



KHALISTAN EXTREMISM MONITOR

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Spotlight

The Punjab Police intensified efforts to combat organized crime, terrorism and drug trafficking networks, dismantling several networks in December. *Khalistan Extremism Monitor* (KEM) data indicates that security forces arrested 71 individuals linked to Khalistani terrorist organizations or criminal gangs, along with 67 suspects involved in drug-related offenses through the month. Authorities also intercepted 19 drones, used for arms and narcotics smuggling, across Punjab's border with Pakistan.

On December 31, 2024, Punjab Police IGP Sukhchain Singh Gill, announced that, through 2024, the Punjab Police had dismantled 12 terrorist modules, arrested 66 terrorists, and recovered significant amounts of weapons and explosives, as well as 257 drones. Further, the Anti-Gangster Task Force dismantled 198 gangster modules, arrested 559 gang members, and seized 482 weapons, 102 vehicles, seven kilograms of heroin, and INR 2.14 crore in drug money. The Punjab Police recovered 1,099 kilograms of heroin, 991 kilograms of opium, 414 quintals of poppy husk, 294,000 pharmaceutical opioids, and INR 147.3 million in drug money from smugglers.

The month in review

As observed throughout the year, the concluding month of December 2024 witnessed significant Khalistan-linked violent activities in India, including the elimination of Khalistani terrorists, alongside a notable increase in militant activities in Punjab associated with the transnational gangster-terrorist-drug smuggling networks, most prominently including a series of grenade attacks on Police establishments.

On December 23, 2024, the Uttar Pradesh (UP) Special Task Force (STF) and Punjab Police killed three Khalistani terrorists, identified as Gurwinder Singh, Virendra Singh *aka* Ravi, and Jasan Preet Singh *aka* Pratap Singh, in an encounter in Pilibhit district, UP. The forces seized two AK-47 rifles, two Glock pistols, and a large cache of ammunition from their possession. The terrorists, all Punjab natives and alleged operatives of the Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF), were reportedly involved in the recent grenade attacks on police establishments in Punjab. According to Police reports, the suspects, part of a broader terrorist network, had been in contact with Ranjeet Singh Neeta, the Pakistan-based leader of the Khalistani Zindabad Force (KZF), while the Khalistani terrorist group, Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) facilitated their stay in Pilibhit through local contacts. Operating under the guidance foreign-based terrorist operatives, the trio was



Busted BKI module operated by foreign handlers



Tarn Taran Police & BSF recovered heroin and drone



Attack on Sukhbir Singh Badal





connected to the grenade attacks in Punjab.

Following the encounter killing, authorities have intensified efforts to investigate a potential pro-Khalistan network operating within the Terai region of UP, which has been identified as a safe haven for extremists. On December 26, 2024, Rakesh Singh, Inspector-General of Police (IGP) of the Bareilly Range, announced that the Uttar Pradesh Police was strengthening security along the Nepal border in response to the killing of the three KZF terrorists in Pilibhit. Singh confirmed that investigations are ongoing and that enhanced security measures have been implemented to prevent the infiltration of terrorist elements.

In retaliation for the deaths of three KZF members in the Pilibhit encounter, Khalistani terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, leader of the banned Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), issued a video threat declaring the 2025 Mahakumbh Mela as the last and incited violence against Hindus on key dates—January 14, 2025, January 29, 2025, and February 3, 2025.

A series of eight grenade attacks near police stations in Punjab over 28 days, with six incidents occurring in December alone, highlights a troubling trend of escalating violence and terrorism linked to transnational criminal gang networks in the border state. These attacks include:

November 23, 2024: a failed explosives attack at the Ajnala Police Station in Amritsar; the device failed to detonate.

November 29, 2024: an explosion near a vacant police check post in Gurbaksh Nagar, Amritsar;

December 2, 2024: a grenade attack at the Ansaro Police Post in Nawanshahr, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar;

December 4, 2024: a powerful explosion at the Majitha Police Station in Amritsar;

December 13, 2024: a grenade attack near the entrance of the Ghania Ke Bangar Police Station in Batala, Gurdaspur;

December 17, 2024: an explosion at the Islamabad Police Station in Amritsar;

December 18, 2024: a grenade attack at Bakshiwal Police Chowki in Batala, Gurdaspur;

December 20, 2024: a suspected blast at Wadala Bangar Police Chowki in Gurdaspur.

