

Eliminating the Tensions between Canada and India

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June 14, 2024: the **sidelines of the G7 Summit** in Apulia, **Italy**: Canadian and Indian Prime Ministers - **Trudeau** and **Modi** – met in Italy and were able to eliminate the tensions, which had affected the relations between the two members of the British Commonwealth since September 18, 2023, when Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** addressed the Canadian Parliament and stated that Canadian security agencies had obtained “credible allegations” linking “agents of the Indian government” to the killing of Canadian Sikh *Hardeep Singh Nijjar*. India’s Ministry of External Affairs rejected **Trudeau**’s allegations, calling them “absurd” and emphasizing the focus on Khalistani terrorists and extremists sheltered in Canada.



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Hamish Telford, Professor of Political Science at the **University of Fraser Valley**, said that it was an important meeting to remove the strains, caused in the relationship with India.

The accusation by Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** led Canada to expel an Indian diplomat. India retaliated by denying the accusation by PM **Trudeau** and by kicking out a Canadian diplomat hours later.

Following Trudeau's comments, two Sikh community groups, associated with *Jagmeet Singh Dhaliwal*, a Canadian **Member of Parliament from Burnaby South**, and, a well-known supporter of Khalistan in Canada:

- the British Columbia Gurdwaras Council and
- the Ontario Gurdwaras Committee

urged the Canadian government to "immediately suspend all intelligence, investigative and prosecutorial cooperation with India."

Jagmeet Singh Dhaliwal is trying to show to both the Liberal Party and the Conservative Party that he represents 770,000 Sikhs in Canada.

EDITORIAL ASSESSMENT by www.DiGiNews360.com: *Jagmeet Singh Dhaliwal* represents a miniscule part of Sikh community in Canada.

The dependence of the minority Government of the Liberal Party of Canada, for its survival, on **New Democratic Party's** ("*NDP's*") *Jagmeet Singh Dhaliwal*, did not permit the Prime Minister **Trudeau** to take any steps for removing the irritants in the relationship of the two countries, for many months.

Over the next few months, the mutual provocations escalated.

After 9 months, PM **Trudeau** has taken the **opportunity of G-7 meeting in Italy** to take the initiative to bring normalcy back to the relations between India and Canada.

---- A BACKGROUNDER on the CANADA-INDIA RELATIONSHIP----

Hartosh Bal, Executive Editor of **The Caravan** magazine in India, says that the **Sikh separatist movement has been non-existent in India for decades**.

www.DiGiNews360.com notes that there was a violent terrorist movement on Indian soil during the 1980s, and up to 1992-93. During that period, with arms and with training from Pakistan, the terrorists killed thousands of Punjabi Hindus and those Sikhs, who espoused a harmonious society of both Hindus and Sikhs in Punjab. The terrorists wanted Hindus to leave Punjab and migrate to other parts of India.

Today, separation from India, has a miniscule political support in India, even though the open democratic environment in India, permits an Indian to promote the idea of carving out from India, a separate Khalistan, as long as he does not indulge in violence. Canadian Khalistanis, with help from Pakistan's Secret Service, called **Inter**

Service Organization (ISI), are financing a couple of Indians for maintaining a presence on the web and social media for writing and propagating the idea of creating a Khalistan out of India of today.

Simranjit Singh Mann (b. May 20, 1945), one such Indian, openly sells **Letters of Recommendation** (LOR), at about \$400 for each LOR. If any Sikh criminal wants to escape from the Indian Police, he may travel, with fake documents and with a LOR, to British Columbia (BC), Canada. He gets help from the Sikh mafia in BC, and, the Canadian Government grants Refugee Status to such an illegal Sikh migrant, on the basis of the LOR.

Indian Law and Order Agencies claimed on Tuesday, September 20, 2023 that at least nine separatist organizations, which supported terrorist activities in India, have their bases in Canada. The Agencies say that, **despite multiple deportation requests**, Ottawa has taken no action against those involved in heinous crimes including the killing of popular Punjabi singer **Sidhu Moosewala**. They said that pro-Khalistani outfits such as the **World Sikh Organization** (WSO), **Khalistan Tiger Force** (KTF), **Sikhs for Justice** (SFJ) and **Babbar Khalsa International** (BKI), working at the behest of Pakistan, have been allegedly operating freely from the Canadian soil. (Reference: <https://tinyurl.com/3exk3ek7>)

“The separatist organizations, working from Canada, were

- openly issuing assassination threats to Indians,
- fueling an agenda of ‘balkanization’ of India and
- carrying out targeted killings in India,” the Agencies said.

