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Sri Akal Takht Sovereignty and Dera Sacha Sauda Sirsa Chief Ram Raheem Blasphemy Issue - Timeline - Updated on September 05, 2016 at 01:00pm IST

1. **May 2007 (2nd week)**- A photo of Dera Sauda Sirsa Chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh appears in newspapers where he is said to be dressed as the Tenth Guru of Sikhs, Guru Gobind Singh. He is said to have held an initiation process similar to that conducted by Guru Gobind Singh ji on Vaisakhi 1699, and is accused of blasphemy and of hurting Sikh sentiments.

The controversy was followed by multiple attacks on the Dera members.

2. **May 17, 2007** – The Sikh Nation, after the meeting at Takht Sri Damdama Sahib (Talwandi Sabo, Punjab), passes a Gurmatta for political and religious boycott of the Dera Sirsa Chief and his followers.

(A Gurmatta is a resolution in the name of the Guru. It is a counsel or resolution adopted by the Sikhs at an assembly of theirs held in the name of the Guru concerning any religious, social or political issue.)

<http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-sikh-priests-call-for-social-boycott-of-dera-parts-of-punjab-tense-1097409>

<http://archive.deccanherald.com/DeccanHerald.com/Content/May182007/national200705172279.asp>

3. **May 20, 2007**: The temporal seat of Sikhs, Sri Akal Takht Sahib Sahib, passes Gurmattas in which the Dera Sirsa Chief is asked to shut down his deras (centres) across Punjab failing which next serious steps would be taken.

Link to copy of gumatta:

<http://unitedsikhs.org/PressReleases/WithdrawalGurmatta1017/Gurmatta2007.JPG>

Link to English translation of Gurmatta:

<http://unitedsikhs.org/PressReleases/WithdrawalGurmatta1017/TranslationOn2007Gurmatta.pdf>

4. **May 27/28 2007**: Dera Sirsa submits a so-called apology (for blasphemy and hurting Sikhs' sentiments) to Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

Link to so-called apology:

<http://unitedsikhs.org/PressReleases/WithdrawalGurmatta1017/apologyLetter.JPG>

English Translation of above so-called apology letter

: <http://unitedsikhs.org/PressReleases/WithdrawalGurmatta1017/Dera%20Letter%20Translation-%20Engapology.pdf>

5. **May 29/30 2007** – Terming the apology by Dera Chief as ‘inadequate’ and ‘more of a press note’, Jathedar Joginder Singh Vedanti, the then Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib, asks to continue the boycott.

(The term **Jathedar** refers to a leader of a jatha (a group, a community or a nation). Among the Sikhs, a **Jathedar** is an ordained leader of the clergy and leads a Takht, a sacred and authoritative seat. Sikh clergy consists of five **Jathedars**, one each from five takhts or sacred seats.)

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Dera-boycott-to-continue-Akal-Takht/articleshow/2084984.cms>

6. **16 July 2007** – The Dera Sirsa Chief was himself attacked by a mob but escaped unhurt.

7. **2 February 2008** - The Dera Sirsa Chief's s cavalcade was attacked.

8. **2009** - A criminal case filed against the Dera Sirsa Chief for hurting the Sikhs' sentiments which was rejected by a Sirsa court.

9. **17th Jan 2015** - In the interest of peace and social harmony, the Punjab Govt bans a controversial film, MSG: The Messenger of God, starring the Dera Sirsa Chief, ahead of its release on 13th Feb 2015.

10. **September 2015** (date unknown) – A so-called ‘apology letter’, purportedly signed by the Dera Sirsa Chief, is received by Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

11. **September 24, 2015** - Sri Akal Takht Sahib passes a Gurmatta and the so-called apology letter and explanation is accepted. The Dera Chief is warned to not to repeat the mistake.

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/punjab-and-haryana/8-yrs-on-akal-takht-pardons-dera-sacha-sauda-chief/>

Link to copy of Gurmatta:

<http://unitedsikhs.org/PressReleases/WithdrawalGurmatta1017/Gurmatta09-24.JPG>

English Translation of Gurmatta:

http://unitedsikhs.org/PressReleases/WithdrawalGurmatta1017/SeptGurmatta_eng.pdf

Press release:

<http://unitedsikhs.org/PressReleases/WithdrawalGurmatta1017/Press-Note-by-Jathedars-page-001.jpg>

English Translation of press release:

<http://unitedsikhs.org/PressReleases/WithdrawalGurmatta1017/PressNote.jpg>

12. **September 25, 2015** – MSG-2 The Messenger, A film starring the Dera Sirsa Chief, is released in Punjab.

Sri Akal Takht Sahib's decision to pardon the Dera Chief sparks controversy. Sikh Organizations oppose the Gurmatta as being politically motivated.

13. **September 27, 2015** – Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) hails Sri Akal Takht Sahib's decision.

Dera Sirsa orders its followers to withdraw cases against Sikhs which were filed when both the communities clashed after the 2007 incident.

<http://www.dailypost.in/regions/punjab/47291-sgpc-members-hail-akal-takht-decision>

Sikh Organizations ask Jathedars to withdraw their decision. Jathedars' security beefed up.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amritsar/Police-SGPC-beef-up-security-for-jathedar/articleshow/49147300.cms>

14. **October 03, 2015**: Bhai Ranjit Singh Khalsa Dhadrianwale, a Sikh preacher, receives a direct threat from a Jathedar (name of Jathedar not revealed) for speaking out and condemning the decision to pardon the Dera Sirsa Chief publically. Bhai Ranjit Singh gives the most fearless public reply till date.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1mXUoPfNA4&feature=youtu.be>

15. **October 04, 2015**: Sikh outfits firm on Sarbat Khalsa. to meet on Oct 12, 2015.

Various Sikh organizations may hold “Sarbat Khalsa” (congregation of entire Sikh community), prior to Diwali in Amritsar.

A meeting to chalk out the preparatory schedule for Sarbat Khalsa to be organized at Gurdwara Singh Shaheedan, Model Town, on October 12.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/sikh-outfits-firm-on-sarbat-khalsa-to-meet-on-oct-12/141715.html>

16. October 6, 2015: Giani Mal Singh, Jathedar Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib, attacked by a Sikh youth. The youth gets arrested on Oct 7, 2015.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/06/takhat-kesgarh-sahib-jathedar-giani-mal-singh-attacked-by-a-person-in-nihang-attire/>

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/07/youth-arrested-for-attack-on-giani-mal-singh-no-case-registered-so-far/>

17. October 06, 2015: A poster campaign launched against Jathedars.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/06/poster-campaign-against-takhat-jathedars-resign-or-face-boycott/>

18. October 06, 2015: Sikh Youth protests at Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBVBBM5GowU&feature=youtu.be>

19. October 06, 2015: Jathedar Balwant Singh Nandgarh, Ex-Jathedar Takht Sri Damdama Sahib Talwandi Sabo, condemns threats to Sikh preachers by present Jathedars.

<http://fatehnewstv.com/nandgarhtojathedars.php>

20. October 07, 2010: Bhai Pinderpal Singh, a renowned Sikh preacher, opposes pardon to the Dera Sirsa Chief by the Jathedars, requests them to reverse their decision to pardon Dera Sirsa Chief.