While each of these incidents targeted police establishments and public areas, no casualties were reported, and the explosives either caused minimal damage or failed to detonate successfully.

On December 30, 2024, Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav announced in Chandigarh that all eight bomb blast cases targeting police installations in the state had been resolved. Fourteen members of BKI and KZF were arrested in this connection. The attacks were orchestrated by terrorist modules linked to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and handlers based in the United States, Canada, and Europe. The attacks variously involved the use of grenades and RDX. The ISI-backed BKI module was led by Harpreet Singh *aka* Happy Passia, and Shamsher *aka* Honey, while one of the principal organisers, Abhijot Singh, was among those apprehended.

Intelligence reports indicate that Pakistan's ISI is exploiting unrest along the Bangladesh and Jammu and Kashmir borders to divert India's security focus, while bolstering Khalistan-related activities in Punjab. Under the leadership of Ranjeet Singh Neeta, KZF is actively recruiting youth with support from operatives in countries such as Germany, the United States (US), and Canada. The group is reportedly planning targeted attacks in Punjab. Neeta, who resides in Pakistan and was declared a terrorist by India in 2020, is linked to cross-border arms smuggling and faces an Interpol Red Corner Notice.





In another significant incident, on December 4, 2024, former Deputy Chief Minister and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Sukhbir Singh Badal survived an assassination attempt while performing penance at the Golden Temple in Amritsar. The shooter, Narain Singh Chaura, a former terrorist involved in numerous cases of terrorism, missed his target when a volunteer intervened, causing the bullet to hit a wall six feet away from Badal, who was unharmed.

Preliminary police investigations indicate that Narain Singh Chaura, the founder of the Khalistan Liberation Army (KLA), had been linked to various separatist groups and radical ideologies. Chaura, identified as the "chief conspirator" by the police in the 2004 Burail jailbreak, admitted to receiving firearms training in Pakistan. A former Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) employee and militant turned social activist, he was known for his staunch criticism of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) over the 'sacrilege' cases.

Interestingly, hardline radical Sikh organizations, including Dal Khalsa, criticized state policies targeting Sikhs and expressed support for Chaura. Moreover, the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) could potentially revoke its previous resolution calling for Chaura's excommunication from the Panth (the Sikh Faith).

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No place for Khalistan in India: Modi govt blocks 10,500 URLs linked to pro-Khalistani referendum

According to sources, the Indian government has blocked approximately 10,500 URLs linked to the pro-Khalistani referendum over the past three years under Section 69A of the IT Act, citing national security concerns. Additionally, over 28,000 social media URLs, including those from platforms like Facebook and X, were blocked during this period for fraud and other malicious activities. The actions were taken based on recommendations from intelligence agencies and the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (UMHA).

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Bageshwar Dham's Dharendra Shastri receives death threat from Barjinder Singh Parwana

On December 2, a video surfaced on social media showing Khalistan leader and self-styled head of the Damdami Taksal Rajpura, Barjinder Singh Parwana, issuing death threats against Dharendra Shastri of Bageshwar Dham, referencing the assassination of Indira Gandhi as a warning. The threats were reportedly triggered by Shastri's perceived remarks about the Golden Temple, although his supporters deny that any such statements were made. The video has sparked widespread outrage, and complaints have been filed accusing Parwana of sedition and incitement to religious hatred.

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**Bageshwar Dham
Dharendra Shastri**





Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

Terrorist Pannun incites farmers before PM's visit to Chandigarh on 3 December

Chief of the banned Khalistani outfit, Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, issued new threats via a video message on December 2, urging farmers to surround Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Punjab Engineering College on December 3, in Chandigarh.

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Sukhbir Singh Badal survives assassination attempt at Golden Temple; shooter held

On December 4, former Deputy Chief Minister and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Sukhbir Singh Badal survived an assassination attempt while performing penance at the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Punjab. The shooter, identified as Narain Singh Chaura, a former militant wanted in Khalistani terrorism-related cases, was overpowered by a volunteer before he could inflict harm. Chaura positioned himself in front of Badal but missed the target when a volunteer pushed him as he fired. The bullet, aimed at Badal, struck a wall approximately six feet away from where he was seated. Badal escaped unharmed.

