



Sikh Freedom First

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If I get gunned down in a hail of bullets . . . well . . . who done it?

The genocidal Chinese Communist Party, furious at my new website, [StoptheChinazis.org](https://stopthechinazis.org)?

Perhaps. But what about the regime of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in India?

I'm a member of the Punjab Referendum Commission, an international [group](#) advising and monitoring the non-governmental referendums being organized among the worldwide Sikh diaspora by U.S.-based Sikhs for Justice. Recently, I stood at the entrance of a Sikh temple in Surrey, British Columbia, outside Vancouver, [where](#) Canadian intelligence agencies [say](#) agents of Modi's government [assassinated](#) Sikh leader and Canadian citizen Hardeep Singh Nijjar, back in June, spraying him with 30 bullets.

Then, last week, U.S. prosecutors indicted an Indian national for, [according](#) to *The Wall Street Journal*, "working with an Indian government officer to pay a purported hitman \$100,000 . . . to murder a prominent advocate" on U.S. soil.

"The court filing did not name the victim," *The Washington Post* [reported](#), "but senior Biden administration officials say the target was Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, general counsel for the New York-based Sikhs for Justice. . . ."

My mouth's suddenly a bit dry; I've been on the same stage as Mr. Pannun several times.

There's a long *history* of political unrest and violence between Sikhs in the Punjab region and the central Indian government . . . leading today to roughly one-fourth of Sikhs living outside of India.

What can we do? Well, though I take no position on whether — YES or NO — the Punjab region should secede from India, I very much like that Sikhs for Justice is resorting to the opposite of violence — democracy — by asking Sikhs around the world to cast their vote.

If they dare.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.