



GLOBAL SIKH COUNCIL

International Voice of The Sikhs

GLOBAL SIKH COUNCIL
VOICE OF SIKHS WORLDWIDE

Charity Registration UK no 1186311

22 August 2020

Dear Khalsa ji
Waheguru ji ka Khalsa
Waheguru ji ki Fateh

The Global Sikh Council (GSC) welcomes the Statement by Akal Takhat Jathedar S Harpreet Singh, that the Sarkar Committee Amritsar has no special status, and no right to remove any copy of Guru Granth Sahib from anyone's home.

We condemn the action of the self-appointed committee in forcibly removing a copy of Guru Granth Sahib from the home of Ex Principal of Khalsa College S Jaswant Singh. The reason being given was that he consumed meat and eggs therefore he is showing disrespect to the Guru Granth Sahib. The Panth Parvanik Rehat Maryada, issued by SGPC does not forbid eating of meat, but only of halal meat which is killed by ritual.

The Sarkar Committee's action is in contravention to the Rehat Maryada guidance. In homes, GGS is kept in a different room allocated for this purpose and all the conventions of channi, chore, prakash and smapati are followed. No cooking or eating takes place in the room which is also called gurdwara. This Sarkar Committee wrongly thinks that they, more than others, have the right to protect the sanctity of Guru Granth Sahib. We denounce their wanton acts of violence and disregard for civil courtesy.

All Sikhs have the right to keep a copy of the Guru Granth Sahib at home and give due respect. True Satkar or respect for the Guru Granth Sahib, lies in reading, understanding and practising the teachings in daily life. This is the right and duty of every Sikh. The Sarkar Committee stands condemned for ignoring this imperative.

Lady Singh, Dr Kanwaljit Kaur

President

Global Sikh Council is a confederation of National Level Sikh Organisations worldwide, working together for the advancement of the Sikh religion guided by the Guru Granth Sahib and the socioeconomic development of the Sikh community.

President: Lady Singh (Dr Kanwaljit Kaur OBE)
Tel: +44 (0) 7716 497376
Email: kaursingh3@aol.com

Secretary: S Jagjit Singh LLB Hons Lon, CLP M'sia
Tel: +60 12 658 7456
Email: GSCsecretariat@yahoo.com

Member Organizations From:

Afghanistan Australia Bangladesh Bahrain Belgium Canada Dubai (UAE) France Germany Hong Kong
India Indonesia Ireland Italy Kenya Malaysia Myanmar Nepal New Zealand
Pakistan Portugal Spain Switzerland Thailand UK Uganda USA