

Ms Laura Dolci-Kanaan  
NGO Liaison Officer  
OHCHR Civil Society Unit

Dear Madam,

The following is being submitted for your attention and discussion at the forthcoming meeting of the PCR mechanism, with regard to the '**Genocide of the Sikhs, Muslims, Muslims of the Internationally Disputed Areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Assamese, Dalits, Christians and other non-Brahmin and non-Hindu minorities**' by the **alleged Indian democracy, since 15th August, 1947.**

I shall look forward to your action and consideration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Awatar Singh Sekhon, Ph D, FIBA, RM (CCM)  
Acting Editor in Chief  
International Journal of Sikh Affairs ISSN 1481-5435  
E-mail: [assekhon@shaw.ca](mailto:assekhon@shaw.ca)  
&  
Director, Human Rights Wing  
Council of Khalistan [Khalistan@khalistan.com](mailto:Khalistan@khalistan.com)  
Washington DC, USA  
Copy to: Dr Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President, Council of Khalistan [gsaulakh@aol.com](mailto:gsaulakh@aol.com)  
Sardar Inderjit Singh Jaijee, Convener, MASR, CHANDIGARH, PUNJAB  
\*\*\*\*\*

*International Journal of Sikh Affairs 17(2), 28-29, 2007©*

**DR AWATAR SINGH SEKHON'S BRIEFING AT THE 6th HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**

*Sponsor:* Interfaith International

*Co-sponsor:* International Federation for the Protection of the Rights of Ethnic, Religious, Linguistic and other Minorities

*Moderator:* Dr Charles Graves, Secretary General, Interfaith International

*Date:* 19th September, 2007 Time: 13:00 – 15:00 Hrs Room 2070 Palais des Nations

*Speakers:* Dr Awatar Singh Sekhon (Canada), Advocate Khalil Tahir (absent, Pakistan), Mr Mohammed Anwar (absent, MQM UK), Visuvalingham Kirubaharan (France, Tamils), Sri Kampa Borgoyari (Assam, Sonapur)

**ROOT CAUSES OF THE SIKHS' PROBLEM WITH INDIA: BRIEFING ON SOUTH ASIA**

In the afternoon session of 2 hours, Dr Sekhon spoke on the problems of South Asia, with special reference to the human rights violations in Punjab (under the occupation of the Brahmins autocracy/Zamhooriat/Zulamhooriat alias the alleged Indian democracy). Other speakers who participated in the briefing were from Tamils, the chronic Kashmir issue (both sides of the border), Assam and the audience. Following opening introductory remarks by the each participant, a collective discussion took place. The audience included the people from Belgium, Italy, India (governmental, so to speak, official NGOs), Sri Lanka, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Indian-occupied Kashmir, Azad Kashmir and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Dr Sekhon opened his remarks on the 'Root Cause of the Sikhs' Problems in Punjab'. He informed the audience that one of the culprits, before starting out, is the 'betrayal of the promises made by the Hindus like JL Nehru, MK Gandhi and click. The first award of deceit by the trio Nehru-Chandulal-Patel was awarded to the Sikhs of Punjab on 10th of October, 1947; just 7-weeks

post-Hindus 'freedom from the slavery of more than 900 years. Then the other causes were the Sikh Identity, The Sikh Religion extermination, brutal armed attack on the Darbar Sahib Complex, including the Supreme Seat of Sikhs' Policy, The Akal Takht Sahib in the name of "Operation Bluestar" in June, 1984. The Sikhs' elected representatives have not accepted the Indian Constitution, Article 25, repeatedly in 1948, the 26th of November, 1949, 1950 and the 6th of September, 1966. The Sikhs 'rejected' the Indian Constitution, Article 25, for the extermination of The Sikh Identity and The Sikh Religion, in the Indian parliament, on the recommendations of the Sikh intellectuals. The latter considered it and recommended its 'rejection' as it was a 'Death Warrant' for the Sikhs.

Further root causes include the excesses and unlawfulness of KP Gill, Surendra Nath, SS Ray (Butcher of Punjab and Bengal), a friend of Akali Manjit Calcutta, Sarbjit Singh Virk and other "joe boys" of the Indian administration. For example, Hanera (Darkness) Singh Badal, present head of the Punjab administration.

Arrests of Sardar Simranjit Singh Mann, Chief, Shromani Akali Dal-Amritsar (SAD-Amritsar), his vice-president, Daljit Singh Bittu and an academic Dr Sukhpreet Singh Udhoke, on the charges of 'treason'. *What treason, when the Sikhs have not accepted the Indian Constitution 1950, Article 25?*

The Hindu India administrations have been responsible for the killing of Sardar Jaswant Singh Khalra and Professor Davinder Pal Singh Bhullar is on the death row for the crime he had not committed. Professor Bhullar was acquitted by 2 of the 3 judges of the commission. One judge who pronounced him guilty was merely on the witness of a terrorist Congress boy, Maninder Bitta, a cycle thief or *Chor* as known in the Sikhs.

The Indian administrations have been involved in subversive activities, like the downing of the Air India Flight 182, on the 25th of June, 1985, off the coast of Ireland, to make the Sikhs of International Diaspora, Brahmin autocracy's Diaspora and of Punjab, Khalistan, terrorist. In fact, India is a 'terrorist state', which has jumped on the band wagon of the "anti-Terrorist Nations".

India is a disgrace to the humanity as far as the human rights violations are concerned. Indian administration has a "tight control" over the Sikh institutions, e. g., the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabhandhak Committee (SGPC), the Supreme Seat of Sikh Policy, The Akal Takht Sahib, Sikh gurdwaras, and the Sikhs' publications of the SGPC. The Sikh publications, under Indian Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), desecrates the Sikh history and demonizes the Sikh Gurus (3 Guru Sahibaans, 6th, 9th and 10th Guru Sahibaans). The Hindus/Brahmins are all out to 'swallow' the Sikh faith and its followers.

