



KHALISTAN EXTREMISM MONITOR

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Spotlight

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The month in review

During the ongoing campaign for the 2024 general elections, which saw several radical pro-Khalistani Sikh activists contesting in Punjab, Western countries also witnessed significant Khalistani-related developments which had some impact on India, particularly Punjab.

In a significant development amidst Indo-Canadian bilateral tensions regarding the 'Khalistan' issue, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) arrested three Indian nationals on May 3, 2024, in Edmonton, Alberta. The suspects – Karan Brar, Karanpreet Singh, and Kamalpreet Singh – are alleged to be members of a hit squad purportedly commissioned by the Indian government to assassinate Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. These individuals, all in their twenties, have resided in Canada as non-permanent residents for several years. Following the arrests, RCMP Assistant Commissioner David Teboul indicated that, in addition to the murder investigation, separate inquiries are being conducted to determine potential links to the Government of India.

However, Canada's Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc declined to confirm any connection to the Indian government, stating that such questions are best addressed by the RCMP.

Following this, on May 11, 2024, the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) of British Columbia (BC) province arrested another Indian





national, Amandeep Singh, as the fourth suspect in the case. Amandeep was apprehended in Peel, Ontario province, Canada, while already in custody of Peel Regional Police on unrelated firearms charges.

Available information indicates that the arrested Indians were reportedly affiliated with gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. Media reports from India suggest that these arrests point towards a broader conflict among criminal gangs for control over affluent gurdwaras in Canada. Nijjar, known for his associations with proscribed terrorist organizations like the Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) and Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), held a position of influence as the head of a prominent Sikh gurdwara in Surrey, British Columbia. The apprehended suspects, purportedly part of a hit-squad, entered Canada under the guise of international students and are suspected to have been engaged in various criminal activities, including a shootout in November 2023. These events underscore ongoing clashes between rival gangs, such as the Bambiha and Lawrence Bishnoi gangs, contending for supremacy and retribution, often leveraging the recruitment of Punjabi youth migrating to Canada.

According to reports, Canada's Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) has notified the Indian High Commission of the arrest of four Indian nationals charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. Although IHIT has ensured the provision of legal counsel to these individuals, the decision to engage with Indian authorities rests with them.

On the other hand, India categorically reiterated that the investigation into the death of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar was an internal matter for Canada and expressed concerns about organized crime from Punjab operating in Canada. India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar and High Commissioner to Canada, Sanjay Verma, echoed similar sentiments, attributing the situation in Canada to internal vote-bank politics and clarifying that the Indian government is not involved. They affirmed that India remains open to investigation, if Canada provides relevant information.

Meanwhile, an interim report by Ottawa's Commissioner Marie-Josée Hogue, published on May 3, 2024, alleged that Indian officials, including Canada-based proxies, attempted to influence Canadian politicians and communities regarding Khalistani separatist issues, raising concerns about interference in the last two federal elections. The report highlighted India's interest in Canada's South Asian community and its perception of Khalistani sympathizers as a threat. Additionally, the report identified China as the primary perpetrator of foreign interference in Canada.

In the meantime, pro-Khalistan elements in Canada persisted in their anti-India activities. On May 5, 2024, they orchestrated a 6-kilometre parade in Malton, Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Ontario, featuring separatist slogans and banners aimed at India. The parade incorporated a float portraying Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in confinement. Inflammatory speeches were given by pro-Khalistan figures such as Paramjit Mand of the Dal Khalsa and Avtar Singh Pannun. Ontario Premier Doug Ford attended the event.

Meanwhile, the Punjab Police continued their proactive efforts to address the issue of expanding criminal networks linked to gangs, terrorism, and drug trafficking within the state. According to data from the *Khalistan Extremism Monitor* (KEM), 46 individuals were arrested in Punjab in May 2024 for their connections to Khalistani terrorist organizations or organized criminal networks, while 45 were apprehended in relation to drug-related incidents during the month. Security forces also intercepted and seized 26 drones used for smuggling arms and narcotics across the Pakistan-India border in Punjab.

