



KHALISTAN EXTREMISM MONITOR

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Spotlight

In July, the Punjab Police intensified their dedicated operations against organized crime syndicates, successfully dismantling several gangster-terror-drug smuggling networks across the state. According to data from the *Khalistan Extremism Monitor* (KEM), 50 persons were arrested in Punjab for their links to Khalistani terrorist organizations or organized criminal networks, while another 74 persons were detained in drug-related cases. Additionally, during this period, security forces intercepted and seized 7 drones that were being used to smuggle arms and narcotics across the Pakistan-India border in Punjab.

In a successful operation on July 18, 2024, Punjab Police thwarted potential 'targeted killings' with the arrest of Vikramjit Singh, a member of a Babbar Khalsa International (BKI)-backed Khalistani terrorist module, and seized a .32 bore pistol along with two magazines, nine live cartridges, and one empty bullet shell, from his possession near Chamrang Road in Amritsar district. Vikramjit Singh was allegedly operating under the direction of United States (US)-based terrorist Harpreet Singh aka Happy Passian, and his Italy-based associate Resham Singh.

The month in review

With the increasing complexity of 'Akali' and 'Panthic' politics, particularly following the victory of two radical Sikh candidates in the recently concluded parliamentary elections, the internal political landscape in Punjab has become more intricate, while Khalistani diaspora elements in the West continued their anti-India activities without any hindrance.

Amidst India's objections to the use of government property in Canada for separatist activities that challenge India's territorial integrity, pro-Khalistan groups – Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) and the World Sikh Organisation (WSO) – conducted their 'Khalistan Referendum' voting event at the Municipal Plaza in Calgary, Alberta Province, on July 28, 2024.

The event, dedicated to nine deceased Canadian Khalistani terrorists, including Hardeep Singh Nijjar and Talwinder Singh Parmar – the mastermind behind the 1985 Air India bombings – involved participants denigrating India, carrying Khalistan flags, and chanting slogans such as 'Kill India.'

Although the Pakistani media claimed that over 53,000 Sikhs participated in the referendum, no more than 1,000 individuals were visible in any of the videos of the event available on social media. SFJ chief Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, while addressing the crowd, vowed to intensify the pro-Khalistan campaign on India's Independence Day (August 15) and asserted that





their campaign would 'bombard' India with pro-Khalistani propaganda, affecting the country from the Red Fort to Ranchi. He further warned India that, if justice was not served by the courts in Hardeep Singh Nijjar's murder case, the Sikhs would resort to '*Khalsai Insaf*' (Khalsai Justice).

Earlier, in a promotional video for the event, Santokh Singh Khela, the mastermind behind the Air India 112 bombing plot in New York (1986), was seen distributing pamphlets outside a gurudwara in Canada, urging people to attend the event.

A significant segment of the Canadian population, along with various Indian associations in Canada, expressed concern regarding Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek's pro-Khalistani stance and her family's connections to Khalistani groups such as the World Sikh Organisation (WSO). The associations of the Indian diaspora also criticized Gondek for transforming Calgary into a hub of activities that glorify terrorists/terrorism.

The Punjab Referendum Commission (PRC), which supervised the referendum event, announced that the next phase of the Khalistan Referendum was scheduled to take place in New Zealand within 'the next few months.'

In another significant development, in a video released on July 24, 2024, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun called for Hindus in Canada, including Liberal Member of Parliament (MP) Chandra Arya, to return to India, accusing them of undermining Canadian values. Pannun specifically targeted Arya, alleging that he and his supporters were promoting Indian interests and inciting violence against pro-Khalistan Sikhs. Pannun contended that only Khalistani Sikhs have demonstrated genuine loyalty to Canada, while characterizing individuals like Arya as unwelcome.

In response to the video, Chandra Arya issued a statement on the social media platform X, condemning Khalistani extremists for 'polluting' Canada and 'misusing' the freedoms enshrined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Earlier, Chandra Arya condemned the vandalism at the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Edmonton, Canada, by Khalistani radicals, who defaced the temple with anti-India graffiti targeting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Arya himself, on July 22, 2024. Arya highlighted the contributions of Hindu Canadians to the nation and denounced the actions of individuals promoting hate and violence.

