



KHALISTAN EXTREMISM MONITOR

NEWSLETTER



Spotlight

According to data compiled by the Khalistan Extremism Monitor (KEM), around 40 persons with links to Khalistan terrorist or gang networks, were arrested in Punjab in January, along with another 30 persons arrested in connection with narcotics seizures. Meanwhile, on January 16, Inspector General of Police (Headquarters) Sukhchain Singh Gill disclosed that the total number of arrests of 'proclaimed offenders' had reached 623 since the Police launched a special drive against them on July 5, 2022. Prominently, on January 17, the Police arrested two aides of Manila-based Khalistani terrorist Amritpal Singh *aka* Ammy, who had been tasked to eliminate a Hindu leader in Mohali. According to the Police, the accused persons were equipped with weapons, but were arrested before they could execute their target.

The month in review

The Gangster-Narcotics-Terrorism nexus again dominated the first month of 2023, repeating the pattern of the latter part of 2022.

Raising question about the "law and order" situation in the state, an electrician, identified as Paramjit Singh (45) was shot dead in broad daylight at his house, by two armed persons. The incident occurred on January 4, 2023, in Bardeke village near Jagraon, in Ludhiana district. Three assailants reportedly came, and two of them entered the victim's house and fired four bullets, killing Paramjit Singh on the spot. Canada-based gangster-turned-Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) terrorist, Arshdeep Singh Gill *aka* Arsh Dalla, took responsibility for the murder in a Facebook post, purportedly in the name of Jaspreet Singh, which asserted that Paramjit Singh had been murdered as he had "mentally harassed" a person in Minian village, due to which that person had "committed suicide". Ten persons have been arrested in connection with this case, while 14, including Arsh Dalla, have been charged by the Police.

The Police have categorized the incident as a 'targeted' killing involving the international terrorist-gangster nexus, including Arsh Dalla, and have added various sections of the Unlawful Activities [Prevention] Act (UAPA) against the accused.





Subsequently, on January 9, 2023, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (UMHA) declared Arsh Dalla a designated terrorist, after discovering his involvement in crimes such as murder, extortion, targeted killings, terrorism, and inciting communal strife. According to the UMHA notification, Dalla is associated with the Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF). He is the 53rd individual to be designated as a terrorist under section 35 of UAPA.

In another move by enforcement agencies, the pro-Khalistan Dal Khalsa's *Twitter* account was suspended on January 30, after a legal demand by the Government of India against the separatist faction.

Meanwhile, the banned pro-Khalistani Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) continued its attention-seeking activities in Punjab, drawing Khalistani graffiti and anti-India slogans at various public places. Its US and Canada-based founder and 'legal advisor' Gurpatwant Singh Pannun issued several death threats to dignitaries in Delhi and Punjab, including Congress leader Rahul Gandhi ahead of his Bharat Jodo Yatra (Unite India Walk) entering Punjab. Pannun, in a video, claimed responsibility for a bomb that was found in a park close to Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann's Chandigarh residence, though police gave little credence to the claim.

Pro-Khalistani groups/radicals continued their anti-India and anti-Hindu activities outside India as well, especially in western countries. Khalistan supporters vandalised three Hindu Temples in Australia during in January 2023. On January 12, the walls of the BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir in Melbourne's northern suburb of Mill Park was defaced with anti-India graffiti and pro-Khalistan slogans. The historic Shri Shiva Vishnu Temple at Carrum Downs in Melbourne, Victoria, was vandalised by Khalistani miscreants on January 17. On January 23, the wall of ISKCON temple was defaced with "Khalistan Zindabad" graffiti in Albert Park, Melbourne. On January 26, New Delhi strongly condemned the incidents of these attacks on Hindu Temples in Australia and asserted that these were clear attempts to sow hatred and division among the peaceful multi-faith and multi-cultural Indian-Australian community.

Reports also indicate that anti-India demonstrations were held outside the Indian High Commission building in different western countries, including UK, on January 26, India's Republic Day. The protesters in London termed India's Republic Day a 'Black Day' and asked the British government to intervene. However, in a violent incident on January 29, five Indians were injured as a group of men waving the Khalistani flag attacked Indians carrying the Indian national flag at the Federation Square in Melbourne, where SFJ's "Khalistan referendum" was taking place. Condemning the attack, the Victoria Police disclosed that two people were arrested following the violent attack.

Police claimed to have neutralized several modules of terrorists, gangsters and drug smugglers in the state in January.

TOP NEWS



SFJ issues warning to Rahul Gandhi

The banned Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) issued a warning on video to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi ahead of his Bharat Jodo Yatra's entry into Punjab on January 11. The Khalistani group once again threatened the Congress leader, daring him to walk in the streets of Punjab. The video claimed that a "bomb found in the park near CM (Chief Minister) Bhagwant Mann's Chandigarh residence could also have been found on the helipad."