In a notable development, the Special Cell of Delhi Police announced, on May 8, 2024, that over the preceding few weeks, they had arrested ten criminals, including a juvenile, who were wanted in cases ranging from shootouts to arms supply to the Lawrence Bishnoi-Goldy Brar gang, and seized seven pistols, 31 live cartridges, and 11 mobile phones from them. The arrests spanned across Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh (MP), Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh (UP), and Bihar.





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Goldy Brar

Goldy Brar, suspected mastermind in Sidhu Moose Wala murder, NOT DEAD, is Alive: USA Police

On May 1, the Fresno Police Department confirmed that gangster-turned-terrorist Satinderjeet Singh *aka* Goldy Brar, was alive, contradicting earlier reports of his death in a shooting incident in Fresno, California, USA. The shooting took place following a fight on April 30 at Fairmont and Holt Avenue in Fresno and attracted significant attention on social media, with speculation about Brar's death.

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Amritpal Singh's ISI links emerge as he 'plans' to take political plunge

According to security agencies, Khalistani preacher and the chief of Waris Punjab De (WPD) has maintained ties with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) while in jail, with documents suggesting his involvement in a conspiracy to destabilize India upon release. His alleged communication with ISI operatives and attempts to procure weaponry indicate a continued association with the Pakistani intelligence agency. Despite being detained under the National Security Act (NSA), Amritpal is set to contest elections from Punjab's Khadoor Sahib constituency, sparking debate within security circles about the suitability of allowing him to participate.

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Amritpal Singh

Labour councillor being investigated by her party for posts praising Khalistan terrorists

Sikh Labour councillor Parbinder Kaur is under investigation for allegedly supporting Khalistani terrorist groups, including praising Khalistani terror outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and its founders involved in violent acts, in Sandwell, United Kingdom (UK). *The Daily Mail* reported her sharing posts on WhatsApp and Facebook glorifying militants who assassinated public figures. The Sandwell Council is aware of the situation, but has directed inquiries to the Labour party which, along with Kaur, has yet to respond. Rami Ranger of the British Sikh Association criticized Kaur's actions for damaging social cohesion and the interests of the wider Sikh community in the UK.

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Maria Zakharova, spokesperson for the Russian Foreign Ministry, while addressing the media in Moscow, Russia, on May 8, dismissed allegations by the United States (US) regarding India's involvement in a foiled assassination plot against Khalistani terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun. She stated that the US has failed to provide any credible evidence implicating Indian citizens in the case.

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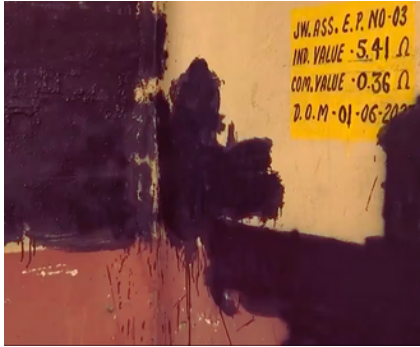
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Amritpal Singh, Lodged In Assam Jail Under NSA, Files Papers From Khadoor Sahib For Lok Sabha Elections 2024

Jailed Khalistani preacher and chief of Waris Punjab De (WPD), Amritpal Singh, filed his nomination from Khadoor Sahib Lok Sabha constituency of Punjab on May 10, from Dibrugarh in Assam. His lawyer and relatives facilitated the nomination in Tarn Taran, Punjab. The Punjab and Haryana High Court had previously disposed of his plea for temporary release to file the nomination, as the Punjab government facilitated the process.

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On May 12, Pro-Khalistan graffiti and slogans against Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi were discovered on the pillars of Karol Bagh and Jhandewalan Metro stations in New Delhi. The Delhi Police swiftly removed the graffiti and filed a First Information Report (FIR) regarding the incident, while also requesting CCTV footage from the metro stations. The slogans were attributed to supporters of the banned Khalistani outfit Sikhs For Justice (SFJ).

