

March 31, 2011

"Punjab Vidhan Sabha Should Pass A Resolution Demanding Parliament Of India To Amend Article 25 To Segregate Sikhism From Hinduism"

OPEN LETTER TO CHIEF MINISTER OF PUNJAB PARKASH SINGH BADAL

Under SAD (Badal) Rule, Sikh Turban Is Desecrated; Sikh Identity Is Attacked
AND
Disturbing Pattern of Acts of Violence Against Women

On March 28, 2011 when pharmacists from Punjab exercising their fundamental right gathered in Mohali for a peaceful sit-in to high light their demands. Punjab police first cane charged the gathering in which women were beaten mercilessly. Not satisfied after beating the women, SP Pritam Singh then ordered SHO Kulbhusan to forcibly remove turban of a Sikh youth Jagjit Singh. A footage of the incident is available online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONYV8hUKN3Y>

Unfortunately, Mohali is not the first incident when Sikh turban was desecrated and women were beaten during SAD (Badal) rule. In another recent incident, women demanding jobs were mercilessly beaten by none other than your senior party leader Sikander Singh Malooka in the presence of SAD (Badal) Member Parliament Harsimrat Kaur Badal. Desecrating of turban and beating women are severely abhorred in Sikh religion but unfortunately instead of taking action against MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal who claims to be champion of women rights, Sikander Singh Malooka and other SAD workers who took part in beating women, you as SAD head and chief Minister of Punjab added insult to the injury by defending and justifying the beating of women. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLhJqsowKrM>.

No wonder, Mr. Chief Minister, that today Sikh men and women around the world are being singled out and subjected to attacks because they are being disrespected and crushed under the boots by their own leaders and parties in their homeland Punjab.

While in foreign lands, Sikhs face turban patting in the name of security check up, however, what happened in the state of Punjab, the homeland of Sikhs and Sikhism under the rule of SAD (Badal) is actually an attack on Sikh identity and desecration of Sikh religion. SAD (Badal) has been very vocal in asking Union Government headed by Congress (I) to take up the issue of turban frisking with foreign governments. Now that there is irrefutable evidence of consistent acts of desecrating turbans in Punjab, you as a head of the Punjab Government should act to restore the sanctity of the articles of Sikh faith.

While the perpetrators of Mohali incident must be arrested and prosecuted, the root cause of

attack on Sikh identity and religion lies in the fact that Sikhism has been stripped off its separate identity under Article 25 of the Constitution of India. In your own statement of August 14, 2002 you publically admitted that: "*I burnt copy of Article 25: Badal*" <http://www.tribuneindia.com/2002/20020815/punjab1.htm>, however, after reaping the political benefits, you have abandoned the issue of segregation of Sikhism from Hinduism. Abandoning this central issue by parties like SAD (Badal) has made Sikh articles of faith an easy target of desecration, home and abroad.

To maintain honor and dignity of Sikh articles of faith and to restore respect of women, we demand:

1. Punjab Vidhan Sabha should pass a resolution demanding Parliament of India to amend Article 25 to segregate Sikhism from Hinduism.
2. Arrest and prosecute S.P. Pritam Singh and SHO Kulbushan for desecrating turban.
3. Arrest and prosecute the policemen who cane charged women in Mohali.
4. Pass special legislation from Punjab Vidhan Sabha making special law "Violence Against Women Act" (VAWA) protecting women.

To act on these demands is well within your powers. As Chief Minister of State of Punjab you do not need permission or consent from the Government of India.

March 28, 2011

CONGRESS (I) REQUESTS U.S. COURT TO GRANT UNTILL JUNE 24 TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS ISSUED IN 1984 SIKH GENOCIDE CASE

SFJ TO OPPOSE CONGRESS'S ATTEMPT TO GET ADDITIONAL TIME

Congress (I) has asked the US District Court for the Southern District of New York to grant the party until June 24, 2011 to file its answer in November 1984 Genocide Case. Congress (I) has retained Sabharwal, Nordin and Finkel, the same New York based law firm which is co-counsel for Kamal Nath in this case.

According to attorney Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), "congress's request for time to file response is part of its plan to stall the case, delay the prosecution and tire out the witnesses and victims, as it has done for the past 26 years". SFJ will oppose Congress's effort to seek additional time, stated attorney Pannun.

Davinder S. Bhatia, one of the plaintiffs in the case against Congress (I) stated that there has

already been a delay of more than 26 years during which many victims, witnesses and culprits have died without seeing any justice. My grandmother, who is a survivor and a witness, is more than 80 years old now and there are many more like her who will like to see justice in their lifetime, added Bhatia.

Congress (I) was summoned on March 1, 2011 to respond to the class action law suit filed under Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA) and Torture Victim Protection Act (TVPA) for conspiring, aiding, abetting and carrying out organized attacks on Sikh population of India in November 1984. The plaintiffs had already announced that they will file for default judgment if Congress (I) failed to file an answer in the court by April 1, 2011.

