity against the seat of our religion by the Indian government, said Dr. Aulakh "This brutal attack clarified that there is no place in India for Sikhs," he said. On October 7, 1987, the Sikh Nation declared its independence from India, naming its new country Khalistan. "Sant Bhindranwale said that attacking the Golden Temple would lay the foundation stone of Khalistan, and he was right," said Dr. Aulakh. "Instead of crushing the Sikh movement for Khalistan, as India intended, the attack strengthened it," he said. "The flame of freedom still burns bright in the hearts of Sikhs despite the deployment of over half a million Indian troops to crush it," he said. Last year, former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann held a conference on Khalistan that was attended by over 100,000 people. Dal Khalsa in Punjab has also passed resolutions for Khalistan and held marches for Khalistan.

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 Sardar Mann, the Indian government has murdered over a million Sikhs since 1982. India has also killed more than 300,000 Christians in Nagaland, over 100,000 Muslims in Kashmir, 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."

"Democracies don't commit genocide. India should act like a democracy and allow a plebiscite on independence for Khalistan and all the nations of South Asia," Dr. Aulakh said. "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 work and pray for our God-given birthright of freedom."

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Sikhs to Observe Anniversary of Golden Temple Massacre June 2 *Sikhs Never Forgive, Forget This Brutal Attack* Bhindranwale Said Attack "Will Lay Foundation of Khalistan"

What: Protest Commemorating Indian Massacre of Sikhs at Golden Temple

When: Saturday, June 2, 2012, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Where: Across from Indian Embassy, 2107 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC (intersection of Q St., and 21st St. NW)

Why: to remember the desecration of the Golden Temple and the massacre of Sikhs, to show support for Sikh victims of repression in Punjab, Khalistan, and to demonstrate support for a sovereign Khalistan

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Sumedh Singh Saini, Killer of Sikhs, Appointed Punjab DGP by Badal

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 30, 2012 – Sumedh Singh Saini was appointed Director General of Police in Punjab by Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal. At 54, he is the youngest DGP in India. Saini was responsible for the killings of hundreds of Sikh families and youth. One of DGP Saini's first acts was to invite the Butcher of Punjab, K.P.S. Gill, to visit him in his office. Gill, who presided over the murders of tens of thousands of Sikhs, is Saini's mentor.

Saini currently faces several charges of kidnappings, tortures, and murders. He is under a probe from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on charges that he illegally arrested relatives and associates of Sardar Davinder Singh Bhullar. The CBI's investigation held Saini responsible for the kidnapping, torture, and elimination of Sardar Balwant Singh Multani and Sardar Balwant Singh Bhullar. According to the CBI, both men were tortured in Saini's presence and on his orders. In 2008, the CBI booked Saini on a charge of abduction with intent to kill, according to *The Hindu*. The Indian Elections commission has received complaints that he threatened Congress Party Members of the Legislative-Assembly-(MLA) and candidates with false criminal cases. He has also been charged in the kidnapping, illegal detention, and disappearance of Vinod Kumar and another Hindu man, as well as their driver. Saini had a personal dispute with the men.

A Senior Superintendent of Police in Ropar, Mr. Mustafa, said that Saini set his house on fire and tried to blame Khalistanis for it, and that he murdered Parminder Singh of Mohali in Mr. Mustafa's presence. Senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer V.K. Janjua has filed a case claiming that Saini along with Deputy Chief Minister Sukhbir Singh Badal filed a fake bribery case against him.

“Sikhs are offended that such a criminal involved in the murders of Sikhs and Hindus could be made a Director General of Police,” said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. “We demand his immediate removal before he returns Punjab to the tyrannical violence of the K.P.S. Gill era.” In 2010, there was a candlelight march against Saini by massive numbers of Sikhs, including women and children.

According to former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann, over a million Sikhs have been murdered by the Indian regime since 1982.. The Indian government has murdered 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.”**

A report by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR) states that 52,268 Sikhs are being held as political prisoners in India without charge or trial. Some have been in illegal custody since 1984! Earlier this year, two young Sikhs were killed by police for engaging in a peaceful demonstration. 35 Sikhs were arrested for making speeches in support of Khalistan and raising the Khalistani flag. In addition, Amnesty International reports that “tens of thousands” of minorities are being held as political prisoners.

India is a multinational state thrown together by the British colonialists for their administrative convenience. As Steve Forbes pointed out in his excellent *Forbes* magazine article “India, Meet Austria-Hungary,” history shows that such countries collapse, from the Austro-Hungarian Empire to the Soviet Union to Czechoslovakia to Yugoslavia. A CIA report in 2010 predicted that India will disintegrate by 2015. It is not a single nation but a conglomerate of many nations. History shows that such countries are doomed to collapse.

“We must continue to work and pray for our God-given birthright of freedom,” Dr. Aulakh said. “Without political power, religions cannot flourish, repression continues, and nations perish.”

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Anand Karaj Marriage Act Rendered Unrecognizable by Indian Parliament

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 30, 2012 – Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, today denounced the Rajiya Sabha, the upper house of India's Parliament, for gutting the Sikh Anand Karaj Marriage Act, which protects Sikh marriage. Even the name was stripped away, rendering the act in no way Sikh, but indistinguishable from a Hindu marriage act. “In its present form, the act is completely unacceptable,” he said. “The Anand Marriage Act, which was written by Professor Gurtej Singh and enacted verbatim by Pakistan should be adopted by India as well.”

Dr. Aulakh pointed out that the Anand Karaj Act is law in Pakistan. “Why is India holding it up and stripping all references to Sikh marriage?” he asked. “Anand Karaj is the Sikh marriage ceremony. How can the Anand Karaj Marriage Act not distinguish Sikh marriage?” Dr. Aulakh said that “this is additional proof that there is no place for Sikhs in India.” He reminded the Sikhs that a former minister in the Indian Cabinet said that anyone who live in India must either be Hindu or subservient to Hindus. He noted the memo written by Home Secretary Patel shortly after independence describing Sikhs as “a criminal tribe.”

Dr. Aulakh noted with thanks the comments of SGPC member Sardar Hardeep Singh from Mohali, who called the proposed amendments to the bill “eyewash” and said that by accepting the bill, Sikhs would be accepting Section 25 (B) of the Indian constitution which defines Sikhism as part of Hinduism. Sardar Hardeep Singh went on to say that “It is an act of fooling Sikhs, as the distinct identity of Sikhs would be buried for a long time.”

“Sikhism is its own religion that has its own holy scripture and holy places,” he said. “It is not part of anything else.” He noted that India has been engaged in a massive propaganda campaign to bring Sikhism under Hinduism. “We were promised the glow of freedom, but we have suffered terrible repression,” he said.

According to former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann, over a million Sikhs have been murdered by the Indian regime since 1982. The Indian government has murdered 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.**” Narinder Singh, a spokesman for the Golden Temple, told the USA's National Public Radio on August 11, 1997 that “The Indian government all the times they boast that they're democratic, they're secular, but they have nothing to do with a democracy, they have nothing to do with a secularism. They try to crush Sikhs just to please the majority.”

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“The gutting of the Anand Karaj Marriage Act shows that we must continue to work to liberate Khalistan,” Dr. Aulakh said. “In a free Khalistan, we can live in peace, freedom, prosperity, and dignity. We will be able to enact the Anand Marriage Act and other laws in accord with Sikh principles.”

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Bhindranwale Words About Khalistan Should Be Included in Golden Temple Martyrs Memorial *“The day the Indian Government attacks the Golden Temple, the foundation of Khalistan will be laid.”*

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 30, 2012 – Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, today called for Damdami Taksal, the organization in charge of constructing the memorial to the martyrs of the June 1984 Golden Temple attack at Sri Darbar Sahib, to include the words of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale: *“The day the Indian government attacks the Golden Temple, the foundation of Khalistan will be laid.”* Damdami Taksal was Sant Bhindranwale’s organization. The Council of Khalistan is the government *pro tempore* of Khalistan, which leads the struggle for Khalistan’s independence.

The Golden Temple was attacked by Indian military forces on June 4, 1984 and Khalistan declared its independence from India on October 7, 1987. During the attack, young boys ages 8 to 13 were taken outside and asked if they supported Khalistan. When they answered *“Bole So Nihal,”* they were shot to death. The *Guru Granth Sahib*, the Sikh scripture, written in the time of the Sikh Gurus, was shot full of bullet holes and burned by the Indian forces.

The Golden Temple attack was a brutal chapter in India’s repression of the Sikhs, according to Dr. Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, “Sikhs cannot forgive or forget this atrocity against the seat of our religion by the Indian government, said Dr. Aulakh “This brutal attack clarified that there is no place in India for Sikhs,” he said.

“Sant Bhindranwale said that attacking the Golden Temple would lay the foundation of Khalistan, and he was right,” said Dr. Aulakh. “Instead of crushing the Sikh movement for Khalistan, as India intended, the attack strengthened it,” he said. “Including these words in the memorial is essential,” said Dr. Aulakh. “His successors in Damdami Taksal need to remind the Sikhs of his words.”

Former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann reports that more than a million Sikhs have been murdered by the Indian regime since 1982. The Indian government has murdered more than 300,000 Christians since 1948, almost 100,000 Muslims in Kashmir since 1988, 2,000 to 5,000 Muslims in Gujarat, 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.”**

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Dr. Aulakh Leads New York Sikh Parade as “Chief Guest” *Parades in New York, New Jersey, DC Well Attended* Pro-Khalistan Slogans Raised

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 30, 2012 – Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, led the Sikh Day Parade in New York on April 21 as “Chief Guest.” About 60,000 Sikhs participated. Slogans of “Khalistan Zindabad”, “India out of Khalistan”, and other pro-Khalistan slogans were raised.

The New York parade was organized by the Sikh Cultural Society of New York, with the cooperation of the other Gurdwaras in the Greater New York area. Gurdwaras from Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and other nearby areas participated. “I would like to thank the organizers and participants for a very well-organized parade,” said Dr. Aulakh. He took special note of the work of Sardar Surjit Singh Klar, President of Akali Dal (Amritsar) America Region, SCS President, Sardar Gurdev Singh Kang, Elections Chairman Sardar Habans Singh Dhillon, and others. Dr. Aulakh also spoke at the April 14 National Khalsa Day parade in Washington DC organized by Dr. P.S. Ajrawat and the May 12 Sikh Parade in Carteret, New Jersey, organized by the Singh Sabha Gurdwara and Dashmesh Darbar Gurdwara in Carteret.

“I would like to thank the organizers of all these parades for their work on behalf of the Khalsa Panth,” said Dr. Aulakh. “I thank them for the opportunity to speak. These were great opportunities to promote the Sikh cause of freedom. The strong support of a free Khalistan that was expressed shows the true heart of the Sikh Nation. It is time to start a *Shantmai Morcha* to liberate Khalistan,” he said. “I would like to thank Sardar Virk and Sardar Brar of Darbar Dashmesh and I would like to thank Sardar Jatinder Singh of Singh Sabha Gurdwara for his hospitality,” Dr. Aulakh said.

According to former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann, over a million Sikhs have been murdered by the Indian regime since 1982. The Indian government has murdered 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.”** Narinder Singh, a spokesman for the Golden Temple, told the USA's National Public Radio on August 11, 1997 that “The Indian government all the times they boast that they're democratic, they're secular, but they have nothing to do with a democracy, they have nothing to do with a secularism. They try to crush Sikhs just to please the majority.”

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Sardar Balwant Singh Rajoana Is Living Sikh Martyr *True Sikh of Guru Gobind Singh; Sikh Nation Proud of Him*

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 4, 2012 – Jathedar of the Akal Takht Gurbachan Singh has declared Sardar Balwant Singh Rajoana a living martyr of the Sikh Nation. This is a fitting tribute to S. Rajoana. The Sikh Nation is proud of him. He is a true Sikh of Guru Gobind Singh. Whenever the Khalsa Panth is in crisis, brave Sikhs like Sardar Dilawar Singh, Sardar Balwant Singh Rajoana, Sardar Jagtar Singh Hawara, and Sardar Paramjit Singh Bheora come forward to restore the glory of the Khalsa Panth.

Beant Singh, chief Minister of Punjab, was a butcher of the Sikh youth in Punjab, along with K.P.S. Gill and other police officials like Julio Ribeiro and Governor S.S. Ray. There are three R's of that time: Ray, Ribeiro, and Rajiv, who committed genocide against the Sikh Nation. Along with the 1984 attack on the Golden Temple by Indira Gandhi, the genocide against the Sikh Nation also started. Over 20,000 Sikhs were murdered in June 1984 and another 20,000 were murdered in Delhi and other cities after Indira Gandhi's assassination. Over 250,000 Sikhs were murdered since then.

Beant Singh became the Chief Minister of Punjab in 1992 with just 11 percent vote, as the Sikhs boycotted the election. The Sikh boycott of the elections was complete, but the Sikh leadership failed to cash in on this boycott because it was a mandate for Khalistan. The Akali Party has never openly come out for Khalistan, though they recite Raj Kare Ga Khalsa every morning and evening. They are lying to the Guru and they will not be forgiven in the history of the Sikh Nation. These Akalis are abusing the pious name of the old Akali leaders of the 1920s and 1930s who established the Akali Dal in 1921 and got control of the Gurdwaras from the Mahants by sacrificing their lives. Those Akalis earned the gratitude and respect of the Sikh Nation. The present Akali Dal under Badal should change its name to something else that better reflects who they really are.

Badal has proved after a stunning victory in Punjab in which he won 68 seats (along with his BJP allies) that he is for himself and his family, not the Khalsa Panth. He appointed his son as Deputy Chief Minister, his son-in-law Adesh Partap Singh Kairon a minister, and his son's brother-in-law, Bikram Singh Majithia, as Revenue Minister.

