



# KHALISTAN EXTREMISM MONITOR

## NEWSLETTER



### Spotlight

According to Khalistan Extremism Monitor (KEM) data, approximately 60 individuals have been arrested for connections to Khalistan terrorist activities or organized gang networks within Punjab, during October. 32 individuals were arrested in connection with drug seizures.

On October 9, Sukhchain Singh Gill, Inspector General of Police Headquarters, disclosed that, since the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government assumed power in March 2022, Punjab Police had dismantled 31 terror modules, apprehended 197 terrorists or radicals, and seized significant weaponry. Items recovered from arrested terrorists and radicals included 32 rifles, 222 revolvers/pistols, nine tiffin improvised explosive devices, 10.86 kilograms of RDX, and various other explosives, along with 11 hand grenades, two sleeves of a discarded rocket launcher, 73 drones, and a loaded rocket-propelled grenade (RPG). Gill also highlighted the Anti-Gangster Task Force's (AGTF) achievements, noting that they disrupted 249 gangster modules, arrested 800 gangsters, neutralized six, and confiscated 839 weapons and 171 vehicles from their possession, over the same period.

### The month in review

The month of October witnessed a further worsening of the deteriorating Indo-Canada diplomatic relations, as India expelled 41 Canadian diplomats in the context of the ongoing dispute related to the 'Khalistan issue,' while Indian authorities leveraged the situation to expose the global Khalistan extremist network and successfully dismantled multiple terrorist modules inside Punjab.

In the aftermath of a controversial statement by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding "credible allegations" of the "possible involvement" of "agents of the Indian Government" in the killing of Canadian citizen (and self-proclaimed head of the Khalistan Tiger Force), Hardeep Singh Nijjar, which sparked renewed discussions on Khalistani extremism, Indian authorities initiated efforts to expose the intricate network linking organized crime-driven drug trafficking and terrorism, shedding light on associations with Khalistani extremist elements situated in Western countries.

Amid the Indo-Canadian dispute, the Punjab Police reported to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (UMHA) that they had identified 56 Pro-Khalistan Entities (PKEs) operating globally, including in the United States (US), United Kingdom (UK), and Canada. Some of these entities, aided by gangsters based both in these countries and in India had been implicated in 15





targeted' killings and other terrorist attacks in Punjab from 2017 to September 30, 2023, including the murder of famous Punjabi rapper Sidhu Moose Wala in May 2022; as well as three grenade attacks, two rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) attacks, and two IED explosions. According to Punjab Police's findings, among the 56 identified PKEs, 13 are located in the US, 12 in Canada, seven in Germany, six in the UK, six in Pakistan, and two each in the Philippines, Armenia, Portugal, and Malaysia. Additionally, another four are located in other countries.

Reports indicate that, during the 91st general assembly of INTERPOL (International Criminal Police Organization) in Vienna, Austria, scheduled from November 28 to December 1, 2023, the Director of India's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Praveen Sood, is set to emphasize the need to address fugitives and criminals, with a specific focus on Khalistani radicals operating from countries like Canada, the UK, the US, Australia, and Europe. Sood's agenda encompasses urging international law enforcement agencies to expedite Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA) requests, aiming to enhance the efficiency of information and evidence exchange and thereby facilitate the timely completion of investigations.

India is also contemplating engaging with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to redress perceived shortcomings in Canada's response to purported instances of terror funding operations on its soil, notably those associated with Khalistani elements. Alleging a lack of cooperation from Canada in the repatriation or extradition of individuals linked to Khalistani terrorism, India seeks to exert pressure on the FATF to adopt a more stringent posture concerning Canada's actions in this domain.

The UMHA has officially categorized 11 individuals<sup>1</sup> as terrorists and identified six entities<sup>2</sup> as terrorist organizations along with declaring Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) as an unlawful association<sup>3</sup> in response to a proposal submitted by the Punjab Police. Simultaneously, six additional proposals are currently under assessment. Moreover, the implemented measures encompass the deportation of 11 pro-Khalistan activists, the issuance of red-corner notices for 13 individuals, the confiscation of properties owned by four individuals under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), and the initiation of red-corner notice proceedings for an additional 40 individuals.

