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Re: Misrepresentation of Core Sikh Principles

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Photos and videos were posted on social networks showing bhangra being performed inside the Austral Gurdwara Sahib in Sydney, Australia. Gurdwara is a **place of worship and not entertainment**, there are many other venues where such an event could have taken place.

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"Yesterday [a Council representative] had a call from [two Singhs who] both identified themselves as "baptised Sikhs" and raised concern about... [the Council's clarification on this issue. It appeared that the two Singhs] either did not understand... [the] answer correctly or did not hear the interview personally... [The Council] posed the same question, "Don't you remove your Kirpan before boarding a plane" [One] said, "yes but I then put a small kirpan pendent around my neck". and [the other] said, "yes but with a great pain" whatever that means. But the question is either you remove it or you don't remove there is no in between. **If you can remove it before boarding a plane or entering a building then what is the harm in asking a child to remove it before going to school and wear it when you come back.**" National Sikh Council Email 8 December 2007.

The above is a highly inappropriate example: one related to high security and the other affecting everyday school going children?

3) Attacks on Langar pangat on floor, including it is "filthy" and "unhealthy"



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The Council quoted "But when the **religious dust** settles down from the eyes of these **Sikh Talabans**, their **mental capacity** starts to work and then they realise that eating while **sitting on the floor is filthy and unhygienic**, and even the diehard floor sitters start to realise that they were wrong because they were **religiously misguided** by the fake Sant Babas and Dehrawalas. They decided to abandon sitting on the floor while eating Langer in Gurudwara and started eating Langer while sitting in the chair." National Sikh Council of Australia First Press Release 28 Apr 2016.

"...civilised way of eating food is sitting in the chair and that eating Langer while sitting on the floor is **filthy, unhygienic and against the Australian Occupation Health and Safety Act**". National Sikh Council of Australia First Press Release 28 Apr 2016.

"Here is one of those **religiously blind persons**, the floor sitter, who has been advocating on his Face book that to sit in the chair while eating Langer is against the Sikh religion." National Sikh Council of Australia First Press Release 28 Apr 2016.

"...got intuition from God and realising how **silly** he has been for years eating Langer sitting on the floor which is **unhealthy and unhygienic** way of eating blessed sacred Langer." National Sikh Council of Australia First Press Release 28 Apr 2016.

"There is a disease called **religious myopia**" or **religious blindness** and most **religions fanatics** are unfortunate **victims of this disease** but they take it as the sign of the glory of God for their idiocy. They claim to have direct line to God to talk to and interpret Gurubani. The **religious dust** almost blinds them to the extent that they cannot see other peoples point of view. These **misguided** people, because of the **religious blindness**, cannot see the part which culture plays in the faith." National Sikh Council of Australia First Press Release 28 Apr 2016.

"**Paroxysm and convulsion** the celebration of Vaisakhi has created in the **guts of so called the self proclaimed Custodian of the Sikh faith** and agents of God who **force others to sit on floor** to partake Langer but feel no qualm to partake Langer sitting on tables in Gurudwaras where everybody eats sitting on the table." National Sikh Council Email 20 April 2016

4) Dumalla turban is "talaban turban"



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The Council quoted "Can you recognise this fellow with **Talaban turban** eating Langer while sitting in the chair, Have a guess?" National Sikh Council of Australia First Press Release 28 Apr 2016.



"He also has a number of facial facades which he changes according to the situation he is in, some time he is clean shaven, then wears respectable turban, then with Nehang type turban and then **Sikh Talaban turban**, he has many other faces." National Sikh Council of Australia Second Press Release 30 Apr 2016.

5) Questioning if hair (kesh) for a Sikh is needed

The Council asked "It is worth pondering upon as **what difference growing of long hair will make to his relationship with the Almighty God?** And whether in this age it is **necessary to continue to follow the centuries old culturally specified traditions** in order to follow the tenets of Sikhism or to become a Sikh?" National Sikh Council of Australia Second Press Release 30 Apr 2016.

"... **barking back on the era** when one could not think of the present modern day gadgets/ inventions which can send a man to Moon and safely bring him back to earth, which were unknown to them. He wants to **drag us back into stone age.**" National Sikh Council of Australia Second Press Release 30 Apr 2016.

6) Bhangra on vulgar songs at gurdwara

Photos and videos were posted on social networks showing bhangra being performed inside the Austral Gurdwara Sahib in Sydney, Australia. Gurdwara is a **place of worship and not entertainment**, there are many other venues where such an event could have taken place. **Several inappropriate (vulgar) songs** were heard being played inside the Gurdwara. According to a source, Guru Granth Sahib Ji's **Parkash was only 10 Metres** from where the bhangra was being performed.



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and wider community with these anti-sikh activities done in presence of many youth, as well as dignitaries and officials.



*from Sada-e-Watan Sydney and Sikh Council of Australia Public Facebook Page

8) Attack on Muslims, Indians and Sikh Groups (Takhsaal)

The Council quoted "...had never heard of what this **bloody Takhsaal** word means but...continued and said you cannot do cultural program in the Gurudwara...we are in no way under them or any SGPC as it is Australia and not India." National Sikh Council Email 20 April 2016.