The Punjabi saying, *Aape Mai Rajji Pujji, Aape Mere Bache Jeenn* fits very well with Parkash Singh Badal and his family. His immediate family, including his son, his son's brother-in-law, and his son-in-law, are all important ministers. His son is also President of the Akali Dal and the SGPC, Akal Takht Jathedar, and head *granthi* of Darbar Sahib are all under his control. The Sikh Nation is suffering under Akali rule. Now Badal has started demanding the return of Chandigarh and other Punjabi-speaking areas to Punjab. He has also demanded payment for Punjab river water from Rajasthan and Haryana. Punjab river water is its natural resource. As Punjab is buying coal from Bihar, similarly it should get payment for its natural resource, water, from Rajasthan and Haryana. Better late than never.

Sardar Balwant Singh Rajoana's hanging sentence has awakened the Sikh Nation. He is right in saying that if the Akali leaders are not able to get justice from Delhi, they should remove their blue turbans and swords and wear khaki shorts and caps, the uniform of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Singh (RSS), the militant, pro-fascist Hindu nationalist organization. Will it prick the conscience of the Badal Akali Dal or not? It remains to be seen.

It is clear now that the Sikh Nation cannot survive without freeing Khalistan, as Damdamma Sahib Jathedar Balwant Singh Nandgarh said recently. He is absolutely right. On October 7, 1987, the Sikh Nation declared independence from India, naming the new country Khalistan. The Council of Khalistan was established at that time to lead the struggle for an independent Khalistan. Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh was appointed as President, along with an 11-member committee.

India is on the verge of disintegration. A CIA report in 2010 predicted that India will disintegrate by 2015. It is not a single nation but a conglomerate of many nations. History shows that such countries are doomed to collapse. The independence of Khalistan is very close. As Professor Darshan Singh, a former Jathedar of the Akal Takht, said, "**If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh.**" Let's join hands to free Khalistan where all our political prisoners like Sardar Rajoana and others will be immediately freed, honored, and cherished.

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Jathedar: Sikh Nation “Can’t Survive” Without Khalistan

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 4, 2012 – Jathedar Balwant Singh Nandgarh of Damdamma Sahib recently said that the Sikh Nation cannot survive without Khalistan. In an interview, Jathedar Nandgarh said, “In India, there are separate laws for the Sikhs. That has created a situation like the Sikhs are living in a rented house in India. In India, punishments are only given to Sikhs. The Indian government is very keen to hang Bhai Balwant Singh Rajoana and Professor Devinder Pal Singh Bhullar, but the culprits for the massacres of Sikhs in 1984 have been released from Indian jails, people like Jagdish Tytler and Sajjan Kumar who are responsible for the murders of a large number of Sikhs in Delhi have been set free by the Indian government and were awarded high positions in the government. They have been forgiven by the Indian government.” He went on to say that “now there is no choice for the Sikh Nation except to establish an independent Khalistan.”

Jathedar Nandgarh joins former Akal Takht Jathedars Bhai Ranjit Singh, Joginder Singh Vedanti, and Professor Darshan Singh in supporting Khalistan. Speaking at a parade in New York on April 26, Jathedar Vedanti said that “Khalistan is essential for the survival of the Sikh Nation.” He joins former Jathedars Bhai Ranjit Singh and Professor Darshan Singh in supporting freedom for Khalistan. Former Jathedar Professor Darshan Singh has said that “**if a Sikh is not for Khalistan he is not a Sikh.**” Jathedar Vedanti said that “the day they hang Rajoana, every Sikh should hoist a Kesri (Sikh) flag.”

“I applaud the courage of Jathedar Nandgarh and all these Jathedars for their support of Khalistan,” said Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan. “May the Guru give them more courage and strength to lead the Sikh Nation to a free and independent Khalistan. Their influence will be very helpful to the cause of freedom,” said Dr. Aulakh.

According to former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann, over a million Sikhs have been murdered by the Indian regime since 1982. In addition, the Indian government has murdered 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.**”

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Lakhminder Singh Jakhar Shows True Sikh Spirit ***Patiala Jail Superintendent Defied Order to Hang Rajoana***

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Jakhar was ordered by anti-Sikh, pro-RSS Hindu fanatic Judge Shalini Nagpal to hang Sardar Balwant Singh Rajoana, who was recently declared a living Sikh martyr. Jakhar refused to carry out the hanging and now faces a contempt of court charge.

“Superintendent Jakhar has shown the spirit of a true Sikh of guru Gobind Singh,” said Dr. Aulakh. “Judge Nagpal is a tool of militant Hindus and her order followed that line,” he said. “By his refusal to follow that order, Superintendent Jakhar has shown that he is a strong and true Sikh who is willing to take a stand for the Khalsa Panth.”

Rajiv Tandon, a leader of the militant Shiv Sena, had written to Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal offering to be the hangman for Rajoana. Punjab has no hangmen at present. Shiv Sena is a branch of the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS), a militant Hindu nationalist organization formed in support of the Fascist movement. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is the coalition partner of Chief Minister Badal's Akali Dal, is the political arm of the RSS.

The family of the late Chief Minister Beant Singh has said that they would not oppose commuting Sardar Rajoana's sentence to life. “The peace of Punjab should not be disturbed,” they said.

Over 250,000 Sikhs have been murdered since 1984. In addition, the Indian government has murdered 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.”**

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VAISAKHI DAY MESSAGE TO THE SIKH NATION

313th Sirjna Diwas: Celebrate Vaisakhi Day by Committing to Freedom

***"In Grieb Sikhin Ko Deon Patshahi"* – Guru Gobind Singh Sahib**
No Force Can Suppress Freedom in the Heart of the Sikh Nation

Dear Khalsa Ji:

WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA, WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH!

On April 14, the Sikh Nation will celebrate Vaisakhi Day, observing the 313th anniversary of the day Guru Gobind Singh Sahib established the Khalsa Panth. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family and friends and all Sikhs a Happy Vaisakhi Day.

On Vaisakhi Day in 1699, Guru Gobind Singh Sahib baptized the five Panj Piaras and asked them to baptize him. He gave the blessing "*In grieb Sikhin ko deon Patshahi*" ("I give sovereignty to the humble Sikhs.") Just two years after his departure from this earthly plane in 1708, the Sikhs established their own independent state in Punjab. Again in 1765, the Sikhs established Khalsa Raj under the leadership of various missals. Maharajah Ranjit Singh unified the Khalsa Raj in 1799, ruling until his death in 1839. Ten years later the British annexed Punjab. The Sikhs are a sovereign, independent people. The Sikh Nation declared its independence on October 7, 1987. We must unite to remove the yoke of slavery from our people.

We will be celebrating Vaisakhi Day this year with parades in every major city. There will be parades in Washington DC, New York, London, locations all around India, and cities around the world. In Washington, Dr. P.S. Ajrawat will be organizing a parade on April 14. In New York, the Sangat of the local Gurdwaras will be organizing a parade on April 21. Most Gurdwaras will have Vaisakhi Day events on April 14. I urge all Sikhs who can to attend these events or a Vaisakhi event near you. Let us make a major statement by our presence this Vaisakhi Day.

Yet while we celebrate Vaisakhi Day, the repression of the Sikh Nation continues. The Sikhs in Punjab have suffered enormous repression at the hands of the Indian regime. Just last month, two Sikh college students, Jaspal Singh and Ranjit Singh Pandher, were killed by Indian police while participating in a peaceful demonstration in support of freedom for Balwant Singh Rajoana. The jail supervisor who was ordered to execute Rajoana, Superintendent Lakhminder Singh Jakhar of the Patiala jail, faces charges for refusing to carry out the execution on orders of a pro-RSS Hindu nationalist judge.

The Indian government has murdered over a million Sikhs since 1982, according to former Member of Parliament Simranjit Singh Mann. Over 52,000 Sikhs sit in Indian jails as political prisoners without charge or trial, according to a report by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR.) Some of them have been in illegal custody since 1984! Last month, the National Human Rights Commission awarded Rs27.94 crore to the families of 1,530 youths who were picked up, killed, and cremated by the Indian regime.

According to the Punjab Human Rights Organization (PHRO), police picked up 50,000 Sikh youth, tortured them, murdered them, and secretly cremated them, declaring their bodies "unidentified." Their

remains were never even given to their families! Last year, former Member of Parliament Sardar Atinder Pal Singh and two associates were arrested for asking for Khalistan. Five members of the Akali Dal (Panj Pardhani) were arrested in the village of Dhalleke on their way to a meeting. A few years ago, 35 Sikh activists were arrested for making speeches and raising the Khalistani flag.

Change is in the air. The flame of freedom still burns brightly in Punjab in spite of the Indian government's brutal repression. Khalistan is on everyone's lips. The Jathedar of Damdamma Sahib, Balwant Singh Nandgarh, recently said that the Sikh Nation cannot survive without Khalistan. In the March 28 issue of *Charhdi Kala* out of Vancouver, they ran a photograph of Sikh boys in Punjab, too young to grow their beards, still in their patkas, riding their bicycles with Khalistani flags. Even the young in Punjab have been infused with the spirit of Khalistan.

The present Akali leader Parkash Singh Badal and his cronies are not working in the interest of the Khalsa Panth. He has enriched himself and his family and friends at the expense of the people of Punjab. Unfortunately, Badal and his coalition partners, the Hindu nationalist BJP, recently won election to govern Punjab for another five years. It is time to stop recycling the oppressors and their stooges and take a stand for Khalistan, for those boys on their bicycles and all of the young Sikhs of their generation.

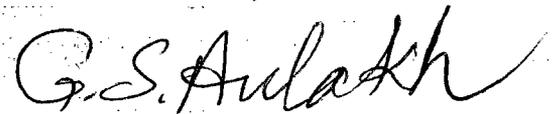
In Punjab, there is no freedom. As the late General Narinder Singh said, "Punjab is a police state." The people are under the control of the dishonest leaders because the leaders keep them poor by providing a subsistence level of food at a price of Rs3 per kilo. The farmers do not even get the cost of production for their produce. According to the *Tribune* (Chandigarh), Sikhs provide 70 percent of India's national wheat pool and 40 percent of the national rice pool, even though Punjab is only 1.3 percent of the area of India and Sikhs comprise only two percent of the population. When Khalistan is free, Sikh farmers will be able to sell their crops at fair prices on the world market.

India is not one nation, but many nations thrown together under one rule. Such countries are doomed to fall apart, as Austria-Hungary, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia show. America's Central Intelligence Agency reported that by 2015, it expects that India will disintegrate and become many countries. It is time for the oppressed peoples of South Asia to rise up and claim their freedom as people in the Middle East are doing. Sikhs must and will be among those people.

Khalsa Ji, at this time of Vaisakhi, the whole Khalsa Panth must be energized to reestablish a sovereign, independent Khalsa Raj by freeing our homeland, Khalistan. The Hindu government of India wants minorities either subservient to Hinduism or be completely wiped out. In spite of the fact that the religions believe completely opposite things, Hindus desire to engulf Sikhism just as they did with Jainism and Buddhism in India. Yet Guru Nanak said that he was "neither Hindu nor Muslim."

On this auspicious occasion celebrating the establishment of the Khalsa Panth, we must remember our heritage and tradition of "*Khalsa Bagi Yan Badshah*" by committing ourselves to freeing our homeland, Punjab, Khalistan. The Indian government wants to break the will of the Sikh Nation and enslave them forever, making Sikhism a part of Hinduism. This can only be stopped if we free Punjab from Delhi's control and recommit ourselves to freeing our homeland, Punjab, Khalistan. As Professor Darshan Singh, a former Jathedar of the Akal Takht, said, '***If a Sikh is not a Khalistani, he is not a Sikh.*** Raise slogans of "*Khalsa Bagi Yan Badshah*," "*Raj Kare Ga Khalsa*," "*Khalistan Zindabad*," and "India out of Khalistan." Use this Vaisakhi to launch a *Shantmai Morcha* to liberate Khalistan. The essence of democracy is the right to self-determination. The time to achieve our independence is now. Freedom for Khalistan is closer than ever. We must rededicate ourselves to achieving it so Sikhs like Sardar Rajoana, Sardar Hawara; and Sardar Bheora will not have to spend their lives in jail.

Panth Da Sewadar,



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Shielding of police officers who killed three innocent persons and concealed their killing for nearly two decades

The case in question Crl.A.No.753-755 has been pending before the Supreme Court of India for three years. The CBI is being prevented from investigating the killings of three innocent persons in Punjab. With changes in judges a new bench has been formed on several occasions without any progress.

This case involves the killings of Balwant Singh Multani, Manjit Singh Sohi and Balwant Singh Bhullar in December, 1991 and February, 1992. Both Balwant Singh Bhullar and Manjit Singh Sohi (killed in February, 1992) were Gazetted Government Servants, each with more than 30 years of clean and unblemished service and had no connection with any form of illegal activities. They were killed because they happened to be father and uncle of Professor Davinder Pal Singh Bhullar respectively. The third person Balwant Singh Multani was the son of an IAS officer in Punjab who was shown as escaped from custody and eliminated. This ghastly crime was committed by Chandigarh Police under the supervision of then SSP Sumedh Singh Saini.

There should have been an enquiry ordered by the Punjab Government or UP Government, but this enquiry has not been conducted and the circumstances surrounding these killings remain a secret.

In 2007, a Punjab and Haryana High Court related enquiry brought these killings to light and the blatant misuse of the process of law and grave violation of human rights. The main officer involved in this case, Sumedh Singh Saini, IPS, is involved in many other human rights abuses and is facing a trial in a case at New Delhi for eliminating three persons at Ludhiana in Punjab. These persons too were totally innocent and an investigation by the CBI resulted in this case emerging or there would have been a cover-up.

However, in the case mentioned in paragraph 1, even though the CBI, after a prolonged enquiry, concluded that there was foul play and all three persons were in the illegal custody of Chandigarh Police, there has been a stay on the CBI investigation for the last three years and prevented justice from being delivered. During the last 20 years the state of Punjab has not taken any action and the officer responsible for these killings has risen from the rank of SP to Additional DGP. The present Government of Punjab too has hired the best legal talent to defend this officer. The state is also desperately trying to carry out bench-hunting by getting the case fixed before a particular judge.

We are writing to you in the hope that you would check these facts and thwart this attempt to circumvent the legal process. This case should be entrusted to Judges who have no conflicts of interest with respect to Punjab.