These are some of the root causes of the Sikhs' Cause, along with the control of the Punjab's natural resources.

The solution to the Punjab's problem and other non-Sikh peoples' problems, where 16 or 17 problems of Sovereignty and independence are going on, is the 'Self-Determination' under the United Nations' auspices.

Further to Punjab's and Sikh cause, Dr Sekhon participated in the discussions on the Jammu and Kashmir, Tamils, Sri Lanka and Assam's burning issues of Sovereignty and independence.

A few points remained un-discussed relating to the Sovereignty of the Sikh Nation, the points which are the part of the 'Root Causes of the Sikhs' problems' with the deceitful regimes (JL Nehru to Manmohan Singh, 1947 - to date of the alleged Indian democracy). These were:

a. Towards the first step to "Regain the lost Sovereignty of the Sikhs, the Sikhs (International Diaspora, Sikh Diaspora of the Brahmins autocracy outside Punjab, Khalistan, Sikhs Holy and Historic Homeland," Dr Sekhon proposed that the autonomy of the Sikh Nation and the Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir be 'declared' and put into practice, with immediate effect. This autonomy will involve the 'full-fledged trade and travels between the citizens of the Sikh nation and the citizens of Jammu and Kashmir 'without' any hitch of passport and without any kind of interference of the New Delhi administration of India.

b. Passport requirements be removed between the Sikh Nation and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Citizens of the occupied and Internationally Disputed Areas of Jammu and Kashmir to visit their brothers, sisters, elders and children in the Azad Kashmir.

c. The historic, religious and political institutions of the Sikh Nation be opened for the visit of their Muslim and Sikh brothers of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

d. If there is a need to 'monitor' the border between the Sikh Nation and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, this task is the responsibility of the Sikh Nation and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan's administration. The alleged Indian administration, its intelligence and military personnel will NOT be allowed to put their nose in the affairs of the Sikh Nation'.

e. The Sikh Nation, Punjab, Khalistan's natural resources, by-products of the natural resources will be 'controlled' only by the Sikh nation. It will be

*International Journal of Sikh Affairs 17(2), 2007©*

and must be the decision of the Sikh nation how these resources are made available to who, where and at what price or in the international currency.

f. The Sikhs of the Sikh nation have no problem whatsoever with the administration and citizens of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the 'Jammu and Kashmir' (occupied by the Indian administration).

g. The Sikhs nation would like to have relations with Pakistan, the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Azad Kashmir along the lines of relations between Canada and the United States of America.

The above points will facilitate how to lay the "ground work preparations in the formation of Confederation of Nation of South Asia (FCNSA)".

These were the proposals advanced by the Sikh nation's representative, on behalf of the Council of Khalistan, Washington DC and the *International Journal of Sikh Affairs* ISSN 1481-5435, on the 19th of September, 2007, during a session on the Human Rights Violation in South Asia, taking place under the auspices of the 6th Session of Human Rights Council, United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

\*\*\*\*

**MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO THE 6th HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL UNITED NATIONS, 20th SEPTEMBER, 2007 by the COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN, WASHINGTON DC AND OTHER SIKH ORGANIZATIONS**

**COUNCIL OF KHALISTAN  
Suite 310, 730 – 24th Street, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20037  
USA**

Dr Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President

E-mail:gsaulakh@aol.com

The Hon Madam Justice Louise Arbour

High Commissioner United Nations  
High Commission for Human Rights  
Palais des Nations  
CH 1211 Geneva 10  
SWITZERLAND  
20th September, 2007  
Your Excellency Madam Justice Arbour,

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND GENOCIDE IN PARTICULAR OF SIKHS IN THEIR HOLY AND HISTORICAL LAND, PUNJAB, AND THE NON-HINDU MINORITIES IN GENERAL, IN PREDOMINANTLY HINDU INDIA  
We, the Sikhs of Switzerland, European countries and North America, would like to apprise you, your Excellency, of human rights abuses of the Sikhs and other non-Hindu minorities in India which have taken place since 15th August, 1947. This was the day when the British India authorities transferred political power to the 'unelected' Hindu leadership and left the non-Hindu minorities, especially the Sikhs, at the mercy of the majority, the Hindus. Since receiving political power from the British Empire, despite the protest of the Sikhs at large and their leadership for not returning their sovereign and independent Sikh Raj of their forefathers and monarch, Ranjit Singh (1799-1849), the predominantly *Hindu India has exterminated more than 1.4 to 2.3 million Sikhs, more than one million in the decade of 1981-91* (Singh S 1995 *The Sikhs in History* ISBN 0-96475555-0-5; Dilgeer HS and Sekhon AS 1992 *The Sikhs' Struggle for Sovereignty An Historical Perspective* (ed) A T Kerr ISBN 0-9695964-1-3 University of Alberta P O, Edmonton, AB T6G 2S5, Canada; Sekhon AS Dilgeer HS 1999 *A White Paper On Khalistan* (A

*True Story) The Sikh Nation* (ed) AT Kerr ISBN 0-9695964-8-0; Sekhon AS Dilgeer HS 2002 *India Kills the Sikhs*, 3rd Ed, ISBN 0-9695964-9-9; Sekhon AS 2005 *India's Genocides of Sikhs, 1981-1991: History Revisited Int J Sikh Affairs 15*(2), 28, 2005 (Chief Guest Editor: AT Kerr) ISSN 1481-5435). Since the brutal military "Operation Bluestar" of June, 1984, more than 260,000 Sikh infants, children, youth, male and female folks have been slaughtered [*Int J Sikh Affairs 10*(2): 27-29, 2000 ISSN 1481-5435; Sekhon AS 2000 *Proc 8th Sikh Edu Conf*, Toronto, ON, Sept 23; Walia AS Sudan TS 2001 *Genesis of State Terrorism in Punjab*. Released by Justice A S Bains, [ihrf@yahoo.com](mailto:ihrf@yahoo.com) <<mailto:ihrf@yahoo.com>> ; July 14, 2001; Kumar RN *et al.* 2003 *Reduced To Ashes: The Insurgency and Human Rights in Punjab* ISBN 99933-53-57-4 <[www.safhr.org](http://www.safhr.org)> <<mailto:>>