Meanwhile, there are reports that Khalistan sympathizers from the US and the UK recently gathered in Vancouver, Canada, to demonstrate their collective solidarity, under the leadership of Amritbir Singh Cheema, a Jalandhar-origin gangster implicated in numerous cases in Punjab, who has been residing in Canada since 2015, after seeking asylum. Significantly, this collective utilizes a radio program as a channel for radicalization, with a substantial majority of participants hailing from California, US.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA), which has intensified its efforts targeting alleged Khalistani elements, gang members, and drug traffickers, through a series of nationwide raids, has successfully seized numerous documents and materials. Notably, Amarpreet Singh, the India chief of the UK-based non-governmental organization Khalsa Aid, tendered his resignation on October 8 amidst allegations of receiving foreign funds from the proscribed Khalistani extremist group Sikhs For Justice (SFJ). The NIA conducted a raid at Khalsa Aid's India headquarters in Patiala, Punjab, in August 2023, during which specific documents and two mobile phones belonging to Amarpreet Singh were confiscated.

Meanwhile, SFJ and its leader, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, strategically leveraged the controversy surrounding the Canadian Prime Minister's contentious statement on the Nijjar killing. SFJ went further to

1 <https://www.mha.gov.in/en/page/individual-terrorists-under-uapa>

2 [https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-03/TERRORIST\\_ORGANIZATIONS\\_10032023.pdf](https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-03/TERRORIST_ORGANIZATIONS_10032023.pdf)

3 [https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-01/NAMESOFUNLAWFULASSOCIATIONS\\_20012023.pdf](https://www.mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-01/NAMESOFUNLAWFULASSOCIATIONS_20012023.pdf)





draw a parallel between the Palestinian and Khalistan movements, exploiting the context of the ongoing Israel's war on Gaza. Further, on October 17, SFJ publicly announced a monetary contribution of USD 21,000 to provide assistance to individuals adversely impacted by the escalating hostilities in Gaza.

On the other hand, Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau has faced criticism for perceived double standards on social media, as he disapproved of a rally commemorating the Hamas attack on Israel but remained silent when pro-Khalistan rallies occurred in Canada.

Interestingly, a video gained significant traction on social media on October 16, featuring calls for the establishment of Khalistan in the central area of Karachi in Pakistan, accompanied by slogans such as "Pakistan Banega Khalistan, Karachi Banega Khalistan, Mulla Banega Khalsa."

In the meantime, on October 28, the Punjab Police successfully prevented anti-India entities from executing targeted killings in Punjab, with the arrest of four members of a terror module linked to the banned Khalistani outfit, Babbar Khalsa International (BKI). This incident marks the third dismantling of a BKI module within a span of two weeks, each equipped with sophisticated weaponry such as the Zigana pistol from Turkey. Earlier incidents involved the Mohali police apprehending four individuals from one module on October 17, and the Batala police arresting five other members on October 19.

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**Khalistani terrorist  
Paramjeet Singh Pamma**

### **Wanted Khalistan terrorist Paramjeet Singh Pamma led chanting in London protest**

Khalistani terrorist Paramjeet Singh Pamma led anti-India chants outside the Indian High Commission in London, UK, on October 2. He was seen waving anti-India placards and chanting slogans. At the same venue, the Indian flag was defiled, and slogans against Indian Prime Ministers were raised. Pamma is wanted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for promoting secessionism and radicalizing Punjab's youth. He is associated with banned Khalistani groups such as Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF).

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### **Sikhs For Justice vows to expand Khalistan's planned boundaries.**

In a recent interview, Gurbatwant Singh Pannun, the chief of the banned Khalistani outfit Sikhs for Justice (SFJ), stated that his group was determined to include New Delhi in its plans for a separate Sikh state, Khalistan. Pannun emphasized the Sikh community's commitment to non-violence and a peaceful approach to achieve their goals, even within India's current boundaries. He accused the Indian government of espionage and called for international involvement.