Yours faithfully,

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March 9, 2012

The Honorable Mohammad Saddique
MLA Bhadaur
VPO Maler Kotra, Punjab, India

Dear Mr. Saddique:

Congratulations on your election as MLA from Bhadaur. You have been given the trust of your constituents to represent their best interests.

We are happy that you were elected MLA. You are from the family of Mardana, who was an associate of Guru Nanak. Mardana and his family have the blessing of Guru Nanak.

Please introduce a bill to establish Guru Arjun Dev University in Tarn Taran. Education is essential for the well-being and progress of the Sikhs and for the state of Punjab. Tarn Taran was established by Guru Arjun Dev Ji, the fifth Guru. Education is essential for the well-being and progress of the Sikh religion and for the state of Punjab. Accordingly, I am writing you today to ask you to take the initiative to establish Guru Arjun Dev University in Tarn Taran. This university would be a fitting honor.

Tarn Taran was made a district headquarters by Captain Amarinder Singh during his rule.

This university will help the area and bring economic prosperity to the area. That will be good for the economy of Punjab. Please ask your staff to write a bill for the Guru Arjun Dev University. You will be well remembered in the history of the Sikh Nation.

I'd like to invite you to come to Washington Dc and visit us. I will be delighted to be your host.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Captain Amarinder Singh
Member, Punjab Legislative Assembly
Chandigarh, Punjab, India

Dear Captain Amarinder Singh:

Congratulations on your re-election as MLA. You have been given the trust of your constituents to represent their best interests.

Although you did not achieve a majority in the Legislative Assembly, you remain powerful as Leader of the Opposition. When you were Chief Minister, you saved Punjab's water with the bill cancelling Punjab's water agreements with Haryana and Rajasthan. We thank you for that and we urge you to keep working on this important issue.

As you recall, that bill expressly asserted that Punjab is "a sovereign authority."

You made Tarn Taran a district. This is important because, as you know Tarn Taran was established by Guru Arjun Dev Ji, the fifth Guru. Education is essential for the well-being and progress of the Sikh religion and for the state of Punjab. Accordingly, I am writing you today to ask you to take the initiative to establish Guru Arjun Dev University in Tarn Taran. This university would be a fitting honor.

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This university will help the area and bring economic prosperity to the area. It will help the Khalsa Panth tremendously. Coming Sikh generations will appreciate it. They will learn many valuable skills and they will be reminded of the courage of the Sikh Nation as exemplified by Guru Arjun Dev Ji.

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The Honorable Ramandeep Singh Sikki
MLA Khadoor Sahib
VPO Khadoor Sahib, Distt. Tarn Taran
Punjab, India

Dear Sardar Sikki:

Congratulations on your election as MLA from Patti. I took particular note of your election because I am from Vairoval and went to high school in Khadoor Sahib. You have been given the trust of your constituents to represent their best interests.

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Your support for this worthy project is essential. Please make sure that Guru Arjun Dev University is established in Tarn Taran. Guru Sahib will bless you more for this noble cause. Thank you.

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The Honorable Adesh Partap Singh Kairon
MLA Patti
VPO Kairon, Distt. Tarn Taran
Punjab, India

Dear Sardar Kairon:

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The Honorable Professor Virsa Singh Valtoha
MLA Khem Karan
VPO Valtoha, Distt. Tarn Taran
Punjab, India

Dear Professor Valtoha:

Congratulations on your re-election as MLA from Khem Karan. You have been given the trust of your constituents to represent their best interests.

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March 9, 2012

The Honorable Harmit Singh Sandhu
MLA Tarn Taran
Sandhu Enclave, Distt. Tarn Taran
Punjab, India

Dear Sardar Sandhu:

Congratulations on your re-election as MLA from Tarn Taran. As you know, Tarn Taran was established by the fifth Guru, Guru Arjun Dev Ji.

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March 9, 2012

OPEN LETTER TO THE KHALSA PANTH

Akali Dal Wins Punjab Elections

They Must Work for the Good of the Sikh Nation

It Is Time to Liberate Khalistan

Dear Khalsa Ji:

WAHEGURU JI KA KHALSA, WAHEGURU JI KI FATEH!

The Akali Dal (Badal) overwhelmingly won the Legislative Assembly elections in Punjab. They will be in power for another five years. The Sikh voters chose the Akalis to represent them; it is incumbent on the Akalis to work for the benefit of the Sikh Nation. They must do something to improve life in Punjab.

Education is essential for the well-being and progress of the Sikh religion and for the state of Punjab. Accordingly, we are calling on the government to establish a Guru Arjun Dev University in Tarn Taran. This should be something on which Akalis and Congress Party members can agree. Tarn Taran was established by the fifth guru, Guru Arjun Dev Ji. This university would be a fitting honor.

Water is a natural resource of Punjab. It should not be given away free of charge. The Indian government wants to take it for other states with no compensation. This must be stopped. When Punjab uses coal from Bihar, Bihar charges market prices for it. Why can't Punjab charge market prices for its natural resource, water? In July 2004, with the support of both the Akali Dal and the Congress Party, Punjab cancelled the 1981 water agreements with Haryana and Rajasthan and asserted control over its own water, rejecting India's efforts to divert it. It is time for Chief Minister Badal to reinstate and enforce this policy for the benefit of Punjab. Punjab is an agricultural state and its water table is low. If it keeps giving its water away for nothing, Punjab will be a desert.

Delhi pays Punjab very little for electricity from Bhakra Dam, then resells it and charges many times more. Delhi is making a lot of profit by stealing electricity, profit that rightfully belongs to Punjab. I urge the government to make sure that Punjab gets its share of that money. That revenue will help the people and the state government.

Punjab is a prosperous state, but it owes Rs16,000 crore. This is bankrupting the Sikh Nation. The government must pay those bills as quickly as you can and live within your means. The ideas in the two paragraphs above will help generate the revenue to begin paying off that debt.

Corruption is rampant in Punjab. We appreciate Sukhbir Singh Badal's statement that it needs to stop. It is their government and his father is Chief Minister. He should make sure there is no corruption in Punjab. It is the government's responsibility to stop corruption. No nation can prosper with so much corruption and bribery. The economic situation is driving Sikh farmers to suicide. That is against the principles of the Sikh religion and humanity. Even if you are heavily in debt, Guru will provide enough. Do not commit suicide.

The Akali Dal has historically been the pro-Sikh party, which came out of taking control of the Gurdwaras from the mahants in 1921. Remember that Professor Darshan Singh, an Akali and former Jathedar of the Akal Takht, has said, "**If a Sikh is not for Khalistan, he is not a Sikh.**" Former Akal Takht Jathedars Bhai Ranjit Singh and Joginder Singh Vedanti have also openly supported freedom for Khalistan.

Each morning and evening, we pray, "Raj Kare Ga Khalsa," the Khalsa shall rule. It is time to take all necessary steps which can lead to Khalsa Raj. The Sikh Nation declared its independence on October 7, 1987. In July 2004, the Legislative Assembly reaffirmed that Punjab is "a sovereign authority."

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 itself 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. The Legislative Assembly can declare Khalistan free. The Sikh Nation passed a resolution for freedom in 1986, declared independence in 1987, and the Legislative Assembly reaffirmed it in July 2004 that Punjab is "a sovereign authority." This must be reaffirmed again and again until India leaves Khalistan. It is time to reclaim our freedom.

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 Simranjit Singh 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." 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.

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.

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 a million Sikhs murdered since 1982 (according to Sardar Mann) and over 52,000 held as political prisoners, the murder of the Akal Takht Jathedar, Sardar Gurdev Singh Kaunke, 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.

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 ("*Ragrete 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. In a free Khalistan, *Ragretes* will be equal Sikhs. Guru Gobind Singh gave equality to the whole human race.

Let us dedicate our energy 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. 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.

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 shake ourselves loose from the yoke of Indian oppression and liberate our homeland, Khalistan, so that all Sikhs may live lives of prosperity, freedom, and dignity. Now it is up to us. Do not waste this opportunity.

May Guru bless the Khalsa Panth.

Sincerely,



Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh

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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.

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 tryst 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 has 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 calcuta also addressed the gathering. Dr Gurdharshan Singh Dhillon, Karamjit Singh (Former Astt 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 60th 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 tryst 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 10th 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 19th 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 4th 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 4th 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 6th 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 15th 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 14th January 1980, copies of *Guru Granth Sahib* were burnt at Chando Kalan in Haryana.

25. On 4th 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 1st 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 4th 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 12th 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 13th January, 1988, Sikhs were injured and killed in Jammu & Kashmir during the procession to observe the birthday celebrations of Guru Gobind Singh.

42. On 6th January, 1989, without substantial evidence, Kehar Singh was hanged. The advocates and judges colloquium objected to this judicial murder, but it are 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 Sahib, 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. Murlī 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 60th 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 detenués 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

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

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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, 1988, 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

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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 *Chakravyuh*, 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 Khalistan.

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?"

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A senior Punjab IAS officer has sought registration of a criminal case against deputy chief minister **Sukhbir Singh Badal** and chief of the Vigilance Bureau Sumedh Singh Saini for implicating him in a corruption case. V.K. Janjua - secretary, freedom fighters department - alleged that Saini booked him at the behest of **Badal** after he refused to pay **Rs 1 crore** to the Akali leader as bribe.

The development may have an adverse fallout for the incumbent SAD-BJP alliance campaign for the January 30 assembly elections in the state.

In his complaint filed before a local court here, Janjua sought a direction to the Chandigarh police lodging an FIR against Badal - who is also the president of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) - and Saini. He submitted that the chief minister Parkash Singh Badal should also be booked under the prevention of corruption Act.

The court has recorded Janjua's statement and directed the Chandigarh police to submit their report on the matter by March 3.

Janjua - who relied upon specific call details in his petition - alleged that "drunk on power" Badal threatened to fix him in a vigilance case if he did not pay **Rs 1 crore** to the deputy CM.

The Shiromani Akali Dal dismissed the allegations, saying the complaint was moved by "a tainted officer" and rejected the petition as a "gimmick inspired by the Punjab Congress chief Capt Amarinder Singh".

Janjua alleged that Saini helped the Badal family in the corruption case against them: "There were about 95 witnesses in the corruption case against the Badal family. Most of them turned hostile in the court, some of them were senior police officers. Even the investigating officer turned hostile - something unheard-of in the annals of criminal law," he alleged.

The investigating officer S.P. Singh had been given extension in service thrice, post retirement, as a return of favour extended by him.

He claimed that despite the fact that Saini did not have a clean record, he was promoted. "There appears to be a symbiotic relationship between Sukhbir Singh Badal and Sumedh Saini under which they serve

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each other's interests," he alleged.

Janjua, a 1989 batch IAS officer, was arrested by the Punjab Vigilance Bureau in November 2009 on the charges of accepting a bribe of ₹2 lakh from a Ludhiana-based industrialist. It was alleged that he accepted the bribe for facilitating the allotment of a vacant plot near his unit. Janjua was director-cumsecretary in the department of industries and commerce at that time. He was arrested from the industries department headquarters in Chandigarh. It was the first case in Punjab where a civil servant of such high rank was nabbed by the Vigilance Bureau.

Janjua's arrest had come on a complaint by T.R. Mishra - who had said that he had been pursuing the case for the allotment of the plot situated in industrial focal point in Ludhiana since 2001. The government has the policy of allotting the vacant industrial plot adjoining their existing plot to industrialists on payment of the reserve price.

"The inquiry against Sukhbir Badal and vigilance chief Sumedh Singh Saini is a welcome step. The law will ultimately catch up with them," the Punjab-Congress chief said.

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Sumedh Singh Saini

From SikhiWiki

Sumedh Singh Saini, is the **Director General of Police (DGP-Vigilance)** in Punjab, India.^[1] He along with former Punjab Police DGP KPS Gill is credited with ruthlessly suppressing the Khalistan movement in Indian Punjab. His name evokes mixed reactions in India. Some Indians believe him an Indian hero, but Sikhs regard him as a ruthless and controversial police officer.^[2] Currently he is facing several criminal charges of kidnappings, torture and murders of several people. Indian Election commission has recieved complaints that he threatened congress candidates & MLA's with false police cases.

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Gallantry award

Saini won Punjab Police 's highest gallantry award in 1987 when he was Suprintendent of Police (SP), while leading police operations against Khalistani insurgents.^[3]

Assasination attempt

In 1991 an unsuccessful assasination attempt was made on Sumedh Singh Saini by Khalistani militants^[4] He was later also accused of ruthless reprisals against the children, women, parents and grand parents of alleged perpetrators of this attack.^[2]

Kidnappings, Torture and murders

Saini is accused of human rights violations.^[2] He is facing a CBI probe in relation to illegal arrest of some of the accomplices, relatives and father of Khalistan Liberation Force militant Davinder Pal Singh Bhullar. Based on Bhullar's own militant activity related confession, which he allege that it was forcibally taken by the police during his police custody, he is currently on a death row in India^[5]. Case investigation of elimination of Davinder Pal Singh Bhullar's father and accomplices was originally being handled by the local police, but after feeling dis-satisfied from the The investigation of Punjab and Chandigarh police and after observing that Saini can influence the case, court had handed over this investigation to the Central Bureau of Investigation.^[6]

Preliminary inquiry conducted by the Prestigious Central Bureau of Investigation held Saini responsible for the kidnappings, torture and elimination of two Sikhs Balwant Singh Multani and Balwant Singh Bhullar. Both of these two Sikhs were kept in illegal custody and 'were tortured on the orders of and in the presence of Saini. Balwant Singh Bhullar was tortured to such an extent that he lost his mental balance.^[7] Balwant Singh Bhullar was father of Davinder Pal Singh Bhullar.^[8] The CBI has registered a case of kidnapping and conspiracy with the intent to murder against Saini and three of his police reports.^[9]

Also, a court has recently granted an exemption of personal appearance to Sikh Militant Davinder Pal Singh Bhullar in a case related to the attack on Sumedh Singh Saini because the counsel feared that Sikh militant might be murdered by the police while being brought from Delhi to Chandigarh.^[10]

Saini has also been charged in the kidnapping, illegal detention and disappearance of two hindu businessmen and their driver. Saini had a personal dispute with the victims. Victims were picked up by the police and were shown disappeared afterwards.^{[11][12][13]}

Immediately after the 1991 Sikh militants attack on Saini, Sikh militant leader Balwinder Singh Jatana's 95 year old grandmother, maternal aunt, her tenaged daughter and his polio ridden cousin were murdered and set on fire by the suspected agents of Saini.^[14] Senior Superintendent of Police Ropar Mr Mustafa complained to Director General of Punjab Police that Saini himself set his farm house on fire and blamed it on Khalistan militants, murdered one Parminder Singh of Mohali in his custody and later threw his body in district Ropar and he ordered the elimination of Balwinder Singh's family.^[15]

Public protests against Saini

On January 9, 2010, a massive candle light march held in Mohali, Punjab which was attended by large number of women and children. The protestors demanded to take back bravery awards given to Sumedh Singh Saini, describe him a murderers and suspend him immediately. Participants also criticized the ruling Shiromani Akali Dal government to shield Saini.^[16]

Punjab Congress has filed complaints against him to the Indian Election commission that he is threatening the Congress candidates & MLAs with registration of false cases.^[17] and the commission has been requested to transfer Saini out of Punjab^[18]

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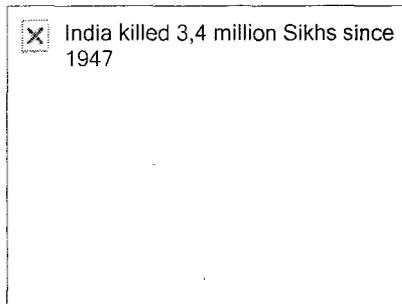
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India killed 3,4 million Sikhs since 1947

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Amritsar, MTT News Desk: Dr. Awatar Singh Sekhon, the freedom fighter for Khalistan tahreek in Indian Punjab says that India had killed more than 3.4 million Sikhs since its independence on August 15, 1947.

