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Global Sikh Council Press Release 19 August 2018 Hate Crime Against Sikhs in USA

The Global Sikh Council strongly condemns the cold-blooded murder of Mr Terlok Singh. He was stabbed to death at his store in the US State of New Jersey. He was a decent honest man loved by the community living around his store. He was discovered dead in his store by his cousin with a stab wound to his chest.

This is the third hate attack targeting the minority Sikh community in the country in three weeks. On August 6, 2018 in Manteca California Mr Sahib Singh, 71-year-old was brutally attacked by a son of a police officer and another juvenile when Mr Singh went on his morning walk. The police charged them both with an attempted, elder abuse and assault with a deadly weapon.

A 50-year-old Sikh man, S Surjit Singh Malhi, was attacked on 31 July 2018 while he was putting up campaign signs in support of Republican Representatives Jeff Dunham, outside Keyes, California. Two men beat him up and shouted, 'Go back to your country!' They also sprayed the same hateful words with paint on his truck. The County Sheriff's office is investigating the assault as a hate crime. Sheriff Adam Christianson remarked that, 'This is a random despicable criminal act against a member of the Sikh community'.

The Global Sikh Council urges Sikhs to be vigilant and report such cases to the police and other authorities and give support and assistance to the victims' families and to those that are suffering. American Sikhs are loyal citizens and contribute greatly in all walks of life.

GSC appeals to the US authorities to investigate such incidents and ensure

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safety of ethnic and religious minorities. The perpetrators should be given the strongest possible punishment for their mindless crimes.

Sincerely Yours

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