As per the Government of India's record a total of 3296 Sikhs were killed during November 1984 throughout India. However, out of 35,535 claims for deaths and injuries received throughout India, more than 20,000 claims were from Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir; Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttara Khand, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

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March 25, 2011

CONGRESS (I) TO RESPOND BY APRIL 1, 2011 IN 1984 SIKH GENOCIDE CASE

SFJ TO SEEK CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF CONGRESS LEADERS UNDER "HUMAN RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2009"

Congress (I) has been "SERVED" with the "SUMMONS" issued on March 1, 2011 by U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York for conspiring, aiding, abetting and carrying out organized attacks on Sikh population of India in November 1984.

The service of summons on Congress (I) starts the 21 deadline for Congress (I) to respond to the class action law suit filed (SFJ v. Congress (I) SDNY (10 CV 2940)) under Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA) and Torture Victim Protection Act (TVPA). The case against Congress (I) has been filed by "Sikhs For Justice" (SFJ) a US based human rights group along with several Sikh individuals from different states and cities of India who witnessed and survived attacks in November 1984.

According to attorney Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to "Sikhs For Justice" (SFJ), "if the Congress party did not respond to the summons of the US Federal Court by April 1, 2011, SFJ will ask the court to enter a default against Congress (I)". The default judgment against Congress (I) will give the victims of November 1984 an opportunity to seek compensatory and punitive damages from Congress (I) for the party's role in genocidal attack on Sikhs during November 1984.

The default judgment against Congress (I) will pave the way for filing criminal complaints against Congress (I) leadership under various international laws for violation of human rights and committing Genocide of Sikhs in November 1984. In US, criminal prosecution of Congress (I) leadership will be sought under the "Human Rights Enforcement Act of 2009" which specifically gives jurisdiction to the US Courts to prosecute foreign nationals who are suspected of committing crimes against humanity.

Since the documentation gathered by SFJ proves that it's the Congress (I) that organized and carried out genocidal attacks on Sikhs population in 18 states and more than 100 cities of India, SFJ will move U.S. Department of State to ban the entry into US of Sonia Gandhi, President of Congress (I) and other leaders of the Congress party into the United States, added attorney Pannun who practices Human Rights Law in United States.

As per the Government of India's record a total of 3296 Sikhs were killed during November 1984 throughout India. However, out of 35,535 claims for deaths and injuries received throughout India, more than 20,000 claims were from Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir; Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttara Khand, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

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March 12, 2011

AFTER 26 YEARS PEOPLE SPEAK UP FOR JUSTICE

SUMMONS BY US COURT TO CONGRESS PARTY

US court summons Congress party for 1984 anti-Sikh riots

By: sonu | Wednesday, 2 Mar '11 17:34:34 PM

The Genocide of the Sikhs, a fully committed by the butchers in Congress is now blackening the whole of Congress. Unless those who took no part in this orgy get off their back side and be counted, the name of the Congress will continue to be muddied. The indomitable Sikhs, with strong belief in justice might be delayed, it will can't be denied, will continue to fight for justice as long as it takes.

Looks like It is time to know the real meaning of law!!

By: Rajeev Tewari | Thursday, 3 Mar '11 8:22:07 AM

In India, politician enjoys a special class, for whom law is just a three letter word!!! Law can be delayed, modified, twisted or stopped for them. After getting caught in any crime (even red handed), they shamelessly and grinningly say on TV- "law will take its own course"... They feel they are above the law because they have the power to change the course of "Indian Law".... Now it seems with International pressure (mainly from US and may be from UN in near future) Indian politicians are going to have the feel of real course of law!!

Ambutt13 | 1 week ago

As a future deterrent this is a good move. Sikhs have every right to know how genocide was dismissed as a mere riot.

By AvinashS | 1 week ago

Well done by the SFJ.. Make the Congress party pay for their crimes.. Start from 1984 and count all through till 2011..

US courts orders.

By: k bansidhar | Wednesday, 2 Mar '11 20:31:35 PM

Congress party is responsible for all types of sins, frauds, corruption, and injustice to the people of the country since or even before the Independence. It is eating peoples' money, land, peace through its dangerous designs with the help of antisocial elements. The country is under deep COMA (Corruption, Oppression, Mismanagement, Atrocities) under congress rule. So the justice has to be done to the people of the country. The fabric of the society is being destroyed. Mafias, Inadgrabbers, Bankfrauders, Rapers are ruling the country. People's voice is pressed. The justice delayed is justice denied. So the courts have to act quickly and save the country and its people.

US court summons Congress party for 1984 anti-Sikh riots

By: sonu | Wednesday, 2 Mar '11 17:02:12 PM

Justice delayed is justice denied. Might be the folly some madman in Congress is working on. The indomitable Sikhs, however, have greater belief in WahaGuru. and in his house justice

might be delayed it will not be denied.

yeah he is, and will soon be !!!!