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Sikh Soldiers in Indian Army soon to get Specialised Ballistic Helmets

According to reports, Indian Army troops belonging to the Sikh community would soon receive ballistic helmets, designed especially for them to wear over their turbans. Army officials are describing this procurement as the first such order for Sikh soldiers. The Indian Army is planning to purchase as many as 12,730 ballistic helmets under emergency procurement, using the fast-track mode. The Ministry of Defence will buy two types of helmets including 8,911 large helmets and 3,819 extra-large helmets, with the proviso that their content must principally include an indigenous design.

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Pak-based Khalistan terrorist behind Ludhiana court blast, says NIA

On January 8, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) disclosed that Lakhbir Singh Rode, nephew of deceased Khalistani terrorist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and head of the banned International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF), had planned the December 2021 Ludhiana Court Complex blast, in which the suspected bomber, Gagandeep Singh, was killed and six persons were injured. Rode had conspired to carry out bomb blasts in various places in Punjab and used Pakistan-based smugglers to execute his plans, the NIA added. The NIA filed a charge sheet before a Mohali court.

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UMHA designates pro-Khalistani gangster Arshdeep Singh Gill as Terrorist

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (UMHA) declared Canada-based gangster Arshdeep Singh Gill *aka* Arsh Dalla, a designated terrorist, after discovering his involvement in crimes such as murder, extortion, targeted killings, terrorism and inciting communal strife. According to a UMHA notification, Gill was associated with the Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF). The UMHA statement also noted that Gill had been designated a terrorist under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, due to his involvement in cross-border smuggling of drugs and weapons, as well as his association with the banned Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF) and designated terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

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Fresh evidence with intel agencies suggests terrorist Rinda may be alive

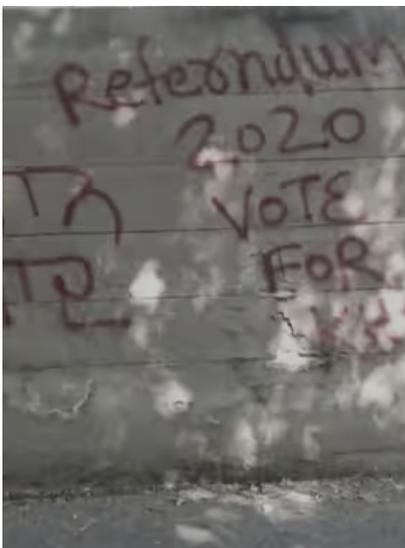
Two months after a news report came about the death of gangster-turned-terrorist Harvinder Singh Sandhu *aka* Rinda due to drug overdose in Pakistan, Indian intelligence agencies have found some fresh “substantial evidences” to show that he may be “alive”. The issue was discussed by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (UMHA) during a recent meeting with officials of intelligence agencies and the National Investigation Agency (NIA). Media reports indicated that Rinda, a wanted terrorist carrying a reward of Rs 10 lakh, announced by the NIA, died at a Lahore hospital in Pakistan in November 2022. This was disclosed during a meeting of Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla with officials of intelligence agencies and the NIA to discuss the resurgence of terrorist activities in Punjab.

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Pakistan ISI's K2 desk was handling terror suspects, reveals probe

A probe by an intelligence agency has revealed that two suspected terrorists arrested by Delhi Police's special cell were being handled by the K2 (Kashmir-Khalistan) desk of Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). The duo, Jagjit *aka* Yaqub and Naushad, revealed the names of at least two Shiv Sena leaders and two other religious leaders in Punjab, who they had been tasked to eliminate. Delhi Police is following up with Punjab Police and intelligence agencies. The police are also analysing mobile communications between the two accused and their handlers – Canada-based Arsh Dalla and an ISI operative.

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Slogans of 'Khalistan Zindabad', 'Referendum 2020' painted on walls in Delhi

On January 19, Delhi Police removed graffiti painted on a wall in the Paschim Vihar area of West Delhi. The text included slogans such as “Khalistan Zindabad”, “Referendum 2020”, “SFJ” (Sikhs For Justice), and “Vote for Khalistan”. Legal action is being taken in the matter and the Delhi Police took steps to ensure that no wrong activities take place ahead of Republic Day.”