"This a wakeup call for all of us **they want the Sikhs**, who have gained respect from Australian and the Australian governments, **to be termed as terrorist like the ISIL.**" National Sikh Council Email 20 April 2016.

"If they are successful in their endeavour **we will be hated as the Muslims are being hated.**" National Sikh Council Email 20 April 2016.

"They are the **Indian Talaban**...cannot call them **Sikh talaban** because a Sikh never attacks you from behind, he comes face to, any other name will suits them well." National Sikh Council Email 20 April 2016.

9) Foul offensive language and conspiracies against individuals who speak out on anti-sikh practices. Accused of being "radicals", "fundamentalists", "skunk", "cancer worms", no prior dialogue

The Council quoted "...all those untrue remarks about...views...[on] Sikhism, are of those who have been **misguided and brain washed by the fundamentalists.**" National Sikh Council Attachment Email 22 April 2016.



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"... behaving [in a way] it appears that [they are a] **racial elite**, amongst a specific exclusive ethnic group of people, an offshoot of Sikhism such as Sants and Dehra Walas." National Sikh Council of Australia Second Press Release 30 Apr 2016.

"...enforcing...[their] half true knowledge of Gurubani on the simple minded **youngsters to radicalise them like the fundamentalist Muslims do**, to their **children from the very young age and they grow up as terrorists.**" National Sikh Council of Australia Second Press Release 30 Apr 2016.

"...appeal to all those 98% silent majority of the Sikhs in Australia who believe and follow the teachings of S.G.Granth. Sahib and reject the teachings of **fundamentalists**, off shoots of Guru Nanak's Sikhism, the Sant Babas and Dehrawala, to stand up..." National Sikh Council of Australia Second Press Release 30 Apr 2016.

"...registered...complaint and...also attached a copy of the Tribune news, "**India shares Information on Sikh Radicals with Australia**". Have informed...Local State and Federal members so that they could talk to the FBI, before it gets too serious...also rang to the Green Valley Police Station as Austral comes under them...will inform the Federal Member Mr. Laurie Ferguson Mp for Austral." National Sikh Council Email 20 April 2016.

"You are a confused person and people like you, and there are many, who are misguided by the **spell of their self-imposed conceit and vanity (of being an Amritdhari)** and are **suffering from a disease, in psychology it is called COFD, "Compulsive Obsessive Faith Disorder"** for which there is no cure, because they live in the **confused world of their own and are in conflict with everyone else**. You don't know who you are or who is a Sikh...Remember by **shaving a man's head**, giving him a new name and wrapping him in strange clothes won't change his persona. **A skunk will smell the same** by any other name. By simply taking Amrit one doesn't become a Sikh, it requires much much more than that." National Sikh Council Email 8 Feb 2012.

"People [like you] have penchant for hate and prejudice filled with bitterness against those who reject the philosophy they promulgate. People [like you] **are canker worms, woodworm in the Sikh society** who are destroying the Sikh Nation from within **pretending** to be the well wishers of the Sikh Nation, their intentions are questionable." National Sikh Council Email 27 Feb 2012.

"...personally don't know this person, as such people often change their real names, to bring them some respectability under guise of religious preacher in white robes, so that no one could dig out their questionably muddy past and true self, from their factious name. **A skunk smells the same by any other name** so does a criminal, **a criminal remains criminal no matter what saintly robes he put on**. But in this computer age one **can find out the complete history if one had been involved in a criminal activity or paedophilia.**" National Sikh Council of Australia First Press Release 28 Apr 2016.

"[Council states they are]...**going to dig deep into the past life history of this person** as to what sort of saintly person he is, as to why he has put untrue and false allegations...have **spread...feelers** but...need your help **if you have any information about his past activities, as am told that there are many**, and if he is the same person...will appreciate." National Sikh Council Attachment Email 22 April 2016 regarding Facebook

Action Plan

These **issues cannot be taken lightly**. The Council is professing to represent Sikhs nationally both within the community as well as the mainstream. Their actions have damaged Sikh sentiment locally and globally, as multiple media articles



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have reported on their actions. We urge you to **withdraw your membership** by completing and signing the letter attached. We request you to also forward us a copy (australiansikhs16@gmail.com), so we can keep as record. Should you have any questions or wish to meet in relation to this letter and its contents please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

Kulbir Singh Malhotra
Honorary General Secretary
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To whom it may concern

Sikh Sewaks Australia is a non-profit organization based in Victoria, Australia.

Some press releases by National Sikh Council of Australia have been brought to our attention and we wish to convey that we strongly condemn and disagree with the arguments put forward.

The National Sikh Council has totally misrepresented the Sikh Code of Conduct(which is followed by sikhs all over the world), by misrepresenting the purpose of Kesh for Sikhs and the Panjgat concept by referring to it as an unhealthy and un-hygienic .Further, hurting the sentiments of practising Sikhs by using the word "Sikh Talaban".

We would like to bring to your attention that the National Sikh Council does not represent the Sikh way of life as per the Sikh Code of Conduct and does not represent the views of practising Sikhs in this country.

We would also like to make known that Sikh Sewaks Australia is not a member of the National Sikh Council of Australia.

Swaran Singh

Secretary
Sikh Sewaks Australia