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**Sikhs For Justice**





**Arshdeep Singh Gill**

## Arsh Dala Planning Terror Attacks, Says Intelligence Report

According to intelligence reports, Arshdeep Singh Gill *aka* Arsh Dala, a designated "individual terrorist" under India's Unlawful Activities (Prevention) (UAPA) Act, has expanded his criminal network to potentially carry out terrorist attacks in Gurdaspur in Punjab, India. He has formed an association with US-based Khalistani, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, the chief of the banned Khalistani SFJ. Arsh Dala, based in Canada, has been involved in various criminal activities in India, including extortion and murder, and has been linked to the Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF).

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## Wall of government office in Dharamshala defaced with Pro-Khalistan slogans

On October 3, Khalistani graffiti that stated 'Khalistan Zindabad' was spotted on the boundary wall of the Jal Shakti Department office in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. The banned Khalistani SFJ claimed responsibility, with its chief Gurpatwant Singh Pannun stating in a video that they were targeting the cricket World Cup to seek revenge for the killing of Khalistan terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, signalling their intention to disrupt the event. According to Director General of Police (DGP) Sanjay Kundu, two suspects have been identified after reviewing the CCTV footage.

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**Wall of govt office in Dharamshala**



**Babbar Khalsa Group**

## Two members of Arsh Dala gang arrested in Mohali

On October 3, Police arrested two associates of designated KTF terrorist Arshdeep Singh *aka* Arsh Dala, identified as Mandeep Singh *aka* Deepa and Saurav Kumar *aka* Saabi, and seized a .32-bore pistol and four live cartridges from their possession, at Mohali in Sahibzada Ajit Singh (SAS) Nagar district. The suspects were wanted by the Ludhiana and Moga Police in multiple criminal cases and had been declared proclaimed offenders.

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**Narendra Modi**

## Central agencies on alert after mail threatens to kill PM Narendra Modi

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on October 5 received an email, in which the sender threatened to assassinate Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi and blow up the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, where several ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 matches are scheduled, if the Indian government failed to pay INR 500 crore and release notorious gangster Lawrence Bishnoi. This threat has raised security concerns, especially since a similar threat was issued recently by SFJ. Police are working to determine if the email is connected to SFJ or if it is a hoax, given Bishnoi's recent claims regarding a gang-related killing in Canada.

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## Posters of assassination of Indian Diplomats resurfaced in Surrey, Canada

Khalistani posters calling for the assassination of Indian diplomats in Canada resurfaced just two days after they were taken down at the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurudwara in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. Canada's handling of the situation raises concerns about its alleged support for the secessionist movement, which could further strain India-Canada bilateral relations.

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**Amarpreet Singh**

## Khalsa Aid's India chief quits amid allegations of funding from pro-Khalistan outfit

In the wake of allegations regarding the receipt of foreign funds from the banned SFJ, Amarpreet Singh, the India chief of the United Kingdom (UK)-based non-governmental organisation Khalsa Aid, resigned on October 8. Khalsa Aid, through a statement posted on social media, cited the need for organizational restructuring as the reason for this change in leadership. Notably, in August, India's National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted a raid at Khalsa Aid's India headquarters in Patiala, Punjab, during which they confiscated certain documents and two mobile phones belonging to Amarpreet Singh.

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Canada

## Sikh man who housed and fed Khalistani militants in India allowed into Canada

In a recent decision, Heidi Worsfold, a member of the Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board tribunal, asserted that the Canadian government did not have reasonable grounds to deem Kamaljit Ram, an Indian citizen, inadmissible to enter Canada on the grounds of allegedly offering a 'safe house' and 'logistical support' to Khalistani militants. The immigration tribunal concluded that Kamaljit Ram, who provided shelter and food to armed Khalistani militants in India for over a decade, should be granted entry into Canada due to his actions being primarily driven by necessity and fear of potential retribution.

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## NIA court orders confiscation of Khalistani terrorist Lakhbir Singh Rode's land

On October 11, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) confiscated agricultural land at Kothe Gurupura village in Moga district, which belonged to Khalistani terrorist Lakhbir Singh Rode, a nephew of militant Sikh leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and the brother of the Akal Takht's former *Jathedar*, Jasbir Singh Rode. Lakhbir currently heads the International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF) and is suspected to be residing in Pakistan. His land was seized by the state under Section 33(s) of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967.