In his press note, sent to MarkTheTruth.Com (MTT), Dr. Awatar Singh Sekhon condemned the Indian government and it's sponsored private Hindu military groups, such as RSS, BJP, VHP for waging "undeclared" war and for committing war crimes against Sikhs. He also urged the international community to take notice of Indian brutalities against Sikh nation.

He says that soon the day will come when an independent country "Khalistan" will be established and that day all the criminals and terrorists will be tried in the court of law for their war crimes.

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These people have to face the justice of the 'Sovereign and Politically Independent Sikh Nation', Khalistan. When the time will come. The terrorists and violent Brahman-Hindu-turbaned Hindus like Master Tara Singh will be tried in the court of Justice." He said that more than 34 lakh Sikhs are killed since 15th August 1947.

He says that Hanera Sinh Badal & Company of the BJP, Rashtriya Sikh Sangat, Badal Akali Dal & the state appointed jathedars imposed an Undeclared war in the form of a brutal military "Operation Bluestar" of June, 1984, which took a toll of more than 270,000 innocent Sikhs.



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He says that those who committed crimes against Sikh nation will not be forgiven.

"Genocide of Sikhs in 1978 in Amritsar on the Khalsa Prakash Divas, genocide of Sikhs in June and October to November 1984, making Punjab a "Concentration Camp" in the post operation Bluestar in June 1984, desecration of the Darbar Sahib Complex on 7th February, 1998, desecration of Darbar Sahib Complex in the third week of November, 2011 by giving a 'siropa' to the enemy of Sikh nation, L.K. Advani in a closed room of the Shirimani Gurdwara Prabhandhak Committee office by the boys of Hanera Sinh Badal cannot be forget and forgiven."

"This undeclared war desecrated Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh Code of Conduct and the Sikh Nation. How anybody can think for the heinous conduct of the violet, militant and terrorist Brahmins-Hindus-turbaned Brahmins-Hindus?" he says.

The Sikhs in Indian Punjab are fighting for the their independent country, Khalistan, since 1947. After August 15, 1947, the Hindu dominated establishment in India denied this right to the Sikhs and conducted large scale military operations by government forces as well as with the help of private hindu militias to eliminate Sikhs from Punjab.

Millions of Sikhs are murdered since then, hundreds of thousands of Sikh women raped and killed by the Indian forces.

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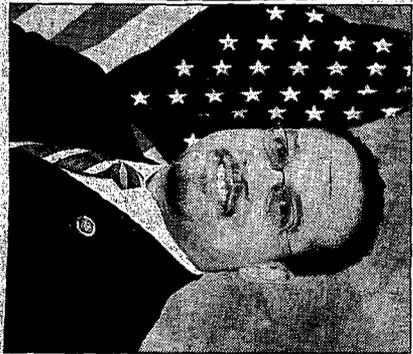
10 Years Later: Bill Condemns Gujarat Violence



Candlelight vigils were held across the U.S. in cities such as Santa Clara and San Diego, Calif., Chicago and New York to protest the 2002 killing of more than 800 in Gujarat. The New York vigil, pictured above, was held in front of the Gandhi statue in Union Square.



More than 150 people held a candlelight vigil at Santa Clara, Calif., City Hall. (photo courtesy of Tanveer Ahmad)



Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., has introduced a House bill condemning the 2002 violent riots in Gujarat.

BY SUNNITA SOHRABJI
India-West Staff Reporter

Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., introduced a House resolution Mar. 1 to denounce the 2002 communal riots in Gujarat which killed an estimated 2,000 people and left thousands more displaced from their homes.

Ellison denounced the violence directed against Muslims, noting that the police and state government did little to stem the mass killings, and "at times, even encouraged and assisted Hindus involved in the riots."

"The attackers were guided by computer printouts listing the addresses of Muslim families and their properties and embarked on a murderous rampage confident that the police was (sic) with them," alleged Ellison, the first Muslim to be elected to a Congressional seat.

Ellison's resolution — which was introduced on the 10-year an-

niversary of one of India's bloodiest events, post-Independence — also noted that Chief Minister Narendra Modi had been denied a U.S. visa in 2005 on the grounds that he violated religious freedom. Concerns remain that Modi was somehow complicit in the attacks, noted Ellison's resolution.

HR 569 has been referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. It is a non-binding resolution. Biju Mathew, a member of the South Asia Solidarity Initiative, which participated at a candlelight vigil in New York Mar. 3, told India-West, "Ten years after this watershed event, justice has not been served, despite a fairly large degree of evidence produced by senior police officers, bureaucrats and the media," said Mathew.

At press time, requests for comment from the Indian government — left via voicemail, with Indian Ambassador Nirupama Rao and Deputy Chief of Mission Arun K. Singh — had not been returned.

The 2002 communal riots in Gujarat began when a Muslim mob Feb. 27 attacked a train returning from Ayodhya, and killed an estimated 60 Hindu pilgrims. A wave of anti-Muslim violence set off across the state, killing an estimated 2,000 people in its wake, and left 10,000 displaced, according to a U.S. State Department report.

"Congressman Ellison's resolution is an important effort to memorialize all those who were killed in the horrific, sectarian violence of Gujarat in 2002," said Shaheen Khateeb, president of the Indian American Muslim Council. "It is an opportunity to renew our pledge to continue the struggle for justice and reparation for the victims and to combat the discrimination and the economic hardships that plague minorities in Gujarat," he said.

Over the weekend of Mar. 3 and 4, several candlelight vigils were held across the U.S. to com-

memorate the victims of the riots and to condemn the Gujarat state government for ignoring the plight of the survivors.

Tanveer Ahmad, who attended a vigil in Santa Clara, Calif., which was held Mar. 4 evening in front of City Hall, told India-West, "What is often not mentioned in the discourse on Gujarat is that the carnage of 2002 is a continuing tragedy that has yet to end."

"The latest news reports indicate that about 16,000 Muslims displaced by the riots are still living in relief colonies that are denied even the most basic amenities," said Ahmad, who joined about 150 people at the Santa Clara vigil. "Those displaced by the riots still live shattered lives 10 years after the riots," he said.

Angana Chatterji, a founding member of the Coalition Against Genocide, spoke at the Santa Clara vigil, saying, "Gujarat 2002 was an event of epic proportion in India's present. Ethical reparation and

psychosocial restitution is urgent to enable healing for victims and survivors that live with incalculable suffering."

Ahsan Khan, president of the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of IAMC, which organized the vigils, also decried the slow pace of justice and rehabilitation of the riot victims, and observed that there are several disturbing questions regarding the complicity of Chief Minister Modi and several high level officials in the Gujarat riots. "In order to heal and forgive, the truth must be told, the perpetrators brought to face justice and proper reparation must be provided to all victims," said Khan.

In New York, several hundred people representing a coalition of more than 40 organizations gathered at the Gandhi statue in Union Square.

"We are gathering at the Gandhi statue because the Indian government and society needs to decide whether it believes in Gandhi's

world view or Modi's," said Nazeer Syed, a volunteer with IAMC.

Will not quit singing, says MLA Sadique

SP Sharma/TNS

Barnala, March 7 -- A first-time MLA and a popular Punjabi folk artist Mohammad Sadique, who belongs to the clan of Bhai Mardana, today said that he would stick to the profession and not stop singing that has remained his bread and butter earner.

After paying obeisance at the Golden Temple, Sadique told TNS that he would be selective in choosing functions in which he would recite his songs, but would not shun his ancestral profession.

Sadique is the first Punjabi artist to win the assembly election. He contested the election on the Congress ticket and defeated influential bureaucrat Darbara Singh Guru, who had resigned from the IAS to contest the election, from Bhadaur constituency in Barnala district. Sadique said except singing, he does not have any other source of income and as such he would not shun the profession. The salary he would get as an MLA would not be sufficient to run his household and entertain a large number of guests visiting him from the constituency.

He said, "The electorate of the area has expressed their faith in me and my top

priority in the assembly will be to raise the problems of the area." Sadique said that he would also raise the voice of artists who have remained neglected.

He said that the electorate responded to his plea to vote for him because a bureaucrat would never be in a position to strike a chord with the common people of the area. His election campaign remained clean and he did not indulge in mudslinging on his rivals.

Sadique came to limelight in 1962 when he joined the rural section of the All India Radio (AIR) at Jalandhar and the HMV immediately recorded his songs for commercial release.

However, another Punjabi comedian, Bhagwant Mann was not that fortunate as he lost the election in the Lehra segment of Sangrur where he contested on the PPP ticket against Congress stalwart Rajinder Kaur Bhattal. Mann got third position.

Hans Raj Hans and Kuldeep Manak were the other Punjabi singers who had unsuccessfully contested the earlier elections.

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ਦੂਸਰਾ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਸਹਾਮਣੇ ਅਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਵਿਚਾਰ ਰੱਖਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਸਿਰਮੌਰ ਸੰਸਥਾ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਜੱਥੇਦਾਰ ਅਤੇ ਦੂਸਰੇ ਜੱਥੇਦਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨ ਨੂੰ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਪ੍ਰੰਪਰਾਵਾਂ, ਸਿੱਖੀ ਮਰਯਾਦਾ, ਖਾਲਸਾਈ ਰਾਵਇਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਆਸੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਵੇਲੇ ਸਿਰ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਜਜ਼ਬਾਤਾਂ ਦੀ ਤਰਜਮਾਨੀ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਨਾ ਕਿ ਵਕਤ ਦੀ ਹਵਾ ਵੱਲ ਦੇਖ ਕੇ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਲਏ ਜਾਣ। 23 ਮਾਰਚ ਦੀ ਇਕਤਰਤਾ ਵਿਚ ਜੱਥੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਭਾਈ ਦਿਲਾਵਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਕੈਮੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਬਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਜਿੰਦਾ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਦੇ ਖਿਤਾਬ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ। ਅਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਦਾ ਭਰਪੂਰ ਸਵਾਗਤ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਪਰ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਅਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਭਾਈ ਦਿਲਾਵਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਹੋਏ 17 ਸਾਲ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ। ਅਤੇ ਭਾਈ ਬਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਕੱਟਦਿਆਂ ਵੀ 17 ਸਾਲ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਨ। ਅੱਜ ਜੱਥੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਦਾ 17 ਸਾਲ ਬਾਅਦ ਇਹ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਲੈਣਾ ਸਾਬਤ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਵੀ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੀ ਹਵਾ ਨੂੰ ਦੇਖ ਕੇ ਲਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਨਾ ਕਿ ਜੱਥੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਕੈਮੀ ਫਰਜ਼ ਸਮੇਂ ਸਿਰ ਨਿਭਾਇਆ। ਮੈਂ ਇਥੇ ਇਹੀ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਜੱਥੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਲੈਦਿਆਂ ਇਸ ਐਕਸ਼ਨ ਨਾਲ ਸਬੰਧਤ ਕਈ ਅਹਿਮ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਿਰਦਾਰ ਨੂੰ ਅੱਖੇ ਪਰੇਖੇ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੈ। ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਦਾ ਜਿਕਰ ਤੱਕ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ। ਜੇ ਇਸ ਐਕਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਅਹਿਮ ਕੜੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਨਿਆਂ ਪਾਲਿਕਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਖਰੀ ਸਾਹ ਤੱਕ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਵਿਚ ਬੰਦ ਰੱਖਣ ਦਾ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ। ਸਮਾਂ ਆਉਣ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਜੱਥੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖ ਪੰਥ ਅੱਗੇ ਜਵਾਬਦੇਹ ਹੋਣਾ ਪਵੇਗਾ। ਅਫਸੋਸ ਨਾਲ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਪੈ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਕੇ ਇਨ੍ਹੀ ਮਹਾਨ ਸੰਸਥਾ ਤੇ ਬਿਰਾਜਮਾਨ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸਮੇਂ ਦੀ ਹਵਾ ਜਾਂ ਦੁਨਆਵੀ ਦਬਾ ਨੂੰ ਕਬੂਲ ਕੇ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਲੈਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਉਦਾਹਰਣਾਂ ਤਾਂ ਬਹੁਤ ਹਨ ਪਰ