By: harishverma | Wednesday, 2 Mar '11 17:36:17 PM

and next if the muslims in the us file a similar case, and Mr. modi, and the bjp is called akin, then the words emanating from you would be something like "traitor, anti-hindu, ignorant west" etc, etc....am i right????

By Anant | 1 week ago

The only way to get justice in India is through international courts. In India judiciary give verdicts as dictated by the politicians. CBI is as corrupt as any politician. There is a cartel between law enforcement agencies, judiciary and the politicians. They all rob our nation. If the most respected Supreme Court judge is facing charges of corruption then what kind of justice ordinary citizens can expect who have very little money to pay the judges? Sikhs have every right to demand justice in the international courts since India has failed miserably. Good luck to Sikhs and any other Indian citizen. It is imperative that Indian politicians are shamed internationally so the outside world knows the real truth about India. There is no point in hiding or projecting false favorable impressions of India since it will create more problems in the future. India will only shine when the justice system will work in India and when the corruption will not be considered as the norm. BJP be aware since they have a lot of skeletons in their cupboard. The only way the victims of 84 and 2002 get justice will be if at all a case is filed in a US Court. Congress is facing the music today and BJP will soon follow. Whatever happens the victims of 84 and 2002 must get justice.

By Rajeev | 1 week ago

The Indian Media and Judiciary have brought shame to all Indians by not indicting Congress for 1984 genocide. The congress paid media has always tried to brush 1984 genocide under the carpet. The Indian media lives to speak on behalf of Congress and their primary vote bank Muslims and Christians. I hate congress and its policies to the core but it pains me to see that a foreign country is making judgment on our people. It is time Indian Media and judiciary hold congress responsible for the genocide and drag them to courts. All the congressmen both living and dead who indulged/supported massacre of Sikhs should be held guilty. This also includes butcher of Delhi Rajiv Gandhi. He should be made prime accused and all those awards bestowed on him by slave people should be taken back.

COMMISSION TO PROBE HONDH CHILLAR KILLINGS

By HVS (delhi) 05 Mar, 2011 10:12 PM

Commission, commission, commission will the killers of thousands of sikhs ever be punished.

By Ashis (kolkata) 05 Mar, 2011 08:21 PM

We need investigation leading to punishment, not Commission of Enquiry!

By Ricky (Canada) 06 Mar, 2011 01:17 AM

Its just a tip of an iceberg that we get to know that about 32 Sikhs were killed. Haryana Govt colluded with then central govt (congress) to orchestrate the sikh carnage. NHRC placed the figures at around 20000 sikhs were massacred around India in those 3 days in a organized way. Most of the bodies were burnt and dumped so official figures were alot less because bodies were not found. 27 years and no justice.. O god! You didn't feel a pain! Haryanvis came out of punjab. How could they they do it in such a organized way. Anyhow friends.. sikhs were mistreated, misplaced, misunderstood, killed out of jealousy or any reason, but they are bounced back, still around, flourishing and love India more than others do.

Gurteg (New York) 06 Mar, 2011 05:27 AM

The stunt of another commission!! What has multitude of commissions done in case of massacre of tens of thousands of Sikhs since 1984? Nil, Nada, zilch, zero nothing. These commissions are meant for cooling down the tempers when the news is hot and give cover to the politicians. In any case how can Sikhs expect justice from when the judge, the jury and the prosecutors are being appointed by the accused?

By Paul (Delhi) 06 Mar, 2011 02:19 AM

You are sitting in USA, how come its wasting your money?????. So according to you if we think nothing is gonna happen, we the people shud close our eyes!!!!....Think at the microlevel, take yourself back to that dark night and imagine u are one of the father, brother trying to save your family.....and in front of your eyes, all of ur loved ones got butchered and somehow you survived!!!!!! Now he has to relive that incidence everysecond, doubting himself and no hope of justice from the corrupt government and also no sympathy from the society around you----He doesn't know that his problems have just begun. he would have been better off if he would have died with his family...This kind of incidence happens every day here in one shape or another. So please never use simple statements like yours to express your opinion on complex problems like that... In USA they never close their investigation until they find the culprits, even if it takes 20 years.

By Seema (USA) 05 Mar, 2011 10:33 PM

I'd like to think that something will happen but even if it doesn't, even if the commisson fails to bring justice, at least it is a step. At least they reaching out, showing for the first time that they realize that what's happened was injustice and even if they can't reverse the effects of the slaughter of so many sikhs, the formation of the commission shows that they are admitting that what happened was wrong.

