



KHALISTAN EXTREMISM MONITOR

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Spotlight

The Punjab Police dismantled multiple networks involved in gangsterism, terrorism, and drug smuggling, through their ongoing specialized operations targeting organized crime. *Khalistan Extremism Monitor* data indicates that, in June, 41 individuals were arrested in Punjab for their connections to Khalistani terrorism or organized criminal networks, while 219 individuals were apprehended for drug-related offenses. Security forces also intercepted and seized 19 drones used for smuggling arms and narcotics across the Pakistan-India border in Punjab.

On June 16, 2024, Punjab Police arrested family members of Canada-based terrorist Lakhbir Singh Landa and his associate Yadwinder Singh Yadu, who were involved in the RPG attack on a police station in Tarn Taran on December 10, 2022. Those arrested include Ranjodh Singh, brother-in-law of Lakhbir Singh Landa; his sister Jaspal Kaur; his mother Parminder Kaur; Jaikar Singh, father of Yadwinder Singh; Baljeet Kaur, his mother; and his sister Husanpreet Kaur.

The month in review

In June, while the surprising victory of two radical candidates in the 2024 Parliamentary election, including a jailed Khalistani preacher, shook the complex political landscape of Punjab, the West, especially Canada, continued to display double standards in dealing with the growing Khalistani extremism within its borders.

Amritpal Singh, a jailed Khalistani radical and leader of a faction of Waris Punjab De (WPD), contested as an independent candidate from Dibrugarh Jail in Assam and won the Khadoor Sahib parliamentary constituency in Punjab by a margin of 197,120 votes, in the recently concluded Lok Sabha (Lower House of Parliament) elections. He defeated candidates from mainstream political parties, with his nearest rival Kulbir Singh Zira of the Congress, behind by over 197,000 votes. The Punjab Government has, however, extended the detention of Amritpal Singh and his associates under the National Security Act (NSA), shortly before the announcement of the Lok Sabha election results on June 4, 2024.

Significantly, there was minimal visible support for Amritpal Singh during the protests organized by his parents and followers, which included a 'hunger strike until death' and prayers at all five Sikh *Takhts* (principal seats of the Faith), against his imprisonment. Singh was imprisoned for a number of transgressions, including over-running the Police Station at Anjala on February 24, 2023, with his followers and while using a copy of Guru





Granth Sahib mounted on a motorized palanquin as a shield, in support of his campaign in favour of the 'Khalistan' movement.

Interestingly, Amritpal Singh and his team conspicuously avoided the term 'Khalistan' throughout the election campaign, and focused, instead, on the drug problem and advocating the release of Amritpal Singh, his jailed supporters, and other Sikh prisoners.

Despite securing a significant victory in the Lok Sabha election, Amritpal's tenure as a Member of Parliament is contingent upon the political decisions of both the State and Central governments, given the numerous FIRs filed against him within the state.

Nonetheless, the induction of a Khalistani radical into Parliament, one who currently faces charges under the stringent National Security Act (NSA) and who has attempted to revive the Khalistan movement in Punjab, coupled with the rising sense of grievance among the Sikh community on a range of issues, will present a considerable challenge for the State.

Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa, the son of Beant Singh, one of the two assassins of late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, secured victory as an independent candidate in the Faridkot constituency, winning by a substantial margin of over 70,000 votes. Despite three previous unsuccessful election bids, Khalsa garnered voter sympathy by emphasizing his childhood, overshadowed by his father's execution for the assassination of the Prime Minister. He also underscored issues, including the lack of action on the 2015 *beadbi* (sacrilege) incidents, the plight of *Bandi Singhs* (Sikh prisoners), the pervasive drug problem, river water disputes, and the farmers' demand for a legal assurance of minimum support prices.

The victory and sudden prominence of both the candidates, who also garnered support from the Panthic (Sikh religious) organisations and separatist elements, raise concerns for mainstream traditional political parties in Punjab. Both radical candidates focused on local issues, such as drug addiction and historical injustices, resonating strongly with voters seeking 'change and justice'.

Drawing inspiration from these recent victories, more associates of Amritpal Singh are preparing to contest in the upcoming Assembly by-elections in Punjab. Bhagwant Singh *aka* Pradhan Mantri Bhagwant Bajeke, and Kulwant Singh Rauke, currently detained in Dibrugarh jail in Assam alongside Amritpal Singh, have already declared their candidacies. However, Panthic organizations, which supported Amritpal Singh and Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa, have decided not to endorse any candidate in the Jalandhar West by poll on July 10, and are still deliberating their stance for the upcoming by-elections.