ਨਾਨਕਸ਼ਾਹੀ ਕੈਲੰਡਰ ਦਾ ਬਿਕਰਮੀਕਰਨ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਦਬਾ ਹੇਠ ਲਏ ਗਏ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਮਿਸਾਲ ਹੈ। ਇਥੇ ਮੈਂ ਫਿਰ ਇਹੀ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਗਾ ਕਿ ਇੰਨੀ ਮਹਾਨ ਸੰਸਥਾ ਤੇ ਬਿਰਾਜਮਾਨ ਹੋ ਕੇ ਸਹੀ ਤੇ ਵੇਲੇ ਸਿਰ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਲੈਣੇ ਚਾਹੀਦੇ ਹਨ।

ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਗੱਲ ਜਿਸ ਵੱਲ ਅਸੀਂ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਦਿਵਉਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਾਂ। ਉਹ ਇਹ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਦੋਂ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਉਪਰ ਕੋਈ ਵੀ ਧੱਕਾ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਆਪਣੇ ਉਪਰ ਹੋਏ ਧੱਕੇ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਵਿਚ ਜਦੋਂ ਬਾਹਰ ਆਉਂਦੇ ਹਨ। ਤਾਂ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ ਤੇ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਜੁੰਡਲੀ ਸ਼ਾਂਤੀ ਦਾ ਰਾਗ ਅਲਾਪਣ ਲੱਗ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਕੋਈ ਡੇਰੇਦਾਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਧਰਮ ਵਿਰੁਧ ਪ੍ਰਚਾਰ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਸ਼ਾਂਤੀ ਭੰਗ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦੀ। ਜਦੋਂ ਡੇਰੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਦਾ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਿੰਘ ਸ਼ਾਂਤ ਮਈ ਵਿਖਾਵਾ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ ਅੱਗੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਤੇ ਡੇਰੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਦੇ ਗੁੰਡਿਆਂ ਵਲੋਂ ਰੋਸ ਕਰਦੇ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਤੇ ਹਮਲਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਈ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਸ਼ਾਂਤੀ ਭੰਗ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੁੰਦੀ। ਪਰ ਜਦੋਂ ਸਿੰਘ ਰੋਸ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ ਸ਼ਾਂਤੀ ਭੰਗ ਕਰਨ ਦਾ ਦੋਸ਼ ਲੱਗ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਜੱਦ ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ ਤੇ ਸਿਵ ਸੈਨਾ ਦੇ ਗੁੰਡੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਪੱਗਾਂ ਲਾਹ ਕੇ ਸਾੜਦੇ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਪੱਗਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਪੈਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਰੋਲਕੇ ਭੰਗੜੇ ਪਾਉਂਦੇ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ ਕੋਈ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਗੋਲੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਚਲਾਉਂਦੀ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਗੁੰਡਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਨਹੀਂ ਰੋਕਦੀ ਪਰ ਜਦ ਸਿੱਖ ਇਸ ਘਟਨਾ ਦੇ ਖਿਲਾਫ ਖੜੇ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਨ ਤਾਂ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਗੋਲੀ ਚਲਾ ਕੇ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਤੇ ਜਖਮੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਜੁਲਮ ਨੂੰ ਸਹਿ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖ ਦੱਬੇ ਰਹਿਣ ਤਾਂ ਬਾਦਲ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸ਼ਾਂਤੀ ਦਾ ਮਹੋਲ ਹੈ। ਪਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜੱਦ ਜੁਲਮ ਦੇ ਖਿਲਾਫ ਕੋਈ ਰੋਸ ਕਰਨ ਤਾਂ ਬਾਦਲ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸ਼ਾਂਤੀ ਭੰਗ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਅਸੀਂ ਇਥੇ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਅਸਲ ਸ਼ਾਂਤੀ ਤਾਂ ਬੇਅੰਤ ਸਿੰਹ ਵਰਗੇ ਜਾਲਮ ਦੇ ਸੋਧਣ ਨਾਲ ਹੀ ਬਹਾਲ ਹੋਇਆ ਕਰਦੀ ਹੈ। ਜੁਲਮ ਥੱਲੇ ਦੱਬੇ ਹੋਏ ਲੋਕ ਜਿਆਦਾ ਦੇਰ ਚੁੱਪ ਨਹੀਂ ਰਹਿ ਸਕਦੇ ਹੁੰਦੇ।

ਇਸ ਘਟਨਾਕ੍ਰਮ ਵਿਚ ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਅਹਿਮ ਸਵਾਲ ਖੜਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਨਿਆਂ ਪਾਲਿਕਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਭਾਈ ਬਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਂਸੀ ਲਉਣ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਸਿੱਖ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਵਿਰੋਧ ਚ ਰੋਸ ਵਿਖਾਵਾ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਸੀ ਪਰ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣ ਵਾਦੀ ਸਿਵ ਸੈਨਿਕ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਸ਼ਵ ਹਿੰਦੂ ਪ੍ਰੀਸ਼ਦ ਦੇ ਗੁੰਡਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਕੀ ਤਕਲੀਫ ਹੋਈ ਸੀ। ਕਿ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਸਤਿਕਾਰਯੋਗ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਪੁਤਲੇ ਸਾੜਨੇ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ। ਅਤੇ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਪੱਗਾਂ ਲਾਹ ਕੇ ਸਾੜਨੀਆਂ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ। ਇਸ ਦਾ ਕਾਰਨ ਬਹੁਤ ਸਾਫ ਹੈ ਜਦੋਂ ਤੋਂ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਨੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਧਰਮ ਦੀ ਨੀਂਹ ਰੱਖੀ ਉਸ ਦਿਨ ਤੋਂ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣ ਵਾਦੀ ਸੋਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਧਰਮ ਨੂੰ ਖਤਮ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਹੱਥਕੰਡੇ ਵਰਤ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਚੰਦੂ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣ ਵਲੋਂ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਅਰਜਨ ਦੇਵ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਵੀ ਇਸੇ ਸ਼ਾਜਸ਼ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਕੜੀ ਸੀ। ਉਸੇ ਚੰਦੂ ਦੀ ਰੂਹ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਗੁੰਡਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਪਰਵੇਸ਼ ਕਰਕੇ ਗੁਰੂਕਿਆਂ ਵਿਰੁਧ ਆਪਣੀ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਰੀ ਰੱਖ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਗੁਰੂਕਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਇਹ ਗੱਲ ਸਮਝ ਲੈਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪੰਜਵੇਂ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਦੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਛੇਵੇਂ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਨੇ ਹੱਥਿਆਰਬੰਦ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਦਾ ਰਾਹ ਦਿਖਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਆਜ਼ਾਦ ਸਿੱਖ ਰਾਜ ਦੀ ਨੀਂਹ ਰੱਖ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਸੀ। ਅੱਜ ਚੰਦੂਕਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਹਾਸਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਖਾਲਸਾਈ ਹਲੇਮੀ ਰਾਜ ਕਾਇਮ ਕਰਨਾ ਹੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਦੱਸੇ ਰਸਤੇ ਤੇ ਚੱਲਣਾ ਹੈ।

ਇਸ ਘਟਨਾਕ੍ਰਮ ਵਿਚ ਇਕ ਬਹਿਸ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਆਈ ਹੈ। ਜਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਫੜੇ ਜਾਣ ਤੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕੇਸ ਲੜਨਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ, ਇਥੇ ਮੈਂ ਇਹ ਵੀ ਸਪੱਸ਼ਟ ਕਰਨਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਕਿਸੇ ਵਕਤ ਵੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਕਮਜੋਰੀ ਜਾਂ ਢਿੱਲ ਵਰਤਣ ਅਧੀਨ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਤੇ ਕਿਨਾਰਾ ਕਸੀ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜੇਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਜਾਂ ਫਾਂਸੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਡਰ ਕੇ ਜਿਉਣ ਦੀ ਆਸ ਨਾਲ ਅੰਦਰੇ ਅੰਦਰੀ ਕੋਈ ਸਮਝੌਤਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਘਰ ਪਰਤਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਜਾਂ ਉਹ ਅਰਾਮ ਦੀ ਜਿੰਦਗੀ ਦੀ ਖਹਿਸ਼ ਰੱਖਦਾ ਹੈ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਅਸੀਂ ਖਿਲਾਫ ਹਾਂ। ਜੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਕੇਸ ਲੜਨ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਦੇ ਦਾਅਪੇਚ ਦੇ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਵਰਤਦਾ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਦੇ ਅਸੀਂ ਖਿਲਾਫ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਾਂ। ਜਿਹੜਾ ਸਟੈਂਡ ਭਾਈ ਬਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਨੇ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ ਅਸੀਂ ਉਸ ਦੇ ਪੂਰੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਹੱਕ ਵਿਚ ਹਾਂ। ਸਮੇਂ ਦੀ ਨਜ਼ਾਕਤ ਨੂੰ ਸਾਹਮਣੇ ਰੱਖ ਕੇ ਲਏ ਗਏ ਦੋਵੇਂ ਫੈਸਲਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਅਸੀਂ ਸਹਿਮਤ ਹਾਂ। ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਵਲੋਂ ਕੇਸ ਲੜਨ ਦਾ ਲਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਡਰ ਕਮਜੋਰੀ ਜਾਂ ਘਰ ਵਾਪਸੀ ਦੀ ਖਾਹਿਸ਼ ਨਾਲ ਲਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਸਗੋਂ ਦੁਸ਼ਮਣ ਦੀ ਕੈਦ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਨਿਕਲ ਕੇ ਦੁਬਾਰਾ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਕਰਨ ਦੀ ਖਾਹਿਸ਼ ਹੈ। ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਨੂੰ ਮੈਂ ਨਿੱਜੀ ਤੌਰ ਤੇ ਜਾਣਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਜਦੋਂ ਇਹ ਅੱਠਵੀਂ ਜਮਾਤ ਵਿਚ ਪੜ੍ਹਦਾ ਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਬਲਵਿੰਦਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਜਟਾਣਾ ਦੇ

ਗੁਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ। ਮੈਂ ਭਾਈ ਜਟਾਣਾ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਹਾ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ ਕਰਨ ਦਿਓ ਇੰਨੀ ਛੋਟੀ ਉਮਰ ਵਿਚ ਇਸ ਬੱਚੇ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਗੁਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਕਿਉਂ ਕਰ ਲਿਆ ਹੈ। ਉਸ ਨੇ ਕਿਹਾ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਪੜ੍ਹਾਈ ਦੇ ਨਾਲ ਨਾਲ ਸੇਵਾ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਬਜਿਦ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਵਿਚ ਸੇਵਾ ਦਾ ਬਹੁਤ ਉਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਹੈ। ਉਦੇ ਤੋਂ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਹੁਣ ਤੱਕ ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਇਸ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਆਪਣਾ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਪਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਕੁਝ ਸਮਾਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਜਦੋਂ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ 'ਚੇ' ਸੁਰੰਗ ਬਣਾ ਕੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਆ ਗਿਆ ਸੀ ਤਾਂ ਉਹ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਵਾਂਗ ਹੀ ਫਿਰ ਤੋਂ ਸਰਗਰਮ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ। ਬਾਹਰ ਅਉਣ ਤੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਕੁਝ ਦੇਸਤਾਂ ਮਿੱਤਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਉਪਰ ਕੁਝ ਦੇਰ ਲਈ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ ਜਾਣ ਬਾਰੇ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਪਾਇਆ, ਇਸ ਤਜਵੀਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਨੁਕਰਉਦਿਆਂ ਹੋਇਆ ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਤੇ ਫੀਲਡ ਵਿਚ ਰਹਿ ਕੇ ਸੇਵਾ ਕਰਨ ਨੂੰ ਚੁਣਿਆ। ਇਸ ਨਾਲ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਵਚਨਬੱਧਤਾ ਸਾਬਤ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਅਹੁਦਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਭੁੱਖ ਤੇ ਵੀ ਬਹੁਤ ਦੂਰ ਹੈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਉਹ ਜੇਲ੍ਹ ਤੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਆਇਆ ਤਾਂ ਮੈਂ ਜੱਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਹਾਈ ਕਮਾਂਡ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਥਾਂ ਮੁੱਖ ਸੇਵਾਦਾਰ ਥਾਪਣ ਦਾ ਪਰਸਤਾਵ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਸੀ ਪਰ ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਨੇ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਜ਼ੋਰ ਦਾਰ ਸਬਦਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਮੰਨਣ ਤੇ ਇਨਕਾਰ ਕੀਤਾ। ਫਿਰ ਅਸੀਂ ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਨੂੰ ਮੀਤ ਜੱਥੇਦਾਰ ਨਿਯੁਕਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਪਰ ਭਾਈ ਜਗਤਾਰ ਸਿੰਘ ਹਵਾਰਾ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਕਿਹਾ ਕੇ ਜਿੰਨਾ ਚਿਰ ਮੈਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਹਿੰਦਾ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਚਿਰ ਮੇਰੇ ਇਸ ਅਹੁਦੇ ਬਾਰੇ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਵਿਚ ਐਲਾਨ ਨਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਉਸ ਦੀ ਖਾਹਿਸ ਸੀ ਕੇ ਕੁਝ ਕਰਕੇ ਹੀ ਮੀਡੀਆ ਚ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਐਲਾਨ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ। ਜੱਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਵਲੋਂ ਉਹ ਅੱਜ ਵੀ ਮੀਤ ਜੱਥੇਦਾਰ ਦੇ ਅਹੁਦੇ ਤੇ ਤਾਇਨਾਤ ਹੈ।