By Sikh (punjab1) 06 Mar, 2011 05:50 AM

talk positive u how would u feel as a sikh 30,000 killed and ur holy shrine destroyed and be positive abt that nation which has broken promises made how can u think abit no justice from a country that calls itself world largest democracy u sayin u will call urself sikh lol wear turban keep kesh then it's easy to say yes sikh but really only a few r a sikh to the guru and 90% mone to the world are wordly sikhs

By Roger (USA) 05 Mar, 2011 08:09 PM

Finally Haryana govt has woken up from the slumber. Are assembly polls round the corner?????

By Murali (Chennai) 05 Mar, 2011 07:54 PM

What is the hurry...We can wait another Fifty Years atleast.

By Shivkant Sahu (Delhi) 05 Mar, 2011 07:13 PM

Ideal way to make people fool. Not single people get convicted till date for killing of Sikhs in Delhi.

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March 11, 2011

SFJ DELEGATION APPRISED "UNESCO" DIRECTOR GENERAL ON HONDH-CHILLAR GENOCIDAL SITE

Urged to preserve and manage Hondh-Chillar as Genocidal Site under World Heritage Program

A delegation of Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) met and apprised Her Excellency Irina Bokova, Director General UNESCO on March 10 in New York about the discovery of "Mass Grave" of Sikhs in Hondh-Chillar, District Rewari, Haryana, India and submitted a written request asking UNESCO to preserve and manage the ruins of Hondh-Chillar as genocidal site under World Heritage

Program. UNESCO is a body of UN that protects, preserves and manages sites across the world including India.

According to Tejkaran Kaur Bains, Youth Coordinator SFJ who presented Memorandum to the Director General Her Excellency Irina Bokova on March 10, since UNESCO is mandated to protect ruins and sites across the world, SFJ has approached UNESCO to manage and preserve the ruins of Village Hondh-Chillar, before they are completely destroyed just like many such sites across India where Sikhs were attacked and killed in November 1984.

From New York, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to SFJ, stated that in November 1984 Sikh localities across India were attacked in manner identical to Hondh-Chillar, however, as a well planned cover up, remains and ruins of almost all other such sites were either cleansed or rebuilt in order to purge the traces of genocidal attacks on Sikhs carried out during November 1984. To make sure that forlorn debris of Hondh-Chillar, a living paradigm of Sikh genocide, is not destroyed, SFJ has approached UNESCO to step in and preserve the remains of Hondh-Chillar, added attorney Pannun.

Highlighting the importance of this move, attorney Pannun further stated that not only UNESCO has authority and mandate to take charge of remains of village Hondh-Chillar, but India is also bound to cooperate and allow UNESCO to preserve such sites pursuant to the Convention ratified by India on November 14, 1977.

SFJ have invited reputable archeologists from Europe and North America who have worked on Jewish Holocaust sites and Armenian Genocide sites to seek expert guidance in preserving Hondh-Chillar Genocidal site.

Jatinder Singh Grewal, SFJ Coordinator-Canada will accompany the team of foreign archeologists visiting Hondh-Chillar at the request of SFJ to survey and give recommendations for preservation of Hondh-Chillar Genocide ruins.

March 8, 2011

"SIKH NATION MOURNS HONDH-CHILLAR-- SAD (BADAL)-BJP CELEBERATES WITH FILM ACTORS"

"FORM A JUDICIAL COMMISSON FOR 1984-97 KILLINGS OF SIKHS IN PUNJAB" - DEMANDS
"SIKHS FOR JUSTICE"

While Sikhs from all over the world were mourning with tears remembering the barbaric killings of Sikhs at Hondh-Chillar and Pataudi on March 06, 2011, at the same time hundreds of miles away Badal father-son duo along with BJP was hosting film actors.

Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) lamented that SAD (Badal)-BJP disrespected the shaheeds of Hondh-Chillar by failing to attend the March 6th Bhog ceremony at Hondh-Chillar to honor the innocent Sikhs who were ruthlessly killed in November 1984. Earlier Badal father-son duo and BJP have failed to attend the March 4th Bhog ceremony at Sri Akal Takht Sahib held in the memory of Hondh-Chillar victims.

SFJ coordination committee, Avtar Singh Pannu, Dr. Bakhshish Singh Sandhu, Barjinder Singh Brar, Charanjit Singh Harnampuri, Master Mohinder Singh, Pritam Singh Gilzian and Dilbar Singh Sekhon stated that SAD (Badal father-son duo) have a long history of trading the blood of Sikh Genocide victims for votes. Now SAD (Badal) who have twice won elections on the slogan of getting justice to the Sikh killings in Punjab but failed to take a single step for getting justice to the victims. Now that SFJ and AISSF have built the international momentum on the issue of November 1984 Sikh Genocide, SAD (Badal) along with BJP, as per past practice have again started playing with the emotions of victims.

While SFJ coordinators appreciated grant of Rupees 2 lakhs to the victims of Hondh-Chillar by SAD (Badal) through SGPC headed by puppet President Avtar Singh Makkar, the SFJ criticized SAD (Badal) and SGPC for failing to issue Rupees 2 lakhs grant to the victims of November 1984 residing in Punjab.