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Sikhs For Justice issues terror threat ahead of Republic Day

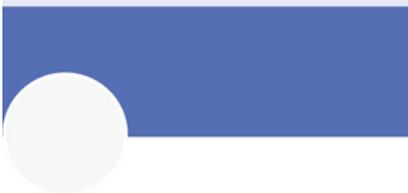
Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) head Gurupatwant Singh Pannun posted a video on social media, declaring that a terrorist attack would be executed as India prepared to celebrate its 73rd Republic Day on January 26. In the video, Pannun claimed he would "liberate Punjab from Indian occupation in 2023." He also warned, "Stay indoors on January 26, or you'll be thwarted by the SFJ. Delhi will be our target, and we will unfurl the flag of Khalistan." He also offered USD 500,000 to anyone who unfurled the Khalistan flag on the Red Fort. Following the threats, lawyer Vineet Jindal filed a complaint against SFJ and Pannun in the Supreme Court

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Third Hindu Temple Vandalised in Australia

According to reports, the wall of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) Temple, a well-known centre of the Bhakti Yoga movement in Albert Park, Melbourne, was defaced with "Khalistan Zindabad" graffiti. This was the third such attack on Hindu temples in Australia in January 2023. Khalistan supporters were responsible for the anti-India graffiti and attacks on temples.

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@DalKhalsaUK

Account Withheld

@DalKhalsaUK's account has been withheld in India in response to a legal demand. [Learn more.](#)

Pro-Khalistan Group Dal Khalsa's Twitter Account Withheld on Legal Demand

According to reports, the pro-Khalistani group Dal Khalsa's *Twitter* account was withheld after a legal demand was made by the Government of India against the separatist faction. The group, led by Kanwar Pal Singh Sandhu, seeks the secession of Punjab from India and the creation of a new country, Khalistan. The United Kingdom (UK)-based group is infamous for posting hate content on *Twitter*. The group had a little over 1,200 'followers'. Significantly, this was the only active account of the pro-Khalistan separatists on *Twitter*, who were using the platform to peddle their agenda and radicalise Sikhs.

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Five persons injured as pro-Khalistani forces attacked Indians carrying tricolour in Australia

A video shared on social media showed a group of men waving the Khalistan flag and attacking Indians carrying the Indian national flag, leaving five injured in Australia. The pro-Khalistan forces were also seen carrying rods and attacking the men carrying the Indian flag in the video. Condemning the attack, the Victoria Police disclosed that two persons had been arrested following the attack. The two arrested men were in their 30s and had been issued a penalty notice for "riotous behaviour". The five injured people were admitted to hospital.

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HATE SPEECH TRACKER

Date	Incidents
03 January 23	Pro-Khalistani group Issues warning to Rahul Gandhi
07 January 23	Uttar Pradesh BJP MP receives threat on WhatsApp
23 January 23	SFJ issues death threat to SC advocate Vineet Jindal
23 January 23	BJP leader receives threats for 'speaking against Khalistan'

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COMPOSITE SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
20 January 23	1	1	1.100 Kg of heroin, .32 bore pistol
21 January 23	1	9	2kg of heroin and a pistol
27 January 23	1	2	100gm heroin, four pistols of 0.32 bore, 18 live cartridges of 0.32 bore, four magazines and INR 7.70 lakh in cash drug money.
Total	3	12	Heroin – 3.200 kg, Pistols – 6, Cartridges – 18, Magazines – 4, Cash – INR 7.70 lakh

ARMS & AMMUNITION SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
02 January 23	2	6	Bomb shell & 12 pistols along with 50 live cartridges
13 January 23	1	1	38 bore revolver
18 January 23	2	6	Five illegal weapons and 53 live cartridges & Four (Chinese) pistols, 47 rounds and 8 magazines
27 January 23	1	2	Eight pistols
28 January 23	1	2	Two .32-bore pistols and six live cartridges
29 January 23	1	1	One pistol
30 January 23	1	1	One .32 bore pistol and four cartridges
Total	9	19	Pistols – 28, Revolver – 1, Cartridges – 160, Magazines – 8, Bomb – 1





DRUG SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
02 January 23	1	0	1Kg heroin
03 January 23	2	1	6 gm heroin & 782 gm of heroin
04 January 23	2	2	5 Kg heroin & 920 gm heroin
07 January 23	1	2	31.02 Kg heroin
08 January 23	1	2	1.2 kg of charas
09 January 23	1	0	3 kg heroin
21 January 23	1	16	34.466 Kg of heroin, 5.470 Kg of morphine, 557 gm of opium and 23.645 kg suspected narcotics powder
22 January 23	1	2	5 kg heroin
24 January 23	1	1	4.4 kg heroin
25 January 23	2	3	20gm opium, 70gm heroin
26 January 23	1	0	3 kg of heroin
29 January 23	1	1	5 kg of heroin
Total	15	30	Heroin - 93.664 kg, Morphine 5.470 kg, Opium - 577 gm, Charas - 1.2 kg, Other Narcotics - 23.645 kg