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=849677718486535>

21. October 07, 2010: After attack, Giani Mal Singh faces Media; justifies pardon.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/07/after-attack-giani-mal-singh-faces-media-justifies-pardon-to-dera-sauda-chief/>

22. October 11, 2015 : SAD Sarna holds panthic convention to discuss the issue.

Resolve to call 'Sarbat Khalsa' on Bandi Chhod Diwas.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/12/sad-sarna-hold-panthic-convention-in-delhi-resolve-to-call-sarbat-khalsa/>

23. October 12, 2015: Another Sikh Youth arrested by CIA Amritsar in connection with poster campaign.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/11/full-text-of-resolutions-passed-by-11-oct-convention-by-sad-sarna/>

24. October 12, 2015: Sikh Bodies protest outside Giani Gurbachan Singh's house.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/12/dera-pardon-row-sikh-bodies-protest-outside-giani-gurbachan-singhs-house/>

25. October 12, 2015: United Akali Dal (UAD) and Shiromani Akali Dal Amritsar (Mann) announce they will hold a Sarbat Khalsa on 10th November 2015.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/12/uad-and-mann-dal-announce-to-hold-sarbat-khalsa-on-nov-10/>

26. October 13, 2015: Ontario and Quebec Sikh bodies and Gurudwara Committees pass three resolutions and reject pardon of Dera Chief.

Resolution 1: Jathedar's decision to pardon Dera Chief rejected.

Resolution 2: Call to hold Sarbat Khalsa on global level to ensure Sikhs' participation from the entire world.

Resolution 3: Reject state-sponsored appointment of Jathedars and insist on a framework of appointing Jathedars by Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/13/dera-pardon-issue-ontario-and-qubec-sikh-bodies-gurduara-committees-take-vital-initiative/>

27. October 13, 2015: Appointed Jathedars Refuse to Meet with Sangat; Forced to Live in Hiding After Pardoning the Dera Sirsa Chief.

https://www.sikh24.com/2015/10/13/appointed-jathedars-refuse-to-meet-with-sangat-forced-to-live-in-hiding-after-pardoning-gurmeet-ram-rahim/#.Vh5iv_mqqko

28. October 13, 2015: Thousands Attend Convention in New Delhi Seeking Sarbat Khalsa

https://www.sikh24.com/2015/10/13/thousands-attend-convention-in-new-delhi-seeking-sarbat-khalsa-sarna-keen-to-influence-panthik-decisions/#.Vh5iz_mqqko

29. October 16, 2015 : Sri Akal Takht issues withdrawal of controversial 'hukumnama' to pardon Dera Sirsa Chief by Jathedars.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/16/jathedars-withdraw-pardon-to-controversial-dera-sirsa-chief-gurmeet-ram-rahim/>

Link to copy of Gurmatta : <http://unitedsikhs.org/PressReleases/WithdrawalGurmatta1017/Akal-Takhat-Letter.jpg>

English Translation of Gurmatta:

<http://unitedsikhs.org/PressReleases/WithdrawalGurmatta1017/Gurmatta10-16.JPG>

30. October 21, 2015: Akal Takht Panj-piare (or The Beloved Five, they are chosen according to Sikh Traditions and their orders are considered supreme) summon Jathedars of all Takhts, asked to appear at Sri Akal Takht Sahib on Oct 23, 2015 and give explanation for Dera Sirsa Chief Pardon issue.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/21/akal-takhts-5-pyaras-summons-jathedars-for-a-dera-pardon-issue/>

SGPC suspends Panj-pyare, Secretaries and Parcharaks (preachers) for opposing Jathedars.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/22/sgpc-suspends-panj-pyaras-secretaries-and-pracharaks-who-oppose-jathedars-for-pardon-to-dera-chief/>

31. October 23, 2015: Panj pyare of Sri Akal Takht Sahib direct SGPC to terminate services of Jathedars involved in Dera pardon decision after they failed to appear at Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/23/panj-pyaras-direct-sgpc-to-terminate-services-of-jathedars-involved-in-dera-pardon-decision/>

Copy of Panj Pyare Gurmatta dated 23 Oct 2015

<http://www.sikhsiyasat.info/2015/10/official-copy-of-panj-pyare-gurmatta/>

32. October 24, 2015: SGPC President Avtar Singh Makkar announces to turn down Panj Pyares' Gurmatta.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/24/avtar-singh-makkar-announce-to-turn-down-panj-pyares-gurmatta-bhaur-says-executive-would-consider-gurmatta/>

Amritsar district SAD(Badal) head and PEDDA chief resign over multiple issues in Punjab.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/24/amritsar-district-badal-dal-head-and-peda-chief-resigns/>

Current situation at Harike Pattan morcha tense.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/24/special-update-on-current-situation-at-harike-pattan-morcha-oct-24-2015/>

SGPC Executive Member Karnail Singh Panjoli has blasted the Akali Dal for playing with the sentiments of the Sikhs in Punjab

<http://www.sikh24.com/2015/10/24/rebel-sgpc-executive-member-blasts-akali-dal-b-seeks-inqilab/#.ViytGnrmtko>

SGPC reinstates Panj-Pyare.

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/punjab-under-fire-over-suspension-sgpc-reinstates-panj-pyaras/>

33. October 27, 2015:

SGPC likely to appoint new Panj Pyare.

<http://www.sikh24.com/2015/10/27/sgpc-likely-to-appoint-new-panj-piare-despite-re-instatement-of-original/#.Vi-dFPkrLWI>

SGPC likely to oust three Jathedars.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/sgpc-ready-to-bite-the-bullet-likely-to-oust-three-high-priests/story-en7VXcCf5WR9kQyKE5oT1J.html>

34. October 28, 2015:

Dhumma seeks removal of Takht Jathedars.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=52762#jump0>

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/dhumma-meets-cm-demands-removal-of-jathedars/story-YeoBrvwellIINK8TQku2oeP.html>

35. October 29, 2015:

World Sikh Summit 2015 on November 01, 2015 in UK.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/10/29/world-sikh-summit-in-uk-on-nov-01-sikh-representatives-from-more-than-20-countries-to-participate-says-fso/>

36. October 30, 2015:

Makkar denies removing Jathedars.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=52814#jump0>

37. October 31, 2015:

Sikh leaders deliberating Sarbat Khalsa in Jalandhar.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=52833&newssection=sarkardarbar#jump0>

Panthic groups to begin unlimited sit-in demanding removal of Sikh Clerics

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Panthic-groups-to-begin-unlimited-sit-in-demanding-removal-of-Sikh-clerics/articleshow/49609647.cms>

38. November 02, 2015:

Sikh Groups say Jathedar Akal Takht Sahib will not be allowed to address sangat on Bandi Chhod diwas.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=52893#jump0>

Resolutions passed in North American Sikh Summit. Copy in link below:

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/02/copy-of-resolutions-adopted-during-north-american-sikh-summit-on-oct-31-2015/>

1. Establishment of independent Sri Akal Takht Sahib based on Sikh principles and free from all political parties and states. Establish qualifications and offices of Jathedar Akal Takht Sahib with transparency and accountability.
2. Support to Sarbat Khalsa, representatives from North American Sikhs will attend.
3. Resolve to establish voice of North American Sikhs.

World Sikh Summit held in UK.

<https://www.sikh24.com/2015/11/02/world-sikh-summit-declares-badals-makkar-gadar-e-quam/#.Vjilt9Irdg>

Resolutions passed:

1. Call for discharge of Jathedars, resignation of SGPC President, Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister.
2. International boycott of SGPC Badal Members and members of SAD (Badal).
3. Sikhs in the diaspora do not recognize the SGPC, it has limited regional jurisdiction and controlled by Indian law.
4. Any Jathedars appointed should only be appointed by Sarbat Khalsa, with input from Sikhs across the globe.

39. November 03, 2015:

Protesters dump black flags at door of official residence of Jathedar.