ਜਿਵੇਂ ਕੇ ਅਸੀਂ ਪਹਿਲਾਂ ਕਹਿ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਅਸੀਂ ਕੇਸ ਲੜਨ ਜਾਂ ਨਾ ਲੜਨ ਦੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਲਏ ਗਏ ਦੋਨਾਂ ਫੈਸਲਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਸਹਿਮਤ ਹਾਂ। ਇਹ ਮੁੱਦਾ ਪੰਥ ਦੀ ਕਹਿਚਰੀ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਂ ਚੁੱਕਾ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਕੌਮ ਤੇ ਛੱਡ ਦੇਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਕੌਮ ਦੀ ਜੇ ਰਾਏ ਹੋਵੇ ਉਹ ਪਰਵਾਨ ਹੋਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਬਹਿਸ ਵਿਚ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਹੋਰ ਨਹੀਂ ਪੈਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ।

ਇੱਥੇ ਮੈਂ ਬੱਬਰ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਦਾ ਮੁੱਖ ਸੇਵਾਦਾਰ ਹੋਣ ਦੇ ਨਾਤੇ ਕੁਝ ਗੱਲਾਂ ਸਪੱਸਟ ਕਰਨੀਆਂ ਚਾਹੁੰਦਾ ਹਾਂ। ਇਹ ਗੱਲਾਂ ਮੈਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੇ ਸਵਾਲਾਂ ਦੇ ਜਵਾਬ ਵਿਚ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਹਿ ਰਿਹਾ ਸਗੋਂ ਲੰਬੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਬੋਧਤ ਹੋਣ ਕਰਕੇ ਜੱਥੇਬੰਦੀ ਦੀ ਪਾਲਸੀ ਫਿਰ ਦੁਹਰਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹਾਂ।

ਸਾਡੀ ਲੜਾਈ ਕਿਸੇ ਧਰਮ ਜਾਤ ਜਾਂ ਫਿਰਕੇ ਨਾਲ ਨਹੀਂ, ਅਸੀਂ ਜ਼ਾਲਮ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਗੁਲਾਮੀ ਦੇ ਜੂਲੇ ਨੂੰ ਗੱਲੋਂ ਲਾਹ ਕੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਆਸੇ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਖਾਲਸਾਈ ਹਲੇਮੀ ਰਾਜ (ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ) ਦੀ ਕਾਇਮੀ ਲਈ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਸੀਲ ਹਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਅਕਾਲ ਪੁਰਖ ਦੀ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਨਾਲ ਨਿਸ਼ਾਨੇ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਤੱਕ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਸੀਲ ਰਹਾਂਗੇ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਅੱਜ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਖੜੋਤ ਨਜ਼ਰ ਆ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਪਰ ਅਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੇ ਗੁਰੂ ਦੀ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਨਾਲ ਆਪਣੇ ਇਰਾਦੇ ਤੇ ਦਿੜ ਹਾਂ। ਗੁਰੂ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਦਾ ਜਫ਼ਰਨਾਮਾ ਵਿਚ ਫੁਰਮਾਨ ਹੈ।

ਨ ਸਾਜੇ ਨ ਬਾਜੇ ਨ ਫੈਜੇ ਨ ਫਰਸ਼ ॥ ਖੁਦਾਵੰਦ ਬਖਸ਼ਿੰਦਹਿ ਐਸ਼ਿ ਅਰਸ਼ ॥

ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਉਤਰਾ ਚੜ੍ਹਾ ਕੁਦਰਤੀ ਹਨ। ਅੱਜ ਸਾਡਾ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਅੰਤਰਰਾਸ਼ਟਰੀ ਹਲਾਤਾਂ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਅਖੌਤੀ ਸਿਆਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਧਾਰਮਿਕ ਲੜੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਜੱਦ ਵਿਚ ਆਇਆ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ। ਗੁਰੂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਨਾਲ ਅਸੀਂ ਸਾਰੇ ਹਮਰਾਹੀ ਇਕ ਦੂਜੇ ਦੇ ਸਹਿਯੋਗ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਨੂੰ ਮੁੜ ਪ੍ਰਚੰਡ ਕਰਾਂਗੇ। ਪਿੱਛਲੇ ਲੰਮੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਤੇ ਲੜੇ ਗਏ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਦਾ ਲੇਖਾ ਜੇਖਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਅਸੀਂ ਸੁਲਝੀ ਹੋਈ ਵਿਉਂਤਬੰਦੀ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੋਈ ਹੈ। ਕਿਸੇ ਵੇਲੇ ਵੀ ਇਹ ਲਾਵਾ ਫੱਟ ਸਕਦਾ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਸੀਂ ਅਪੀਲ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਦੇ ਇਸ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਆਪਣਾ ਯੋਗਦਾਨ ਪਉਣ ਲਈ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਤੱਤਪਰ ਰਹਿਣ।

ਜਿੱਥੇ ਹਰ ਮੁਹਾਜ ਤੇ ਲੜਾਈ ਲੜਨਾ ਜਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਉਥੇ ਇਕ ਮਜਬੂਤ ਤੇ ਸੁਲਝੀ ਹੋਈ ਹਥਿਆਰ ਬੰਦ ਲੜਾਈ ਤੋਂ ਬਗੈਰ ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੋ ਸਕਦੀ। ਇਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਹਥਿਆਰਬੰਦ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਅਜੇ ਹੋਰ ਬਹਾਦਰੀ ਤਰੇ ਕਾਰਨਾਮਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀ ਦੇਣ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਤੱਤਪਰ ਰਹਿਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਦਿੱਲੀ ਦੇ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਤੇ ਬਿਰਾਜਮਾਨ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਕੱਟੜ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣਵਾਦੀ ਬੀ ਜੇ ਪੀ ਹੋਵੇ ਜਾਂ ਧਰਮ ਨਿਰਪੱਖਤਾ ਦਾ ਬੁਰਕਾ ਪਹਿਨੀ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣਵਾਦੀ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਹੋਵੇ। ਦੇਵੇ ਹੀ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀ ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਦੇ ਦੁਸ਼ਮਣ ਹਨ। ਇਥੇ ਤੱਕ ਕੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੇ ਕਮਿਊਨਿਸਟ ਵੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਵਰਗੀ ਸੋਚ ਰੱਖਦੇ ਹਨ। ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਉੱਤੇ ਹਮਲੇ ਅਤੇ ਦਿੱਲੀ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਤਲੇਆਮ ਦੇ ਕਲੰਕ ਕਾਂਗਰਸੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਮੱਥੇ ਤੇ ਉਕਰੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਨ। ਇਹ ਹਮੇਸ਼ਾ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਹਿਰਦਿਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਪੀੜਾ ਦਾ ਕਾਰਨ ਬਣੇ ਰਹਿਣਗੇ। ਪਰ ਬੀ ਜੇ ਪੀ ਦਾ ਵੀ ਚਿਹਰਾ ਕੋਈ ਸਾਫ਼ ਸੁਥਰਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ। ਲਾਲ ਕਿਸ਼ਨ ਅਡਵਾਨੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਕਿਤਾਬ 'ਮਾਈ ਕਨਟਰੀ ਮਾਈ ਲਾਈਫ' ਵਿਚ ਲਿੱਖਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮੈਂ ਹੀ ਇਦਰਾ ਗਾਂਧੀ ਨੂੰ ਹਰਿਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਉੱਤੇ ਹਮਲੇ ਲਈ ਤਿਆਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਸੀ। ਹਰਿਮੰਦਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਤੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਮਲੇ ਦੇਰਾਨ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਬੀ ਜੇ ਪੀ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਅਤੇ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਹਮਜ਼ਮਾਤੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਲੱਡੂ ਵੰਡੇ, ਭੰਗੜੇ ਪਾਏ, ਹਮਲਾ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਫੌਜੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਨਮਾਨਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਅਤੇ ਤੋਹਫੇ ਦਿੱਤੇ। 1984 ਦੇ ਦੰਗਾ ਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਕਾਤਲਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜੇ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਨੇ ਨਿਵਾਜਿਆ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਰਾਜ ਸੱਤਾ ਵਿਚ ਆ ਕੇ ਬੀ ਜੇ ਪੀ ਨੇ ਵੀ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕੋਈ ਸਜਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿੱਤੀ। ਇਸ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਇਹ ਦੇਵੇ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਹਨ। ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿਚ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਕਾਂਗਰਸ ਦੀ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਹੋਵੇ ਜਾਂ ਅਕਾਲੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਦੇਵੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਲਾਮ ਬਣਾਈ ਰੱਖਣ ਦੇ ਕੇਂਦਰ ਦੇ ਏਜੰਡੇ ਨੂੰ ਪੂਰੀ ਇਮਾਨਦਾਰੀ ਨਾਲ ਲਾਗੂ ਕਰਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣਵਾਦੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਇਸ ਏਜੰਡੇ ਨੂੰ ਲਾਗੂ ਕਰਨ ਵਿਚ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ਼ ਸਿੰਘ ਬਾਦਲ ਚਾਰ ਕਦਮ ਅੱਗੇ ਹੈ। ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣਵਾਦੀਆਂ, ਅਕਾਲੀ ਦਲ ਬਾਦਲ ਅਤੇ ਹਿੰਦੋਸਤਾਨ ਦੀਆਂ ਖੂਫੀਆ ਏਜੰਸੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਵਿਚ ਐਸਾ ਮਹੌਲ ਪੈਦਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ SGPC ਉਪਰ ਹਰ ਵਾਰ ਬਾਦਲ ਕਾਬਜ ਹੋ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ SGPC ਦੇ ਪੈਲਟਫਾਰਮ ਨੂੰ ਵਰਤ ਕੇ ਉਹ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਉਪਰ ਬੀ ਜੇ ਪੀ ਦੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਮਨਸੂਬਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਲਾਗੂ ਕਰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਬਾਦਲ ਦਲ ਨੇ ਤਖ਼ਤਾਂ ਦੇ ਜੱਥੇਦਾਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਤਨਖਾਹ ਦਾਰ ਮੁਲਾਜਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਥਾਪਿਤ ਕੀਤਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਕੋਲੇ ਉਹ ਬੀ ਜੇ ਪੀ ਦੀ ਮਰਜ਼ੀ ਦੇ ਫੈਸਲੇ ਕਰਵਾਉਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਇਥੇ ਹੀ ਬਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਅਨੇਕ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦਾ ਕਾਤਲ ਸੁਮੇਧ ਸੈਣੀ ਜੇ ਬੇਦੇਸੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਤੜਫਾ ਤੜਫਾ ਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਕੋਹ ਕੋਹ ਮਾਰਨ ਤੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਲਾਸ਼ਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਖੁਰਦ ਪੁਰਦ ਕਰਦਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ਨੂੰ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਦਾ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਚੀਫ਼ ਬਣਾਕੇ ਅਤੇ ਇਕ ਹੋਰ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਾਤਲ ਇਜ਼ਹਾਰ ਆਲਮ ਦੀ ਘਰਵਾਲੀ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੀ ਪਾਰਟੀ ਦੀ ਟਿਕਟ ਤੇ MLA ਬਣਾ ਕੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਵਿਰੋਧੀ ਹੋਣ ਦਾ ਨੇਸ ਸਬੂਤ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਬੇਦੇਸੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦਾ ਖੂਨ ਬਾਦਲ ਦੇ ਪਰਹਾਰ ਦਾ ਕਾਰਣ ਬਣੇਗਾ।

ਅਖੀਰ ਵਿਚ ਮੈਂ ਸਭ ਨੂੰ ਅਪੀਲ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਮਜ਼ਹੂਦਾ ਸਮੇਂ ਵਿਚ ਚੱਲੇ ਹੋਏ ਵਾਦ-ਵਿਵਾਦ ਨੂੰ ਖਤਮ ਹੋਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।

ਸਾਝ ਕਰੀਜੇ ਗੁਣਹ ਕੇਰੀ ਛੇਡਿ ਅਵਗਣ ਚਲੀਐ ॥

ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੇ ਅਗੁਣਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅੱਖੋਂ ਪਰੇਖੇ ਕਰਕੇ ਗੁਣਾ ਦੀ ਸਾਝ ਪਉਣੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਆਪਣਾ ਪੂਰਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਆਜ਼ਾਦੀ ਦੇ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਨੂੰ ਪ੍ਰਚੰਡ ਕਰਨ ਵੱਲ ਲਉਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ।

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ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਦਾ ਸੰਕਟ

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ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਦੇ ਪਾਇਲਟਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਕੁਝ ਮੰਗਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੜਤਾਲ ਨਾਲ ਇਸ ਦੀਆਂ ਉਡਾਣਾਂ ਤਕਰੀਬਨ ਠੱਪ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਕਾਰਨ ਜਿੱਥੇ ਮੁਸਾਫ਼ਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਭਾਰੀ ਖੱਜਲਖੁਆਰੀ ਦਾ ਸਾਹਮਣਾ ਕਰਨਾ ਪੈ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ, ਉੱਥੇ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਤਕਰੀਬਨ 250 ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ ਦਾ ਘਾਟਾ ਪੈ ਚੁੱਕਾ ਹੈ ਜਿਹੜਾ ਕਿ 43 ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ ਦੀ ਕਰਜ਼ਾਈ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਘਾਟਾ ਵਧ ਕੇ 27 ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ ਹੋ ਚੁੱਕਾ ਹੈ। ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਭਰ ਵਿੱਚ ਭਾਰਤ ਦੀ ਇਸ ਹੜਤਾਲ ਕਾਰਨ ਬਦਨਾਮੀ ਹੋ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਸਹਿਰੀ ਹਵਾਬਾਜ਼ੀ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਦੇ ਪਾਇਲਟਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਅਖੀਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਕੰਮ 'ਤੇ ਆ ਜਾਣ ਤੇ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਮੰਗਾਂ 3 ਮਹੀਨਿਆਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਪੂਰੀਆਂ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣਗੀਆਂ। ਅਫਸੋਸ ਦੀ ਗੱਲ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਦੋ ਵਾਰ ਯਕੀਨ ਦਿਵਾਉਣ ਦੇ ਬਾਵਜੂਦ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਮੰਗਾਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਮੰਨੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ ਜਿਸ ਕਾਰਨ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਮੁੜ ਹੜਤਾਲ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਭਾਵੇਂ ਕਿ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਜਦ ਕਿ ਸਵਾਰੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਬਹੁਤ ਭੀੜ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਇਹ ਉਡਾਣ ਪੂਰੀਆਂ ਭਰੀਆਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਹਨ, ਅਣਅੰਗਣੀ ਹੜਤਾਲ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰਨੀ ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਸੀ ਪਰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਪਿਛਲੇ 6 ਮਹੀਨਿਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਸਮੂਹ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਤਨਖਾਹ ਨਾ ਦੇਣਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਉਚਿਤ ਨਹੀਂ। ਇਹ ਗ਼ੈਰ-ਜ਼ਿੰਮੇਵਾਰੀ ਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਮਾਣ ਹੈ।

ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਦੀ ਕਾਰਗੁਜ਼ਾਰੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੁਧਾਰ ਲਿਆਉਣ ਦੀ ਥਾਂ ਅਜੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਦਾ ਇਹ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਕਿ ਵਪਾਰਕ ਅਦਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਚਲਾਉਣਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦਾ ਕੰਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਿਸ ਦਾ ਭਾਵ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਜਨਤਕ ਅਦਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਚਲਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਸਕਦੀ ਤੇ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਨਿੱਜੀਕਰਨ ਕਰ ਦੇਣਾ ਚਾਹੀਦਾ ਹੈ, ਉਸ ਸੱਚਾਈ ਤੋਂ ਮੁੱਖ ਮੋੜਨਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜਨਤਕ ਅਦਾਰੇ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਅਰਥਚਾਰੇ ਦੀ ਰੀੜ੍ਹ ਦੀ ਹਨ। ਸੁਆਲ ਪੈਦਾ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਜੇ ਸਿੰਗਪੁਰ ਸਰਕਾਰ, ਸਿੰਗਪੁਰ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨ ਸਫਲਤਾਪੂਰਵਕ ਚਲਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ, ਆਸਟਰੇਲੀਆ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਕੁਆਨਟਾਜ਼ ਚਲਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ ਤੇ ਨਿਊਜ਼ੀਲੈਂਡ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਏਅਰ ਨਿਊਜ਼ੀਲੈਂਡ ਚਲਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਭਾਰਤ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਕਿਉਂ ਨਹੀਂ ਚਲਾ ਸਕਦੀ?

ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਦੀ ਨੀਂਹ ਜੇ. ਆਰ. ਡੀ. ਟਾਟਾ ਨੇ ਜੁਲਾਈ 1932 ਵਿੱਚ ਬਤੌਰ ਟਾਟਾ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਰੱਖੀ। ਇਸ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨ ਨੇ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਉਡਾਣ 15 ਅਕਤੂਬਰ 1932 ਨੂੰ ਕਰਾਚੀ ਤੋਂ ਬੰਬਈ ਲਈ ਬਰਾਸਤਾ ਅਲਾਹਾਬਾਦ ਭਰੀ। ਇਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਮਪੀਰੀਅਲ-ਏਅਰਵੇਜ਼ ਦੀ ਡਾਕ ਸੀ। 29 ਜੁਲਾਈ 1946 ਨੂੰ ਟਾਟਾ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼, ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਪਬਲਿਕ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ ਕੰਪਨੀ ਬਣ ਗਈ। 8 ਜੂਨ 1948 ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਨੇ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਇੰਟਰਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਬੰਬਈ ਤੋਂ ਲੰਡਨ ਬਰਾਸਤਾ ਕਾਰਿਆ ਤੇ ਜਨੇਵਾ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਉਡਾਣ ਭਰੀ। ਅਗਸਤ 1953 ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਕੌਮੀਕਰਨ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਦੀਆਂ ਘਰੇਲੂ ਉਡਾਣਾਂ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਸੌਂਪੀਆਂ ਗਈਆਂ। ਇਸ ਨੇ 1960 ਵਿੱਚ ਜੈਤ ਯੁੱਗ ਵਿੱਚ ਪ੍ਰਵੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤਾ, ਜਦੋਂ ਇਸ ਨੇ ਬੇਇੰਗ 707-420 ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤਾ। 8 ਜੂਨ 1962 ਨੂੰ ਇਸ ਦਾ ਨਾਂ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਤੌਰ 'ਤੇ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਰੱਖ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਗਿਆ। 1997 ਤਕ ਇਸ ਦੇ ਚੇਅਰਮੈਨ ਜੇ. ਆਰ. ਡੀ. ਟਾਟਾ ਰਹੇ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨ ਨੇ ਕਈ ਪੁਰਸਕਾਰ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕੀਤੇ। ਇਹ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਦੀਆਂ ਪਹਿਲੀਆਂ 5 ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਸ਼ਾਮਲ ਸੀ। ਇਹ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਕਮਾਨ ਅਧਿਕਾਰੀਆਂ ਪਾਸ ਆ ਗਈ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਦੇ ਮਾੜੇ ਚਿਨ੍ਹ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੋ ਗਏ।

2007 ਵਿੱਚ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ, ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼, ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਐਕਸਪ੍ਰੈਸ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲਾ ਕੇ ਐਨ. ਏ. ਸੀ. ਆਈ. ਐਲ. (ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਏਵੀਏਸ਼ਨ ਕੰਪਨੀ ਆਫ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਲਿਮਿਟਡ) ਬਣਾ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਗਈ ਜੋ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਤਬਾਹਕਰਨ ਸਾਬਤ ਹੋਈ। ਇਸ ਦੀ ਪੁਸ਼ਟੀ ਸੀਨੀਅਰ ਕਾਰਗਰੀ ਐਮ. ਪੀ. ਵੀ. ਕਿਸ਼ੋਰ ਚੰਦਰਾ ਦਿਓ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨਗੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਬਣੀ ਪਾਰਲੀਮੈਂਟ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਤੋਂ ਵੀ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ ਜੋ 12 ਮਾਰਚ 2010 ਨੂੰ ਪਾਰਲੀਮੈਂਟ ਅੰਗ ਪੇਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ। ਇਸ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਪਸ਼ਟ ਕਿਹਾ ਗਿਆ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਤੇ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਇਕੱਠਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇੱਕ ਕੰਪਨੀ ਬਣਾਉਣਾ ਗਲਤ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਸੀ। ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦਾ ਕਹਿਣਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਨੇ 2001 ਤੋਂ 2006-7 ਤਕ ਲਾਭ ਕਮਾਇਆ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਛੇ ਸਾਲਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਨੇ ਵੀ ਤਿੰਨ ਵਧੇਰੇ ਲਾਭ ਕਮਾਇਆ। ਭਾਵੇਂ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਵੀ ਘਾਟੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਗਈਆਂ ਪਰ ਜਿੰਨਾ ਘਾਟਾ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇਵਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਿਲਾਉਣ ਪਿੱਛੋਂ ਹੋਇਆ, ਇਸ ਦਾ ਜੁਆਬ ਕਿਸੇ ਪਾਸ ਨਹੀਂ। ਏਕੀਕਰਨ ਪਿੱਛੋਂ ਲਾਭ ਦੀ ਥਾਂ ਤਾਂ ਘਾਟਾ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਪਿਆ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਲਾਹੇਵੰਦ ਅਹਿਮ ਰੁਟ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ। ਕਮੇਟੀ ਨੇ ਸਫ਼ਾਰਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਇਹ ਫੈਸਲਾ ਲਿਆ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਅਦਾਰਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਅੰਗੇ ਤੋਂ ਘਾਟਾ ਨਾ ਪਵੇ।

2004-05 ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇਵਾ ਰਵਾਈ ਕੰਪਨੀਆਂ ਨੇ 162 ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ ਲਾਭ ਕਮਾਇਆ ਜੋ 2005-06 ਵਿੱਚ ਘਟ ਕੇ 64 ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ ਰਹਿ ਗਿਆ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੇ ਏਕੀਕਰਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ 2006-07 ਦੇਵਾ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਾਂ ਨੇ ਲਾਭ ਦੀ ਥਾਂ 688 ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ ਦਾ ਘਾਟਾ ਖਾਧਾ ਜੋ 2007-08 ਵਿੱਚ ਵਧ ਕੇ 2226 ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ, 2008-09 ਵਿੱਚ 5548 ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ, 2009-10 ਵਿੱਚ 5552 ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ, 2010-11 ਵਿੱਚ 6994 ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ ਤੇ 2011-12 ਵਿੱਚ 7853 ਰੁਪਏ ਹੋ ਗਿਆ। ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਹਾਲਤ ਇੰਨੀ ਮਾੜੀ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਕਿ ਕਿਸੇ ਸਮੇਂ ਲਾਭ ਕਮਾ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਹਵਾਈ ਕੰਪਨੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਮੁਲਾਜ਼ਮਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਤਨਖਾਹ ਦੇਣੀ ਮੁਸ਼ਕਿਲ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਹੈ।

ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਤੇ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਇੱਕ ਦੂਜੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਲਾਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਪਿੱਛੋਂ ਦੁਵੱਲੇ ਸਮਝੌਤਿਆਂ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਹਵਾਈ ਕੰਪਨੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਹਰੇਫੇ ਵਜੋਂ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਤੇ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਦੇ ਲਾਭਦਾਇਕ ਰੁਟ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ। ਸੀਤਾ ਰਾਮ ਯੈਚੁਰੀ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਵਿੱਚ ਬਣੀ ਸੰਸਦ ਦੀ ਸਥਾਈ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਨੇ 2010 ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿੱਤੀ ਆਪਣੀ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਿਓ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਿਫ਼ਾਰਸ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰੋੜਤਾ ਕੀਤੀ। ਇਸ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਰੁਟਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਤਕਰੀਬਨ ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਨਾਂ ਹੇਠ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਨੂੰ ਲਾਭ ਵਾਲੇ ਵਧੀਆ ਰੁਟਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਹਟਾ ਕੇ ਘਾਟੇ ਵਾਲੇ ਰੁਟਾਂ ਉੱਪਰ ਚਲਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ। ਇੰਨੇ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਦੀ ਕੀਮਤ 'ਤੇ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਲਾਭ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਇਆ ਗਿਆ। ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਮਨਮਰਜ਼ੀ ਦੇ ਰੁਟ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਤੇ ਇੰਡੀਅਨ ਏਅਰਲਾਈਨਜ਼ ਨੂੰ ਉਹ ਰੁਟ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ 70 ਡੀਸਟੀ ਘਾਟੇ ਵਾਲੇ ਰੁਟ ਸਨ। ਕਮੇਟੀ ਨੇ ਸ਼ਦਸ਼ਾ ਜਾਹਰ ਕੀਤਾ ਕਿ ਇਹ ਰੁਟ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਕੰਪਨੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਮਿਲੀਭੁਗਤ ਨਾਲ ਹੋਇਆ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਇਹ ਰੁਟ ਬੰਦ ਉਸ ਸਮੇਂ ਕੀਤੇ ਗਏ ਜਦ ਕੰਪਨੀ ਨੇ ਨਵੇਂ ਰੁਟ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕੀਤੇ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਨੇ ਸਿਫ਼ਾਰਸ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਦੀ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਕਰਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ ਕਿ ਲਾਭ ਵਾਲੇ ਰੁਟ ਪ੍ਰਾਈਵੇਟਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਲਾਭ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਕਿਉਂ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ?

ਘਾਟ ਦਾ ਇੱਕ ਹੋਰ ਕਾਰਨ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਸੋਚੇ ਸਮਝੇ ਜਹਾਜ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਖਰੀਦਦਾਰੀ ਵੀ ਹੈ। ਜਿਉਂ ਹੀ ਪੁਫਲ ਪਟੇਲ ਨੇ ਅਹੁਦਾ ਸੰਗਲਿਆ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਬਿਨਾਂ ਪਤਾ ਲਾਉਣ ਤੋਂ ਕਿ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਵਰਤੋਂ ਕਿੱਥੇ ਕਰਨੀ ਹੈ, 28 ਦੀ ਥਾਂ 68 ਜਹਾਜ਼ ਖਰੀਦਣ ਦੇ ਆਦੇਸ਼ ਦੇ ਦਿੱਤੇ। ਇੰਨੇ 111 ਜਹਾਜ਼ ਖਰੀਦਣ ਲਈ ਜੋ 32 ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ ਦਾ ਕਰਜ਼ਾ ਕੰਪਨੀ ਨੇ ਲਿਆ ਉਸ ਲਈ 6 ਹਜ਼ਾਰ ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ ਵਿਆਜ ਦੇ ਦੋਣੇ ਪੈ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ।

