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## RELIGIOUS HEAD OF 27 MILLION SIKHS "AKAL TAKHAT JATHEDAR" - SOLICITED U.S. LAW MAKER'S SUPPORT FOR RECOGNITION OF "SIKH GENOCIDE"

### LAW MAKERS PRESENT CITATION TO HEAD

Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Gurbachan Singh while addressing the "Sikh Genocide" conference in New York declared that killing of Sikhs in 1984 was "Genocide" because it was a planned effort to eradicate Sikh religion. Jathedar who specially came to New York to address the conference organized by "Sikhs for Justice" solicited the support of US law makers to help the Sikhs in persuading the United States government to recognize the Sikh Genocide. For the Sikh community, Jathedar's directed the Sikh community to support "Sikhs for Justice" in getting international recognition of "Genocide".

The "Sikh Genocide" conference was attended and addressed by New York Law Makers who presented citation to Akal Takht Jathedar recognizing his efforts for human rights issue.

New York City's law maker Julissa Ferreras while addressing the "Sikh Genocide" Conference stated that what happened to Sikhs in India is clearly Genocide. Ms. Ferreras stated that she will raise the issue in New York City Council and urge the city to recognize "Sikh Genocide".

New York State's assembly man David I. Weprin while addressing the conference stated that in democracy everyone is equal and no one should be denied justice.



Conference was also attended and addressed by Takhat Patna Sahib Jathedar Giani Iqbal Singh and Takht Anandpur Sahib Jathedar Giani Tarlochan Singh who joined in Akal Takht's call to international community to recognize "Sikh Genocide".

Addressing the conference, Attorney Gurptawant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to Sikhs for Justice, urged the New York law makers to pass the legislation in New York State to establish Genocide Commission through which facts about genocides will be taught in School curriculum. A similar legislation establishing the Genocide Commission has recently been passed by Illinois State and SFJ has already submitted facts about Sikh Genocide to Illinois Commission.

According to Attorney Gurptawant Singh Pannun, Sikhs for Justice will hold a "Justice Rally" and will present a memorandum to United Nations for recognition of Sikh Genocide during the upcoming General Assembly Session in New York on the day of Prime Minister Singh's turn to speak at the UN.

The conference unanimously adopted the resolutions:

- Recognize killings of Sikhs in India as "Genocide" under Article 2 of the UN Convention Against Genocide.
- Prosecute and punish the perpetrators of Sikh Genocide.
- To amend Article 25 of the Constitution of India to recognize "Sikhism" as separate religion.

The conference was organized by "Sikhs for Justice" with the help of the management committees of the Gurdwaras from across the United States.

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**August 18, 2010**

**DEMAND: REHABILITATION AND REPRESENTATION PACKAGE FROM SAD-BADAL**

August 18, 2010

To  
Parkash Singh Badal  
Chief Minister,  
State of Punjab

Subject: DEMAND OF NEW REHABILITATION AND REPRESENTATION PACKAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB FOR THE VICTIMS OF NOVEMBER 1984 SIKH GENOCIDE

Dear Sardar Sahib:

OUR, human rights advocacy organization "SIKHS FOR JUSTICE" (SFJ) has been directed by Shri Akal Takht Sahib on July 14, 2010 to pursue the cause of justice for victims of November 1984 Sikh Genocide. In this cause of securing justice for victims of November 1984, SFJ is associated with "All India Sikh Students Federation (AISSF)" President Karnail Singh Peermohammad and "November 1984 Sikh Genocide Welfare Society" both of which represents the voice and sentiments of victims.

NOW, that (SAD-Badal) and your government is reaping the benefits of public momentum built in the support of the victims of November 1984 by "Justice Campaign" organized by "Sikhs For Justice" (SFJ) and All India Sikh Students Federation (President Karnail Singh Peermohammad), WE, feel compelled to bring to your attention the true economic and social plight of victims and their families members living in Punjab. The victims and their families not only have been disenfranchised during the past more than 25 years but they have also been denied adequate compensation, despite promises made during election campaigns by (SAD-Badal) since 1994.

