

THE 3RD SIKH GHALLUGHARA

People are unaware about the sustained Genocide of the Sikhs (from 1984-1998) in their homeland, Punjab by the Indian government. Over One Million Sikhs have been tortured, raped, murdered and made to disappear by the Indian regime, by mostly upper caste Hindus, in positions of power, who have (under the pretext of curbing terrorism) used the state propaganda machinery to malign the Sikh globally - Goebbels style, so that a tiny (barely 2% of India's population) minority's voice for liberty and justice could be silenced forever.

Facts about India's attack on the Darbar Sahib:

- June 1984 - Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India in a pre-meditated plan, attacked the Darbar Sahib (The Golden Temple) and the Akal Takht (the most important historical Gurdwara and seat of temporal power) with tanks and gunships.
- As part of this Operation Blue Star, in an all-out war against the Sikhs, thousands of innocent Sikh men, women and children are murdered, many in cold blood. The holy premises were desecrated, vandalized, and historical records and artifacts destroyed/stolen.
- In the ensuing weeks, as part of Operation Woodrose, tens of thousands of Sikh youth were abducted, most never to be heard from again.

Few Facts of the start of the 3rd Ghallughara:

- Sikhs were systematically killed in over 100 cities, across 18 states in India, Oct 31 – Nov 4, 1984.
- Over 30,000 killed throughout India and typically burnt alive; November 1 – 7, 1984.
- Even the then President of India, Zail Singh, was attacked.
- Sikh women in the thousands, ranging from 3-80 years were gang raped by goons, policemen, civil administrators, neighbors and even friends.
- Over 300 Sikh soldiers in uniform were killed in Ranchi, Bihar by Hindu soldiers; November 1 – 5, 1984.
- In Jharkhand at the Bokhara Steel plant 120 Sikhs while working were forcibly thrown into the burning furnace.
- Babies were roasted alive on gas and kerosene stoves.
- 40 Sikh families taking refuge inside a police station were all roasted alive in Agartala, Tripura on Nov 2, 1984.
- 12 Sikhs were hung from the ceiling at the railway platform in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh on Nov 1, 1984.
- A Hindu, Dr.Gupta, was directing a lynch mob in Trilokpuri, New Delhi and harvesting eyes from the murdered Sikhs on Nov 1, 1984.
- Sikh women were kidnapped in the hundreds and kept for weeks and repeatedly gang raped by government instigated Hindu captors in major cities across India.
- In Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, Hindus tortured and murdered 67 Sikh men by making them sit on very sharp metal poles while the onlookers jeered and danced.
- The Indian government actually set up a charade of ten commissions between, 1984-2005, yet not a single politician, police officer, or civilian has been sentenced to date.

A Sikh man's private parts were cut off and he was then murdered, January 1991



Jasbir Singh, who was tortured by being crushed with wooden rollers, April 1994



A Sikh being burnt alive by a Hindu lynch mob



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- In fact, all the lead perpetrators – (all Hindus) have been rewarded and promoted to even more senior positions in the central government. The collusion of the government with the criminals is complete.

Facts of the sustained (1984 – 1998) 3rd Ghallughara:

- Starting in mid-1984 over 700,000 Indian troops were moved into Punjab and they remained there for over a decade.
- The then Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, masterminded 'Operation Shanti' to completely exterminate the Sikhs in India (exactly as Hitler planned and did with the Jews). The plan was to start a war with Pakistan and under the use of aerial bombardment, decimate the entire Sikh population (especially in the countryside). The master plan was scaled down when she was assassinated just before it was to be implemented.
- The central authorities rounded up any visible Sikh 14 - 45 year old men and took them away to detention centers with impunity, using the POTO and TADA emergency laws, which violate international standards and criminal jurisprudence (despite India's agreement to adhere to these protocols).
- Baatchheet – Indian Army Bulletin; Serial No 153, June 1984; an official Indian Army monthly bulletin informing all troops that they have to alert the authorities about any and all formally initiated (amritdhari) Sikhs. This circular gave even the lowest level soldier the free reign to arrest and kill innocent Sikhs with impunity.
- Just like Hitler, who coerced and coopted Jewish military officers to kill their Faith brothers, similarly the Indian regime found pliable senior Sikh officers to annihilate their Faith brothers for the sake of a promotion and medal to match.
- According to Inderjit Singh Jaijee (a highly respected Human Rights activist, the President of the Dalit Front and Movement Against State Repression), who has spent the last 30 years collecting data on the Sikh Genocide, – **over 250,000** mostly young Sikh men have disappeared.
- According to Dr.Sangat Singh, (Director of India's Strategic Studies at the Ministry of Defense, a member of the Joint Intelligence Committee in India's Foreign Office which dealt in propaganda and disinformation), "the genocidal policy initiated by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had had its impact during the decade 1981 – 1991, culminating in the Indian government exterminating anywhere **from 1 - 1.2 Million young Sikh men in 15 – 35 age group.**"
- The state agencies paid over **41,000 cash bounties totaling over \$100 Million** to police officers and other security personnel to kill Sikhs.
- The systematic slaughter was sustained for over 15 years. Sanctioned by the state, the security forces created a fear so intense, the state has been able to escape accountability, even to this date.
- Jaswant Singh Khalra, a human rights activist, unearthed records of **over 25,000 Sikhs illegally cremated in just one district alone.** The Indian Police tortured, then chopped him up and threw his remains in a canal in 1998.
- **Not a single international human rights organization has ever been allowed to investigate the mass killing fields of Punjab until today – 2014.**