<[http://webmail.dalkhalsausa.org/services/go.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fgroups.yahoo.com%2Fgroup%2FIntJSA%2Fpost%3FpostID%3DwqR-dQ-0zXab4A1qfDy-RjUtdtdbMTL0QiPLVCIJ1ABhRlhcnE\\_q5-gKkBeTNXRI7-p1FoJAhba\\_1u13RkFVmj4U74laU6wPE8Tw](http://webmail.dalkhalsausa.org/services/go.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fgroups.yahoo.com%2Fgroup%2FIntJSA%2Fpost%3FpostID%3DwqR-dQ-0zXab4A1qfDy-RjUtdtdbMTL0QiPLVCIJ1ABhRlhcnE_q5-gKkBeTNXRI7-p1FoJAhba_1u13RkFVmj4U74laU6wPE8Tw)> <<mailto:>> > [ihrf@yahoo.com](mailto:ihrf@yahoo.com) <<mailto:ihrf@yahoo.com>> ; [www.safhr.org](http://www.safhr.org)> ; Sekhon AS 2005 in *Authentic Voices of South Asia India's Broken Promises & Suppression of Dalits* (ed) U

**Khalid** ISBN 0-9548929-0-9]. Likewise, Hindu India has systematically killed other non-Hindu minorities (more than 500,000 Muslims; over 90,000 Kashmiri Muslims of the Internationally Disputed Areas of Jammu and Kashmir since 1988; more than 300,000 Christians; hundreds of thousands of Dalits, adivaasis (aboriginals or *Moolnivasi* of India), in numerous genocides, pogroms, and staged encounters. The most recent examples of state sponsored pogroms are the killings of Sikhs in Chitisinghpora in Kashmir in February, 2000; 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 (<http://www.indianexpress.com> <<http://webmail.dalkhalsausa.org/services/go.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.indianexpress.com%2F>> <<http://www.indianexpress.com/>>

<<http://webmail.dalkhalsausa.org/services/go.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.indianexpress.com%2F>> ; 2001; The Hon Edolphus Towns, Member of Congress (MC). **Indian Government Found Responsible for Burning Sikh Homes and Temple in Kashmir**. The US House of Representatives, June 27, 2001; The Hon Dan Burton, MC and Chairman, US House Government Committee. **Indian Duplicity and Hypocrisy Exposed**, House of Representatives, 31st July, 2001; The Hon Edolphus Towns, MC **Indian Minorities Seeking Their Own States**. The US House of Representatives, 107th Congress, July 11, 2001; The Hon Cynthia A McKinney, MC **Self-Determination For Sikh Homeland Discussed on Capitol Hill**, The US House of Representatives, June 28, 2001.; slaughtering of 16 Muslims by the police; burning of the Muslim holy scripture, The *Quran Shariff*, in New Delhi, Patiala, and Amritsar, Punjab (March 24, 2000 <post #4279 & 4314,

([www.yahoo.com/group/sikhyouth](http://www.yahoo.com/group/sikhyouth)

<<http://webmail.dalkhalsausa.org/services/go.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.yahoo.com%2Fgroup%2Fsikhyouth>>

<<http://www.yahoo.com/group/sikhyouth>>

<<http://webmail.dalkhalsausa.org/services/go.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.yahoo.com%2Fgroup%2Fsikhyouth>> .

Addressing the House of Representatives, Congress of the United States, the Hon Edolphus Towns, Member of Congress, said on 28th March, 2006 "Sikh activists Kanwarpal Singh Dhani and Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan were recently arrested by the Indian Government on charges of sedition. Their crime was to speak in support of a sovereign Khalistan . Dr. Chohan also flies the Khalistani flag from his residence. When did free speech become a crime in a democracy? The Sikh homeland of Khalistan declared itself independent from India on October 7, 1987." On 21st March, 2006, in a press release, Dr Gurmit Singh Aulakh, President of the Council of Khalistan, Washington Dc, said, "What kind of democracy watches people for demanding freedom? Why don't they watch the Black Cats who have killed thousands of Sikhs with the protection of the Indian government?"

Additionally, the excesses of the Indian forces can be summarized as follows:

**On 5th November, 1978**, the Hindu India police of Delhi fired at a Sikh procession and killed four Sikhs, including the president of the Delhi Akali Party [Sekhon AS and Dilgeer HS 1999 *A White Paper On Khalistan (A True Story) The Sikh Nation* (ed) A T Kerr ISBN 0-9695964-8-0]. Acting *Mukh-Sewadar*, or Chief of Akal Takht Sahib, the Supreme Seat of the Sikh Polity, Amritsar, Singh Sahib Bhai Gurdev Singh Kaunke, was abducted on 20th December 1993, tortured, killed and his body dumped in a canal on 3rd January 1994.

**On October 27, 1995**, the Human Rights activist of the Akali Dal (Badal), Sardar Jaswant Singh Khalra, was killed at the Chhabal police station, Amritsar. His body was thrown into the Harike Canal. A police officer, A. S. Sandhu (supposedly committed suicide), abducted a Sikh religious leader, Charan Singh, tortured him and was made to dispose of his body. Earlier, the same police officer had abducted Charan Singh's brother and his driver. The latter was killed by tying his legs to two jeeps, which were

*International Journal of Sikh Affairs 17*(2), 2007©

driven off in opposite directions.

A former Punjab administration headed by a corrupt Sikh, Prakash Singh Badal, attacked the Darbar Sahib Complex (mistakenly known as the Golden Temple Complex) on 7th February, 1998, desecrated its sanctity and deposed, using his state powers, the democratically elected president of the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabhandhak Committee. Shortly thereafter, Badal forcibly removed the Mukh-Sewadar or Chief of Akal Takht Sahib, the Supreme Seat of the Sikh Polity, Bhai Ranjit Singh. The administration

of Prakash Singh Badal, has spent more than 20 million rupees for legal fees to protect the police officers who participated in the genocide of the Sikhs.

