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## CANADIAN MP SUKH DHALIWAL SUPPORTS THE PETITION RECOGNIZING SIKH GENOCIDE ("1503 PETITION")

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## SEWA SAMBHAL LEHAR LAUNCHED

# Move to find sponsors for '84 victims

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**JALANDHAR:** People affected in the 1984 genocide of the Sikhs now have another source of support.

The All-India Sikh Students Federation (AISSF) and human rights advocacy group Sikhs For Justice are out with the Sewa Sambhal Lehar scheme for their welfare, all on the directions of the Akal Takht.

Bibi Jagdish Kaur, prime witness against former member of parliament Sajjan Kumar in the 1984 massacre case is chairperson of the mission to provide the affected families with Rs 25,000 each for the marriage of daughters.

The AISSF president, Karnail Singh Peermohammad, and Bibi Jagdish Kaur on Monday launched the campaign at a press conference. They told the reporters: "We will seek out



■ All-India Sikh Students Federation president Karnail Singh Peermohammad briefing the media in Jalandhar on Monday. HT PHOTO

the affected families living in Punjab and extend them the financial support." They have appealed the

**HELP TO THE AFFECTED TO COME FROM GLOBAL SIKH NETWORK; AISSF, RIGHTS GROUP TO SEEK OUT FAMILIES, FORWARD THEIR APPEAL**

affected families to highlight their genuine needs to the Sikhs For Justice, which will pass on the message to the international Sikh community, and from there the resources will be collected. Each family in the global Sikh network will sponsor one of the affected families.

The AISSF and Sikhs For Justice have asked the Punjab government for a fresh rehabilitation package for the affected families, and reminded it that, so far, only 2,557 distressed units had come to light.

**December 27, 2010**

**SRI AKAL TAKHAT SAHIB ISSUED A DIRECTIVE TO THE SIKH COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE PETITION RECOGNIZING SIKH GENOCIDE ("1503 PETITION")**

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On December 15, 2010, Giani Gurbachan Singh, the Head of Highest temporal seat of Sikhs Sri Akal Takhat Sahib issued a directive to the Sikh community to support and sign the "1503 PETITION" so that an independent investigation be held into the systematic and organized killing of Sikhs throughout India.



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## ਸੰਦੇਸ਼

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਵਿਖੇ ਅੱਜ 30 ਮੱਘਰ, ਸੰਮਤ ਨਾਨਕਸ਼ਾਹੀ 542 ਮੁਤਾਬਿਕ 15-12-2010 ਨੂੰ ਹੋਈ ਇਕੱਤਰਤਾ ਵਿੱਚ 1984 ਦੌਰਾਨ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਸਿੱਖ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਨੂੰ ਕੌਮਾਂਤਰੀ ਪੱਧਰ 'ਤੇ ਮਾਨਤਾ ਦਿਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਅਮਰੀਕਾ ਸਥਿਤ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਸੰਸਥਾ "ਸਿੱਖਸ ਫਾਰ ਜਸਟਿਸ" ਵੱਲੋਂ "ਆਲ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਟੂਡੈਂਟਸ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ" ਨਾਲ ਮਿਲ ਕੇ ਪੀੜਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਨਸਾਫ਼ ਦਿਵਾਉਣ ਤੇ ਦੋਸ਼ੀਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਜ਼ਾਵਾ ਦਿਵਾਉਣ ਲਈ ਚਲਾਈ ਜਾ ਰਹੀ ਲਹਿਰ ਦੀ ਪੰਜ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬਾਨ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸ਼ਲਾਘਾ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ। ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ 'ਤੇ ਅਰਦਾਸ ਕਰਕੇ ਸੰਯੁਕਤ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਕੋਲ ਦਾਇਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੀ '1503 ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ' 'ਤੇ ਦਸਤਖਤਾਂ ਲਈ ਜੋ ਇਨਸਾਫ਼ ਲਹਿਰ ਸ਼ੁਰੂ ਕੀਤੀ ਗਈ ਹੈ, ਉਸ ਲਈ 'ਸਿੱਖਸ ਫਾਰ ਜਸਟਿਸ' ਅਤੇ 'ਆਲ ਇੰਡੀਆ ਸਿੱਖ ਸਟੂਡੈਂਟਸ ਫੈਡਰੇਸ਼ਨ' ਪ੍ਰਸੰਸਾ ਦੇ ਪਾਤਰ ਹਨ। ਇਸ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਸੰਯੁਕਤ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰ ਮਨੁੱਖੀ ਅਧਿਕਾਰ ਕਮਿਸ਼ਨ ਨੂੰ ਕਿਹਾ ਜਾਵੇਗਾ ਕਿ 1984 ਵਿੱਚ ਹੋਏ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਕਤਲੇਆਮ ਨੂੰ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਬਾਰੇ ਸੰਯੁਕਤ ਰਾਸ਼ਟਰ ਕਨਵੈਨਸ਼ਨ ਦੀ ਧਾਰਾ 2 ਤਹਿਤ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਐਲਾਨਿਆ ਜਾਵੇ ਅਤੇ ਸਮੁੱਚੇ ਭਾਰਤ ਵਿੱਚ ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦੇ ਸੱਚੀ ਸਮਝੀ ਸਾਜਿਸ਼ ਤਹਿਤ ਹੋਏ ਕਤਲੇਆਮ ਦੀ ਇਕ ਅਜ਼ਾਦ ਜਾਂਚ ਕਰਵਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ। ਸਿੱਖ ਇਨਸਾਫ਼ ਲਹਿਰ ਲਈ ਦਾਇਰ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਣ ਵਾਲੀ ਇਸ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਦਾ ਸਮਰਥਨ ਕਰਦਿਆਂ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ ਤਖ਼ਤ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਸਮੁੱਚੀ ਸਿੱਖ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਸੰਦੇਸ਼ ਜਾਰੀ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਇਸ ਇਨਸਾਫ਼ ਲਹਿਰ ਦਾ ਪੁਰਜ਼ੋਰ ਸਮਰਥਨ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਇਸ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ 'ਤੇ ਵੱਧ ਤੋਂ ਵੱਧ ਦਸਤਖਤ ਕੀਤੇ ਜਾਣ ਤਾਂ ਜੋ ਸਿੱਖ ਨਸਲਕੁਸ਼ੀ ਨੂੰ ਕੌਮਾਂਤਰੀ ਪੱਧਰ 'ਤੇ ਮਾਨਤਾ ਦਿਵਾਈ ਜਾ ਸਕੇ।

