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GSC RESPONSE TO AKAAL TAKATH DECISION ON DHADRIANWALA

The Global Sikh Council (GSC) notes with grave concern the decision dated 24th August 2020 in a press note relating to Bhai Ranjit Singh Dhadrianwala issued by Akaal Takath Jathedar Giani Harpreet Singh Ji. The decision has caused widespread unease in the Sikh community. The decision based on a report by a five-member committee, appears to lack impartiality.

Please let the Sikh community know what Dhadrianwale has said that is contrary to the teachings of the Guru Granth Sahib.

The GSC views this decision as dividing the Sikh community further, as it has turned a blind eye to Sampardaik parchaarakhs whose interpretations clearly do not accord with the teachings of the Guru Granth Sahib. The Sikh diaspora is being led into confusion since the AkaalTakath failed to state the exact nature of the alleged offences relating to the interpretation of Gurbani and Sikh history by Bhai Ranjit Singh Dhadrianwala. This can be seen as an attempt to blame Dhadrianwala for any violent response to his interpretation of Gurbani, which is clearly an offense under the Indian penal code.

The GSC also views as incredulous, the Adesh that Sikhs should refrain from hearing or sharing Gurbani, parchaar and kirtan videos of Bhai Ranjit Singh Dhadrianwala. The GSC is of the view that this issue should have been sorted by examining what Bhai Ranjit Singh Dhadrianwala said on the benchmark of principles contained within the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji.

The GSC appeals to the Akaal Takath Jathedar to act with urgency to rectify this unsatisfactory position.

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