In a surprising turn of events, Canada's House of Commons observed a 'moment of silence' on June 18, 2024, to commemorate the first anniversary of the killing of Khalistani militant Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Speaker Greg Fergus announced this tribute following an agreement across party lines in the House. This coincided with a large protest outside India's consulate in Vancouver, Canada, by Khalistani extremists led by Sikhs For Justice (SFJ). They held a 'citizens court' outside the Indian consulate, conducting a mock murder trial for Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The trial featured actors serving as the jury and judge, with an effigy of Modi in prison stripes paraded in a cage.

Earlier, on June 6, 2024, SFJ organized protests at the Indian consulate in Vancouver to mark the 40th anniversary of Operation Blue Star, featuring a float depicting the assassination of former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.





Also, members of SFJ, bearing the Khalistan flag, disrupted the memorial held for the victims of the 1985 Air India Flight 182 bombing, at Stanley Park, Vancouver, Canada, on June 23, 2024. Family members of the victims challenged SFJ's assertion of innocence regarding Khalistani terrorist Talwinder Singh Parmar, who authorities have identified as the mastermind behind the bombing. They also voiced disappointment at the lack of Canadian Government officials attending the event and condemned the Government's support for Khalistani extremists and sympathizers.

India formally lodged protests with Global Affairs Canada over each incident, expressing concerns regarding the promotion of violence and anti-India sentiments.

In a positive development, on June 19, 2024, the Federal Court of Appeal in Canada upheld the inclusion of two suspected Khalistani extremists, Bhagat Singh Brar and Parvkar Singh Dulai, on the no-fly list, ruling that the benefits to public safety outweighed the breach of their Charter rights. Justice David Stratias underscored the strength of the evidence against these individuals and highlighted that removing them from the list could compromise efforts to prevent terrorism, both domestically and internationally. This decision aligns with earlier Federal Court rulings from 2022 that supported their ongoing restriction on flying.

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The 77th birth anniversary of Sikh militant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, former head of the Damdami Taksal seminary, was commemorated on a large scale in Rode village in Bagha Purana Tehsil, Moga district, on June 2. Leaders from various Sikh organizations attended the event to pay tribute

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Operation Bluestar Anniversary: SFJ Urges 'Lockdown' Of Indian Missions In Canada

The banned Khalistani Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), led by Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, called for a 'lockdown' of India's High Commission in Ottawa and its consulates in Vancouver and Toronto in Canada, on June 6, the 40th anniversary of Operation Bluestar.

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On June 3, the Bareilly police booked five members of two gurdwara management committees – Malik Singh Kalra, Gurdeep Singh Bagga, Harnam Singh, Rajendra Singh Jani, and Hardeep Singh Nimma – after posters of Khalistani militant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, along with Amrik Singh and General Shabeg Singh, were put up at Sikh shrines in Model Town and Janakpuri gurdwaras in Bareilly city, Bareilly district, Uttar Pradesh, during the ongoing *Balidan Diwas* (Martyr's Day), commemorating the dead of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, observed from June 1 to 6. The posters were removed following police intervention, and the investigation is ongoing.

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'Had show on Bhindranwale death anniversary...', Goldy Brar reveals reason for killing Sidhu Moose Wala in viral audio clip

In a recent viral audio clip allegedly featuring gangster and Khalistani terrorist Goldy Brar, he accuses the late singer Sidhu Moose Wala and his family of being anti-Sikh and supporters of the Congress party. Brar claims they killed Moose Wala to prevent his June 5, 2022, show in Delhi, as it coincided with the anniversary of Operation Bluestar, a period of mourning for Sikhs. Brar also mentions his troubled past, attributing his turn to criminal behaviour to personal tragedies, including the loss of his brother in 2020.

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The Navi Mumbai Police recently uncovered a plot to kill actor Salman Khan involving the Lawrence Bishnoi and Goldy Brar gangs, who allegedly considered using minors for the task. During the investigation, police discovered a video call between gang member Ajay Kashyap and a Pakistan-based individual named Dogar, where Dogar showed Kashyap four to five weapons, including AK-47s. Sharpshooters Anmol Bishnoi and Rohit Godara were stationed at various locations under Goldy Brar's orders, with John allegedly providing the vehicle for the operation. Based on specific information, a case was registered against 17 accused, including Lawrence Bishnoi, his brother Anmol, gang member Sampat Nehra, Goldy Brar, Ajay Kashyap, Sukha Shooter, Sandeep Bishnoi, Wasim China, and Dogar, among others, revealing detailed reconnaissance and weapons procurement discussions.