According to Jasbir Singh, prime witness against Jagdish Tytler, SAD (Badal) has a long history of exploiting the victims and widows of November 1984. Starting from 1994 bye-election of Ajnala constituency and repeating the same in 1997 and 2007 elections, SAD Badal used the widows and victims to exploit the emotions of Sikhs in Punjab and after winning the elections always abandoned and ignored them. In fact, recently Shaheed Gursharn Singh Rishi, a half burnt bed ridden victim of November 1984 and a prime witness against Sajjan Kumar, died while begging Badal and SGPC to fulfill their promise of grant which they had publically announced at Balongi village, stated Jasbir Singh.

Late Surinder Singh, who had been Granthi at many Gurudwaras and who was a witness against Jagdish Tytler was promised a permanent position as Granthi in Punjab by SGPC President Avtar Singh Makkar due to ongoing threats to Surinder Singh's life in Delhi. However, SGPC miserably failed to honor its promise of appointing Surinder as

Granthi in Punjab and left him at the mercy Jagdish Tytler in Delhi where he was killed on July 13, 2009, lamented Jasbir Singh.

SFJ coordinating committee and Jasbir Singh appealed the victims and survivors of November 1984 to be aware of the SAD (Badal)-BJP's practice of using the issue of November 1984 and trading blood of victims for votes. Victims and survivors are requested to join hands with SFJ and AISSF in demanding justice for November 1984 Sikh Genocide as directed by Sri Akal Takhat Sahib.

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to SFJ, stated that in 1997 SAD (Badal) won the elections on the promise of forming a judicial commission to investigate and prosecute the police officials who killed thousands of innocent Sikhs from 1984 to 1997. Citing the examples of notorious police officers Izhar Alam and Sumedh Saini, attorney Pannun stated that instead of fulfilling the promise of prosecuting the killers of Sikhs, SAD (Badal) after twice coming into power, awarded and shielded the killers of Sikhs.

Now that SAD (Badal) is asking for a Judicial Commission from Haryana Government to investigate Hondh-Chillar killings, attorney Pannun reminded SAD (Badal) of its 1997 and 2007 election promise to form a judicial commission in Punjab to investigate and prosecute the police officials who killed thousands of innocent Sikhs from 1984 to 1997. For forming a Judicial Commission in Punjab, SAD (Badal) has all the powers except the will power, stated attorney Pannun.

March 7, 2011

**November 1984 "Sikh Genocide Memorial" - Foundation Stone Laid
"Sikh Insaaf Lehar" Launched For the Victims of November 1984 Sikh Genocide**

In the presence of the recently rediscovered site of a mass grave from the 1984 Sikh Genocide, the foundation stone of "Sikh Genocide Memorial" was laid at Gurudwara Village Hondh-Chillar Under the patronage of Sri Akal Takhat Sahib Jathedar Giani Gurbachan Singh, in the presence of thousands of Sikhs who gathered today to pay respect to the victims.

The memorial is dedicated to the memory of the victims and survivors of Village Hondh-Chillar and those Sikhs who were similarly murdered at the hands of a carefully planned, orchestrated and executed massacre of Sikhs throughout India in November 1984.

After issuing a call out for a mass gathering in remembrance, All India Sikh Students Federation (AISSF) and Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), along with Shiromani Akali Dal Panch Pardhani and Sant Baba Baljeet Singh Daduwal, were joined by thousands of Sikh men, women and children as they participated in a Bhog Ceremony. In what was a religious ceremony that paid observance to the memory of Sikhs killed on November 02, 1984 during the genocidal attack on Hondh-Chillar,

thousands of Sikhs under the patronage of Sri Akal Takhat Sahib Jathedar Giani Gurbachan Singh joined AISSF, SFJ and Eng Manvinder Singh Giaspur in the presentation and unanimous passing of resolutions declaring that:

- Hondh-Chillar will now be host to a "Sikh Genocide Memorial" Site where efforts to preserve the ruins will be made.
- The "Sikh Insaaf Lehar" will now be launched by AISSF & SFJ with the support of SAD Panch Pardhani and Sant Baba Baljeet Singh Daduwal. The Lehar will work to locate the sites throughout India where Sikhs were killed during November 1984. Here, Sikhs will work to collect evidence, documents and preserve the Genocide locations.
- A "Sikh Genocide" Trust will be established to locate, preserve and manage Genocidal sites throughout India where Sikhs have been systematically killed in November 1984, similarly to the manner in which they were executed in Hondh-Chillar. 'Sikhs For Justice' announced to fund the "Sikh Genocide" Trust with a sum of \$35,000/(Thirty Five Thousand Dollars).

Sri Akal Takhat Sahib Jathedar Giani Gurbachan Singh lead the gathering in passing the resolutions.

