

Canada: Khalistanis attack Hindus, promise attack on AI Plane

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November 12, 2023: Brampton, Toronto, Canada: There were clashes in Brampton on Diwali between a pro-Khalistani group and India supporters. The incident happened at **Westwood Mall, Malton** during the **Diwali celebrations**, where both groups engaged in a flag-waving face-off. The pro-Khalistani group allegedly threw stones at the India supporters and disrupted the festivities. The police were present at the scene and recorded the altercation.



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*Yellow **Khalistani** Flag being carried by **attackers** on **Diwali Celebrations***

The incident has also raised diplomatic tensions between India and Canada, as India has condemned the violence and called out Canada for failing to protect its citizens. On November 10, 2023 at the Universal Periodic Review of Canada at United Nations Human Rights Council, KS Mohammed Hussain, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India, said "In the spirit of constructive dialogue, India recommends the following to Canada

- one, further **strengthen the domestic framework to prevent misuse of freedom of expression for inciting violence and disallow activities of groups which are promoting extremism.**
- Two, effectively **prevent attacks on places of worship of religious and racial minorities,**
- **strengthen legislative and other measures to address hate crimes and hate speech."**

On September 25, 2023, **Aneesha Mathur of India Today** had reported from Ottawa that Trustees of Hindu Temples were feeling threatened and that the Canadian Government was not doing anything to reassure them.

Reference:<https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/indians-canada-temple-vandalism-inaction-justin-trudeau-government-2440232-2023-09-25>

"Everyone is talking about the threats, the slogans, **swords being waved in the open**, but the government has done nothing to curb it," one trustee told India Today.

In response to the escalating situation, many temples have taken measures to increase security. This includes the **installation of additional CCTV cameras and gates**.

SANATAN MANDIR CULTURAL CENTER, MARKHAM, TORONTO: According to one of the Trustees, Chimmanbhai, the steel pillars have been added around the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel statue outside the Sanatan Mandir to prevent vandalism because it was assessed that miscreants could use vehicles to damage the Sardar Patel statue. The trustees say that this step was taken after **a statue of Mahatma Gandhi was vandalised with spray paint in March in the town of Hamilton**.



SANATAN MANDIR CULTURAL CENTER, MARKHAM, TORONTO

Out of fear of miscreants, the Trustees of the Sanatan Mandir have shut down the larger open entrance with a fence and a metal gate. Now the temple has only one entrance, which is through a CCTV-protected manned gate.

LAKSHMI NARAYAN MANDIR, BRITISH COLUMBIA: On a Saturday night in August 2023, the temple was defaced with Khalistan referendum posters. The posters bore messages such as "Canada investigates India's role in June 18th assassination" and featured a photo of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a designated terrorist and chief of the Khalistan Tiger Force who was killed in June that year.



LAKSHMI NARAYAN MANDIR, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Earlier in April 2023, the BAPS Swaminarayan temple in Ontario was vandalised with anti-Hindu and anti-India graffiti.



BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Toronto, ON, Canada

In January 2023, the Gauri Shankar temple in Brampton was also targeted with similar graffiti. These incidents have been described by police as "hate-motivated."



BLOWING UP CIVILIAN PLANES: Khalistani terrorist Gurbhagat Singh Pannun has threatened to shut down Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on November 19, 2023. He has asked Sikh people not to fly via Air India on that day, claiming that their lives would be in danger. The Indian government has condemned the threat and has taken measures to ensure the safety of its citizens.

Pannun is a citizen of both Canada and USA. But his Khalistan activities are largely in Canada.

On June 23, 1985, Khalistanis had planned to blow up two Air India planes—one from Montreal to Delhi and the other one from Tokyo to India. Air India Flight 182, also known as Kanishka, was blown up by Khalistani over the Atlantic Ocean as a result of a bomb planted by Canadian Sikh terrorists. The incident killed all 329 people on board, including 268 Canadian citizens, 27 British citizens, and 24 Indian citizens. The bomb in the luggage for the Air India's Tokyo to India plane blew up on the ground at the airport in Tokyo, killing four Japanese workers. But the Air India plane, which was to fly from Tokyo to India, did not come to any harm.

The Kanishka terrorist attack was the world's deadliest act of aviation terrorism until the September 11 attacks in 2001.