<http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/in-amritsar-protesters-dump-black-flags-at-jathedars-door/>

40. November 04, 2015:

Badal bends backwards to pacify Sikh hardliners over sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

www.yespunjab.com/sikh/issues/item/78171-badal-bends-backwards-to-pacify-sikh-hardliners-over-sacrilege-of-guru-granth-sahib

41. November 05, 2015:

Sukhbir Badal meet Damdami Taksaal chief Harnaam Singh ahead of Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amritsar/Sukhbir-meets-Sant-Samaj-leaders-ahead-of-Sarbat-Khalsa/articleshow/49666380.cms>

<http://www.punjabstar.ca/sukhbir-badal-meets-dhumma-at-mehta-chowk/>

<http://punjabupdate.com/2015/11/04/sukhbir-badal-meets-dhumma-at-mehta-chowk>

AKJ, Dal Khalsa and ADPP leaders meet organizers of Sarbat Khalsa

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/05/akj-dal-khalsa-adpp-leaders-meet-organizers-of-nov-10-sarbat-khalsa/>

42. November 06, 2015:

Gurbachan Singh questions sanctity of Sarbat Khalsa, say without Sri Akal Takht's nod it lacks sanctity

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/sarbat-khalsa-without-takht-nod-lacks-sanctity-jathedar/story-zG6dcLb4ZjQf9IcKQtjYoK.html>

Sikhs divided over holding of Sarbat Khalsa as some want the venue to be shifted to Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/hardliners-divided-over-holding-of-sarbat-khalsa/article7848285.ece>

North American Sikh Delegation leaves for Sarbat Khalsa.

<https://www.sikh24.com/2015/11/05/north-american-sikh-delegation-leaves-for-sarbat-khalsa/#.Vjw3YfkrLWI>

Rashtriya Sikh Sangat, an RSS offshoot, plans to take over leadership of Sikh affairs

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/community/rss-offshoot-plans-to-take-over-leadership-of-sikh-affairs/155152.html>

Taksaal Chief Harnam Singh Dhumma opposes Nov 10 Sarbat Khalsa

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53005#jump0>

Avtar Singh Makkar launches ad-war against Nov 10 sarbat Khalsa

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/06/avtar-singh-makkar-launches-ad-war-against-organizers-of-nov-10-sarbat-khalsa/>

Dal Khalsa contested Gurbachan Singh, says Khalsa Panth is above all

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53008#jump0>

Sant Samaj backs out of Sarbat Khalsa, wants it on Sri Akal Takht Sahib

<http://www.yespunjab.com/punjab/news/item/78315-sant-samaj-backs-out-of-sarbat-khalsa-wants-it-on-akal-takht>

North American Sikh Delegation arrives in Punjab for Sarbat Khalsa

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/06/north-america-sikh-delegation-arrives-in-punjab-says-participation-to-sarbat-khalsa-2015-was-conditional-and-limited/>

Bapu Surat Singh appeals to masses to attend Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://www.sikh24.com/2015/11/06/exclusive-bapu-surat-singh-khalsa-appeals-to-sikh-masses-to-attend-sarbat-khalsa/>

Govt. seeks forces from centre for security at Sarbat Khalsa. Preparations underway for the event.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/mobi/news/punjab/story/155598.html>

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/07/sarbat-khalsa-2015-punjab-govt-seeks-deployment-of-central-forces-in-punjab/>

Intellectuals invited by SGPC and Badal criticize them. However, they say Nov 10 event can't be called Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/07/sgpc-and-badal-dal-came-under-strong-criticism-from-self-invited-intellectuals/>

43. November 08, 2015:

Preparations complete ahead of Sarbat Khalsa on November 10.

Sri Akhand Path Sahib begins today

<http://www.rozanapehredar.com/news/srbht-khaalsaa-diaaantiaariiaanmuknml-ahj-hoonngee-akhndd>

Sikh groups to hold crucial meeting today ahead of Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/08/sikh-groups-to-hold-crucial-meeting-about-sarbat-khalsa-today/>

SAD appeals masses to reject anti-panthic, anti-Punjab and anti-Akal Takht forces.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53061#jump0>

SAD Distt. Units say Nov 10 Sarbat Khalsa is against Sikh Tradition.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53059#jump0>

Peer Mohammad sets his own conditions, wants change in the name too.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53059#jump0>

Effective strategy to made during Sarbat Khalsa to throw out Badal from power: Mann

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53052#jump0>

US Rights Group 'Sikhs for Justice supports Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53049#jump0>

44. **November 09, 2015:**

UNITED SIKHS calls on Sikhs to support and attend Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://www.yespunjab.com/sikh/issues/item/78579-united-sikhs-calls-on-sikhs-to-support-attend-sarbat-khalsa>

45. **November 10, 2015:**

Takht Jathedars including Giani Gurbachan Singh removed by Sarbat Khalsa.

Jagtar Singh Hawara appointed new Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

Dhian Singh Mand appointed acting Jathedar.

Baljeet Singh Daduwal appointed Jathedar of Takht Sri Damdama Sahib.

Amrik Singh Ajnala appointed Jathedar of Takht Sri Kesgarh Sahib.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53134#jump0>

New Jathedars to give message from Sri Darbar Sahib on Bandi Chhor Diwas.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53135#jump0>

Official resolutions from Sarbat Khalsa 2015.

<http://www.sikh24.com/2015/11/11/official-resolutions-from-sarbat-khalsa-2015/#.VkLAEPkrLWI>

Sarbat Khalsa resolutions English and Panjabi

English translation link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3CUexhjtIk>

1. Absolves the four current Jathedars from their duties – Giani Gurbachan Singh, Giani Mal Singh, Giani Gurmukh Singh, and Giani Iqbal Singh and appoints the following interim Jathedars until Vaisakhi 2016 as follows: Bhai Jagtar Singh Hawara at Sri Akal Takht Sahib; Bhai Amrik Singh Ajnala at Sri Keshgarh Sahib; and Bhai Baljit Singh Daduwal at Sri Dam Dama Sahib.

2. Reaffirms Akal Takhat Sahib is guru-gifted sovereign Sikh institution which must become fully independent again. A draft committee is to be constituted comprising of Sikhs both from the Homeland and the Diaspora by 30 Nov 2015 to report on Akal Takhat Sahib system which includes Sarbat Khalsa and Jathedars governance and process. Plan to be adopted by Vaisakhi 2016 when the next Sarbat Khalsa is to be held.

3. Declares Kanwar Pal Singh Gill and Kuldip Singh Brar *tankhaiya* (chastised) for anti-Sikh genocidal campaigns and summons them at Akal Takhat Sahib to present themselves by 30 Nov 2015.

4. Finds Prakash Singh Badal, Sukhbir Singh Badal and Avtar Singh Makkar guilty of undermining and misusing the Sikh institutions of Panj Piare and Akal Takhat Sahib. Nullifies Prakash Singh Badal's Fakhar-e-Qaum and Panth Rattan and Avtar Singh Makkar's Shiromani Sewak awards.

5. Creates World Sikh Parliament to represent global Sikhs under aegis of Akal Takhat Sahib. A draft committee is to be constituted comprising of Sikhs both from the Homeland and the Diaspora by 30 Nov 2015 to report on its structure and governance. Plan to be adopted by Vaisakhi 2016.

6. Calls on all Sikhs to safeguard sanctity of Guru Granth Sahib and aptly deliver justice, in accordance with the Khalsa traditions, to those disrespecting the eternal Guru.

7. Recognizes the Sikh political prisoners as the Sikh Nation's assets. Holds the state responsible for the resultant consequences due to Jathedar Surat Singh's struggle. Demands all political prisoners of any movement in India such as Sikhs, Naxalites, Kashmiris, Nagas, and others, be released unconditionally now.
8. Revive the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee's democratic representation system to manage the internal Sikh affairs which have been suspended by the state over the years.
9. Orders all Sikhs to fully refrain from all internal divisive doctrinal debate until the sovereignty of Akal Takhat Sahib is fully restored.
10. Recognizes the Sikh nation must establish a unifying independent Sikh calendar.
11. Aspires for Vatican-like status for Harimandar Sahib Complex to ensure every Sikh's birthright to visit and deliberate at the Akal Takhat Sahib.
12. Reaffirms the resolutions adopted by the Sarbat Khalsa held on 26 Jan 1986.
13. Embraces the disenfranchised fellow human beings be treated with dignity and respect; appeals to stop the construction of caste-based gurdwaras and cremation grounds. All Sikhs and Sikh institutions are to implement the aforesaid resolutions in letter and spirit.