While addressing the gathering, Karnai Singh Peermohammad, President AISSF stated that under Sikh Insaaf Lehar, AISSF will send delegations and investigative teams to all the states where Sikhs were attacked during November 1984 to find the sites similar to Hondh-Chillar and to trace and help the survivors. AISSF Secretary General Davinder Singh Sodhi handled the stage during the entire process.

Advocate Navkiran Singh, a human rights lawyer is to take on the assignment and responsibility as Chief Legal Counsel to follow cases of November 1984 throughout India. Gurpatwnt Singh Pannun, a US based attorney and Legal Advisor to "Sikhs For Justice" is to be assigned responsibility for International Lobbying, Advocacy and Campaigning.

Further, in accordance with Sikh tradition and respect, 26 years after the massacre of Sikhs from village Hondh-Chillar, the ashes of the genocide victims, that were never appropriately and respectfully dispersed of, will be taken by AISSF, SFJ and Eng. Manvinder Singh Giapur and supported by Sikhs to be immersed at Kirtarpur Sahib. The march carrying the ashes will take Sri Guru Gobind Singh Marg passing through Takht Sri Damdama Sahib, Talwandi Sabo, Bathinda and will reach Kiratpur Sahib on March 09, 2011 as a part of the Sikh Insaaf Lehar.

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March 5, 2011

"NAGINON KO KHATAM KAR DO- YEH SAPOLON KO HI JANAM DENGI"

ANOTHER LIVING PARADIGM OF SIKH GENOCIDE UNCOVERED AT PATAUDI, HARYANA- 17 SIKHS KILLED ON NOVEMBER 2, 1984

Two teenage daughters of Gian Singh, Harmeet Kaur, 16, and Karamjeet Kaur, 19 were stripped naked, abused....., urinated on faces and then burnt alive on November 2, 1984 at Pataudi, Haryana. According to an eyewitness, the mob dragged them out into the street, stripped them naked, beat them, abused...them, urinated on their faces and burnt them alive. The attackers raised slogans that "*Sardaron ke bache hai, to maro*" (They are children of sardars, so kill them)", "*Naginon ko khatam kar do- yeh sapolon ko hi janam dengi*" (Kill these snakes, they are going to give birth to snakes only).

After uncovering the mass Grave of Sikhs killed in village Hondh-Chillar, District Rewari, Haryana in which 32 Sikhs were killed on November 2, 1984, All India Sikh Students Federation and Sikhs For Justice have now uncovered another systematic, organized and well planned attack on Sikhs at Pataudi, Haryana in which 17 Sikhs were killed by a mob lead by local congress leaders.

Pataudi, District Gurgaon, Haryana is another living paradigm of Sikh Genocide wherein 17 Sikhs were brutally killed on November 2, 1984 by a strong mob lead by local congress leaders. In November 1984 there were 30 Sikh families living in Pataudi. On November 1, 1984, the local Gurudwara was set on fire and the Sikh families ran away to save their lives. While one group ran to the safety of the village, another chose to stay in the local Hari Mandar Ashram. On November 2, 1984, while a group of Sikhs returned to their respective houses, they were attacked by armed mobs led by congress leaders and 17 Sikhs were brutally killed that day. The attackers surrounded the Sikh houses and started throwing petrol bombs into their houses. Men and children were beaten and thrown into the burning houses and women were first raped and then thrown into the fire.

AISSF President Karnail Singh Peermohammad stated that it is shocking and unbearable to hear about the Sikh Genocide of Pataudi and raises a question as to what was the extent of loss of life of Sikhs during the organized and planned attacks in November 1984. If there are two grave incidents of violence in Haryana within few miles, it is quite possible that there will be hundreds of such sites throughout India where Sikhs were subject to Genocidal attacks, added Peermohammad (recently a mass grave of Sikhs was discovered a few miles away in the village Hondh Chiilar, District Rewari, Haryana).

The witness who survived the attack remembers that mob was raising slogans "Jab Tak Suraj Chand Rahe ga Indira Tere Naam Rehega" , "Indira Gandhi Amar Rehe" and "Sikh Gadaar Hain, Inhe Mar Daloo" (Sikhs are traitors, kill them). The mob was carrying swords, petrol, white powder and lathis, and they ransacked the Sikh houses, burnt Sikhs alive and looted their property. The witnesses' house was also attacked and burnt down but he along with his family were rescued by their neighbors.

The witness still has ruins of his house intact so that he can show the world how Sikhs were hunted, houses burnt and looted during November 1984.

AISSF president Karnail Singh Peermohammad told that witnesses stated that Gurudwara Sri Singh Sabha was attacked, but Granthi of the Gurudwara was able to retrieve Sri Guru Granth Sahib and ran towards the Village Bhore Kalan where he was overpowered by the attackers led by Jhandu Saini, Zamindar, and was chopped into pieces, and the same mob also killed Gurbaksh Singh s/o Gian Singh, whose daughters were raped before being burnt alive.

