

THE LORD SINGH OF WIMBLEDON CBE, DL.



Hon. Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Hon. Justine Trudeau,

I am writing on behalf of the global Sikh community with our prayers for a speedy and full recovery for Mrs Trudeau and yourself after your positive test for coronavirus.

While we are all living the nightmare of Covid 19, Sikhs in Afghanistan are also suffering the worst effects of ISIS terrorism. Earlier this week a decimated Sikh community saw the cold-blooded murder of 25 worshippers (including a child) in a gurdwara in the capital Kabul, with a further 15 seriously wounded. Even in death there is no mercy – the day after the killings, ISIS set off a bomb near the cremation site. The hundred or so surviving Sikh families out of a one-time population of more than 200,000, are hiding in a gurdwara, fearing further attacks on adherents of a religion that has been pledged to freedom of religion and belief since its founding five and a half centuries ago.

Life is hard for religious minorities, particularly when they are a minority in all countries. The one generous exception is Canada under your enlightened leadership. Sikhs applaud your welcoming of Sikhs to prominent positions in government and fondly remember the visit of yourself and your family to the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

I am writing to you on my own behalf as Director of the Network of Sikh Organisations UK, and on behalf of my wife Lady Singh, Dr Kanwaljit Kaur, she is currently the president of the Global Sikh Council with a membership in some 30 countries. We request your urgent assistance to request you to help in re-settling the 100 or so Sikh families in Kabul now facing imminent extermination by allowing them to settle in Canada.

We shall be grateful for your urgent response.

Kind regards

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Lord Singh of Wimbledon
House of Lords UK

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Lady Singh, Kanwaljit Kaur OBE
President Global Sikh Council (GSC)