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Sukhbir Singh Badal survives assassination attempt



Khalistani Group SFJ Launches 'Kill Modi Politics' Campaign In UK

On December 4, the banned Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) launched a provocative "Kill Modi Politics" campaign, featuring banners with "Kill Modi Politics" and "Wanted" posters of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar displayed at the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in West Bromwich, West Midlands, UK. SFJ chief Gurpatwant Singh Pannun accused the Indian government of using Hindu temples worldwide to promote Hindutva ideology and recruit spies to monitor pro-Khalistan Sikhs. SFJ UK coordinator Dupinderjit Singh alleged that Indian diplomats were targeting Paramjeet Singh Pamma, a Khalistan Referendum Coordinator, and building intelligence networks against pro-Khalistan activists

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'Khalistan lobby' likely to again push forward motion to declare 1984 riots as genocide, says Canadian MP Chandra Arya

Canadian Member of Parliament (MP) Chandra Arya opposed a motion in the House of Commons in Ottawa, Canada, to label the 1984 anti-Sikh riots as genocide. He warned that the "politically powerful Khalistani lobby" might attempt to reintroduce the motion. Arya, the only MP present to oppose the motion, highlighted the threats he faces for advocating the Hindu-Canadian community and urged Hindu-Canadians to engage with their MPs to prevent the motion's passage in future. While condemning the violence of the riots, he argued that labelling it as genocide would be both misleading and divisive.

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Canadian MP Chandra Arya

UK strips two British Indians of honours allegedly over statements on Khalistan separatists, Islam

On December 6, King Charles III, acting on the recommendation of Prime Minister Keir Starmer, stripped two British Indians, Raminder Singh Ranger and Anil Kumar Bhanot, of their honours in London, United Kingdom (UK). Ranger, a Conservative Party member, had his title revoked due to controversial remarks about Khalistan separatists and criticism of the BBC's documentary on Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Bhanot, a trustee of the Hindu Council UK, lost his honour over allegations of Islamophobia linked to his social media posts concerning violence against Hindus in Bangladesh.

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Raminder Singh Ranger and Anil Kumar Bhanot

SFJ's 'Seize Parliament' Call To Sikh Farmers 'Unwarranted', Canada Must Respond, Say Top Intel Sources

Top intelligence sources have described the banned Khalistani outfit Sikhs for Justice (SFJ)'s call for farmers to "Seize Indian Parliament" on December 13 as "unwarranted" and a form of "foreign interference" that the Canadian government should address. The outfit has allocated INR 2.5 million for the protest, which coincides with the 23rd anniversary of the 2001 Parliament Attack. According to sources, SFJ chief Gurpatwant Singh Pannun is receiving funds for every post against India and is now attempting to intervene in various matters.

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Gurpatwant Singh Pannun





Pak's ISI pushes drug addicts as terror couriers in Indian jails, say officials

According to sources, Pakistan's intelligence agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), has been infiltrating individuals under the influence of drugs or posing as mentally disturbed, into India to deliver critical messages to terrorists imprisoned in Indian jails. Since July 2024, over 10 such cases have been reported, with these individuals being sent to prisons in Jammu, Punjab, and Rajasthan. This strategy, tied to drug smuggling operations, aims to bypass electronic surveillance and law enforcement. The ISI's tactics have raised suspicions of a larger agenda, as many infiltrators exhibit evasive behaviour during interrogation.

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Canadian police warn critic of pro-Khalistan movement on threats to his life

Maninder Singh Gill, managing director of Radio India and a prominent critic of the pro-Khalistan movement in Canada, revealed in an interview with *Hindustan Times* that he has received formal warnings from law enforcement about threats to his life. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) issued two "duty to warn" notices in 2023 and 2024, linking the threats to his opposition to pro-Khalistan elements. Security measures around Gill's residence have been heightened, including regular police patrols and the installation of a panic button.



Maninder Singh Gill

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Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) issues threat to target Maha Kumbh 2025

On December 16, via a video message, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, chief of the banned Khalistani Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), threatened to target the Maha Kumbh 2025 (a major Hindu pilgrimage and festival organised once in every twelve years) and to challenge "Modi's Hindutva ideology" in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. Pannun also offered a USD 25,000 bounty for targeting the Statue of Unity in Gujarat and urged Canada to take action against Hindu organisations.

