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Letter from Khalistan National Organisation

I attach a letter dated 18 June from Mr Mehtab Singh, Chairman of the Khalistan National Organisation (KNO) UK to the Prime Minister. Your Correspondence Section have sent an acknowledgement and asked us to send a fuller reply.

The President of the KNO is Dr Jagjit Singh Chauhan, who claims to lead a Khalistan "Government-in-exile", and whose inflammatory remarks to the British press are now being investigated by the police, following complaints by the Indian Government. The letter to the Prime Minister is signed by an associate of Chauhan, Mr Mehtab Singh, but the address on the letter heading is that of Dr Chauhan's private residence. I enclose a copy of a KNO press release dated 7 June, also signed by Mehtab Singh, announcing a reward of £50,000 "to anyone who brings Prime Minister Mrs Indira Gandhi and her son, Rajiv Gandhi, dead or alive at Golden Temple, Amritsar".

In the circumstances, we think it would be inappropriate to reply to Mr Mehtab Singh's letter of 18 June. Now that Dr Chauhan has set himself up as the leader of a so-called "Government-in-exile" here, you may wish to ask your Correspondence Section to ensure that any further communications from Chauhan or from the KNO do not receive an acknowledgement.

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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher
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Dear Prime Minister,

RE: MASSACRE AT GOLDEN TEMPLE AMRITSAR

We are disturbed at the anxiety expressed to her Majesty's Government by Mrs Indra Ghandi over the setting up by the Sikhs of a Khalistan Government in exile in London headed by Dr Jagjit Singh Chohan.

Our organisation like other Sikh organisations in this country, supports this Government and we see nothing wrong in the set up thereof - this is a democratic country and every individual and organisation has the right to express his or her view freely.

You can be rest assured that while the Sikhs, including British Sikhs, continue to protest at the storming of their holiest shrine and at the mass murder of innocent men, women and children, this will be done peacefully as was proved at the 80,000 strong march last Sunday.

The massacre of innocent people will never be forgiven by the Sikh nation. As a direct response to this, a Khalistan Government in exile was set up and Mrs Ghandi should understand that both the political and geographical map of her country must now change, whether she accepts it or not.

The use of the National Army to invade religious and sacred shrines belonging to a minority community is wholly unacceptable in a civilised society. It is therefore ironical that Mrs Ghandi should complain to your Government over the natural reaction of the Sikhs in this country of the horrors committed by her army in total secrecy.

Perhaps you would be good enough to lodge a formal protest to the Indian Government on behalf of the British Sikhs on the storming of their holiest shrine and the massacre of innocent people therein. Our estimate is that about 10,000 people have been killed although the official Government announcement is about 1,000!

Yours sincerely,

MEHTAB SINGH (Chairman)



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PRESS STATEMENT

At a meeting of Khalistan National Organisation U.K. and Khalistan Liberation of Organisation (KLO), the KLO has offered £50,000 reward to anyone who brings Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi and her son Rajiv Gandhi dead or alive at Golden Temple, Amritsar.

This is in direct response to the mass murder of innocent Sikhs and their Leader Sant Jarnail Singh Bhrindranwale at the Golden Temple.

Every Sikhs heart is bleeding and blood boiling. The Hindus did not understand the sentiments of Sikh Nation when they invaded their holiest shrine and other 38 sacred temples as if they were a "foreign country".

Sant Bhrindranwale had warned that an attack on Golden Temple would be a war on the Sikhs. This war has now started and every member of the world's 15 million Sikh community will sacrifice his life until the aspirations of a sovereign Sikh Republic of Khalistan is achieved.

Signed.....

MEHTAB SINGH (Chairman)