As per attorney Gurpatwant Singh Pannun Legal Advisor to Sikhs For Justice, who interviewed the victims and survivors over the phone stated that discovery of Pataudi massacre of Sikhs is another living paradigm of Sikh Genocide and a constant reminder that justice has been denied and eluded the victims of November 1984 Sikh Genocide. The Pataudi massacre of Sikhs is an identical pattern throughout India in which armed groups lead by Congress Leaders would cordon the Sikh neighborhood, rape the women and burn the men and children alive.

An FIR number 282-83 was registered at Pataudi Police Station on November 12, 1984 and it has more than fifteen names of the accused who were involved in the killing of Sikhs on November 2, 1984. There is a list of 24 witnesses but on April 26, 1986, the then Session Judge VM Jain acquitted all the accused because of lack of evidence.

AISSF and Sikhs For Justice have released the following list of those killed at Pataudi, District Gurgaon, Haryana on November 2, 1984:

1. Kishan Singh husband of Geevni Bai
2. Kapur Singh son of Geevni Bai
3. Kuldip Singh son of Geevni Bai
4. Harbahajan Singh son of Geevni Bai

5. Harnam Singh husband of Isri Bai
6. Avtar Singh son of Isri Bai
7. Harmeet Kaur daughter of Gian Singh
8. Karamjeet Kaur daughter of Gian Singh
9. Gurbaksh Singh son of Gian Singh
10. Amrik Singh husband of Amrit Kaur
11. Fateh Singh son of Kirpal Singh
12. Arjun Singh son of Mohinder Singh
13. Bhagat Singh son of Mohinder Singh
14. Gopal Singh son of Inder Singh
15. Surjit Singh
16. Kamaljeet Kaur
17. Granthi of Gurudwara

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March 3, 2011

HIGH COURT ISSUES NOTICE TO HARYANA STATE

In the writ petition demanding a judicial probe into the horrific killing of Sikhs in village Hondh-Chillar in Rewari District, Haryana on November 2, 1984, the Bench of Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Augustine George Masih of Punjab and Haryana High Court have issued notice to the State of Haryana.

On February 23, 2011 Sikhs for Justice and All India Sikh Student Federation moved the Punjab and Haryana High Court demanding the judicial probe into the killings of Sikhs in village Hondh-Chillar. In a Civil writ petition filed with the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Sikhs for Justice and All India Sikh Student Federation demanded an enquiry from a retired High Court Judge to be assisted by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Representing the petitioners, Counsel Navkiran Singh told the court that the FIR dated November 3, 1984, registered under Sections 148, 149, 302, 436 and 34 of the IPC at the Jatusana police station had not been investigated properly. None of the eyewitnesses or survivors was ever contacted by the police.

On November 2, 1984 in an organized attack the entire Sikh population of village Hondh-Chillar, then district Mahendergarh presently falling under district Rewari, Haryana was massacred and their dwellings and the Gurudwara were burnt down.

According to the FIR, no 91, a copy of which was presented in the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Wednesday, which was registered at police station Jatusana in Mahendergarh district, now in Rewari, based on DDR no 5, the killers had first arrived in a truck from the side of Hali Mandi in Pataudi, Gurgaon district on the morning of November 2, at around 11am, but were "pacified" by a group of villagers of Chillar and persuaded to go back. However, they returned in the evening, accompanied by more people in two or three trucks and started the bloodbath. "They said they were determined to eliminate the Sikhs because those Sikhs had killed our beloved leader Indira Gandhi" reads the statement recorded by the complainant in the FIR.

The FIR was registered on the complaint of Dhanpat Singh, the then sarpanch of Chillar who has stated that the killers came back in the evening and started burning the dwellings of the Sikhs. Though, the locals tried to stop them but the killers carried on their arson and attack, while threatening the locals to keep out. The complaint states, "Deep Chand Nambardar, Nanak Chand, Kanhaiya Lal Panch, a resident of Nurpur came to the spot and tried to convince them (killers). But, none of them paid any heed to it and said that Sikhs are traitors and we will finish them, and if you said a word then you will also face bad consequences. They were 400-500 in number and they put houses and shed on fire and started pelting stones, due to which some people were burnt in the houses".

The sarpanch also stated that the locals could not identify the burnt bodies, which were 20 in number. "We wanted to come to report the incident immediately but those people confined us and did not allow us to come." He also mentions the name of Subedar Deep Chand, who accompanied the sarpanch to the police station to report the incident.

The FIR was attested and signed by head constable Ram Kumar and it was registered under sections 148/149/302/436 and 34 of IPC. The document also says that a "special report is being sent by hand through Lal Prashad to Illaqa magistrate sahib and officers. Since the SHO sahib has gone to Rewari along with officials vide report no 21, dated 1.11.84 for special duty, he is being informed through wireless, and I, 2 HC along with constable Dharampal are leaving for the spot along with Dhanpat and Deep Chand."