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Punjab elects radical preacher Amritpal & Indira assassin son

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The Lok Sabha elections in Punjab resulted in two surprising wins: jailed Khalistani preacher and chief of a faction of Waris Punjab De (WPD), Amritpal Singh from Khadoor Sahib, and the elder son of Beant Singh, one of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassins, Sarabjeet Singh Khalsa from Faridkot. Both won as independent candidates, with Amritpal defeating the Congress party's Kulbir Singh Zira by 197,120 votes, and Khalsa beating Aam Aadmi Party's Karamjit Singh Anmol by 70,053 votes. Their campaigns focused on local grievances and justice issues, resonating strongly with voters.

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40th anniversary of 'Operation Bluestar': Pro-Khalistan slogans raised at Golden Temple in Amritsar

On June 6, slogans favouring Khalistan were raised at the Golden Temple in Amritsar, Punjab, during the 40th anniversary of 'Operation Bluestar', with supporters of radical Sikh outfits such as Dal Khalsa and Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) led by Simranjit Singh Mann, participating. Many wore outfits and carried banners/posters featuring images of Khalistani militant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

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Mahatma Gandhi's statue in Italy vandalised by Khalistanis ahead of PM Modi's visit

On June 12, a statue of Mahatma Gandhi was discovered to have been vandalized by a pro-Khalistani group in Brindisi, Italy, ahead of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the country for the G7 Summit. The statue was defaced with graffiti referencing Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra confirmed India's swift response, stating that the matter was taken up with Italian authorities, who have initiated necessary actions.

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Khalistan Tiger Force Recruiting Members from Patiala Jail: CTCR Division of MHA

According to sources, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) of India is conducting an in-depth investigation into the recruitment operations of the Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) in Punjab, following revelations that imprisoned KTF member Kamaljeet Sharma has been actively recruiting youths. Supported by information from the Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Radicalisation (CTCR) division of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (UMHA), the investigation also focuses on the international collaboration between KTF and the Bambiha criminal gang for carrying out terrorist activities, including smuggling arms and narcotics, and executing extortion and targeted killings in Punjab and surrounding regions.

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Indian accused in Pannun killing plot extradited to US from Czech Republic

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According to sources, Indian national Nikhil Gupta, accused in the assassination plot against Khalistani terrorist Gurbatwant Singh Pannun, has been extradited to the United States (US) from the Czech Republic. The extradition followed a significant international legal process, highlighting cooperation between US and Czech law enforcement agencies.

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Nikhil Gupta, an Indian national accused of plotting to assassinate Khalistani terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, pleaded not guilty on June 17 in a federal court in New York, United States (US). US Attorney General Merrick Garland emphasized that the Justice Department will not tolerate efforts to harm American citizens. Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director Christopher Wray reiterated their commitment to constitutionally-protected freedoms. Meanwhile, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Administrator Anne Milgram described Gupta as an international narcotics trafficker.

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Canada's House observes 'moment of silence' to mark the first anniversary of Nijjar's killing

Canada's House of Commons observed a "moment of silence" on June 18 to mark the first anniversary of the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Ottawa, Canada. Relations between India and Canada remain strained following Trudeau's allegations of Indian involvement in Nijjar's murder. This coincided with a large protest outside India's consulate in Vancouver by Khalistani extremists, featuring posters of Talwinder Singh Parmar, the mastermind of the 1985 Air India flight 182 bombing.

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According to reports, family members of the victims of the 1985 Kanishka bombing, which claimed 329 lives, prevented members of the banned Khalistani Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) from attending a prayer meeting in Canada marking the tragedy's 39th anniversary. The families also expressed disappointment over the lack of Canadian governmental representation at the event and criticized the support shown by the Canadian government to Khalistani extremists and sympathizers.

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Khalistan Sympathiser Amritpal Singh's Aide Bhagwant Singh to Contest Punjab By Polls

According to sources, Bhagwant Singh *aka* Pradhan Mantri Bhagwant Bajek, an aide of Khalistani preacher and chief of a faction of Waris Punjab De (WPD) Amritpal Singh, is set to contest the Gudherbaha Assembly by-elections in Punjab. This announcement follows Amritpal Singh's recent victory in the Lok Sabha elections from the Khadoor Sahib seat. Bhagwant Singh is also currently detained in Dibrugarh jail in Assam, alongside Amritpal.