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**December 22, 2010**

## **VICTIMS OF SIKH GENOCIDE TO FILE "1503 PETITION" BEFORE UNITED NATIONS**

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According to Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to SFJ Under the "1503 PETITION" the U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHRC) will be requested to

To appoint an independent expert to look into the gross human rights violations of Sikhs in India.

To adopt resolution condemning the human rights violations of Sikhs in India.

To appoint a Special Representative to investigate the complaint of gross human rights violations in India.

To recognize the killings of Sikhs from 1984-1997 as "Genocide", as defined in Article 2 of the UN Convention on Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and fulfill its obligations under Article 1 of the Genocide Convention by prosecuting the perpetrators.

According to attorney Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to Sikhs For Justice, US based human rights advocacy group, in proceedings on "1503 PETITION", U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHRC) can call witnesses, record testimony; receive documents and evidence related to human rights violations and killings. The U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (UNHRC) commission can also seek response from the country involved. As per attorney Pannun who practices refugee and human rights law in United States, "1503 PETITION" is a very effective tool that United Nations have provided for the suppressed people of the world to approach the UN directly regarding human rights abuses.

Since Violations of any of the human rights guaranteed by the Universal Declaration on Human Rights can be examined under this "1503 PETITION", their organization will provide United Nations Human Rights Commission with true facts, figures, documents and evidence related to Sikh Genocide (1984-1997) stated attorney Pannun.

According to Karnail Singh Peermohammad, President of AISSF the Indian Government have committed very serious violations of human rights against Sikhs and they include torture, enforced disappearances, extrajudicial executions (killings), arbitrary or summary executions, widespread arbitrary imprisonment or lengthy detention without charge or trial and widespread denial of the right to leave a country. AISSF will provide United Nations Human Rights Commission with true facts, figures, documents and evidence related to Sikh Genocide (1984-1997).

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**December 10, 2010**

**NOVEMBER 1984 VICTIMS TO RESIST KAMAL NATH'S EFFORTS TO SEEK IMMUNITY IN PENDING SIKH GENOCIDE TRIAL BEFORE U.S. COURT**

In a pending Sikh Genocide case filed against Union Minister Kamal Nath, the Minister's defense team announced that Mr. Nath has approached US Department of State for seeking immunity because of his position as Minister in Indian Government.

Appearing in pretrial conference before Judge Robert Sweet on December 08, 2010, the Minister's defense team stated that they have contacted US Department of State for seeking immunity for Minister Nath and requested the court that defendant be allowed to file motions to dismiss the case. However, the Judge did not grant the defendant's request but granted the plaintiffs' 60 days to amend and file a more detailed complaint against Minister Nath.

According to attorney Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to Sikhs For Justice, although US law contains provisions relating to immunity from prosecution for foreign officials but US Government does not grant immunity in cases where the defendant has committed gross human rights violations like Minister Nath. According to attorney Pannun, the US law on the other hand binds US Government to prosecute and exclude every human rights violator such as Minister Nath.

Sikhs for Justice with the help of Sikh community and victims of November 1984 is launching a campaign against Minister Nath's attempt to get immunity in Sikh Genocide Case. The victims of November 1984 and members of Sikh community will:

Approach and pressurize Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to remove Kamal Nath from his cabinet so Nath would not be eligible for immunity and trial against him could go forwards on the merits.

Approach the US Government urging not to intervene on behalf of Kamal Nath, who participated in killing of Sikhs and burning of Gurudwara.

Approach United Nations to intervene on behalf of the victims of November 1984 and write to the US Court that Kamal Nath should not be granted any immunity because he committed gross human rights violations.

To think that US Government will intervene on behalf of a known human rights' abuser and violator is a naiveté and pipedream, added attorney Pannun, especially in the face of pressure from Sikh community and other human rights organization towards such move by the U.S. Government.

**December 1, 2010**

**FUND THE PROSECUTION OF KAMAL NATH**