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Three of banned SFJ held for writing pro-Khalistan slogans

In a joint operation on May 14, the Counter-Intelligence (CI) unit of Bathinda and the district police arrested three operatives of the banned Khalistani Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), identified as Gogi Singh, Johny Singh, and Pritpal Singh and recovered three mobile phones, two dongles, an ATM card, and an Aadhaar card from their possession, in Bathinda district. These arrests followed investigations that linked the individuals to pro-Khalistan graffiti found in various public places in Bathinda, Punjab, and Delhi. Gogi Singh, identified as a key operative, was in constant communication with SFJ leader and Khalistani terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun.

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has taken charge of the probe into the targeted killing of Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader Vikas Prabhur *alias* Vikas Bagga, which took place on April 13 in Nangal town in the Rupnagar District of Punjab. Sources reveal that the assassination was orchestrated by Pakistan-based masterminds operating through terrorist networks in Portugal, Germany, and Dubai.

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Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

Pannun-backed SFJ Threatens To Disrupt Lok Sabha Polls In Punjab, Announces Rs 1 Lakh Reward

Khalistani terrorist and the chief of the banned Khalistani outfit Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), Gurpatwant Singh Pannun has issued a threat to disrupt the Lok Sabha elections in Punjab and announced a reward of INR 1 lakh for raising Khalistan flags on June 1. He also announced the allocation of USD 11 million for campaigning for a Khalistan Referendum in Punjab, Haryana and Delhi during the 2024 elections.

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Khalistani Funding For AAP? Pictures of Top Party Leaders With BKI Terrorists Surface

Recently, images have surfaced showing leaders of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) with Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorists, linked to an alleged funding deal in Canada. Sources revealed that Punjab Assembly Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan met BKI leaders and secured over USD 5 million for AAP in exchange for leniency towards Khalistan activists, during a meeting held in September 2022 in Montreal, Canada. Sources also disclosed that Punjab Chief Minister (CM) Bhagwant Mann and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal addressed BKI leaders over the phone during the meeting.

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On May 22, a day before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally, pro-Khalistan graffiti was found sprayed on the wall of the old Patiala bus stand flyover in Patiala district, despite heavy police deployment. The slogans "Khalistan Zindabad" and "SFJ" were discovered in the morning and promptly painted over by police. Authorities are investigating the incident and reviewing CCTV footage to identify the vandals.

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Operation Bluestar bullet-hit Guru Granth Sahib 'saroop' on display at Golden Temple complex in Amritsar

The bullet-riddled Sri Guru Granth Sahib 'saroop' during Operation Bluestar in June 1984, is now on display at the Shaheed Baba Gurbax Singh Gurdwara in Amritsar district until June 6, allowing devotees to witness the damage caused by the bullets. Emotions ran high as visitors queued up to glimpse the holy relic, which retains bullet marks on its cover and pages. Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh emphasized the significance of commemorating the event, urging Sikhs worldwide to observe a week of mourning from June 4-6 and to wear black turbans or stoles as a mark of protest.

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NIA arrests key accused in attack on Indian High Commission in London



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The Meta quarterly report of May 2024 revealed China's interference in Indian and Sikh affairs, leading to the removal of 37 Facebook accounts, 13 pages, five groups, and nine Instagram accounts linked to coordinated inauthentic behaviour targeting the global Sikh community, including in Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, and Nigeria. This network also targeted platforms like Telegram and X (formerly Twitter) with fake accounts posting manipulated content about Sikh issues and criticism of the Indian government. Indian security agencies suggest this may involve a joint China-Pakistan operation.

