

Somebody ...to Squelch

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I AM . . . *somebody!*

. . . with an officially “restricted” Facebook account.

I’d like to thank my family and friends for always believing in me — even many decades ago when it was unclear if I had what it takes to *even get arrested*. And now, after repeated validation per that previous metric, comes my crowning Internet-era achievement: running afoul of the information-squelching policy of massive Meta censorship.

I’m deeply humbled by the recognition.

“Your post didn’t follow our Community Standards”

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was all the information provided. It flagged a post of nearly a month earlier.

“Tomorrow is the big day for the first city — London — to take part in the Punjab Referendum organized by Sikhs for Justice,” my October 30th post read. “It will be a long day . . . but so glad to be part of the international commission advising on best practices, monitoring the actual voting and issuing a report.”



Five photos of a meeting and a handout promoting the referendum adorned the post.

An “Account Restricted” label appeared on my homepage with the note: “Only you can see this.”

The ban stops me from personally “going live” or “advertising” for 30 days. Two things I don’t do.

But let’s not allow the absurdity of it all to mask what’s happening: Voices that do not fit the official government-induced corporate narrative are harassed and silenced in a major avenue for communication.

The too-often-violent situation in the Punjab region of India, what many Sikhs call “Khalistan,” is tense. The non-binding, non-governmental referendum I posted about has been outlawed by India’s government.

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It works in this case (and others) to prevent a peaceful resolution.

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.