46. **November 11, 2015:**

SAD rejects resolutions passed by Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53152#jump0>

<http://www.yespunjab.com/punjab/news/item/78616-sad-core-committee-rejects-resolutions-passed-by-radical-sikhs-sarbat-khalsa>

Police raids houses of organizers of Sarbat Khalsa. Simranjeet Singh Maan, Mohkam Singh arrested. Amrik Singh Ajnala house arrested.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53160#jump0>

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/11/simranjeet-singh-mann-mohkam-singh-others-arrested-by-police/>

Giani Gurbachan Singh delivers message from Sri Akal Takht Sahib, sangat raises slogans against him.

Newly appointed Jathedar Giani Dhian Singh Mand also delivers his message.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53169#jump0>

Bhai Mand Calls for Black Diwali. Camping inside Darbar Sahib Complex, security tightened.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53173#>

Copy of his address to Sangat:

http://www.babushahi.com/upload/pdf/merged_document_1447248274.pdf

Bhai Dhian Singh Mand arrested.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/11/bhai-dhian-singh-mand-arrested-by-the-police/>

HT Analysis: Show of strength at Sarbat Khalsa 2015 leaves SAD rattled.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53175#jump0>

46. **November 12, 2015:**

Punjab's ruling Shiromani Akali Dal yesterday rejected all resolutions passed at an unofficial 'Sarbat Khalsa' (grand assembly of Sikhs) by Sikh radicals, and blamed the opposition Congress for the present situation in Sikh religious affairs and in the state.

<http://www.gulf-times.com/mobile//india/185/details/462515/akalis-reject-resolutions-passed-by-sikh-radicals>

Mand, Mohkam Singh, Daduwal sent to Jail, Mann released

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53179#jump0>

SGPC President Jathedar Avtar Singh Makkar blamed Punjab Police for failure to stop Bhai Dhian Singh Mand, his supporters and other protesters during the Bandi Chhor divas address of Jathedar Akal Takhat on Wednesday. He said that the police administration did not performed its duty properly.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53200#jump0>

In a crackdown against Sikh hard line leaders who participated in the Sikh congregation, or 'Sarbat Khalsa,' the Punjab police on Thursday took United Akali Dal general secretary Wassan Singh Zaffarwal into preventive custody.

<http://m.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/one-more-sikh-hardline-leader-arrested-in-punjab/article7870368.ece>

PM Modi meets Sikhs in UK, assures end to travel blacklist

<http://m.hindustantimes.com/india/pm-modi-meets-sikhs-in-uk-assures-end-to-travel-blacklist/story-D3LZzzpvOThWg49hZBE6oK.html>

Sikh Council UK: Sikh Meet With PM Modi Was Useful and Constructive

<https://www.sikh24.com/2015/11/13/sikh-council-uk-sikh-meet-with-pm-modi-was-useful-and-constructive/>

Takht chiefs appointed by hardliners put behind bars

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/community/takht-chiefs-appointed-by-hardliners-put-behind-bars/157619.html>

48. November 13th. 2015

SGPC blames police, Amritsar admin

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/sgpc-blames-police-amritsar-admin/157509.html>

State cracks down on hardliners

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/state-cracks-down-on-hardliners/157506.html>

SGPC Executive rejects resolutions of Sarbat Khalsa, condemns slogan shouting & protests in Darbar Sahib Complex

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53212#jump0>

Punjab Police have booked 20 Sikh leaders / organisers of Sabatt Khalsa under sedition charges under various section of IPC and Cyber crime.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53252#jump0>

<http://www.yespunjab.com/sikh/issues/item/78728-sedition-cases-registered-against-sarbat-khalsa-appointed-jathedars-mann-other-sikh-leaders!>

49. November 14th. 2015

48 held post-Sarbat Khalsa, sedition charge against 20 SGPC rejects resolutions, says sangat did not approve these

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/mobi/news/punjab/48-held-post-sarbat-khalsa-sedition-charge-against-20/157924.html#sthash.EW0B6p2z.dpuf>

Preacher Giani Pinderpal Singh 'approached' to head Akal Takht

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/preacher-giani-pinderpal-singh-approached-to-head-akal-takht/story-Xr4dzNnbxmT3SUH4xbLYAI.html>

50. November 15, 2015:

Senior lawyer says Sarbat Khalsa 2015 resolutions can't be termed illegal.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/15/senior-lawyer-says-sarbat-khalsa-2015-resolutions-cant-be-termed-illegalunlawful/>

Punjab Crisis deepens as government launches propaganda war and police crackdown against Sarbat Khalsa organizers.

SAD(A) chief house arrested.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/15/crisis-deepens-punjab-government-launch-propaganda-war-and-police-crackdown-against-sarbat-khalsa-organizers/>

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/days-after-sarbat-khalsa-sad-a-chief-put-under-house-arrest/158708.html>

Human rights lawyers slam Punjab Government for sedition charges against Sarbat Khalsa organizers.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/16/human-rights-lawyers-slam-punjab-government/>

51. November 16, 2015:

'Sarbat Khalsa was Khalistani Stage' says Simranjeet Singh Mann.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/sarbat-khalsa-was-a-khalistani-stage-and-everyone-there-knew-it/story-VOUvq1rQ7ig2y3gvZOaFTI.html>

52. November 17, 2015:

SGPC lodges FIR against Bhai Dhian Singh Mand for creating panic in pilgrims on Bandi Chhor Diwas.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53371#jump0>

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/18/sgpc-lodges-fir-against-bhai-dhian-singh-mand-others/>

53. November 20, 2015:

Court defers hearing on Bhai Jagtar Singh Hawara's death sentence, directs trial of Bhai Jagtar Singh Tara.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/20/court-defers-hearing-on-bhai-jagtar-singh-hawara-death-sentence-directs-trial-of-bhai-jagtar-singh-tara/>

Bhai Dhian Singh Mand gives Punjab Bandh call on November 23, sent to Police custody till November 23.

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53476#jump0>

54. November 21, 2015:

Ruling regime of SGPC to identify employees who took part in Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/21/ruling-regime-of-sgpc-to-identify-employees-who-took-part-in-sarbat-khalsa-2015/>

Congress, Sikh groups slam Badal for radical alliance remark.

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/congress-radical-sikhs-slam-badal-for-radical-alliance-remark/1/528152.html>

55. November 22, 2015:

Panj Pyaras refuse to follow SGPC's transfer orders.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/22/panj-pyaras-refused-to-follow-sgpcs-transfer-orders/>

56. November 23, 2015:

Two days police remand for Bhai Amrik Singh Ajnala and Mohkam Singh.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/23/sedition-case-two-days-police-remand-of-bhai-amrik-singh-ajnala-mohkam-singh/>

Punjab Bandh Call didn't get much response, Road blocked in Tarn Taran.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/23/punjab-bandh-call-did-not-get-much-response-road-blocked-in-tarn-taran/>

<http://www.dailypioneer.com/state-editions/punjab-bandh-call-given-by-jathedar-of-akal-takht-gets-poor-response.html>

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/mand-s-punjab-bandh-fizzles-out/161880.html>

WSO concerned about arrest and detention of Sikhs in Punjab.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/23/wso-concerned-by-ongoing-arrest-detention-of-sikhs-in-punjab/>

57. November 24, 2015:

Akal Takht Jathedar Gurbachan Singh calls for religious tolerance.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/akal-takht-jathedar-calls-for-religious-tolerance/story-NhWFk5KvT6zITamanC8eSN.html>

Don't support resolutions passed by Sarbat Khalsa, says AAP.

