

November 27, 2010

## **CRIMINAL COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST UJJAL DOSANJH, CANADIAN MP**

"Sikhs For Justice" an international human rights advocacy group through Avtar Singh a Canadian citizen has filed criminal complaint in the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate Chandigarh against Ujjal Dosanjh the member Parliament from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada for his statement made in Chandigarh India, against the Sikhs raising the voice for Khalistan. Jatinder Singh Grewal, a Canadian citizen and Youth Coordinator for "Sikhs For Justice" will be the primary witness in the complaint.

Human Rights Lawyer Navkiran Singh representing complainant Avtar Singh on behalf of "Sikhs For Justice" stated that criminal complaint against Ujjal Dosanjh has been filed under Section 500/501 of Indian Penal Code. The Court has fixed December 12th, 2010 as the date for hearing of the preliminary evidence and on the basis of that evidence Ujjal Dosanjh will be summoned before the court for the criminal offence of Defamation. Advocate Navkiran Singh stated that in case the court finds substance in the allegations made in the criminal complaint, the court can order an imprisonment of two years.

According to New York based human rights lawyer Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, Legal Advisor to "Sikhs For Justice", the basis of the criminal complaint against Ujjal Dosanjh is the statements made by him while addressing a press conference in Chandigarh on September 11, 2010 in which Ujjal cautioned the Canadian government about the second and third generation of Sikh immigrants propagating Khalistan.

Attorney Gurpatwant Singh Pannun stated that complaint against Ujjal is a warning for other such elements in Canada and elsewhere who have been involved in systematic campaign against Canadian Sikh community in retaliation of the growing support in the community for Sikh Human Rights issues. Such elements often work for or on behest of Indian agencies and aim to discredit Sikh community's legitimate and genuine grievances regarding gross human rights violations against Sikhs in India and continued practice of impunity by the Indian Government, added attorney Pannun who practice asylum and refugee law in the United States.

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**November 12, 2010**

## **PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY IGNORE OUTCRIES OF SIKH WIDOWS IN INDIA**

President and Michelle Obama visited India on an economic mission and despite outcries from human rights organizations the President did not address India's terrible human rights record including India's genocide on the Sikh community.

While the First Couple was dancing at exclusive cultural events in Delhi, several hundred widows took to the streets urging the First Lady (who traditionally performs charitable missions) to visit the "Widow Colony", a grief stricken locality in the heart of Delhi which is inhabited by thousands of women who lost their male family members during the Indian government's 1984 Sikh genocide.

The Widow Rally, organized by the National 1984 Victims Justice and Welfare Society, the All India Sikh Students Federation and Sikhs for Justice was attended by hundreds of victims and survivors of the genocide to draw President Obama's attention to the plight of the victims and urge him to press the Indian Government to bring justice to the victims. A delegation of victims delivered a memorandum for President Obama to the U.S. Ambassador for India, Timothy J. Roemer.

According to Ms. Ganga Kaur, whose father, uncles, and brothers were burnt alive in November 1984, her organization the National 1984 Victims Justice and Welfare Society approached the Obamas prior to and during their visit to India urging them to be the voice for victims. Ms. Kaur stated, "For the widows and survivors there is no difference between the Indian government who has been denying justice to the Sikhs for the past twenty six years and the Obamas who ignored their pleas."

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, the spokesperson and legal advisor for Sikhs for Justice, stated "The First Couple has utterly disappointed the downtrodden and suppressed people of this world who had pinned their hopes on them. President and Michelle Obama come from a community which has suffered discrimination in America for a longtime and we hoped they would show compassion towards victims of human rights violations. President Obama had a unique opportunity to demonstrate his commitment to human rights by speaking for and standing with the religious minorities of India, however, he chose economic interests over human rights."

Babu Singh Dukhiya, President of the National 1984 Victims Justice and Welfare Society, said "President Obama should have convinced Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to fire and prosecute members and ministers of his party who participated in the Sikh genocide. There is already a lawsuit pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

against Kamal Nath, India's Union Minister for Transportation, for his involvement in the attack of the Gurudawara (temple) Rakab Ganj in Delhi."

All India Sikh Students Federation President, Karnail Singh Peermohammad, stated, "The failure of President Obama to raise his voice for the victims of the November 1984 Sikh Genocide proves that even the United States, the so called leader and champion of human rights, is biased towards the religious minorities in India. President Obama paid tribute to the victims of Mumbai but ignored the gross human rights violations committed against religious minorities in India including human rights violations in Kashmir, the killing of Christians in Orissa, the killing of Muslims in Gujarat and the denial of justice to thousands of Sikhs massacred in November 1984."