Despite India's ongoing concerns and requests for enhanced security directed to Global Affairs Canada, SFJ organized a protest on July 4, 2024, outside the Indian High Commission in Ottawa, targeting India's High Commissioner to Ottawa, Sanjay Kumar Verma. According to SFJ, this demonstration was part of a larger series of over 20 protests aimed at Indian diplomatic missions.

SFJ persisted in its campaign of intimidation, with four Sikh leaders from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Punjab, including National General Secretary Manjinder Singh Sirsa, receiving death threats on July 9, 2024, via a letter sent to the BJP office in Chandigarh. Additionally, on July 21, 2024, Rajya Sabha (Upper House of Parliament) Members of Parliament (MPs) from Kerala, V. Sivadasan and A.A. Rahim, received a threatening phone call at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi from an individual purporting to be associated with SFJ.

Meanwhile, on July 9, 2024, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (UMHA) issued a notification extending the ban on Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) for an additional five years, effective from July 10, 2024. This extension reaffirms SFJ's designation as an unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).





On July 5, 2024, the jailed Khalistani preacher and leader of a faction of Waris Punjab De (WPD), Amritpal Singh, who was granted a four-day parole for his swearing-in as a Member of Parliament (MP), took his oath before Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in Parliament, New Delhi. After becoming an MP, Amritpal Singh issued a statement on July 6, 2024, from Dibrugarh Jail in Assam, where he is detained under the National Security Act (NSA), disapproving of remarks made by his mother, Balwinder Kaur, who had denied his support for Khalistan. Amritpal Singh emphasized his commitment to Khalistan despite his mother's contrary claims. He asserted that advocating Khalsa Raj was a matter of pride, aligned with the historical sacrifices of Sikhs, and warned his family against deviating from this path.

Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa, the newly elected MP from Faridkot and son of Beant Singh, one of the assassins of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, has proposed creating a new *Panthic* organization in Punjab with jailed MP Amritpal Singh upon his release. Citing the electoral support garnered by himself and Amritpal Singh, he criticized existing Sikh political organisations for their leadership failures and plans to contest the upcoming Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) elections.

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Goldy Brar and gangster Gurpreet Singh

NIA announces cash reward of Rs 10 lakh for Sidhu Moose Wala killing mastermind Goldy Brar

On July 2, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) issued a public notice announcing a cash reward of INR 10 lakh each for designated terrorist Goldy Brar and gangster Gurpreet Singh, both wanted in a case of extortion and firing at a businessman's house in Chandigarh. Goldy Brar, a key accused in the killing of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moose Wala and an affiliate of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, is suspected to be based in Canada or the United States (US). The NIA assured the anonymity of anyone providing information leading to their arrest.

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General Election Candidates in UK criticised for supporting 'Sikh manifesto' with controversial independence demand

General Election candidates in the United Kingdom (UK) have faced criticism for endorsing a "Sikh Manifesto" which calls for the self-determination of Sikhs, or Khalistan. The manifesto also criticizes the UK Government's stance on hate crimes against Sikhs. The manifesto has received support from senior Conservative and Labour representatives, including Angela Rayner and Theresa May. The Sikh Federation UK and The Sikh Network back the manifesto, while other Sikh groups and experts warn it could exacerbate geopolitical tensions. Critics argue it reflects problematic sectarian campaigning in UK politics

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The Sikh Manifesto





Pro-Khalistan leader Gajinder Singh

Wanted Pro-Khalistan leader Gajinder Singh dies in Pakistan

Khalistani terrorist Gajinder Singh, who led the group that hijacked an Indian Airlines aircraft to Lahore in 1981 and one of the most-wanted persons in the records of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (UMHA), passed away at age 73, after a brief illness, in Lahore, Pakistan, on July 3. He was the founder of the separatist Dal Khalsa and had spent 14 years in a Pakistani prison for the hijacking. Since his release in 1995, Gajinder Singh had been living in exile. After the terrorist attack on the Indian Parliament in 2001, UMHA released a list of 20 'most wanted' fugitives to Pakistan for extradition, which included Gajinder Singh.