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/dont-support-resolutions-passed-by-sarbat-khalsa-aap/articleshow/49907762.cms>

Eye on poll alignments, SAD goes soft on BSP after Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/jalandhar/eye-on-poll-alignments-sad-goes-soft-on-bsp-after-sarbat-khalsa/162741.html>

Mand sent to 14-day judicial custody.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/mand-sent-to-14-day-judicial-custody/story-JdVfn6p74OFIQsdxniNBK.html>

58. November 26, 2015:

No Khalistan Resolution was passed during Sarbat Khalsa 2015 says Gurdeep Singh Bathinda.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/26/no-khalistan-resolution-was-passed-during-sarbat-khalsa-2015-says-gurdeep-singh-bathinda/>

SGPC spent Rs. 91Lakhs on advertisements supporting pardon to Dera Chief.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/26/sgpc-spent-91-lakhs-on-advertisements-supporting-pardon-to-dera-sauda-chief/>

59. November 27, 2015:

Jathedar Baljit Singh Daduwal extended two days Police custody.

<https://www.sikh24.com/2015/11/27/jathedar-baljit-singh-daduwal-extended-two-days-police-custody/#.Vlk-3PkrLWI>

60. November 28, 2015:

Dal Khalsa says removal of Gurbachan Singh and two other Jathedars essential for peace within community.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/28/dal-khalsa-says-removal-of-gaini-gurbachan-singh-and-two-other-jathedars-essential-for-peace-within-community/>

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/dal-khalsa-says-removal-of-gurbachan-essential/article7926317.ece>

Simranjit Singh Mann moves to High court seeking quashing of Sedition FIR.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/11/28/simranjit-singh-mann-moves-high-court-seeking-quashing-of-sedition-fir/>

61. November 30, 2015:

Dal Khalsa differs in appointment of New Jathedars by Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amritsar/Dal-Khalsa-differs-on-appointment-of-new-jathedars-by-Sarbat-Khalsa/articleshow/49980763.cms>

62. December 01, 2015:

US National held under sedition charges.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/sarbat-khalsa-us-national-held-for-sedition/story-K3RYiuTR3uu7534ApbAZMP.html>

Sikh Bodies engage in war of words over Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/12/01/sikh-bodies-engage-in-war-of-words-over-sarbat-khalsa-2015/>

Daduwal supporters denied permission to meet him in jail, hold protest

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/denied-permission-to-meet-in-jail-daduwal-s-supporters-hold-protest/story-2ZzUfQjGke3KImOQjE5AUN.html>

63. December 02, 2015:

Three Sikh activists, Gurdeep Singh Bathinda, Jaskaran Singh Kahn Singh Wala and Satnam Singh Manawa, arrested under sedition charges, produced in the court

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/amritsar/three-sikh-hardliners-produced-in-local-court/165952.html>

High Court orders Punjab government to release four youth arrested after Sarbat Khalsa.

https://www.sikh24.com/2015/12/03/breaking-high-court-orders-punjab-government-to-release-four-youth-arrested-after-sarbat-khalsa/#.VI_PZPkrLWI

64. December 05, 2015:

Jaskaran Singh (Kahan Singh Wala) says Congress did not play any role in Sarbat Khalsa.

<https://www.sikh24.com/2015/12/04/kahan-singh-congress-didnt-play-any-role-in-sarbat-khalsa-2015/#.VmKD8vkrLWI>

65. December 06, 2015:

Paramjit Singh Bheora expresses disappointment over decisions taken at Sarbat Khalsa

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2015/12/05/paramjit-singh-bheoras-letter-about-sarbat-khalsa-rocks-sikh-circles/>

Full letter at : <http://www.rozanaspokesman.com/epaper/full.aspx?dt=12/05/2015&pno=7>

Online petition to US president seeking release of Bhai Hawara crosses 1Lakh

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/Online-petition-to-US-prez-seeking-Hawaras-release-gets-1-lakh-signs/articleshow/50062088.cms>

Paramjit Singh arrested from Jind in Sedition case.

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/man-facing-sedition-charge-in-punjab-held-in-haryana-115120700806_1.html

www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=53966

66. December 08, 2015:

“Sikh Rights – Sikh Freedom” March on Dec 10 To Secure Release of Bhai Hawara

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=54056#jump0>

67. December 10, 2015:

Sikh groups March to Sri Akal Takht Sahib to procure release of Jathedar Hawara
http://wap.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/sikh-groups-march-to-akal-takht-demand-release-of-hawara-115121001206_1.html

Protest in Bathinda against fake cases registered against those who participated in Sarbat Khalsa
<http://www.tribuneindia.com/mobi/news/cities/bathinda/sikh-organisations-hold-protest-in-city/169224.html>

68. December 12, 2015:

Plan for release of Takht Jathedars to be announced on December 15

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/plan-for-release-of-takht-jathedars-to-be-announced-on-dec-15-mann/story-ot3fR0u9q8mhh3LQ8GYZlJ.html>

69. December 13, 2015:

High level SGPC officials meet Akal Takht Sahib Panj Piare

<https://www.sikh24.com/2015/12/13/hevel-level-sgpc-officials-meet-akal-takht-sahib-panj-piare/#.Vm5NLp-6bqA>

Booked for sedition for participation in Sarbat Khalsa, Sikhri CEO Harinder Singh Resigns

<http://www.yespunjab.com/sikh/abroad/item/81711-booked-for-sedition-for-participation-in-sarbat-khalsa-sikhri-ceo-harinder-singh-resigns>

70. December 14, 2015:

Jathedar Akal Takht Giani Gurbachan Singh criticized to back on his job

Jathedar landed in deep controversy, ever since apology was extended from Akal Takht to Dera Sacha Sauda Chief

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=54286#jump0>

Jathedar Akal Takht holds meeting.

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/jathedar-akal-takht-holds-meeting-115121401102_1.html

71. December 16, 2015:

Organizers of Sarbat Khalsa 2015 denied bail in Sedition Case

<http://sikhshiyasat.net/2015/12/16/organisers-of-the-sarbat-khalsa-2015-denied-bail-in-sedition-case/>

72. December 17, 2015:

United Akali Dal's National General Secretary Baba Wassan Singh Zaffarwal indicted in another case under sections 341 (wrongful restraint of person), 117 (abetting of an offence), 120-B (being party to a criminal conspiracy), 288 (obstructing public) of Indian Penal Code and 88 of National Highway Act-1956.