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Russia Hits Back at SFJ's Nijjar Allegations: 'Tracking Diplomats Equal To Planning Terror Attack'

On December 19, Russia denied claims made by the Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) and condemned SFJ's call to "track" diplomats, equating it to planning a terrorist attack. Russia urged Global Affairs Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to strengthen security for its missions. SFJ had alleged that Russia provided signal intelligence to India's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) and hacked Nijjar's Telegram account.

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Sunil Yadav aka Goli

Revenge? Bishnoi gang claims surface over a killing in California

Sunil Yadav *aka* Goli, a notorious drug lord and former associate of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, was gunned down in Stockton, California, United States (US), on December 23. The Bishnoi group, including US-based gangsters Goldy Brar and Rohit Godara, claimed responsibility for the killing in a social media post. Yadav, who fled to the US using a fake passport after being implicated in the 2019 murder of Ankit Bhadu, was involved in international drug trafficking operations spanning Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Dubai, and the US. His death marks the culmination of a five-year-long pursuit by the Bishnoi group, who sought revenge for Bhadu's killing.

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3 pro-Khalistan terrorists gunned down in encounter in Pilibhit: UP Police

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Former British soldier Jagjit Singh runs own terror outfit, claim police

On December 24, the Punjab Police revealed that Jagjit Singh *aka* Fateh Singh Baagi, a Khalistani terrorist and former British Army soldier, was operating his own terrorist outfit, the Akaljot Khalistan Force (AKF), while also collaborating with the Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF). Singh, originally from Mianpur village in Tarn Taran, Punjab, had reportedly engaged in radical activities under the pseudonym "Fateh Singh Baagi." However, his father, Joginder Singh, an ex-serviceman, refuted the allegations, stating that his son had no involvement in terrorism and emphasized the family's history of serving the nation.

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Punjab police stations under security cover after 8 blasts, encounter deaths

According to sources, in response to eight blasts targeting police stations, posts, and check posts last month, the Punjab Police is enhancing security measures around its establishments in Amritsar and Gurdaspur districts. The measures include raising wall heights, constructing sentry posts, and installing nets on rooftops and boundary walls to mitigate the risk of grenade attacks.

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Punjab police station



Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav

All 8 blast incidents targeting police installations solved: Punjab DGP Yadav

On December 30 in Chandigarh, Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Gaurav Yadav announced that all eight bomb blast cases targeting police establishments in the state had been solved, with fourteen members of the Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF) arrested. The attacks were orchestrated by terrorist modules linked to Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and handlers based in the United States (US), Canada, and Europe, involving the use of grenades and RDX. An ISI-backed BKI module was operated by Harpreet Singh *aka* Happy Passia and Shamsher *aka* Honey, with mastermind Abhijot Singh among those apprehended.

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Drug smugglers, terrorists & gangsters posed major challenge in Punjab

On December 30, Punjab Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav revealed the existence of a nexus involving drug smugglers, terrorists, and gangsters, supported by Pakistan’s Inter-Services Intelligence, which was actively recruiting unemployed youth for criminal and terrorist activities. In 2024, the Punjab Police dismantled 13 terrorist and 200 gangster modules, leading to 559 arrests and 64 encounters, marking significant strides in countering organized crime and terrorism in the state.

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HATE SPEECH TRACKER

Date	Incidents
02 Dec 2024	Gurpatwant Singh Pannun Incites Farmers Ahead of PM’s Visit to Chandigarh on December 3
02 Dec 2024	Bageshwar Dham’s Dharendra Shastri Receives Death Threat from Barjinder Singh Parwana
07 Dec 2024	Sikhs For Justice Urges Sikh Farmers to ‘Seize the Indian Parliament’
09 Dec 2024	Pannun Threatens Canadian Hindu MP Chandra Arya for Opposing 1984 Riots Motion
13 Dec 2024	Khalistani Separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun Threatens Indian Envoy in the US
16 Dec 2024	Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) Threatens to Target Maha Kumbh 2025
20 Dec 2024	Gurpatwant Singh Pannun Issues New Threats Against Russian Diplomats
24 Dec 2024	Khalistani Terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun Issues Threat Against Mahakumbh Mela 2025
30 Dec 2024	Goldy Brar Threatens Punjab AGTF DSP Bikram Singh Brar Over Deployment of Informers

