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Global Sikh Council strongly condemns the barbaric attack by an ISIS suicide bomber in Jalalabad, Afghanistan killing members of the peace-loving minority Sikh & Hindu communities. The attack was on a vehicle on their way to meet the Afghan President Ashraf Gani. Seventeen of the nineteen killed were Sikhs and most of the 20 injured were also Sikhs.

Among the deceased was S Avtar Singh Khalsa, a Sikh community leader who would have been the first Sikh lawmaker in Afghanistan.

GSC sends heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the deceased and injured and to the whole Sikh community for this tragic loss with assurance that the entire Sikh world stands with you in this hour of grief & sorrow.

GSC requests the Afghan President Ashraf Gani to provide better security for Sikhs and other minorities and pay adequate compensation to the bereaved families who lost their breadwinners. GSC appeals to the United Nations to relocate Sikhs from Afghanistan for greater safety. A signature campaign would soon be launched in this regard. GSC will also send a memorandum to the US Ambassador to UN, Nikki Haley urging the immediate intervention of US State Department for ensuring minority security in Afghanistan.

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