Maharaja Ranjit Singh’s empire had its capital in Lahore, located in today’s Pakistan. If a Khalistan were to be established today, it should include Lahore. www.DiGiNews360.com wants the Khalistanis to remember that the religious demography of **Maharaja Ranjit Singh’s** empire was estimated to have been just over 10% Sikh, 80% Muslim, and 10% Hindu in a population of 12 Mn.

RECENT ISSUE: *Hardeep Singh Nijjar’s* name had been included in the wanted list handed over by the then-Punjab Chief Minister **Captain Amarinder Singh** to the Canadian Prime Minister **Justin Trudeau** during the latter’s visit to India in 2018.

Hardeep Singh Nijjar (b. November 10, 1977 or 11 October 1977, d. 18 June 2023) was arrested in 1995, allegedly during a crackdown on an armed insurgency in Punjab. (This is according to *Nijjar’s* version. www.DiGiNews360.com is unable to verify whether *Nijjar* was arrested because of some crime committed by him.)

Nijjar managed to get bail and arrived in Canada on February 19, 1997 by using a fraudulent passport, created for the fake identity of *Ravi Sharma*. **Nijjar** claimed refugee status.

EDITORIAL COMMENT BY www.DiGiNews360.com: After PM Trudeau's statement in the Canadian Parliament on September 18, 2023, *Nijjar's* case has become politically charged. Hence, www.DiGiNews360.com is unable to confirm the following statements. All of the following are from **unnamed sources**:

On Friday, May 3, 2024, Canadian police arrested three persons in Canada relating to *Nijjar's* case . The persons are of Indian origin. The allegation seems to be that the three are part of an alleged hit squad, tasked by some Agency of the Indian government with killing *Nijjar* in Surrey, B.C. last June. The three persons - **Kamalpreet Singh, Karanpreet Singh and Karan Brar** - face first-degree murder and conspiracy charges in the *Nijjar* case, according to documents filed in a Surrey court on Friday. The charges have not been tested in court, but they all appeared before a judge virtually on May 3. RCMP confirmed that all three men were arrested separately in Edmonton without incident — two of them in their homes and another elsewhere. According to unnamed sources, the men arrived in Canada **on temporary visas** after 2021, **some of them student visas. None are believed to have pursued education while in Canada. None have obtained permanent residency.**

The investigation is ongoing, and authorities are actively looking into possible links to other murders in Canada, including the shooting death of an 11-year-old boy in Edmonton. ***Nijjar's* background as a Sikh separatist and his alleged involvement in bombings and training terrorists have made his case highly controversial.**

Hardeep Singh Nijjar had founded the now banned **Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF)**, along with Amarjit Kaur. Indian Police had declared a cash reward of Rs 1Mn for anyone, who helped in the arrest of *Nijjar*.

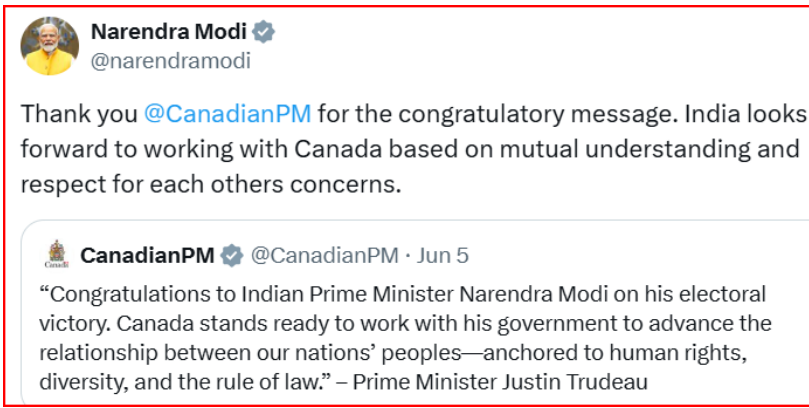
Nijjar was blamed by the Indian Police for planning and executing the assassination of a Sikh leader, **Satnam Singh**, in Punjab. However, while *Nijjar* denied these allegations, while staying in Canada, he did not offer to present himself before the

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Indian Police for an investigation into the charges. (Reference: <https://tinyurl.com/4bvas28z>)

ASSASSINATION of *NIJJAR*: In the evening of June 18, 2023, the surroundings of the **Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara** in Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, were shattered by shooting of *Nijjar*, as he drove his grey Dodge Ram pickup truck towards the gurdwara's exit. Two assailants, their faces concealed, in a swift and calculated move, shot *Nijjar* before fleeing in a silver Toyota Camry. One of the witnesses, **Bhupinderjit Singh Sidhu**, attempted to aid *Nijjar* but found him unconscious and unresponsive.