Mockery of Justice:

- For the last ten years several diaspora Sikhs have tried to gather information on the Sikhs killed by the Indian government in the Genocide, but have been repeatedly threatened with dire consequences if they continue down that path. Invariably, no one from the outside can collect unbiased data because of institutionalized racism against the Sikhs.
- Further, any semblance of officially accepting the pogroms against the Sikhs as a 'Genocide' would put India on trial and jeopardize India's economic ties to several western nations including the US.
- Since India has stoutly denied that there has ever been a Sikh Genocide, there should be no fear if the UNHRC sends an investigative team to verify the facts for themselves.

Solution to move forward:

Thirty years having passed, and still, India has no appetite to even acknowledge the Ghallughara (Sikh Genocide), let alone serve justice to the Sikhs. But Sikhs everywhere will not rest until the truth shines forth. There should be a UN-led 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission' set up immediately, manned by unbiased independent outsiders to investigate (akin to the ones setup in South Africa and Bosnia) in order to start on the path to peace and closure. We appeal to all those who value human rights, the cornerstone of our American democracy, to help the Sikhs in their quest for truth and justice.

*Please note that the numbers in this pamphlet are best estimates based on various sources, since records were deliberately destroyed and major human rights organizations are still banned from entering Punjab.
Sources: Politics of Genocide; Sikhs in History; Reduced to Ashes; Smoldering Embers; Sikhs for Justice; Authentic Voices of South Asia & India Kills the Sikhs.

A 15 year old Sikh boy being chased by Hindu policemen who murdered him shortly thereafter



A Sikh, first burnt alive, then being eaten by a dog – no dignity even in death, Nov 1984



A 3 year old Sikh male child tortured to death, March 1991



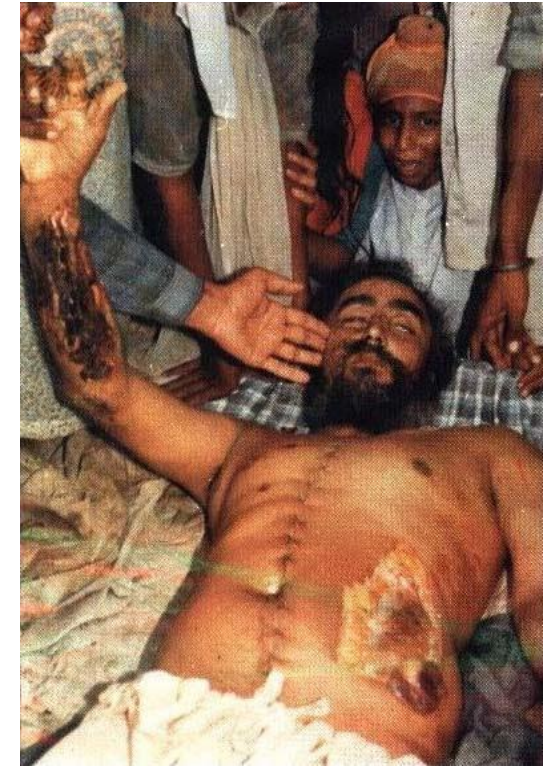
90 Sikhs boiled in oil and roasted alive, February 1993



Sikh Genocide

By the Indian Government

(1984 – 1998)



(Avtar Singh tortured to death, May 1992)

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