WE, demand that Punjab Government under your leadership announce a fresh REHABILITATION AND REPRESENTATION Package for the victims and family members of November 1984 Sikh Genocide, which should comprise minimum of the following:

**ECONOMIC PACKAGE**

- Grant of Rs.15, 00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs) in each case of death during November 1984 Sikh Genocide.
- Grant of Rs.5, 00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs) in each case of injury suffered during November 1984 Sikh Genocide.
- Grant of Rs. 7, 50,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousands) to each family for rehabilitation, other than any grant for death or injury.

- Grant compensation at the rate of 30 times, for residential and commercial property lost or damaged during November 1984 Sikh Genocide.
- Award a pension of Rs.25, 000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) per month to every living widow or widower, including those who lost their spouses even after November 1984 and family members who are incapable of earning their livelihood.
- Write off all loans (Agricultural, Commercial or Any Property) of the victims and family members of November 1984 Sikh Genocide.
- Grant 25% rebate on income tax to individuals and businesses owned by victims and family members of November 1984 Sikh Genocide.
- 15% quota in employment for children and family members of November 1984 Sikh Genocide victims in all recruitments done by the Government of Punjab.
- 15% seats for children and family members of November 1984 Sikh Genocide victims in all educational and vocational institutions under the Government of Punjab.

### **REPRESENTATION PACKAGE**

As directed by Shri Akal Takht Sahib, recognize November 1984 as Sikh Genocide in the legislative assembly of the State of Punjab.

As directed by Shri Akal Takht Sahib, issue an official notification by the Government (published in the official gazette) directing that all Punjab Government documents should refer November 1984 anti-riots as "Sikh Genocide".

As directed by Shri Akal Takht Sahib, issue a notification to the Punjab Education Department to include a special chapter in the school curriculum to educate public about Sikh Genocide (1984-98).

Issue notification recognizing "November 1984 Sikh Genocide Welfare Society (Regd.)" as the representative body of the victims and family members of November 1984 Sikh Genocide.

Reserve 20% seats in Shiromani Gurdawara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) for the family members of November 1984 Sikh Genocide victims.

Create a separate Ministry in the Government of Punjab for the affairs of November 1984 Sikh Genocide.

THE, above demands of the victims and family members of November 1984 Sikh Genocide are completely within your powers as Chief Minister of Punjab.

IN FACT, since 1994 SAD-Badal had won every election using the sentiments and sympathies for the victims of November 1984 Sikh Genocide. This places a religious, moral and political responsibility on your shoulders, as head of the Government of Punjab, to come true on your promises to victims and families of November 1984 Sikh Genocide.

Truly Yours,

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Attorney Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, Legal Advisor, Sikhs For Justice stated that the above demands of the victims and family members of November 1984 Sikh Genocide are completely within powers of Parkash Singh Badal, Chief Minister of Punjab. In fact, since 1994 SAD-Badal had won every election using the sentiments and sympathies for the victims of November 1984 Sikh Genocide. This places a religious, moral and political responsibility on the shoulders of Parkash Singh Badal, as head of the Government of Punjab, to come true on promises to victims and families of November 1984 Sikh Genocide. Also it is imperative that Parkash Singh Badal, as head of the Government of Punjab come true on its promises to victims and families of November 1984 Sikh Genocide as SAD-BADAL is again planning to exploit the Victims issue in the forthcoming elections.

**August 17, 2010**

### **CANADIAN SIKHS OBSERVE AUGUST 15TH BY HOLDING "SIKH GENOCIDE" CONFERENCE**

Canadian Sikhs under the patronage of Shri Akal Takhat Sahib marked August 15th, Independence Day of India, as "Sikh Genocide" day. "Sikh Genocide" Conference was organized by SIKHS FOR JUSTICE, a based human rights advocacy group, is spearheading an international justice awareness campaign and striving to disseminate true and correct information regarding the Genocide of Sikhs from 1984-1998 to the international community with the support of All India Sikh Students Federation.

Addressing the conference, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to "Sikhs For Justice" stated that during the upcoming UN General Assembly session in New York, their organization will present a memorandum to the UN highlighting the denial of justice in India to victims of Sikhs Genocide (1984-98); Continued human rights violations; and Indian Judiciary's open collaboration in denial of justice to religious minorities of India, specially Sikhs. Attorney Pannun further stated that during upcoming UN general assembly session, SFJ will lobby that Prime Minister Manmohan Singh should not be allowed to speak because of India's despicable record on human rights. "Sikhs For Justice" will hold a "Justice Rally" outside UN Building in New York during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to UN. According to attorney Pannun, aim of the "Justice Rally" will be to educate the international community about the continuous denial of justice to victims of Sikh Genocide 1984-98.