**On February 6, 2000**, the death of a Dalit youth in police custody in Morinda, Ludhiana, was horrifying. He was killed in cold

**blood because he objected to police's drinking session at a public place.** This incidence revived memories of the dark period in the history of Punjab when countless innocent young men were killed in false encounters, but police records turned them into ruthless terrorists.

A mother of six sons, Bibi Jaswant Kaur, lost her husband in 1987. Three of her six sons succumbed to tuberculosis. The other three were abducted and killed by Punjab police. One of the three sons, Pragat Singh, 23-yrs-old, was arrested in 1987, kept in captivity for 14 months. After his release police raided his home on 9th September 1988, and shot him dead. The eldest son, Jagir Singh, 25-yrs-old, working as a volunteer in a Taran Taran Gurdwara, was taken by the police and did not return. The youngest son, Mohinder Singh (20-yrs-old) was with the religious man, Baba Charan Singh (see above). He was abducted by the police on 14th June 1991 and died in police custody. Jaswant Kaur has tried all possible avenues to get justice, but has had no luck ([jkaurgrewal@yahoo.com](mailto:jkaurgrewal@yahoo.com) <<mailto:jkaurgrewal@yahoo.com>> ; March 20, 2001; post #4181; <http://www.yahogroups.com/group/sikhyouth>). <<http://www.yahogroups.com/group/sikhyouth>>.

Even outside India, Sikhs continue to be harassed by the Indian government and its allies, according to the Hon Edolphus Towns, MC (Extensions of Remarks - **February 27, 2001**). Miscreants stormed a church and ransacked the premises while a spiritual meeting and prayers were in progress in Hyderabad, A P ([www.burningpunjab.com](http://www.burningpunjab.com); **24th March, 2001**).

A group of men killed their rape victim, a mother of seven, in the village of Singana and then gouged out the eyes of two witnesses in India's lawless eastern state of Bihar, the Press Trust of India reported Thursday (**February 8, 2001**; AFP). The rapists then used the woman's sickle to hack her to death. They then attacked four labourers who witnessed the crime.

**Since 1998, Christian missionaries** including one from Australia (Father Graham Stains), his 8- & 10-yr-old sons, and Roman Catholic nuns, have been killed, burnt alive or raped by the Hindu fundamentalists. The burning, destruction and demolishing of the Houses of God of the non-Hindu minorities, the Sikh Gurdwaras, Churches and Mosques, looting and desecrating of the holy and historical places of the non-Hindu minorities are the *modus operandi* of successive Indian administrations and state-sponsored hoodlums (Hon John T Doolittle, MC **India Coalition Partner Threaten To Engulf Country In Violence**, House of Representatives, **July 27, 2000**, The US Congress; Hon Edolphus Towns, MC **July 27, 2000. Christian Persecution in India**, House of Representatives, The US Congress).

A train carrying Sikh pilgrims and the Sikh holy scriptures, Guru Granth Sahib, was attacked in June, 2001, by militant Hindu hoodlums in Uttarpara, West Bengal. The Hindu hoodlums stoned the Sikh pilgrims, burned the Holy Scriptures, and tried to set fire to the train (**Press Release: Council of Khalistan. Train Attack Is Wake-Up Call for Sikh Nation**, June 27, 2001 [cok@khalistan.com](mailto:cok@khalistan.com) <<mailto:2001cok@khalistan.com>> ).

In an affidavit filed on 28th August, 2000, by **Mr Sartaj Singh, resident of Kathua, Jammu and Kashmir** (under the occupation of Indian administration), Internationally Disputed areas by the United Nations, stated that he was tortured and received painful psychological harassment by the Indian police. The police personnel wanted him to confess many things which he never did. The police personnel also wanted him to tell 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'.

**Miss Manorama of Manipur** was gang raped by the men of the Assam Rifles and was thrown out of the headquarters after mutilating her private parts in **July, 2004**. More recently (**9th February, 2005**), another 12-year-old girl has alleged she was raped by a constable of the force in central Assam's Karbi Anglong district, triggering protests from women's organizations In a blatant violation of human rights, the district police

today tortured a Dalit youth to death after he refused to accept his involvement in a theft case (Jalandhar, February 6' [tribuneindia.com](http://tribuneindia.com)).

The above are only a few of the hundreds of thousands of cases we would like to bring to your kind attention, your Excellency. We hereby request that you dispatch a fact finding mission to India to assess in depth the crimes committed against humanity by armed and law-enforcing agencies in 'uniforms' and bring the criminals before the International Court of Justice in the same way as the U N has done to punish the criminals of the Rwanda and Serbia massacres in 2000; S. Milosevic of Serbia in July 2001; the former Serb police chief, Steven Todorovic, who pleaded guilty for torturing, murdering and sexually assaulting Muslims and Croats (*National Post*, 1st August, 2001, p A11); and Radislav Krstic for the Srebrenica genocide of Muslims in 1995 (*National Post*, August 3, 2001, p A3). The UN tribunal has taken a landmark decision recently to include "sex torture as a war crime" (*National Post*, February, 23, 2001). Also, the UN's Secretary-General, His Excellency Kofi Annan's interview (*Time*, 4th September, 2000) will be welcomed by the justice-loving peoples of our civilized world that "those who commit crimes and those who watch as bystanders are equally responsible for the crime taking place." What we have brought to your attention, your Excellency, is just the 'tip of the iceberg' of human rights abuses, religious persecution(s), rapes, humiliation, dehumanization and crimes committed by the state-sanctioned armed personnel of what our civilized world knows as the "largest democracy" in the world, India. A leading magazine has pointed out that "India is ruled by rascals." "Many Indians silently witness their country's unlawful events. Several members of the ruling party's youth wing have in the past been charged with rapes and kidnapping. Officials respond that all parties have their thugs. Politicians use thugs to capture polling booths and stuff ballot boxes (*The Economist*, 15th July, 1995, p. 26)." According to the Hon Dana Rohrabacher, for the Sikhs, Kashmiri Muslims, and other minorities "India might as well be Nazi Germany"(Press Release: Council of Khalistan, Washington DC; June 27, 2001< [khalistan@khalistan.com](mailto:khalistan@khalistan.com) <<mailto:khalistan@khalistan.com>> >). Another Sikh, Devinder Pal Singh Bhullar, is about to be put to death in India for a crime even India admitted he didn't commit (Hon Edolphus Towns, MC.