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COMPOSITE SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
06 Dec 2024	1	3	5 kilograms of heroin and a revolver
15 Dec 2024	1	8	4.5 kilograms of heroin, six weapons – including two Glock pistols and a .30 bore Zigana pistol – 14 live 9 mm bullets among 16 rounds





20 Dec 2024	2	2	30 grams of heroin, two pistols, three magazines, and 35 live rounds; A Chinese .30 bore pistol, a magazine with three live rounds, INR 500,000 in drug money
26 Dec 2024	1	3	400 grams of heroin, three illegal country-made pistols, seven cartridges
28 Dec 2024	1	2	1.4 kilograms of heroin, one hand grenade and two pistols – one 9 mm Zigana and one 9 mm Glock – along with ammunition
Total	6	18	Heroin – 11.33 Kilograms, Pistols – 14, Revolver – 1, Hand Grenade – 1, Cartridges/Bullets – 80, Drug Money – INR 500,000

ARMS & AMMUNITION SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
01 Dec 2024	1	1	One 12 bore pistol
04 Dec 2024	2	6	One pistol, ammunition; A pistol, four live cartridges, and a country-made weapon
06 Dec 2024	1	10	A hand grenade, two .30 bore pistols, one .32 bore pistol
09 Dec 2024	1	1	Two pistols, one of which was a country-made weapon, along with a magazine
13 Dec 2024	1	2	Two Chinese-made P86 hand grenades, a Turkey-made 9MM Zigana pistol with ammunition
14 Dec 2024	1	3	A country-made pistol and a revolver, along with six live cartridges
15 Dec 2024	1	2	10 country-made pistols, 20 magazines, and ammunition
16 Dec 2024	1	4	Three .32 calibre pistols and 16 cartridges
21 Dec 2024	1	2	Two sophisticated 9 mm Glock pistols, four magazines, and 14 cartridges
24 Dec 2024	1	4	One .32-bore pistol and live cartridges





26 Dec 2024	1	3	A 9 mm pistol, five .32-bore pistols and eight rounds of ammunition
29 Dec 2024	2	10	One 9mm Glock pistol, two .32 bore pistols and one country-made pistol along with 15 live cartridges and three magazines; One 9mm Glock pistol and one .32 bore pistol
Total	14	48	Pistols – 38, Revolver – 1, Cartridges/Bullets – 96+, Hand Grenades – 3, Other Weapon – 1

DRUG SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
01 Dec 2024	6	5	500 grams of heroin; 540 grams of heroin; 50 grams of heroin; 541 grams of heroin; 750 grams of heroin; 115 grams of heroin
02 Dec 2024	1	1	171,000 Clovidol-100 tablets
03 Dec 2024	2	4	150 narcotic pills, 50 grams of heroin; 560 grams of heroin
05 Dec 2024	2	6	5 kilograms of heroin; 5 kilograms of heroin
06 Dec 2024	2	0	562 grams of heroin; 545 grams of heroin
07 Dec 2024	2	10	1.5 kilograms of opium; 504 narcotic pills, 47 grams of opium
08 Dec 2024	1	2	105 grams of heroin
09 Dec 2024	3	5	580 grams heroin; 4 kilograms of opium; 4.5 kilograms of opium
15 Dec 2024	2	3	435 grams of heroin; 505 grams of heroin
18 Dec 2024	1	0	4.84 kilograms of heroin
19 Dec 2024	1	0	580 grams of heroin
21 Dec 2024	2	0	545 grams of heroin; 544 grams of heroin
22 Dec 2024	2	2	Two packets of heroin containing 558 grams and 613 grams; 10 kilograms of heroin
24 Dec 2024	1	0	460 grams of heroin





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25 Dec 2024	1	1	192 grams of heroin
27 Dec 2024	2	2	170 intoxicating pills; 5 grams of heroin, 300 sedative tablets
28 Dec 2024	2	2	534 grams of heroin; 4.755 kilograms of heroin
31 Dec 2024	2	6	30 kilograms of poppy husk; 1 kilogram of heroin
Total	35	49	Heroin - 40.464 kilograms, Opium - 10.047 kilograms, Poppy Husk - 30 kilograms, Intoxicant Tablets/Capsules-172,124