June 10, 2024: Canadian and Indian Prime Ministers - **Trudeau** and **Modi** – exchanged the following messages on the 3rd consecutive victory of the **National Democratic Alliance (NDA)**, at the Indian General Elections-2024:



A screenshot of a tweet from Narendra Modi (@narendramodi) with a blue verification checkmark. The tweet text reads: "Thank you @CanadianPM for the congratulatory message. India looks forward to working with Canada based on mutual understanding and respect for each others concerns." Below the tweet is a reply from CanadianPM (@CanadianPM) dated Jun 5, which reads: "Congratulations to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his electoral victory. Canada stands ready to work with his government to advance the relationship between our nations' peoples—anchored to human rights, diversity, and the rule of law." – Prime Minister Justin Trudeau



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Nijjar was shot dead by two unidentified men around 8.30 pm in the parking lot of **Guru Nanak Gurdwara Sahib** in **Surrey**. *Nijjar* was the Gurdwara President. Witnesses reported that two gunmen had fled after firing at *Nijjar*.

ISSUES, pending for DECADES: The Indian Government has been, for a few decades, informing about the crimes, being planned by Canadian Sikhs, and being executed in India through criminals, paid by the Canadian Sikhs. However, the Canadian Government has not investigated these complaints well.

The worst case is the tragic incident of the Air India Flight 182 bombing. The Indian Government had identified the persons, who later blew up the civilian plane, and informed the Canadian Government about the illegal activities of the Canadian Sikhs. The Canadian Government's investigations did not lead to any arrests. However, after the same Sikhs had blown up the plane over the seas on Ireland, after 369 persons had lost their lives, after more than a decade of the incident, it was found that the attack had been carried out by **the same Canadian Sikhs, whom the Government of India had identified** as criminals or terrorists, many **weeks before the Kanishka was blown up**.

18 years after the Kanishka was blown up, the Canadian Government was able to find that Air India's Kanishka had been blown up by members of the **Babbar Khalsa International** (BKI) organization, which was working to create a Sikh sovereign state of Khalistan, by splitting the area of East Punjab, which was a part of India after the partition of India, on August 15, 1947, into a Muslim majority Pakistan and the remainder of India.

In 2003, **Inderjit Singh Reyat**, one of the masterminds of the terrorist act, pleaded guilty to manslaughter and perjury charges. He received a 5-year sentence for perjury and an additional 10 years for manslaughter. Inderjit Singh Reyat was released from prison on January 27, 2016, after serving two-thirds of his sentence. **Reyat** was expected to be monitored at a halfway house at an undisclosed location for another 18 months. His sentence officially ended on August 6, 2018.

Talwinder Singh Parmar (b. 26 February 1944 – d. 15 October 1992), the other Canadian Sikh, accused of masterminding the 1985 Air India Flight 182 bombing,

died on October 15, 1992, in a gunfight with Punjab Police near the village of Kang Araian in Phillaur sub-division, Punjab.

Babbar Khalsa was founded in 1978, after clashes with the **Nirankari sect of Sikhs** by Talwinder Singh Parmar and **Bibi Amarjit Kaur**, a widow of one of the deceased protestors against the Nirankaris. **Parmar** commanded BKL continuously for 14 years until he was killed in 1992.

Despite its original anti-Sant Nirankari edge, the **Babbar Khalsa** later became associated with the **anti-Hindu/anti-India** violence during the Khalistan movement.

AIR INDIA FLIGHT 182 BOMBING: KEY DETAILS:

Date: On June 23, 1985.

Flight Route: Air India Flight 182 was operating on the Montreal–London–Delhi–Bombay route.

Explosion: The aircraft disintegrated over the Atlantic Ocean due to a bomb planted by Canadian Sikh terrorists.

Fatalities: All 329 people on board were killed, including **268 Canadian citizens, 27 British citizens** and **24 Indian citizens**.

Masterminds: The bombing was orchestrated by **Inderjit Singh Reyat** (a dual British-Canadian national) and **Talwinder Singh Parmar** (a Canadian Sikh separatist founder of the terrorist group **Babbar Khalsa**).

Consequences: This remains the worst terrorist attack in Canadian history and the deadliest aviation incident in Air India's history until the September 11 attacks in 2001.