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UK's Labour Party commits to stamping out anti-India sentiments

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Labour Party chair Anneliese Dodds, speaking at an event in London, United Kingdom, on June 28, expressed confidence that the party, under Keir Starmer, has eliminated anti-India sentiments within its ranks. Dodds emphasized Labour's commitment to building a robust strategic partnership with India, encompassing areas such as trade, new technologies, the environment, and security.

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Protesters demand release of MP Amritpal, Sikh prisoners

Members of Sikh organizations, led by Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) member Karnail Singh Panjoli, held a protest march on June 29, demanding the release of Sikh prisoners who have completed their sentences, as well as the release of Khalistani preacher, Member of Parliament (MP)-elect, and chief of a faction of Waris Punjab De Amritpal Singh, at Fatehgarh Sahib in Fatehgarh Sahib district

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Date	Incidents
07June 2024	Pannun Praises CISF Constable for Slapping Kangana Ranaut, Offers Cash Reward, and Warns PM Modi

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COMPOSITE SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
11 June 2024	1	3	8 kilograms of heroin, one .30 bore pistol, 26 live cartridges of .30 bore
17 June 2024	1	0	570 grams of heroin and a 9×19 mm calibre bullet
20 June 2024	2	9	4.1 kilograms of heroin, two pistols (one made in Pakistan), 45 live cartridges; A .32 bore revolver, 69 cartridges of various bores, 100 grams of heroin, and 100 grams of opium.
22 June 2024	1	3	Six pistols, six live cartridges, ten magazines, and 200 grams of heroin
29 June 2024	1	2	6 kilograms of heroin along with three pistols, including a 9 mm Glock pistol and two .32 bore pistols
30 June 2024	1	6	1 kilograms of heroin, 500 grams of ICE (methamphetamine), and three 12-bore rifles
Total	7	23	Pistols - 12, Rifles - 3, Revolver - 1, Cartridges/Bullets - 157, Heroin - 19.97 kilograms, Opium - 100 grams, ICE (methamphetamine) - 500 grams

ARMS & AMMUNITION SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
11 June 2024	1	2	Two pistols – one .30 calibre and one .32 calibre – and 11 cartridges
13 June 2024	2	2	One .30 calibre pistol along with five live rounds; one .315 bore rifle and five cartridges
16 June 2024	1	0	A pistol and five rounds of 7.62 mm calibre
22 June 2024	1	0	A pistol and an empty magazine
27 June 2024	1	4	Three pistols along with six live cartridges, six magazines





30 June 2024	1	5	Three .30-bore pistols with two cartridges and one .32-bore revolver
Total	7	13	Pistols - 11, Revolver - 1, Rifle - 1, Cartridges/Bullets - 41

DRUG SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
03 June 2024	2	0	440 grams of heroin; 537 grams of heroin
05 June 2024	1	8	149 grams of opium
08 June 2024	1	0	500 grams of heroin
09 June 2024	1	0	530 grams of heroin
10 June 2024	1	0	536 grams of heroin
12 June 2024	1	1	10 grams of drug powder
13 June 2024	1	1	10 kilograms of poppy husk
14 June 2024	1	0	557 grams of heroin
15 June 2024	1	0	550 grams of heroin
16 June 2024	2	167	28 grams of heroin; 2.7 kilograms of heroin, 12.2 kilograms of poppy husk, 5,820 intoxicant tablets.
17 June 2024	3	2	1 kilograms of heroin; 570 grams of heroin; 550 grams of heroin.
21 June 2024	1	5	50 grams of heroin, 155 intoxicating tablets, and 3.5 kilograms of poppy husk
22 June 2024	2	0	590 intoxicating pills; 520 grams of heroin
24 June 2024	4	0	400 grams of heroin; 530 grams of heroin; 510 grams of heroin; 560 grams of heroin
26 June 2024	3	0	580 grams of heroin; 540 grams of heroin; 510 grams of heroin





27 June 2024	2	5	67 grams of heroin; 66 kilograms of opium
28 June 2024	2	3	8.2 kilograms of heroin; 1 kilogram of heroin
29 June 2024	3	4	560 grams of heroin; 5.57 kilograms of heroin; 2 kilograms of heroin
Total	32	196	Heroin - 30.95 kilograms, Opium - 66.149 kilograms, Poppy husk - 25.70 kilograms, Intoxicant Tablets - 6,565, Intoxicant Powder - 10 grams