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Date	Incidents
16 May 2024	SFJ chief Pannun threatens to disrupt Lok Sabha polls in Punjab, announces INR 1 lakh reward
20 May 2024	Gurpatwant Singh Pannun instigates Punjab farmers against PM Narendra Modi
21 May 2024	Khalistan terrorist Pannun threatens BJP candidates Ravneet Bittu & Hans Raj Hans
31 May 2024	Punjab residents receive bomb threat calls ahead of June 1 Polls

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COMPOSITE SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
02 May 2024	1	0	5.275 kilograms of heroin and 37 live cartridges
21 May 2024	1	0	3.124 kilograms of heroin, one .30 calibre pistol, six magazines, and 108 rounds of 9 mm calibre, along with 3 rounds of .30 calibre
26 May 2024	1	7	5.470 kilograms of heroin and 40 cartridges
31 May 2024	1	0	290 grams of heroin, a 9 mm pistol, and three rounds
Total	4	7	Pistols-16, Rifle-1, Cartridges/Bullets-46, Heroin-10.560 kilograms, Opium-1 kilogram

ARMS & AMMUNITION SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
01 May 2024	1	0	A pistol
02 May 2024	1	4	A .32-bore pistol, four cartridges
08 May 2024	1	2	A .32-bore pistol, six cartridges and four bullet shells
09 May 2024	2	5	Six pistols and seven magazines; a .32 bore pistol and four live cartridges
13 May 2024	1	5	Five automatic pistols and 55 cartridges
14 May 2024	1	4	Three pistols, 13 live cartridges
15 May 2024	2	12	Five pistols; six pistols and 20 live cartridges
21 May 2024	1	2	Six .32 bore pistols and four live rounds
27 May 2024	1	2	Three pistols and 15 live cartridges
31 May 2024	1	1	A country-made pistol
Total	12	27	Pistols - 39, Cartridges/Bullets - 132





DRUG SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
01 May 2024	3	2	570 grams of heroin; 15 kilograms of marijuana; 500 grams of heroin
03 May 2024	5	3	1.5 kilograms of opium and 29 kilograms of poppy husk; 4 kilograms of ICE (crystal methamphetamine) and 1 kilogram of heroin; 450 grams of heroin; 460 grams of heroin; 406 grams of heroin
04 May 2024	2	1	400 grams of heroin; 416 grams of heroin
05 May 2024	4	5	24 kilograms of charas; 2.580 kilograms of heroin; 550 grams of heroin; 3 kilograms of heroin and 1 kilogram of ICE (crystal methamphetamine)
06 May 2024	2	3	20 kilograms of opium; 550 grams of heroin
08 May 2024	2	0	210 grams of heroin; 550 grams of heroin
11 May 2024	5	9	725.5 kilograms of intoxicant Tramadol powder; 510 grams of heroin; 2.175 kilograms of heroin; 569 grams of heroin; 498 grams of heroin
12 May 2024	2	13	48.500 kilograms grams of heroin; 520 grams of heroin
13 May 2024	1	0	560 grams of heroin
15 May 2024	1	0	550 grams of heroin
18 May 2024	1	1	55 grams heroin
19 May 2024	2	1	575 grams of heroin; 598 grams of heroin
22 May 2024	1	0	530 grams of heroin
24 May 2024	1	0	400 grams of heroin
25 May 2024	1	1	100 grams of heroin
26 May 2024	2	0	530 grams heroin; 10.760 kilograms of heroin
27 May 2024	2	3	200 grams of heroin; 80 kilograms of poppy husk
28 May 2024	1	0	500 grams of heroin





29 May 2024	1	0	550 grams of heroin
30 May 2024	2	0	540 grams of methamphetamine; 520 grams of methamphetamine
Total	41	42	Heroin – 81.082 kilograms, Marijuana – 15 kilograms, Poppy husk – 109 kilograms, Opium – 21.5 kilograms, Methamphetamine – 6.06 kilograms, Charas – 24 kilograms, Intoxicant Powder – 725.5 kilograms

