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The Global Sikh Council (GSC) requests international action to help Sikhs experiencing genocide in Afghanistan.

The GSC is appalled by the barbaric attack on Sikhs praying in the Gurdwara Har Rai Sahib in Shor Bazaar Kabul, Afghanistan. At 7.45 am this morning local time, several gunmen raided the Gurdwara with guns and grenades. Approximately 300 Sikhs were assembled in the Gurdwara for prayers when the terrorists entered and started shooting Sikh men, women and children.

S Paramjit Singh Bedi, the Chair of Afghanistan Sub Committee of the GSC states, 'around 23-30 Sikhs have lost their lives with 15 critical in hospital.' The Afghan security forces are continuing a gun battle with the attackers. Daesh has claimed responsibility. In June 2018, nineteen Sikhs were murdered in a suicide bomb attack.

Sikhs have been living in Afghanistan for more than four hundred years. The UK Home Office figures show that since 1992 the number of Sikhs in the country has plummeted from some 225,000 to less than 1000 as a result of persecution. Only the poor unable to flee, remain. **They need urgent help.** We request the international community to support Sikhs remaining in Afghanistan by expediting measures to give them refugee status.

The GSC requests all its members from 30 different countries to write to the Afghani ambassadors / Counsel Generals of their respective countries to support Afghani Sikhs and stop this genocide of Sikhs.

The GSC sends deepest condolences to the families of the innocent worshippers who became targets of the terrorists. We pray to Waheguru for the departed souls.

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