Proc House of

Representatives, Washington DC, 18th March, 2003).

Manmohan Singh, the present Chief, Council of Ministers, India, supposed to be an honest and clean person delivered his state address before the "World Conference on Human Rights Delegates in Vienna, Austria, on 24th June (14 to 25th June), 1993. He, then Finance Minister of the PV Rao administration, said that " he being Sikh finds no abuses of Human Rights of Sikhs much less any minorities in India." Another person, Shahabuddin, Manmohan Singh's colleague of the Islamic faith, said the same of Muslims of India. Abuses of Human Rights in the Sikhs' holy and historic Homeland, Punjab, Khalistan (under the Brahmins (elite) autocracy's occupation, have been taking place, since 15th August, 1947). Manmohan Singh's statement was 'refuted' in the strongest possible words by the human rights and peace loving citizens (delegates) of North America and elsewhere.

Bibi Manjit Kaur Dakha (1992): Manjit Kaur Dakha's husband sought political asylum in the United States after being tortured by the Indian armed personnel. Mrs. Dakha, her father, and her 6-mo-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 army personnel), of Fatehabad, Tehsil: Khadur Sahib of Amritsar district of Punjab, has been physically, mentally and psychologically tortured by Punjab police since May 27, 1986. Valuable household articles stolen by the police personnel from his residence have not been returned. Despite his writing to the Prime Minister (PV Rao), Home Minister of India (SB Chawan), Chief Justice, Supreme Court of India, Chief Justice, Punjab and Haryana High court, and Senior Session Judge, Amritsar, there was no relief from the police excesses.

More than 35 Sikh youth, including Kanwarpal Singh Bittu and Sarbjit Singh Ghuman of the Dal Khalsa, in police custody. Similarly, Jagtaar Singh Hawara, his wife and other family members are humiliated (by putting cigarettes and tobacco in his mouth), tortured and harassed by the Punjab and Delhi police ([www.panthic.org](http://www.panthic.org) <<http://www.panthic.org/>> <<http://webmail.dalkhalsausa.org/services/go.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.panthic.org%2F>> <<http://www.panthic.org/>> <<http://webmail.dalkhalsausa.org/services/go.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.panthic.org%2F>> , 17th July, 2005).

A human rights lawyer and prominent Sikh nationalist Harpal Singh Cheema, after spending eight years in a California jail, whom Judge Dana Keener determined Singh did not pose a threat to national security. The Hon judge stopped short of granting him full asylum, but forbade the then-INS from deporting the couple. Indeed, she noted that Singh "is widely perceived as a moderate and a voice for reason (Camille T Tairara, Editor, *New America Media, News Feature*, Aug 07, 2006). To escape atrocities

*International Journal of Sikh Affairs* 17(2), 2007©

and persecution during custody of the Indian law-enforcing personnel until 1992, Mr Cheema and his wife sought asylum in the United States in 1993. Since his deportation back to India in 2006, he is being kept in high security prison in Punjab. Indian vice consul Vijayan Machingal in San Francisco, CA, refused to comment on the Case ([www.news.ncmonline.com/news/views\\_article.html?article\\_id=07b6be5](http://www.news.ncmonline.com/news/views_article.html?article_id=07b6be5)

<[http://www.news.ncmonline.com/news/views\\_article.html?article\\_id=07b6be5](http://www.news.ncmonline.com/news/views_article.html?article_id=07b6be5)>

*International Journal of Sikh Affairs* 17(2), 2007©

6cd5439ea38f077581fdfe196

<[http://www.news.ncmonline.com/news/views\\_article.html?article\\_id=07b6be56cd5439ea38f077581fdfe196](http://www.news.ncmonline.com/news/views_article.html?article_id=07b6be56cd5439ea38f077581fdfe196)>

<[http://webmail.dalkhalsausa.org/services/go.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.news.ncmonline.com%2Fnews%2Fviews\\_article.html%3Farticle\\_id%3D07b6be56cd5439ea38f077581fdfe196](http://webmail.dalkhalsausa.org/services/go.php?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.news.ncmonline.com%2Fnews%2Fviews_article.html%3Farticle_id%3D07b6be56cd5439ea38f077581fdfe196)> . Mr Cheema is separated from his wife and son. The latter are too scared to return to India.

Bibi Charanjit Kaur, presently seeking political asylum on humanitarian grounds in Canada, stated that her 75-year-old mother and her sister Ravinder Kaur were arrested and tortured, cousin Charan Singh, arrested, tortured and killed by Jammu police in 1998, cousin Manmohan Singh (Chairman, Dashmesh Youth Organization, Jammu and Kashmir) sent to jail on 9th November, 2000. According to the police report, her elder sister Manpreet Kaur (aka Manmeet Kaur), 45-yr-old, wife of Jagjit Singh was arrested on 24th August, 2000, by the Delhi police along with her 7- and 9-yr-old children. The police allegedly involved them in bomb blasts and explosions. 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. Charanjit Kaur's brother-in-law, the husband of her sister, Manpreet Kaur, and brother of her husband, Ravinder Singh was arrested on 8th February, 2002. Both were severely tortured before they were released for lack of proof of allegations. Her brother, Rajinder Singh, was arrested. "His only crime was to be my brother." The arrests, torture and killing of Charanjit Kaur's relatives points out that the Sikh women folks and relatives are harassed, tortured and killed, simply because they are Sikhs.