Addressing the conference, Sukhminder Singh Hansra, known Canadian activist and journalist stated that on August 15, 1947 India won its freedom from British Empire with the help Sikhs but unfortunately, after independence Sikhs are made slaves of a system that kills and suppresses the religious minorities. "Sikhs For Justice" youth coordinator, Jatinder Singh Grewal, while addressing the gathering stressed that upholding Canadian values it's imperative for the Canadian Political leaders to speak openly against the killings of Sikhs in India without considering the economic relations.

Hundreds of Canadian Sikhs attended the conference and pledged to support the "Sikhs For Justice" in "Justice Campaign" which includes:

- a) To recognize killings of Sikhs (1984-98) as "Genocide" under Article 2 of the UN Convention on Genocide.
- b) To demand the prosecution of Sikh Genocide (1984-98) perpetrators and organizers;
- c) To get Sikhism recognized as a separate religion under the Indian Constitution.

"Sikhs For Justice" presented the documentary based on the evidence collected with the help of All India Sikh Student Federation, showing the victims and witnesses of November 1984 Sikh Genocide from all across India. The evidence and testimonies in the documentary clearly establish that in November 1984 Sikhs were systematically attacked and killed in at least 18 states of India.



The conference was organized with the help and support of Ontario Gurdwara Committee, Ontario Sikhs and Gurdwara Council, United Front of Sikhs, Akali Dal Panch Pardani and management of all Gurdwara Sahibs of Ontario, Montreal, Ottawa, Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, Surrey, and Abbotsford.

### Newspaper Coverage

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**August 13, 2010**

### **SIKHS FOR JUSTICE TO LOBBY BEFORE U.N. DURING PM SINGH'S VISIT**

All Indian Sikh Students Federation (AISSF) has appealed all religious minorities in India to stand in solidarity with the victims of November 1984 Sikh Genocide by joining in boycotting the August 15 Independence Day Celebrations and observe it as "black day". AISSF's call for observing Independence Day as "black day" is in reaction to the Supreme Court's outrageous decision of staying the prosecution of Congress (I) leader Sajjan Kumar. According to Karnail Singh Peermohammad, President AISSF, Congress (I) and Indian Government has shielded Sajjan Kumar for 25 years and now when he was finally being prosecuted, Supreme Court of India has come to Sajjan Kumar's aide.

Karnail Singh Peermohammad stated that India is motherland of Sikhs where their Gurus laid lives for principals of humanity and Sikhs sacrificed more than any other community for the independence of India. On August 15, 1947 India won its freedom from British with the help of Sikhs but unfortunately, in Independent India, Sikhs are made slaves of a system that kills and suppresses the Sikhs and continuously denies them justice.

Peermohammad asked the Sikh community and other religious minorities to commemorate August 15 as a "black day" by raising black flags as a protest against systematic denial of justice to victims of November 1984 Sikh Genocide.

Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), a US based human rights group announced that Supreme Court's decision proves that victims of Sikh Genocide (1984-98) will not get any justice from Indian system and victims should seek reprieve from International forums. Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to SFJ announced that during the upcoming UN General Assembly session in New York, their organization will present a memorandum to the UN highlighting the denial of justice in India to victims of Sikhs Genocide (1984-98); continued human rights violations; and Indian Judiciary's open collaboration in denial of justice to religious minorities of India, specially Sikhs.

Attorney Pannun further stated that during upcoming U.N. general assembly session, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh should not be allowed to speak at the UN because of India's despicable record on human rights. SFJ will hold a "Justice Rally" outside UN Building in New York during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to UN. According to attorney Pannun, aim of the "justice rally" will be to urge the attendees of the UN general assembly to confront PM Singh on India's record of human rights and continuous denial of justice to victims of Sikh Genocide 1984-98.

### **AISSF GIVES CALL TO BOYCOTT INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS**



**August 5, 2010**

**U.S. COURT MOVES AGAINST INDIAN MINISTER KAMAL NATH FOR HIS ROLE IN NOVEMBER  
1984 SIKH GENOCIDE**

**CERTIFICATE OF DEFAULT FROM UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**