The authorities on January 16, 2006, had pronounced compensation for the next of kin of the deceased and no compensation was paid for other losses.

Sikhs for Justice and AISSF have demanded `proper investigations`, claiming that the killings

were never investigated even after an FIR was registered.

The local police on Wednesday claimed that they did not have any record of the said FIR, while AISSF president Karnail Singh Peermohammad told TOI that he, along with engineer Manwinder Singh, who had discovered the village first, had procured the FIR from the same police station a few days ago. "We have a signed copy from the same police station," he stated.

Attorney Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal counsel for Sikhs for Justice stated that the brutal killings at Hondh-Chiilar further confirms that the attacks on the Sikhs in November 1984 were not sudden and angry reaction but a planned and organized massacre of the Sikhs and the way the massacre has remained undetected and the guilty unpunished, demonstrates complicity and participation by the highest functionaries of the ruling party and the government.

The next date in the matter is **April 8, 2011**.

March 2, 2011

CONGRESS (I) SUMMONED BY U.S. FEDERAL COURT FOR ORGANIZING NOVEMBER 1984 SIKH MASSACRE

On **March 01, 2011**, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York issued summons against Congress (I) for conspiring, aiding, abetting and carrying out organized attacks on Sikh population of India in November 1984. The summons against Congress have been issued pursuant to a class action law suit filed (SFJ v. Congress (I) SDNY (10 CV 2940)) under Alien Tort Claims Act (ATCA) and Torture Victim Protection Act (TVPA). The plaintiffs in the case against Congress (I) are "Sikhs For Justice" (SFJ) a US based human rights group along with several Sikhs from different states and cities of India who survived attacks in November 1984.

According to attorney Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to "Sikhs For Justice" (SFJ), "the gravity, scale and specially the organized nature of these attacks was concealed by the Indian governments' portraying them as "November 1984 Anti-Sikh Riots of Delhi". These attacks were neither "riots" nor were they confined to Delhi alone. In fact, during November 1984, Sikhs were attacked in 18 states and more than 100 cities of India in an identical manner and the attackers were led by Congress (I) leaders.

Basis of the law suit against Congress (I) is that in November 1984 the "organized killing" of Sikh took place only in states where Congress (I) was in power. According to the Government of India's record a total of 3296 Sikhs were killed during November 1984. The information was released by Ministry of Home Affairs with seal and signatures of Director A.K. Saxena in response to an RTI Application filed by Panjab & Haryana advocate and Chief Legal Counsel for Sikhs For Justice, Navkiran Singh.

While a total of 35,535 claims for deaths and injuries during November 1984 were received throughout India. Out of more than 35 thousand claims, only 11,164 claims were from Delhi while more than 20,000 claims were from Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir; Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttara Khand, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

The complaint begins with the February 2011 discovery of "Mass Grave" of Sikhs who were killed in November 1984 in state of Haryana. A senior Congress party leader and former Union Home Minister of India, Buta Singh on February 21, 2011 alleged that then Haryana Chief Minister and Congress leader Bhajan Lal organized the attacks on Sikhs in Haryana during November 1984.

Attorney Pannun stated that seeking relief under the ATCA and TVPA is motivated by an interest in seeking some form of justice for the victims of November 1984 Sikh Genocide, will raise awareness to the international community regarding denial of justice to the victims and is a mean of holding parties in power accountable for their gross violations of human rights - while also offering the potential to deter future abuses.

As per Jatinder Singh Grewal, Youth Coordinator, Sikhs For Justice, Indian National Congress (Congress-I), the political party in power then and now, committed the crime of Genocide against Sikhs as defined in Article 2 of UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948.

The government of India, by painting the attacks on Sikhs in November 1984 as "riots" instead of "Genocide" and by failing to punish the leaders of Congress (I), violated its duties under Article 1 the Genocide Convention further stated Grewal.

According to Avtar Singh Pannu, Barjinder Singh Brar, Charanjit Singh Harnampuri, Dr. Bakhshish Singh Sandhu, Master Mohinder Singh and Dilvar Singh Sekhon, Coordinators, Sikhs For Justice, Government of India lost its credibility by shielding those responsible for the genocide of Sikhs during November 1984 and now Sikhs are forced to take the matter of November 1984 Sikh Genocide issue to the international forum. The forlorn debris and human remains at village Hondh-Chillar in Haryana discovered after 26 years are the most specific and convincing evidence of Sikhs localities being attacked and wiped out throughout India in an identical pattern during November 1984. The evidence discovered on site indicates systematic pattern in which armed groups lead by Congress Leaders would cordon Sikh neighborhoods, rape the women and burn the men and children alive.

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