**In the mid 2007**, Sardar Simranjit Singh Mann, President, Shromani Akali Dal-Amritsar (SAD-Amritsar), Sardar Daljit Singh Bittu, Vice President, SAD-Amritsar, and Dr Sukhpreet Singh Udhoke were arrested, tortured and harassed by the Punjab police personnel and charged for the 'treason against the Indian union', for their peaceful demonstrations and free expressions against the heavy handedness of the state personnel. In the alleged democracy, the basic rights of the citizens, i. e., free speech, are violated. Dr Udhoke's publication was ceased and he was arrested.

We also request that you bring to justice the deceased or living politicians of Indian administrations (Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Chandershekhar, V P Singh, Dev Gowda, P V Rao, A B Vajpayee and their cabinet colleagues, including Narendra Modi and his cabinet colleagues responsible for the Gujarat Massacre of Muslims (**February to November, 2002**), and/or appointees like HKL Bhagat, Jagdish Tytler, Arun Nehru, SD Sharma, SS Ray, Boota Singh, LK Advani, GL Nanda, Surjit Barnala,

Balwant Singh, Beant Singh, PD Singh, JS Chohan, Surrender Nath, Prakash Singh Badal, GS Tohra, HS Longowal, to cite but a few; police officers JF Rebeiro, KPS Gill, Sarbjit Singh, Sumedh Saini (Senior Superintendent Police), DR Bhatti for the killings of Professor (Dr) Rajinder Pal Singh Gill (Bulara), Dr Gurnam Singh Buttar and others, Swarn Ghotna, Gobind Ram, AS Sandhu, RS Bhullar, Joginder Singh, Raghbir Singh, SS Virk; armed forces personnel like K Sunderji, AS Vaidya, KS Brar, RS Dayal, JS Bhullar, Arjan Singh, JS Jamwal, Tarlok Singh, Shamsher Singh, Gurdial Singh, and their subordinates (*Report To*

*The Nation: Oppression in Punjab. Library of Congress Card No. 86-60058, January, 1986; Gurtej Singh 2000 Chakarvyuh: Web of Indian Secularism ISBN 81-85815-14-3; Int J Sikh Affairs Vol 9, No. 1, 1999 ISSN 1481-5435; Sikh Shahadat, June 2005, p. 12-17).*

We look forward

to hearing from you and hope for your prompt action on all crimes committed against humanity.

With warmest regards and best wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

Pritpal Singh Khalsa, Chief

Dal Khalsa International Human Rights Wing Switzerland

Parmjit Singh Sekhon

President, Dal Khalsa Alliance

[president@dalkhalsausa.org](mailto:president@dalkhalsausa.org) <<mailto:president@dalkhalsausa.org>>

Dr Awatar Singh Sekhon

Director, Human Rights Wing

**Council of Khalistan,**

Washington DC, USA

[khalistan@khalistan.com](mailto:khalistan@khalistan.com) <<mailto:khalistan@khalistan.com>>

Dr Awatar Singh Sekhon

Managing Editor and Acting Editor in Chief

*International Journal of Sikh Affairs* **ISSN 1481-5435**

Box 60246, Univ of Alberta, EDMONTON, AB T5T 2B8

CANADA

[assekhon@shaw.ca](mailto:assekhon@shaw.ca) <<mailto:assekhon@shaw.ca>>

J S Khalsa

The Sikh Youth of Belgium

Amarjit Singh Khalsa

Dashmesh Sikh Youth Federation

Gaganjit Singh

General Secretary

Dal Khalsa United States of America

[gensec@dalkhalsausa.org](mailto:gensec@dalkhalsausa.org) <<mailto:gensec@dalkhalsausa.org>>

Jasvir Singh

Organizing Secretary,

Dal Khalsa International, SWITZERLAND

Gurcharan Singh

Dal Khalsa International

of the United Kingdom

Jagdish Singh Khalsa

Sikh Youth of Belgium

Amarjit Singh Khalsa

Dashmesh Sikh Youth Organization

Enclosures: Three

1. Charge Sheet of the Sikhs of the Sikh Nation Against the Indian State by Dal Khalsa Punjab - **September 2007**

2. A Report of the Human Rights Advisory Group of the Punjabis in Britain All Party Parliamentary Group Self-Determination As A Human Right and Applicability to the Sikhs **March 2005**

3. A Report of the Human Rights Advisory Group of the Punjabis in Britain All Party Parliamentary Group Self-Determination As A Human Right and Applicability to the Sikhs **August 2007**

NOTE: \* DENOTES "SIGNED WITH PERMISSION"

\*\*\*\*\*

International Journal of Sikh Affairs 17(2), 27, 2007©

## **HISTORY IS MADE: EXCLUSIVE SESSION ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS OF THE SIKHS OF PUNJAB**

*Date: 17th September, 2007*

*SPONSOR: INTERFAITH INTERNATIONAL*

*CHAIR: Dr Charles Graves, President of the Session*

Co-sponsors: Dal Khalsa of Switzerland Human Rights Wing, Switzerland and Dal Khalsa International, The United Kingdom  
Secretary: Manmohan Singh Khalsa, U K

Panelists: Gurcharan Singh (Dal Khalsa International U K), Annett Klug (Switzerland), Pritpal Singh Khalsa (Human Rights Wing D K, Switzerland), Manmohan Singh Khalsa (Dal Khalsa U K), Dr Charles Graves, Chairman, Dr Awatar Singh Sekhon of Canada (Director, Human Rights Wing, Council of Khalistan, Washington DC, USA) and Satwant Singh (Dal Khalsa U K)

TIME: 14:30 - 16:00

Audience from: Belgium, France, Switzerland, United Kingdom, India, Azad Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir (under Indian occupation since the 15th of August, 1947), Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Chairman's Remarks: This is the first time in the UN when an exclusive session on the human rights violations of the Sikhs of Punjab, a kingdom of the Sikh monarch Ranjit Singh, 1799 to 1849, now the part of the British divided British India is discussed. After a brief introduction of the first speaker, Gurcharan Singh (UK)\*, the session began on a DVD shown on the militant and Hindu fundamentalist organization, Rashtriya Swamsewak Sangh (RSS) and the RSS family (the sister organizations of the RSS and its mother, the Hindu Mahasabha, the mother of all evils). Following the DVD, Gurcharan Singh discussed the RSS activities and its ulterior motives in reference to the Hindutav under the Bhartiya Janta Part (BJP) and associates under AB Vajpayee and his associates like LK Advani and the like. Satvinder Singh appealed to the champion of the democracy, human rights organizations, NGOs and the audience to resolve the Sikh problems and program of the Sikhs carried out by the Indian government.