<http://www.sikh24.com/2015/12/17/wassan-singh-zaffarwal-indicted-in-another-case/#.VnOVABV97WI>

73. December 22, 2015:

Sedition charges: Sikh radical Manawa presented in Patti court

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/sedition-charges-sikh-radical-manawa-presented-in-patti-court/story-ifWMN1gI2fkZwb3QZABXaP.html>

74. December 27, 2015:

SAD(A) Rally passes 3 resolutions on resolutions of radical Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/sad-a-rally-passes-3-resolutions-on-lines-of-radical-sarbat-khalsa/story-9bVcA18a38dNrVqSgRGeeN.html>

75. December 28, 2015:

Makkar faces protest, not allowed to speak

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/makkar-faces-protest-not-allowed-to-speak/176650.html>

Akal takht jathedar decides not to deliver message at Jor Mela

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/akal-takht-jathedar-decides-not-to-deliver-message-at-jor-mela/story-Lacb5upiyX8j3OVtvgJHWP.html>

Panj pyaras reappear, ask SGPC to sack 3 takht Jathedars by January 2

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/panj-pyaras-reappear-ask-sgpc-to-sack-3-takht-jathedars-by-jan-2/story-x540NiEe7sFZOCJOAbnjI.html>

76. December 30, 2015:

Makkar convenes emergency meeting of SGPC executives on January 01

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/makkar-convenes-emergency-meeting-of-sgpc-executive-on-jan-1/story-FS1KRny6DiVOyQdnOya1aK.html>

77. January 01, 2016:

Akal Takht Panj Piare dismissed by SGPC executive.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/01/01/akal-takht-panj-pyare-sacked-by-sgpc-executive/>

78. January 02, 2016:

Panj Piare call for social boycott of Takht Jathedars.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/01/02/panj-pyare-calls-for-social-boycott-of-giani-gurbachan-singh-others/>

Copy of Decision: <http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/01/02/copy-of-panj-pyare-decision-announcing-boycott-of-giani-gurbachan-singh-ors/>

79. January 05, 2015:

Head Granthi speaks for Panj Pyare

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/Head-granthi-speaks-for-Panj-Pyaras/articleshow/50447452.cms>

Harayana Sikh body slams SGPC over sacking of Panj Pyare.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/haryana-sikh-body-slams-sgpc-over-sacking-of-panj-pyaras/story-UXHXw50iYf8dfuYeWTERfK.html>

80. January 06, 2015:

Panjoli does a U-Turn on Panj Pyaras decision.

Demands reinstatement of suspended Panj pyare barely days after he supported the apex Gurudwara body's order on their removal.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/01/05/heed-to-darbar-sahib-head-granthis-advise-on-panj-pyare-issue-panjoli-to-sgpc/>

81. January 07, 2016:

Now Panj Piaras announce to continue their religious service from Akal Takht

<http://www.babushahi.com/news-detail.php?id=54996#jump0>

82. January 09, 2016:

Bail for Sikh leaders held after Sarbat Khalsa.

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/mobi/news/punjab/bail-for-sikh-leaders-held-after-sarbat-khalsa/181178.html>

83. January 10, 2016:

Dismissed Panj Pyare not to move court

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/dismissed-panj-pyaras-not-to-move-court/story-FUdAEyKqwsrfzI7E8D5kBI.html>

March to honour Bhai Jagtar Singh Hawara Leaves for Delhi

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/01/11/march-to-honour-bhai-jagtar-singh-hawara-leaves-for-delhi/>

84. January 11, 2016:

Delhi Police scuttle Simranjit Singh Man's plan to honour Hawara

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/delhi-police-scuttle-simranjit-singh-mann-s-plan-to-honour-hawara/story-zjqVGAoVnqxzxDeN2DHsJI.html>

Bhai Mohkam Singh Sent To Two Days Police Remand For Disturbing Darbar Sahib Environment

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/01/11/bhai-mohkam-singh-sent-to-two-days-police-remand-for-disturbing-darbar-sahib-environment/#.VpSf-hV97WI>

Sarbat Khalsa row: Zaffarwal approaches HC seeking bail

United Akali Dal senior vice-president Wassan Singh Zaffarwal on Monday approached the Punjab and Haryana high court seeking bail in the Sarbat Khalsa row.

The petition will come up for hearing later this week.

Zaffarwal, among others, was arrested on charges of sedition, by Punjab Police following the radical Sarbat Khalsa organised at Chabba village in Amritsar on November 10.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/sarbat-khalsa-row-zaffarwal-approaches-hc-seeking-bail/story-5kLmsHhD5gWhVGgnKXjvKO.html>

85. January 15, 2016:

Jathedar Hawara Calls Upon Akal Takht Sahib Punj Piare To Lead Sarbat Khalsa 2016 Efforts.

<http://www.sikh24.com/2016/01/15/breaking-jathedar-hawara-calls-upon-akal-takht-sahib-punj-piare-to-lead-sarbat-khalsa-2016-efforts/>

86. January 16, 2016:

Jail Authorities ban Hawara from meeting anyone

<http://www.sikh24.com/2016/01/16/tihar-jail-authorities-ban-bhai-hawara-from-meeting-anyone/#.VpnelSp97WI>

87. January 18, 2016:

Giani Gurmukh Singh offers to resign as SGPC Jathedar of Takht Sri Damdama Sahib

<http://www.sikh24.com/2016/01/17/giani-gurmukh-singh-offers-to-resign-as-sgpcs-jathedar-of-takht-sri-damdama-sahib/>

88. January 19, 2016:

Jathedar Baljit Singh (Daduwal) Asks Giani Gurmukh Singh to Reveal Behind the Scenes Details of Ram Rahim Pardon

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/01/20/jathedar-baljit-singh-daduwal-asks-giani-gurmukh-singh-to-reveal-behind-the-scenes-details-of-ram-rahim-pardon/#.VqB66ip97WI>

89. January 22, 2016:

Bhai Mohkam Singh Receives Bail After Being Jailed After Sarbat Khalsa 2015

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/01/21/bhai-mohkam-singh-receives-bail-after-being-jailed-after-sarbat-khalsa-2015/#.VqHTbCp97WI>

After Akal Takht Punj Pyare, Harmandir Sahib Ardas Sevadar Rebels Against Punjab Government

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/01/22/after-akal-takht-punj-pyare-harmandir-sahib-ardas-sevadar-rebels-against-punjab-government/#.VqHTdCp97WI>

90. January 27, 2016:

Panj Pyare honored by Sant Samaj and Sikh in Moga.

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/01/26/panj-pyare-honored-by-sant-samaj-and-sikhs-in-moga/>

Sikh Relief UK and AKJ honour Panj pyare

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/01/26/sikh-relief-uk-and-akhand-kirtani-jatha-honour-panj-pyare/>

listen to Satnam Singh ji's speech at <http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/01/26/bhai-satnam-singh-khandas-speech-about-decision-regarding-jathedars-who-pardoned-dera-chief/>

91. January 28, 2016:

Sarbat Khalsa Organizer Bhai Mohkam Singh Released from Ludhiana jail

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/01/28/sarbat-khalsa-organizer-bhai-mohkam-singh-released-from-ludhiana-jail/#.VqsBFyp97WI>

Yes It was a Mistake: Jathedar on accepting Dera Cheif's apology

<http://www.yespunjab.com/punjab/news/item/84689-yes-it-was-a-mistake-akal-takht-jathedar-on-accepting-dera-sgurmeet-ram-rahim-s-apology>

92. January 30, 2016:

Bhai Papalpreet Singh's Bail Plea Rejected

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/01/30/breaking-bhai-papalpreet-singhs-bail-plea-rejected/#.VqylsPl97WI>

93. February 02, 2016:

Radical Sikh leader Mohkam Singh arrested again

Five days after he was released from a Ludhiana jail in a sedition case, United Akali Dal president Mohkam Singh, who had played a key role in organising radical Sikh elements' Sarbat Khalsa at Chabba village of Amritsar on November 10 last year, was arrested by the Tarn Taran police from Amritsar on Tuesday <http://m.hindustantimes.com/punjab/radical-sikh-leader-mohkam-singh-arrested-again/story-53Uw8GRwWmEw7SGe6zeWFO.html>

94. February 07, 2016:

Giani Jagtar Singh likely to replace Giani Gurbachan Singh as SGPC appointed Akal Takht Jathedar.