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Pro-Khalistan protesters stage demonstration against Indian diplomat in Canada

The banned Khalistani outfit Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) organized a protest on July 4 targeting India's High Commissioner to Ottawa, Sanjay Kumar Verma, outside the Indian High Commission in Ottawa, Canada. This demonstration was part of a series of over 20 protests organized by the SFJ targeting Indian diplomatic missions. According to sources, despite India's repeated expressions of concern and requests for increased security to Global Affairs Canada, these protests persist and are fuelled by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's statements about India's role in the murder of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar

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Amritpal Singh

Out on parole, Amritpal Singh, takes oath as Lok Sabha MP

The radical Khalistani preacher and Waris Punjab De (WPD) chief, Amritpal Singh, who was granted a four-day parole for his swearing-in as a Member of Parliament (MP), took his oath before Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in Parliament, New Delhi, on July 5. After the ceremony, he met with his father, Tarsem Singh, and two uncles, before returning to Dibrugarh Central Jail, where he is currently held under the National Security Act (NSA). Earlier, he had left the high-security jail at 4 am on July 5 and was flown to New Delhi in a special aircraft for the swearing-in ceremony

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Punjab Shiv Sena leader attacked with swords in Ludhiana

Punjab Shiv Sena leader attacked with swords in Ludhiana by men dressed as Nihang Sikhs

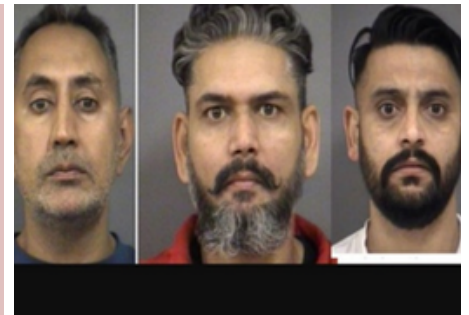
Sandeep Thapar, a prominent figure of the Punjab Shiv Sena, was seriously injured after an attack by at least three men dressed as Nihang Sikhs in Ludhiana on July 5. The attackers used *kirpans* (swords) and escaped on Thapar's scooter after the altercation. Two of the three attackers, identified as Sarabjit Singh and Harjot Singh, were arrested by the police, while the third, Tehal Singh, remains at large. According to sources, Sandeep was likely attacked due to his outspoken views against Khalistan, anti-national elements, and various local issues

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Five arrested for demanding ransom from Punjabi businessmen in Canada

The Peel police arrested five persons in recent months on charges of demanding huge sums of money as ransom from Punjabi businessmen and firing shots in Peel, in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) in Ontario, Canada. The police stated that the suspects made ransom demands and fired at businesses to intimidate owners into paying. The accused face 14 charges and will be produced before the court after further interrogation. The police have urged other affected businessmen to come forward.

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Accused & arrested for demanding ransom from Punjabi businessmen in Canada



Amritpal Singh

'Dreaming of Khalsa Raj not a crime': Khadoor Sahib MP Amritpal Singh contradicts mother on her Khalistan statement

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Border Forces Recover 126 Drones, Seize Drugs Near India-Pak Border In Punjab

On July 10, the Border Security Force (BSF) stated that its troops have recovered 126 drones and 150 kilograms of heroin in the first six months of 2024, significantly outperforming the 2023 figures, along the 553-kilometre long India-Pakistan border in Punjab. In 2023, the BSF had captured 107 drones from Pakistan. Additionally, the Force neutralized one Pakistani national and arrested 21 others attempting to cross the International Border (IB), demonstrating their enhanced capability and dedication to safeguarding national security.