### **International Media Coverage**

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November 6, 2010

## **"ILLEGAL DETENTION OF SIKH ACTIVISTS - IS A PART OF THE REPRESSION AND REIGN OF TERROR" - 'Sikhs for Justice'**

"Sikhs For Justice" (SFJ), a US based human rights advocacy group, strongly condemn, the illegal detention of Sikh leaders, KAC Convener Bhai Mohkam Singh, Dal Khalsa leaders Harcharanjit Singh Dhami and Kanwarpal Singh Bittu, Baba Baljit Singh Daduwal, AISSF President Karnail Singh Peermohammad, Harpal Singh Cheema, Kulbeer Singh Barapind, Jasvir Singh Khandur, Santokh Singh Salana, Harpreet Singh Dadheri, Devinder Singh Sodhi (AISSF) and other human right activists, for raising voice for the justice for November 1984 Sikh Genocide victims. The Punjab Bandh call was given to show solidarity with the victims of November 1984 Sikh Genocide who have been denied justice for the last twenty six years.

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, legal advisor to "Sikhs For Justice" stated it is very disturbing that SAD-BJP government which came to power assuring justice to the victims of November 1984 Sikh Genocide has now joined hands with the Central government to defeat the demand for justice. The attempt by the Central-State government to portray law abiding Sikhs leaders, activists and organizations as "Radicals" is very dangerous card being played to suppress the voice of the Sikh community stated attorney Pannun.

Attorney Pannun stated that Freedom of speech and expression are indispensable for a true democracy, instead of arresting and charging the Congress leaders who organized massacre of Sikhs in 1984, attempts are being made to stifle the movement demanding justice for the victims of November 1984 Sikh Genocide by vicious abuse as witnessed this morning when Sikh activists were forcefully arrested by the Police.

Attorney Pannun further stated that this is a part of the repression and reign of terror let loose by the Central government led by PM Singh and state government acting as the puppets to crush the movement for justice. The latest arrest of the Sikh leaders is the continuation of the intimidatory tactics by the government to break the resolve of civil society to stand beside the struggle of the Sikh Community for dignity and justice added attorney Pannun.

SFJ strongly urge all other democratic minded religious minorities, groups and organizations to join Sikhs in their movement for justice.

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November 2, 2010

## **AHEAD OF OBAMA'S VISIT TO INDIA - HUNDREDS OF SIKHS PROTEST**

"SIKH VICTIMS TO CHASE OBAMA FROM NEW YORK TO NEW DELHI" - "Sikhs for Justice"

After President Obama shied away from Sikh Human Rights issue by refusing to visit Golden Temple, he was reminded by hundreds of Sikhs who gathered in New York City in front of United Nations Headquarters, of his campaign promise and legal obligation to victims of Sikh Genocide (1984-1998). Hundreds of Sikhs, US political activists including NYC Councilwomen Julissa Ferraris, Hispanic Organizations of New York, prominent Sikh activists from USA, Canada and India rallied in front of United Nations Headquarters in New York and submitted a memorandum to UN Human Rights Commission to intervene on behalf of Sikh victims of November 1984 Genocide.

The "Justice Rally" was organized by "Sikhs for Justice" (SFJ), a human rights organizations spearheading justice campaign with the support of Gurudwaras of North America. The rally was attended by many US political activists including NYC Councilwomen Julissa Ferraris, Hispanic Organizations, and prominent Sikh activists from USA, Canada and India. Councilwomen Ms. Julissa Ferraris paid tribute to innocent Sikhs who lost their lives in November 1984 and stated that United States respects human rights of all and specially religious minorities.

Noted human rights lawyer from India, advocate Navkiran Singh stated that "In November 1984 Sikhs were murdered in 18 states of India but the official investigations has been confined to Delhi alone." He further stated that their organization has obtained data and evidence showing that thousands of Sikhs were killed in 100 cities of India during November 1984 and not a single prosecution has been conducted so far." Advocate Singh emphasizes that "by prosecuting the killers of Sikhs, religious minorities of India will become safer".

Addressing the rally, human rights lawyer and SFJ legal advisor Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, stated that President Obama must raise the issue of Sikh Genocide in his speech to the Indian Parliament on November 8, 2010 and United States should not "trade dollars with blood". "The purpose of the protest is to remind President Obama that Sikhs and other religious minorities of India have been victims of violence and as President of United States he has obligation to address the violation of human rights, irrespective of the economic status of the offending nation (India)" stated attorney Pannun.

SFJ also announced that widows of November 1984 Anti Sikh Riots will also hold a rally on November 08, 2010 in New Delhi while President Obama will be addressing the Indian Parliament. Ms. Ganga Kaur coordinator of "National 1984 Victims Justice and Welfare Society" whose father was burnt alive in November 1984 will lead the rally and campaign by widows of November 1984 Sikh Genocide to approach first lady Michelle Obama urging her to visit Delhi's "Widow Colony", a grief stricken locality in the heart of Indian capital. "Widow Colony" is inhabited by thousands of Sikh females who lost their male family members during organized massacre in November 1984.