Miss Klug\* discussed, in particular, the 'Self-Determination' aspect under the auspices of the United Nations to resolve the problems of minorities once and for all.

Pritpal Singh Khalsa\* discussed the Sikhs' human rights violations in Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, and other states under India's control, as misidentified to be the integral part of the Indian union.

Manmohan Singh\* discussed that the Sikhs are a nation and under Indian occupation, the Sikhs' human rights are violated. He appealed to the United Nations to come out to resolve the chronic problems of the Sikhs created by the Indian union. He discussed the case of Parmjit Singh Dhadhi of the U K, who was put in the jail of India during his visit to India about two years ago. His organization displayed some posters on the Human Rights violations and desecration of the Darbar Sahib Complex (Golden Temple Complex), including the Supreme Seat of Sikhs' Policy, The Akal Takht Sahib, Amritsar, Punjab.

Dr Awatar Singh Sekhon was introduced by the president of the session, Dr Graves. Dr Sekhon was invited to speak by the president and co-sponsors of the historic session on the Human Rights violations of the Sikhs and their problems with the Indian union. Before starting his speech, Dr Sekhon paid his thanks and tributes to the Chair, Dr Graves, co-sponsors, ladies and gentlemen of the audience.

Dr Sekhon began with his comment on a poster which had the writing "India really a Homeland for Sikhs?" Earlier he had pointed out to those who displayed the poster. Dr Sekhon said that "No, India is not the homeland of Sikhs." Rather, the Sikhs' homeland is under the 'occupation' of the alleged Indian democracy'. Punjab is the holy and historic homeland of the Sikhs and their holy and historic homeland is the mother of two children or the 'off spring'. One of the two children is known to the world as the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The Sikhs have a highly cordial relationship with the people of Pakistan. The border of the Sikhs' homeland with Pakistan is friendly, like the international borders between his country Canada and the United States of America. The other notorious offspring (child) of the Sikhs' homeland, Punjab is the alleged Indian democracy; the largest democracy of the world, so to speak. The democracy which has 'exterminated' the Sikhs' faith, The Sikh Identity and The Sikh religion, are the 5th largest religion of our world. It has exterminated the Sikh religion, The Sikh identity by deceptions of the Hindu/Brahmins like J.L. Nehru, M.K. Gandhi, Father of Hindu India, and their associates, through Indian Constitution, Article 25, which came into being on the 26th of January, 1950. This Constitution, Article 25, has not been endorsed/accepted/signed by any of the Sikhs' elected representatives, in its draft and final forms, in the Indian parliament, in 1948, the 26th of

November, 1949, 1950 and more recently on the 6th of September, 1966. Consequently, the Sikhs do not recognize the Indian Constitution, Article 25, and it is not worth the paper it is written on.

The world democracies and champions of the democratic systems, presidential or parliamentary, call India as the largest democracy of the world. Dr Sekhon asked the participant and raise their hands if any 'democratic' country has killed a 'single' citizen? No hand was raised. Dr Sekhon continued further by stating that since the 15th of August, 1947, this notorious child of the Sikh homeland has to its credit the killings of:

*more than 3.4 to 3.7 million Sikhs since the 15th of August, 1947,*

*more than 500,000 Muslims in general,  
more than 100,000 Muslims of the occupied-Jammu and Kashmir region,  
more than 300,000 Christians since it independence,  
tens of thousands of Dalits (Not Hindus)  
more than 15,000 Tamils  
and other non-Hindu and non-Hindu/Brahmin minorities.*

How could the alleged Indian administration be called the world's largest democracy by killing millions of the non-Hindu/Brahmin minorities?

Ladies and Gentlemen, please remember the contribution and speech of the Congressman Dana Rohrabacher of California. Congressman Rohrabacher said in the Congress of the United States, that "For the minorities like Sikhs or non-Hindus, India might as well be a Nazi Germany." How true was the assessment of the respected congressman Dana Rohrabacher of California! Dr Sekhon further gave an example of the Brigadier (General) Sarbjit Singh, then commanding officer of Indian forces in Jammu and Kashmir in 1990s. He was asked by his superiors to "massacre the Muslims" of Kashmir. Brig. Sarbjit Singh said "I am a soldier to fight the enemy of the nation, I am not here to kill the innocent civilians and citizens under my command." Brig Sarbjit Singh was removed from the command. To this day as I speak, no one knows the whereabouts of Brig Sarbjit Singh and his family. Indian armed forces are the brutal forces of our world. Their power should be curbed as far as the killings of the innocent civilians are concerned.

With the same token, the United Nations and its NGOs should tell India to stop the killings of the people of Assam, Manipur and other non-Hindu/Brahmins, who had been the 'Sovereign Nations' before the British and British India Empire "annexed" them. Besides the Sikhs of the Punjab nation (under the occupation of the alleged Indian democracy since the 15th of August, 1947), there are about 16 more 'Struggles for Sovereignty' going on. They are struggling to regain their lost sovereignty, by peaceful means. Dr Sekhon commented, "India is NOT one nation. It is the nation of Nations. All these nations should exercise their right to become sovereign by 'Self-Determination' under the UN auspices."