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/02/07/breaking-giani-jagtar-singh-likely-to-replace-giani-gurbachan-singh-as-sgpc-appointed-akal-takht-jathedar/>

95. February 09, 2016:

Chairperson of a UK-based Sikh Human Rights Group, Dr. Jasdev Singh Rai said he would discuss with other Sikh organisations and set up a team, adding that the central issue in the discussions would be the 'miri-piri' issue of Harmandar Sahib and Akal Takht Sahib.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/02/09/prof-bhullar-sikh-political-prisoners-released-soon-claims-hr-group-leader/>

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/02/09/42-sikh-political-prisoners-likely-to-be-released-in-coming-days/#.VrsCuFh97WI>

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india/bhullar-other-sikh-political-prisoners-likely-to-be-freed-soon/story-nnYHgi2p5SoiSVOI57EY4J.html>

96. February 14, 2015

High Court Grants Temporary Bail to Jathedar Amrik Singh Ajnala

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/02/14/high-court-grants-temporary-bail-to-jathedar-amrik-singh-ajnala/#.VsGTIfj97WI>

Bhai Gurdeep Singh Bathinda Bailed from HC.

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/02/15/bhai-gurdeep-singh-bathinda-bailed-from-high-court/#.VsHrsVj97WI>

97. February 17, 2016:

Free Akal Takht movement organize townhall event on Feb 19 in Brampton

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/02/17/free-akal-takht-movement-hosts-town-hall-in-brampton-this-friday/>

Sarbat Khalsa: Daduwal granted bail in Sediton case

<http://singhstation.net/2016/02/sarbat-khalsa-daduwal-granted-bail-in-sediton-case/>

98. February 19, 2016:

Can't find any sediton in Punjab case of sediton, says Punjab and Haryana High Court

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/baljit-singh-daduwal-cant-find-any-sediton-in-punjab-case-of-sediton-says-punjab-and-haryana-high-court/#sthash.wSfGR8Ae.dpuf>

Bail Granted To Dr. Gurjinder Singh President Of SYFB (Amritsar)

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/02/18/breaking-bail-granted-to-dr-gurjinder-singh-president-of-syfb-amritsar/#.Vsa-xPJ97WI>

99. February 26, 2016:

'Sarbat Khalsa' organisers to form human chain on Feb 27

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/sarbat-khalsa-organisers-to-form-human-chain-on-feb-27/story-usILbDZ1MfhxZlx9MPOxqL.html>

100. 02 March 2016:

Amritsar Police Stops Hazoori Ragi Bhai Karaj Singh from Entering Sri Darbar Sahib

<http://www.sikh24.com/2016/03/01/amritsar-police-stops-hazoori-ragi-bhai-karaj-singh-from-entering-sri-darbar-sahib/#.VtZ2IZx97WI>

Badal govt. appeals against bail granted to Bhai Mohkam Singh

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/03/01/badal-govt-knocks-sci-doors-against-bail-granted-to-bhai-mohkam-singh/>

101. March 03, 2016:

Bhai Papalpreet Singh's Bail Plea To Be Heard on March 4

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/03/03/bhai-papalpreet-singhs-bail-plea-to-be-heard-on-march-4/#.VtfVPJx97WI>

102. March 04, 2016:

Jathedar Baljit Singh Daduwal: Sarbat Khalsa 2016 Should Be called on Diwali

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/03/04/jathedar-baljit-singh-daduwal-sarbat-khalsa-2016-should-be-called-on-diwali/#.VtkfZpx97WI>

35 Gurdwaras Across the US East Coast Deliberate Upon Sarbat Khalsa Resolutions

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/03/04/35-gurdwaras-across-the-us-east-coast-deliberate-upon-sarbat-khalsa-resolutions/#.VtkfZpx97WI>

103. March 10, 2016:

Bhai jagtar Singh Hawara requests Sikh bodies to for executive committee to uphold the status of Sri Akal Takht Sahib.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/03/10/sikh-bodies-requested-to-nominate-executive-committee-for-jathedar-hawara/>

104. April 03, 2016:

Bhai Dhian Singh Mand re-arrested.

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/04/02/bhai-dhian-singh-mand-re-arrested-punjab-police-release-sedition-case/>

105. April 04, 2016:

Sikh Bodies to hold panthic conference not Sarbat Khalsa on Vaisakhi

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/04/04/sikh-bodies-hold-panthic-conference-not-sarbat-khalsa-vaisakhi/>

106. April 05, 2016:

Radical outfits defer 'Sarbat Khalsa' planned on Baisakhi

A "Sarbat Khalsa" planned on Baisakhi next week by the same groups that held the controversial November 2015 congregation appears to have fizzled out.

- See more at: <http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/chandigarh/radical-outfits-defer-sarbat-khalsa-planned-on-baisakhi/#sthash.BNzZaKm5.dpuf>

107. April 08, 2016:

Call for 'one granth one panth' - Times of India Pointing at 'political interference' in the appointments of jathedars of Takhts (temporal seats of Sikhs), a global body of Sikhs has made an appeal to the community to gather under one banner.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amritsar/Call-for-one-granth-one-panth/articleshow/51735266.cms>

108. April 10, 2016:

Sikh organisations say admn denied them permission for Baisakhi meet

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/sikh-organisations-say-admn-denied-them-permission-for-baisakhi-meet/story-ayNd8ZDcvlCfNkuVbRgMBO.html>

109. April 22, 2016:

Bhai Dhian Singh Mand granted bail by Ferozepur Session Court

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/04/21/bhai-dhian-singh-mand-granted-bail-ferozepur-sessions-court/>

110. April 23, 2016:

Simranjit Singh Mann claims Badal cannot challenge the Sarbat Khalsa

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/04/22/simranjit-singh-mann-claims-badal-cannot-challenge-the-sarbat-khalsa/>

111. April 28, 2016:

Sarbat Khalsa to open office near Golden Temple

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/bathinda/sarbat-khalsa-to-open-office-near-golden-temple/228572.html>

Why Sahajdhari Sikhs are opposing the SGPC Act Amendment Bill

The Bill lays down guidelines for administration of gurdwaras in Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh and Himachal Pradesh through the SGPC whose headquarters are situated in Amritsar, Punjab.

The Lok Sabha, on Monday, passed the Sikh Gurdwara (Amendment Bill) 2016 causing ripples in the Sikh community across the country. Parliamentarians, including Captain Amarinder Singh of the Congress and Bhagwant Mann of Aam Aadmi Party, showed their protest and dissent in the House and accused the ruling Akali Dal and BJP of trying to “capture the Sikh Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee for their political gains”.

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/why-sahajdhari-sikhs-are-opposing-the-sgpc-act-amendment-bill-2773158/>

112. May 02, 2016:

Parallel Akal Takht office to come up near Golden Temple

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amritsar/Parallel-Akal-Takht-office-to-come-up-near-Golden-Temple/articleshow/52050598.cms>

Sant Samaj set up 11 member committee to free Akal Takht, SGPC from Badals

<http://punjabnewsexpress.com/punjab/news/sant-samaj-set-up-11-member-committee-to-free-akal-takht-sgpc-from-badals-49175.aspx>

113. May 05, 2016:

Sarbat Khalsa Jathedars Pay Obeisance at Hazoor Sahib; Bhai Mand Announces to set up Akal Takht Secretariat

https://www.sikh24.com/2016/05/04/sarbat-khalsa-jathedars-pay-obeisance-at-hazoor-sahib-bhai-mand-announces-to-set-up-akal-takht-secretariat/#.Vysr7_1942w

114. May 16, 2016

Need a place to deliberate Sikh religious issues: Sarbat Khalsa priests

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amritsar/Need-a-place-to-deliberate-Sikh-religious-issues-Sarbat-Khalsa-priests/articleshow/52285718.cms>

Mand pays obeisance at Akal Takht

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/mand-pays-obeisance-at-akal-takht-116051600042_1.html

115. May 17, 2016:

Parallel 'Jathedars' not honoured: Takht heads

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/parallel-jathedars-not-honoured-takht-heads/237842.html>

Giani Iqbal Singh triggers controversy terming acting Jathedars 'Tankhaiyas'