ਵਿਦੇਸ਼ੀ ਕੰਪਨੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਲੀ, ਮੁੰਬਈ ਤੇ ਇਲਾਹਾ ਅਹਿਮਦਾਬਾਦ, ਨਾਗਪੁਰ, ਕੋਚੀ, ਹੋਦਰਾਬਾਦ, ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਆ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਵਾਰੀਆਂ ਘਟ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ ਪਰ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਰੁਟਾਂ ਦਾ ਕੋਈ ਅਧਿਐਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਕੀਤਾ ਤੇ ਨਾ ਹੀ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਕਦਮ ਚੁੱਕੇ ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਨਵੀਆਂ ਆ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਵਾਈ ਕੰਪਨੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਮੁਕਾਬਲਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ। ਜਦ ਕੋਈ ਉਡਾਣ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਹੁੰਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਪਹਿਲਾ ਘਾਟਾ ਪੈਦਾ ਹੋ, ਫਿਰ ਸੁਆਰੀਆਂ ਵਧਣ ਨਾਲ ਲਾਭ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਹੈ। ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਦ ਰੁਟ ਘਾਟੇ ਤੋਂ ਲਾਹੇਵੰਦ ਹੋਣ ਲੱਗਦਾ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਬੰਦ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ। ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਨੇ ਤਿੰਨ ਬੀ 747 ਜਹਾਜ਼ 2006 ਵਿੱਚ ਲਾਸ ਏਂਜਲਜ਼ ਰੁਟ 'ਤੇ ਲੀਜ਼ 'ਤੇ ਲਾਏ। ਇਸ ਦੀਆਂ 40 ਪ੍ਰਤੀਸ਼ਤ ਸੀਟਾਂ ਭਰਦੀਆਂ ਸਨ ਪਰ ਜਦ 2008 ਵਿੱਚ ਪੂਰੀਆਂ ਸੀਟਾਂ ਭਰਨ ਲੱਗੀਆਂ ਤਾਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਜਹਾਜ਼ਾਂ ਦੀ ਲੀਜ਼ ਖਤਮ ਹੋ ਗਈ ਤੇ ਇਹ ਰੁਟ ਬੰਦ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਗਏ।

2006 ਵਿੱਚ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਨੇ ਚਾਰ ਬੇਇੰਗ 777 ਪੰਜ ਸਾਲ ਲਈ ਲੀਜ਼ 'ਤੇ ਲਏ, ਜਦਕਿ ਜੁਲਾਈ 2007 ਤੋਂ ਇਸ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ ਇਸ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਜਹਾਜ਼ ਖਿਲ ਜਾਣੇ ਸਨ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦਾ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਆਰਡਰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੋਇਆ ਸੀ। ਨਤੀਜਾ ਵਜੋਂ ਦੇ ਸਾਲ, 2007 ਤੋਂ 2009 ਤਕ ਪੰਜ ਬੇਇੰਗ 777 ਤੇ ਪੰਜ ਬੇਇੰਗ 737 ਮਿਲੇ ਰਹੇ, ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ 840 ਕਰੋੜ ਤਾਂ ਘਾਟਾ ਪਿਆ। ਬੇਇੰਗ 747 ਅਤੇ 777 ਦੇ ਯੋਗਤਾ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਫਸਟ ਅਫਸਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਮਾਂਡਰ ਬਣਨ ਲਈ ਸਮੇਂ ਸਿਰ ਟ੍ਰੇਨਿੰਗ ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਨਹੀਂ ਭੇਜਿਆ ਗਿਆ ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ ਵੀ ਘਾਟਾ ਪਿਆ। ਹਵਾਈ ਉਦਯੋਗ ਵਿੱਚ 4 ਸਾਲ ਵਿੱਚ ਫਸਟ ਅਫਸਰ ਕਮਾਂਡਰ ਬਣ ਜਾਂਦੇ ਹਨ ਪਰ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਵਿੱਚ ਫਸਟ ਅਫਸਰਾਂ ਨੇ 10-11 ਸਾਲ ਇਸੇ ਅਹੁਦੇ 'ਤੇ ਲਾਏ। ਸਿੱਟੇ ਵਜੋਂ 2003 ਤੋਂ ਪਿੱਛੋਂ 160 ਪਾਇਲਟ ਭਾਰਤੀ ਪਾਇਲਟਾਂ ਤੋਂ ਦੁੱਗਣੀ ਤਨਖਾਹ 'ਤੇ ਰੱਖੇ ਪਏ, ਜਿਸ ਨਾਲ 2007 ਤੋਂ 2009 ਤਕ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਨੂੰ 390 ਕਰੋੜ ਰੁਪਏ ਖਰਚ ਕਰਨੇ ਪਏ।

ਸੰਸਦੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਵੱਲੋਂ 12 ਮਾਰਚ 2010 ਨੂੰ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਦੇਣ ਪਿੱਛੋਂ 28 ਜੁਲਾਈ 2010 ਨੂੰ ਚਾਰ ਬੰਬਈ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਪਾਰਟੀਆਂ ਨੇ 20 ਬੰਬੇ ਪੰਚੀ ਐਮ. ਪੀ. ਦੇ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਵਾਲਾ ਮੰਗ ਪੱਤਰ ਪ੍ਰਧਾਨ ਮੰਤਰੀ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਮੰਗ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸੀ ਕਿ ਸੰਸਦੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਸਿਫ਼ਾਰਸ਼ਾਂ ਲਾਗੂ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਜਾਣ ਤੇ ਇਸ ਗੱਲ ਦੀ ਪੜਤਾਲ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ ਕਿ ਏਅਰ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਘਾਟੇ ਵਿੱਚ ਕਿਉਂ ਗਈ? 14 ਮਈ ਤੋਂ ਚੱਲ ਰਹੀ ਹੜਤਾਲ ਸਬੰਧੀ ਸੰਸਦ ਮੈਂਬਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਏਅਰ

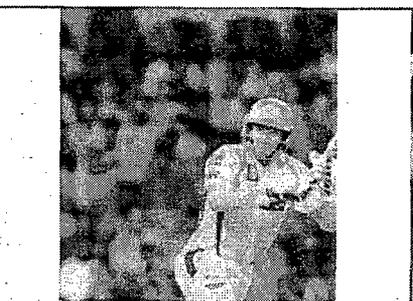


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ਸਤਿਕਾਰਯੋਗ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ, ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖਾਲਸਾ ॥ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫਤਹਿ ॥

ਹਾਰਦਿਕ ਵਧਾਈ

ਸਮਾਚਾਰ ਇਹ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੇ ਅਟੈਕ ਤੋਂ ਬਾਅਦ, ਅੱਜ ਭਾਈ ਬਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਜੋਆਣਾ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸਜ਼ਾ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦੂਜੀ ਵਾਰ ਇਕ ਪਲੇਟਫਾਰਮ 'ਤੇ ਚੜ੍ਹੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਵਧਾਈ ਦੀ ਪਾਤਰ ਹੈ।

ਸ਼ਹੀਦ

ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਦਾ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀਆਂ ਦਾ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਹੈ, ਅਤੇ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਕੌਮ ਦੇ ਅਣਮੋਲ ਮੋਤੀ ਹਨ। ਨਾ ਹੀ ਅਸੀਂ ਸ਼ਹੀਦੀਆਂ ਤੋਂ ਡਰਦੇ ਹਾਂ, ਅਤੇ ਨਾ ਹੀ ਅਸੀਂ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਅੱਗੇ ਲੋਲੜੀਆਂ ਕੱਢ ਰਹੇ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਸਾਡੀ ਸਜ਼ਾ ਮੁਆਫ਼ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ। ਇਹ ਸਾਡਾ ਸੰਘਰਸ਼ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਉਸ ਬੇ-ਇਨਸਾਫੀ ਵਿਰੁੱਧ ਹੈ, ਜਿਥੇ ਹਿੰਦੂਆਂ ਲਈ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਅਲੱਗ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਲਈ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਅਲੱਗ ਹਨ। ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਾਤਲ ਹਿੰਦੂਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਮਨਿਸਟਰੀਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਨਿਵਾਜਿਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ। ਜਦੋਂ ਕਿ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਫਾਂਸੀਆਂ ਦਿੱਤੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਰਹੀਆਂ ਹਨ।

ਬਾਦਲ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਦੀ ਮਿਲੀਭੁਗਤ

ਬਾਦਲ ਚੁੰਡਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਰ ਦੇ ਇਨਸਾਫ਼ ਦੀ ਉਮੀਦ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ, ਜੋ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਗੱਦਾਰੀ ਦੀ ਆਸ ਹੈ। ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਚੰਗੀ ਤਰ੍ਹਾਂ ਜਾਣਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਅਕਿੱਤਘਣੀ ਲੀਡਰਾਂ ਨੇ ਧਰਮ ਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚੇ ਨੂੰ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਸਰਕਾਰ ਨਾਲ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੀ ਆਖਰੀ ਲੜਾਈ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਦਿੱਤਾ। ਪਰ ਕੀ ਇਸ ਧਰਮ ਯੁੱਧ ਮੋਰਚੇ ਵਿਚ ਕਿਸੇ 'ਬਾਦਲ ਚੁੰਡਲੀ ਲੀਡਰ' ਦਾ ਪੁੱਤਰ ਵੀ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਹੋਇਆ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ 'ਬਾਦਲ ਚੁੰਡਲੀ ਲੀਡਰ' ਦੀ ਧੀ ਜਾਂ ਭੈਣ ਵਿਧਵਾ ਹੋਈ ਹੋਵੇ। ਹੋਰ ਤਾਂ ਹੋਰ ਅੱਗੇ ਤਾਂ ਇਹ ਖੁਦ-ਬੇ-ਮੁਖ ਹੁੰਦੇ ਸਨ, ਪਰ ਐਤਕੀ ਪਛਾਣ ਪੱਤਰ ਭਰਨ ਵਾਲੇ ਡੇਢ ਲੱਖ ਮਰਜੀਵੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਬੇ-ਮੁੱਖ ਕਰਵਾ ਗਏ।

ਇਥੇ ਹੀ ਬਸ ਨਹੀਂ ਜਦੋਂ ਬਲੂ ਸਟਾਰ ਆਪਰੇਸ਼ਨ ਦੌਰਾਨ ਦਰਬਾਰ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਦੀ ਰੱਖਿਆ ਕਰਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਸਿੰਘ ਸ਼ਹੀਦ ਹੋ ਰਹੇ ਸਨ, ਉਦੋਂ ਬਾਦਲ ਚੁੰਡਲੀ ਬਾਹਵਾਂ ਖੜ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਰਕਾਰੀ ਜੀਪਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਬੈਠ ਕੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਦੀ ਗਾਰਦ ਸਮੇਤ ਰੈਸਟ ਹਾਊਸਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਆਰਾਮ ਕਰਨ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਸੀ। ਜੇ ਕੌਮ ਮਹਾਸ਼ਾ ਚੁੰਡਲੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਕਰ ਸਕੀ, ਉਹ ਕੌਮ ਬਾਦਲ ਚੁੰਡਲੀ ਤੋਂ ਕਰਵਾਇਆ ਜਾ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ।

ਭਾਈ ਬਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਜੋਆਣਾ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸਜ਼ਾ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ 'ਨੀਲੀਆਂ ਪੱਗਾਂ ਵਾਲੇ' ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਬੁੱਧੂ ਇਸ ਲਈ ਬਣਾ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ, ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਕਿ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਵਿਸ਼ਵਾਸ ਵਿਚ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਉਸ ਦੀ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਆਸਾਨੀ ਨਾਲ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਕੁਰਸੀ ਅਤੇ ਜੇਬ ਦੀ ਹਵਾਸ ਪੂਰੀ ਕਰ ਸਕਣ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਮੈਂ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਬਾਦਲ ਚੁੰਡਲੀ ਦੀਆਂ ਲੁੰਬੜ ਚਾਲਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਨਾ ਆਵੇ।

ਸਿੱਖ ਪੋਪ ਦਾ ਰੋਲ

ਹਾਲ ਹੀ ਘੜੀ ਵਿਚ ਸਿੱਖ ਪੋਪ ਦਾ ਰੋਲ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਪ੍ਰਤੀ ਬੜਾ ਨਿਰਾਸ਼ਾਜਨਕ ਹੈ। ਬਾਦਲ ਚੁੰਡਲੀ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਆਪਣੇ ਹਿੱਤਾਂ ਲਈ ਵਰਤਣ ਵਿਚ ਕਾਮਯਾਬ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੇ ਭਾਈ ਬਲਵੰਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਰਾਜੋਆਣਾ ਜੀ ਦੀ ਸਜ਼ਾ ਨੂੰ ਲੈ ਕੇ ਕਾਰੋਬਾਰ ਬੰਦ ਰੱਖਣ ਅਤੇ ਕੇਸਰੀ ਦਸਤਾਰ ਸਜਾਉਣ ਦਾ ਜੋ ਸੰਦੇਸ਼ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਹੈ, ਉਸ ਦਾ ਮਕਸਦ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਬਾਦਲ ਚੁੰਡਲੀ ਨੂੰ ਹੀ ਲਾਭ ਪਹੁੰਚਾਉਣਾ ਹੈ। ਉਹ ਰੇਡੀਓ, ਟੈਲੀਵੀਜ਼ਨ 'ਤੇ ਸਿਰਫ਼ ਬਾਦਲ ਚੁੰਡਲੀ ਦਾ ਹੀ ਗੁਣਗੁਣ ਕਰ ਰਹੇ ਹਨ। ਪਰ ਉਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਦੂਸਰੀਆਂ ਜਥੇਬੰਦੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਕੌਮਕਾਜ ਨਹੀਂ ਦਿਸ ਰਹੇ।

ਕਿੰਨਾ ਚੰਗਾ ਹੁੰਦਾ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਆਪਣੇ ਸੰਦੇਸ਼ ਵਿਚ ਕਹਿੰਦੇ ਕਿ ਹਿੰਦੋਸਤਾਨ ਵਿਚ ਹਿੰਦੂਆਂ ਲਈ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਅਲੱਗ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਲਈ ਕਾਨੂੰਨ ਅਲੱਗ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਲਈ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਲਈ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਤੋਂ ਬਗ਼ੈਰ ਕੋਈ ਚਾਰਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਅਤੇ ਹਰ ਸਿੱਖ ਆਪੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਸਾਧਨ ਦੁਆਰਾ ਖਾਲਿਸਤਾਨ ਦੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤੀ ਲਈ ਯੋਗਦਾਨ ਪਾਵੇ। ਮੈਂ ਪ੍ਰਮਾਤਮਾ ਅੱਗੇ ਅਰਦਾਸ ਕਰਦਾ ਹਾਂ ਕਿ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸੁਮੱਤ ਬਖਸ਼ੋ।

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