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Harpreet Singh alias Happy

Amritpal Singh's brother held with 4-gm crystal meth

On July 11, Police arrested the brother of radical Khalistani preacher and chief of Waris Punjab De (WPD), currently jailed Member of Parliament Amritpal Singh, identified as Harpreet Singh *alias* Happy, along with Harpreet's aide Lovepreet Singh and drug supplier Sandeep Arora, and seized 4 grams of ice (methamphetamine), two lighters, a digital weighing scale, three mobile phones, a half-burnt Rs 20 note, and silver paper from their possession near Phillaur in Jalandhar district. A First Information Report (FIR) under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act has been registered against them

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Canadian Prime Minister (PM) Justin Trudeau

Canada's Trudeau calls Diljit 'a guy from Punjab', not Indian; faces backlash

Canadian Prime Minister (PM) Justin Trudeau referred to singer Diljit Dosanjh as 'Punjabi' instead of 'Indian' on social media site X on July 15, provoking a severe backlash. Trudeau's post, celebrating Dosanjh's success at the Rogers Centre in Toronto, Canada, sparked criticism from netizens who insisted on acknowledging Diljit as 'Indian.' This controversy follows previous criticism of Trudeau for attending a Khalsa Day event, where pro-Khalistan slogans were raised, leading to strained diplomatic relations between India and Canada.

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Amarjeet Singh Bishnoi

Anti-Gangster Task Force Nabs Key Gang Member in Italy

The Anti-Gangster Task Force (AGTF) of the Rajasthan Police arrested an accomplice of notorious gangster Rohit Godara, identified as Amarjeet Singh Bishnoi, in Sicily, Italy. The arrest was facilitated through collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (UMHA), leading to Bishnoi's detention by Italian authorities on July 8. Bishnoi had been evading capture since December 2022, following the murder of rival gangster Raju Theth by the Rohit Godara gang, and had been living in Italy without proper documents.

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Kerala MPs Receive Threat Call from Banned Organisation 'Sikhs For Justice'

Rajya Sabha (Upper house of Parliament) Members of Parliament (MPs) V. Sivadasan and A.A. Rahim received a threat call on July 21 at the lounge of Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi, from a person claiming to be a member of the banned Sikhs For Justice (SFJ). The caller threatened to "bombard" areas of Delhi with Khalistan referendum messages. The MPs informed Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar and lodged an official complaint with the Delhi Police

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Member of Parliament (MPs) V. Sivadasan



Hindu Temple Defaced In Canada

Hindu Temple Defaced In Canada With Comments Against PM Modi

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Indian- origin Canadian MP says, 'Khalistanis have polluted Canada', after threats

On July 24, Hindu-Canadian Member of Parliament Chandra Arya, via a statement on social media site X criticized Khalistani extremists for 'polluting' Canada and 'abusing' the freedoms guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights, in response to a video posted by Khalistani terrorist and chief of Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, targeting him. Arya's comments followed the recent vandalism of the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir in Edmonton, Canada, by Khalistani radicals with anti-India graffiti. He emphasized the contributions of Hindu Canadians to the country and condemned the actions of those promoting hate and violence.

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Hindu-Canadian Member of Parliament Chandra Arya





Go back to 'motherland' India, says Pannun after Canada Hindu MP talks of temple vandalism

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Liberal Member of Parliament (MP) Chandra Arya



Khalistani terrorist and chief of the banned Khalistani outfit Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, and Hardeep Singh Nijjar

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun Vows to Avenge Hardeep Singh Nijjar's Murder 'At Any Cost'

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HATE SPEECH TRACKER

Date	Incidents
09 July 2024	BJP leaders including Manjinder Sirsa and Parminder Brar receive death threat
21 July 2024	Kerala MPs Receive Threat Call from Banned Organisation Sikhs For Justice