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Lakhbir Singh Rode



Hindu group in Canada

## Hindu group in Canada seeks action against Khalistani extremist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun

In an email to Canadian Minister of Public Safety Dominic LeBlanc on October 12, the Hindu Forum Canada (HFC) called upon the Canadian government to take swift action against pro-Khalistan extremist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun for threatening Indian diplomats and consulates in G7 nations. Earlier, Pannun had issued fresh threats after Indians turned up in huge numbers for a rally at Mel Lastman Square in Toronto on October 9, to condemn the Hamas attacks in Israel.

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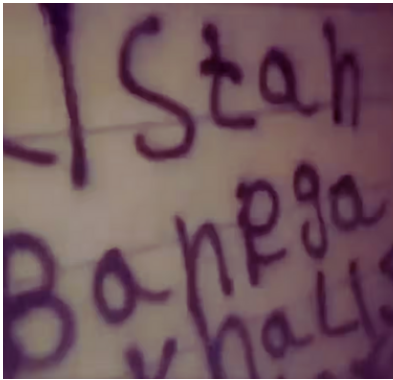
## Gangs recruiting youths, blocked 6k social media handles: Punjab Police

According to reports, in order to prevent the recruitment of young individuals by jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi and the Canada-based terrorist Arshdeep Dalla via social media platforms, the Punjab Police has notified the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (UMHA) and the heads of state police forces and anti-terror agencies that, over the past three years, they have successfully restricted access to 6,000 social media accounts on platforms such as X, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and other channels. Sources also indicated that the Punjab Police highlighted several significant catalysts and elements in the process of radicalization.

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Punjab Police



Pakistan Banega Khalistan  
Poster in Karachi

## 'Pakistan Banega Khalistan': Karachi sees rare Khalistan demand

According to reports, there have been calls for the establishment of Khalistan in the central area of Karachi in Pakistan with slogans proclaiming, "Pakistan Banega Khalistan, Karachi Banega Khalistan, Mulla Banega Khalsa." A video displaying these slogans has garnered substantial attention on social media. Pakistan has faced allegations of encouraging separatist sentiments in Punjab, particularly through its support for the Khalistan movement and assistance to Khalistani militants. This situation has escalated to the extent that pro-Khalistan slogans are now surfacing in the region, the report said.

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## Sikhs For Justice's 'Kill India' rallies echo solidarity with Gaza's tragic loss

The chief of the banned Khalistani outfit, SFJ, Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, in a recently released video, urged pro-Khalistan Sikhs and Palestinians to participate in 'Kill India' rallies at various locations, including Canada and Palestine, in response to alleged acts of 'terrorism' involving Indian agents in G7 nations. Pannun also demanded the closure of Indian embassies in protest against Narendra Modi's anti-Palestine policies. Pannun emphasized the shared solidarity between pro-Khalistan Sikhs and Palestinians, both purportedly facing challenges related to genocide and historical persecution.

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SFJ Founder  
Gurpatwant Singh  
Pannun





**Amritpal Singh**

## Waris Punjab De head Amritpal Singh's father stopped from taking international flight

Waris Punjab De (WPD) chief Amritpal Singh's father, Tarsem Singh, was allegedly prevented from boarding an international flight at Amritsar Airport in Punjab on October 25. While the destination remains unclear, it is believed he was heading to Qatar to oversee the family's transportation business. However, no official statement has been released regarding the incident.

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## Pro-Khalistan slogans on walls in Rajasthan's Hanumangarh

Pro-Khalistan slogans threatening to create 'Khalistan' in Rajasthan and targeting prominent figures, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, were discovered at the Hanumangarh Railway Yard in the Hanumangarh district of Rajasthan, on October 24. Intelligence and security agencies are concerned about potential unrest in the area, due to its significant Sikh population, and suspect the involvement of individuals traveling from Punjab.

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**Pro-Khalistan slogans on walls in Rajasthan's Hanumangarh**



## SFJ offers reward for Indian envoy's arrest, releases map with Delhi as part of Khalistan

During a referendum event organised at Surrey in the British Columbia province of Canada, on October 29, SFJ, announced a 'reward' of USD 100,000 for the arrest of High Commissioner to Canada Sanjay Kumar Verma and released a new map, with Delhi as part of Khalistan. SFJ claims that Verma was responsible for the "assassination" of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, who was gunned down on June 18, 2023, outside the Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara in Surrey.