Answering certain questions, Dr Sekhon said that those who say that the prime minister, chief of army staff, deputy speaker of the parliament, chairman of the planning commission, Chief Minister of Punjab, etc. are Sikhs, therefore the Sikhs should not have any problems. These people are advised that their question is beside the scope of the Human Rights Violations and he further answered the query that 'so what if the Sikhs or so-called Sikhs, or the turbaned Hindus in the Sikh Identity, are bribed by the deceitful Brahmin/Baniya clique. Their appointments do not offer any solution to the Sikh Cause and the chronic Sikh Problem persisting since the 15th of August, 1947.

Satvinder Singh of the UK discussed and answered the questions related to the Sikhs' Struggle for Sovereignty and Human Rights violations amicably and precisely. He said that the Sikhs have brotherly relations with their neighbor, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

At the end, Chairman Graves received applause from the audience and for a job well done!

Thank you, once again, Dr Graves. Amen

Azad Kashmir, Jammu and Kashmir (under Indian occupation since 15th August, 1947), Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
Chairman's Remarks: This is the first time in the U N when an exclusive session on the human rights violations of the Sikhs of Punjab, a kingdom of the Sikh monarch Ranjit Singh, 1799 to 1849, now the part of the British divided British India is discussed.

*NOTE: Incomplete reporting of the proceeding has been made by the [www.panthicweekly.org](http://www.panthicweekly.org) <<http://www.panthicweekly.org/>> <[khalsa\\_mail@yahoo.com](mailto:khalsa_mail@yahoo.com)> <[mailto:khalsa\\_mail@yahoo.com](mailto:khalsa_mail@yahoo.com)> >. Also, none of other four speakers gave their write up to Dr Awatar Singh Sekhon of CANADA for the dissemination of the proceedings of the above session exclusively 'DEVOTED' to the Sikh Cause.*

\*\*\*\*\*

## **MOVEMENT AGAINST STATE REPRESSION CHANDIGARH, PUNJAB**

November 4, 2007, Chandigarh

To: Sri Somnath Chatterjee, Speaker, Lok Sabha  
New Delhi

Sub: Debt-related rural suicides in Punjab.

Dear Sri Chatterjee,

Farmers and farm labourers of Punjab are under heavy debt, which according to Government figures is more than double the debt than in any other state. Crushing debt is driving them to take their own lives. Causes for the past 30 years downward spiral into debt are many but a major part of the blame falls on an inequitable cost/price structure established by the Centre.

We are listing here seven estimates of the number of suicides in Punjab and one of Moonak Sub-Division of District Sangrur. As you will see the numbers range from a mere handful for the past seven years to several thousand. Formulating effective policies requires accurate data. Before fair and workable scheme can be drawn out it is necessary to know the true level of the problem, in other words, the number of farmers/farm labourers who took their own lives.

Pending general suicide census for Punjab we would request you to urge the government to have cases of Moonak Sub-Division of District Sangrur examined. These cases have been identified and certified by the Gram Panchayats. A list of 1508 suicide cases with 1408 Gram Panchayat Affidavits are enclosed. This list covers all 91 villages comprising the Moonak Subdivision and is for the period 1988 till date. Punjab has some 12,400 villages. We would request you to place the enclosed list and affidavits in the library of the Lok Sabha so that Members of Parliament may verify the data if they so desire.

In 2005 the Punjab Government established a Farmers' Commission to look into the situation of the state's farmers, including the prevalence of suicide. This commission made a general study of the problem but did not conduct a census. The Commission on the basis of the data available to it concluded that about 2,000 farmers commit suicide each year.

The Punjab State government, on the other hand, collected data on rural suicides through two agencies, the Police and the Revenue Department. It did not involve Farmers' Commission in this exercise. The Police findings placed suicides in Punjab during the past seven years at only 7 and Revenue Department went a little further and gave a figure of 132 suicides for the same period (as suicide is a Penal offense, people are reluctant to record deaths as suicide. This is especially so in Punjab as there has been very little accountability for police excesses.)

Various reports quantifying suicides in Punjab:

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 1. MASR projected figure for Punjab 2000:  | 3,000 per year               |
| 2. Punjab Govt Status Report 2004:   | 2,116 (period 1988-2004)     |
| 3. Punjab Farmers' Commission 2006:  | 2,000 per year               |
| 4. MASR estimates of Punjab's suicides 2006:   | 40,000 to 60,000 (1988-2006) |
| 5. Bhartiya Kissan Union (Ekta) for total Punjab 1990-2006:<br>90,000 is the extrapolated figure based on 29,766 cases<br>recorded for 8 districts on random check of 261 villages | 90,000 (1990 – 2006)         |
| 6. Punjab Revenue Department's Report 2007:  | 132 (for past five years)    |
| 7. Punjab Police Report 2007:  | 7 (for past seven years)     |
| 8. MASR Census of Moonak Sub-Division:2007<br>(comprising 91 villages and supported by Gram Panchayat Affidavits)  | 1,508 (1988-to date)         |

The Central government is willing to concede suicides in the southern states but not in Punjab or Haryana because Punjab has long been projected as an "agricultural success story". If it is conceded that Punjab and Haryana farmers are desperate it must mean that agriculture all over India has collapsed.

Punjab is experiencing more suicides than other states because agriculture is overwhelmingly the state's main economic activity. Thanks to the thrust of the green revolution it has moved on from one crop to more than two crops a year. Therefore its losses are proportionally more than other states.

In 2001, We had apprised both President of India and Chief Minister of Punjab that suicide is violence turned inward. It will not be long before anger and despair are turned outward and result in social and political turmoil if nothing is done to mitigate the difficulties of the rural sector. The Central government's response has been to multiply the number of para-military forces. The increased threat perception to the state is not from so-called "Naxalites" and "Maoists". It is from rural emiseration due to unequal distribution of the nation's wealth.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Cc: all Members of Parliament

Inderjit Singh Jaijee, Convener

\*\*\*\*\*