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COMPOSITE SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
11 July 2024	1	0	1 pistol body (without upper slide and barrel), 1 empty pistol magazine, and 1 gram of heroin
17 July 2024	2	3	7 kilograms of heroin, four 9mm Glock pistols, one .32 bore pistol, five live cartridges, five magazines; 60 grams of heroin along with a .32-bore pistol and two live cartridges
24 July 2024	1	3	500 grams of heroin and a .32 bore pistol
27 July 2024	1	2	540 grams of heroin along with one pistol, a magazine and five bullets
28 July 2024	1	8	100 grams of heroin, a 32-bore pistol, two live cartridges, 106,860 narcotics tablets, 4,320 capsules
Total	6	16	Pistols – 10, Cartridges/Bullets – 21, Heroin – 8.201 kilograms, Intoxicant Tablets/Capsules – 111,180

ARMS & AMMUNITION SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
03 July 2024	1	0	Two pistols, four magazines, and 40 rounds of Pakistan-made bullets
08 July 2024	2	6	Two .32 bore pistols, three magazines, and eight live rounds; One .32 Webley revolver, a .32 pistol along with a magazine and 19 cartridges
10 July 2024	1	8	Seven pistols, revolvers, a double-barrel gun
13 July 2024	1	0	One Beretta pistol, two Star-mark pistols, seven magazines
14 July 2024	2	7	One revolver and one pistol; three .30 bore pistols
16 July 2024	1	3	Three .32 bore pistols along with three magazines and six live cartridges





18 July 2024	1	1	A .32 bore pistol along with two magazines, nine live cartridges, and one empty bullet shell
19 July 2024	1	7	One .32 pistol, five rounds, five daggers (<i>dattars</i>)
21 July 2024	1	2	Four Austrian pistols
25 July 2024	1	3	One pistol, two cartridges
Total	12	37	Pistols - 29, Revolver - 4, Rifle - 1, Cartridges/Bullets - 110, Daggers - 5

DRUG SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
01 July 2024	2	0	2.32 kilograms of heroin; 545 grams of heroin
02 July 2024	2	4	5 kilograms of heroin; 5 kilograms of heroin
03 July 2024	1	1	2.5 kilograms of heroin
04 July 2024	1	0	550 grams of heroin
06 July 2024	4	3	480 grams of heroin; 6 grams of heroin; 20 kilograms of poppy husk; 10 strips of intoxicant pills
07 July 2024	2	3	1 kilogram of heroin; 250 grams of heroin
09 July 2024	1	0	550 grams of heroin
10 July 2024	1	0	566 grams of heroin
11 July 2024	2	3	570 grams of heroin; 4 grams of ICE (methamphetamine)
13 July 2024	4	3	1.5 kilograms of opium; 10 grams of heroin; 100 intoxicant pills; 2.3 kilograms of heroin
14 July 2024	2	4	45 intoxicating tablets; 1 kilogram of heroin
15 July 2024	1	1	4,100 kilograms of poppy husk
16 July 2024	6	8	70 banned tablets; 45 banned tablets; 4 grams of heroin; 2 grams of heroin; 1.4 kilograms of opium; 1.06 kilograms of heroin





17 July 2024	1	2	950 grams of heroin
18 July 2024	1	2	440 grams of heroin
20 July 2024	2	7	1.5 kilograms of heroin; 1 kilograms of ICE (methamphetamine), 2.45 kilograms of heroin, and 520 grams of precursor pseudoephedrine
22 July 2024	2	2	Sulfa drug; 5 grams of heroin
24 July 2024	3	3	20 kilograms of poppy husk; 508 grams of heroin; 567 grams of heroin
25 July 2024	2	4	220 kilograms of poppy husk; 525 grams of heroin
28 July 2024	2	2	230 banned capsules; 30 banned capsules (pregabalin)
30 July 2024	2	4	353 grams of heroin; 3.597 kilograms of heroin
Total	44	56	Heroin – 34.608 kilograms, Poppy husk – 4,360 kilograms, Opium – 2.9 kilograms, Intoxicant Tablets/Capsules – 530, ICE (methamphetamine) – 1.004 kilograms, Precursor pseudoephedrine – 520 grams