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## HATE SPEECH TRACKER

Date	Incidents
05 October 23	NIA receives a threatening email to kill Prime Minister Narendra Modi
10 October 23	Gurpatwant Singh Pannun threatens India with a ' Hamas-like attack ' in a new video
31 October 23	SFJ leader Gurpatwant Singh Pannun issues death threats to top Indian leaders

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## COMPOSITE SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
11 October 23	1	1	30 kilograms cocaine and a .32-bore revolver.
15 October 23	1	1	1 kilograms of heroin, one 9-mm pistol
29 October 23	1	0	2.992 kilograms of heroin along with four .30 mm cartridges
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Heroin - 3.992 kilograms, Cocaine - 30 kilograms, Revolver - 1, Pistol - 1, Cartridges - 4</b>

## ARMS & AMMUNITION SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
03 October 23	1	2	A .32-bore pistol and four live cartridges
04 October 23	1	2	Four pistols along with six magazines and 16 live cartridges
11 October 23	1	3	Two pistols, three magazines, and 11 bullets
13 October 23	1	3	A .32-bore pistol and four cartridges
14 October 23	1	2	Two IEDs, two hand grenades, one .30 bore pistol with two magazines, 24 cartridges, eight detonators.





17 October 23	1	3	Two .32 bore pistols and 12 live cartridges
18 October 23	1	1	Four pistols and 12 cartridges
20 October 23	1	4	Four pistols, including two sophisticated automatic and semi-automatic foreign-made pistols and two country-made pistols, along with 25 live cartridges
21 October 23	1	4	Two .32 bore pistols and six rounds
22 October 23	1	3	11 pistols – six .32 bore and five .30 bore pistols – along with magazines and 15 cartridges
24 October 23	1	4	A country-made .315 bore pistol, two live cartridges
25 October 23	1	4	Five pistols, including three of .32 bore caliber and two of .315 bore, along with 26 live cartridges
28 October 23	1	4	Six foreign-made Zigana pistols and 275 bullets
29 October 23	1	1	One .30 bore pistol and 5 rounds
31 October 23	2	4	One .315 bore rifle; one .32 bore pistol along with two rounds
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>Pistols – 46, Rifle – 1, Cartridges/bullets – 439, Magazines – 11, IEDs – 2, Hand Grenades – 2, Detonators – 8.</b>

## DRUG SEIZURES IN PUNJAB

Date	No. of Incidents	No. of Arrests	Items
01 October 23	1	1	1.5 kilograms of opium
02 October 23	1	0	2.7 kilograms of heroin
03 October 23	2	0	470 grams of heroin; 2.518 grams of heroin
04 October 23	1	3	100 grams of heroin
05 October 23	2	4	3 kilograms of heroin; 500 grams of heroin





07 October 23	1	0	6.3 kilograms of heroin & 60 grams of opium
12 October 23	2	2	12 kilograms of heroin; 3.213 kilograms of heroin
14 October 23	2	4	55 grams of heroin
15 October 23	4	8	2.5 kilograms of heroin; 2 kilograms of heroin; 25 grams of heroin; 50 grams of heroin
20 October 23	1	0	2 kilograms of heroin
22 October 23	2	2	100 grams of heroin; 2.916 kilograms of heroin
23 October 23	1	1	12 kilograms of heroin
24 October 23	3	4	356 grams of heroin; 260 grams of heroin; 420 grams of heroin
25 October 23	2	1	1.5 kilograms of heroin; 105 grams of heroin
26 October 23	2	0	6.279 kilograms of heroin; 360 grams of heroin
27 October 23	2	1	3 kilograms of heroin; 820 grams of heroin
28 October 23	2	0	407 grams heroin; 1.6 kilograms of heroin
29 October 23	1	0	2.146 kilograms of heroin
30 October 23	1	0	4.35 kilograms of heroin
31 October 23	1	1	50 grams of heroin
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Heroin - 74.100 kilograms, Opium - 1.560 kilograms</b>