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/05/16/giani-iqbal-singh-triggers-controversy-terming-acting-jathedars-tankhaiyas/>

Need a place to deliberate Sikh religious issues: Sarbat Khalsa priests

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amritsar/Need-a-place-to-deliberate-Sikh-religious-issues-Sarbat-Khalsa-priests/articleshow/52285718.cms>

116. May 19, 2016

Panj Pyaras fire fresh salvo at Takht jathedars

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/panj-pyaras-fire-fresh-salvo-at-takht-jathedars-sikh-radicals-panth-giani-gurbachan-singh-sgpc-dera-sacha-sauda-ram-rahim/story-Zb28opOYoFVQ3a2D558ZqO.html>

117. May 23, 2016

Bihar CM to visit Punjab and meet Sarbat Khalsa organizers for Punjab Polls 2017

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/05/23/bihar-cm-nitish-kumar-visit-punjab-meet-sarbat-khalsa-organizers-punjab-polls-2017/>

118. June 03 2016:

Akal Takht Interim Jathedar Bhai Dhian Singh Mand Arrested

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/06/02/breaking-akal-takht-interim-jathedar-bhai-dhian-singh-mand-arrested/#.V1EP-ZF942w>

Bhai Dhian Singh Mand Arrested: Mann Dal and Sukhbir Badal's meeting underway

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/06/03/bhai-dhian-singh-mand-arrested-uad-mann-dal-holds-meeting-sukhbir-badal/>

119. June 09, 2016:

Jathedar Dhian Singh Mand released from Ferozpur jail

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/06/08/jathedar-dhian-singh-mand-released-from-ferozpur-jail/>

Panthic Tal Mel Sangathan to contest SGPC polls

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/06/08/panthic-talmel-sangathan-to-contest-sgpc-polls/>

120. June 10, 2016:

Honouring parallel 'jathedars': SGPC employee defies transfer order

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/honouring-parallel-jathedars-sgpc-employee-defies-transfer-order/story-reu67k7q5iS5NrAbJWFMbN.html>

121. June 11, 2016:

'Panj Pyaras' sacked by SGPC open office at New Amritsar

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/panj-pyaras-sacked-by-sgpc-open-office-at-amritsar/story-RvMPCQVliChfR0of4xTrVM.html>

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/06/10/former-akal-takht-panj-pyare-opens-office-amritsar/>

122. June 14, 2016:

Sacha Sauda Disciple shot at in Burj Jawahar Singh Wala by unidentified assailants

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/06/13/sacha-sauda-disciple-shot-at-in-burj-jawahar-singh-wala-by-unidentified-assailants/#.V1-RYP1942w>

Damdami Taksal raises question mark on Sikh Rehat Maryada

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amritsar/Damdami-Taksal-raises-question-mark-on-Sikh-Rehat-Maryada/articleshow/52740640.cms>

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/06/14/taksali-preachers-raise-questions-sikh-rehat-maryada-says-mere-draft/>

123. June 16, 2016

SGPC releases press note in response to questions raised on Sikh Rehat Maryada

Click here to read copy of the original Press Note in Punjabi:

Click here to read the english translation of the press note:

124. June 18, 2016:

Parallel 'jathedars' summon Sukhbir Singh Badal over desecration

The 'jathedars' were appointed at a controversial "Sarbat Khalsa" called by radical groups last year.

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/pjathedars-sikh-community-sukhbir-singh-badal-2859833/>

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/06/17/sarbat-khalsa-appointed-jathedars-summon-sukhbir-badal-in-bargadi-sacrilege-case/#.V2TZmvl942w>

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/amritsar/Sarbat-Khalsa-appointed-Jathedars-held-their-first-meeting-at-Akal-Takht-summons-Sukhbir-Badal/articleshow/52799868.cms>

125. June 19, 2016:

Sarbat Khalsa appointed Jathedar's meeting further multiplies confusions

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/Sarbat-Khalsa-appointed-Jathedars-meeting-further-multiplies-confusions/articleshow/52811258.cms>

Sikh radical jathedars issue 'gurmata' at Akal Takht

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/sikh-radical-jathedars-issue-gurmata-at-akal-takht/story-T65WlYoS1FOdTE2HNL2ZhL.html>

SGPC rejects 'gurmata' by parallel 'Jathedars'

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/sgpc-rejects-gurmata-by-parallel-jathedars/253776.html>

Acting Jathedars disapprove Bhai Hawara's appeal regarding Maryada issue

<http://sikhsiyasat.net/2016/06/18/acting-jathedars-disapprove-bhai-hawaras-appeal-regarding-maryada-issue/>

126. June 21, 2016:

Sukhbir rejects parallel 'Jathedars'

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/sukhbir-rejects-parallel-jathedars/254671.html>

127. June 24, 2016:

Police crackdown: 'Sarbat Khalsa' organisers put off office opening

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/punjab/police-crackdown-sarbat-khalsa-organisers-put-off-office-opening/story-Ksl6NHvV8XRhZQ86RBVYmN.html>

Sarbat Khalsa Control Room – Sikh Leaders House Arrested

<http://singhstation.net/2016/06/sarbat-khalsa-control-room-sikh-leaders-house-arrested/>

'Stopped' in Punjab, panthic outfits open office in Haryana's Sirsa

Leaders alleged that a number of them were rounded up by police while a few others were put under house arrest when they tried to open their office at a space provided by the gurdwara on Talwandi Sabo-Bathinda road.

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/stopped-in-punjab-panthic-outfits-open-office-in-haryanas-sirsa-2872476/>

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/stopped-in-punjab-panthic-outfits-open-office-in-haryanas-sirsa-2872476/>

128. July 13, 2016:

'Sarbat Khalsa' decides to hold protest march on July 17

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/sarbat-khalsa-decides-to-hold-protest-march-on-july-17/articleshow/53177348.cms>

129. July 21, 2016:

'Jathedars' excommunicate Bluestar Gen, former top cop

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/punjab/-jathedars-excommunicate-bluestar-gen-former-top-cop/268913.html>

130. August 02, 2016:

After Jathedar Akal Takht Sahib's statement that he never pardoned Ram Rahim, Sukhdev Singh Bhaur attacks him - Asks Questions

<http://punjab.punjabkesari.in/amritsar/news/sukhdev-singh-bhaur-attack-jathedar-gurbachan-singh-500157>

<http://abpsanjha.abplive.in/punjab/ram-rahim-controversy-184067>

Copy of Bhaur's Statement (Punjabi):

<http://unitedsikhs.org/downloads/sqgsji/sacrilege/StatementofSukhdevSBhaur-PBi.pdf>

Copy of Bhaur's Statement (English Translation):

<http://unitedsikhs.org/downloads/sqgsji/sacrilege/StatementofSukhdevSBhaur-Eng.pdf>

131. August 08, 2016:

Sarbat Khalsa appointed Jathedars announce to initiate anti-drug pilgrimage in Punjab

<https://www.sikh24.com/2016/08/07/sarbat-khalsa-appointed-jathedars-announce-to-initiate-anti-drug-pilgrimage-in-punjab/#.V6gi7bh942w>

132. August 20, 2016:

Black flags shown to Akal Takht jathedar

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/Black-flags-shown-to-Akal-Takht-jathedar/articleshow/53778971.cms>

133. August 21, 2016:

Congregation's jathedars summon Sukhbir again - Times of India timesofindia.indiatimes.com

<http://m.timesofindia.com/city/amritsar/Congregations-jathedars-summon-Sukhbir-again/articleshow/53791471.cms>

134. August 24, 2016:

Torn poster at Hawara's house evokes protest by panthic bodies

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/news/ludhiana/community/torn-poster-at-hawara-s-house-evokes-protest-by-panthic-bodies/284669.html>