

The Sikh Vote campaign launched to protect and safeguard Sikh rights in the UK

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The Sikh community, which has made a significant contribution to the development and social fabric of the UK over generations, has united to raise its voice against the growing number of anti-Sikh hate crimes and incidents of discrimination across the country.

In response to the spread of misinformation and existing divisions, a comprehensive campaign called The Sikh Vote was announced today in the UK to protect Sikh identity and safeguard human rights. The campaign's main objective is to address the local and global challenges facing British Sikhs and ensure accountability from elected representatives. The Sikh Vote has made it clear that politicians seeking the support of the Sangat will be expected to answer questions on Sikh issues.

To achieve this, community forums will be organised regularly in collaboration with Gurdwaras across the country, ensuring that every Sikh has an opportunity to be heard.

Demands to the British Parliament

The campaign has presented a number of demands to the British Parliament. Its first demand is for equal funding to protect Gurdwaras.

The campaign has questioned the Government's apparent double standards. At the beginning of 2026, £73.4 million was allocated to protect places of worship, while a separate joint fund of £5 million was announced for minorities, of which the Sikh community received a very small share.

The campaign has also called for anti-Sikh hate crime to be made a mandatory, separate category in police recording and monitoring systems.

To protect the Sikh community and restore respect for its identity, the campaign has demanded that Sikh identity and history be made compulsory subjects within the national curriculum, helping to prevent bullying of Sikh children in schools.

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In addition, the campaign has called for a dedicated section on Sikhs to be included in the National Grooming Inquiry. It has also demanded mandatory training for NHS staff to ensure they treat Sikh patients in accordance with their religious beliefs and practices.

Protecting Sikh sovereignty and rights

On the protection of Sikh sovereignty and rights, the campaign has stated firmly that British Sikhs must not be used as bargaining chips in negotiations over foreign trade agreements.

If a foreign state targets British Sikhs on UK soil through transnational repression, trade benefits with that country should be suspended immediately.

The campaign has also demanded justice for targeted Sikhs. It has called for an end to discriminatory labels such as Pro-Khalistani Extremism (PKE), which it says are used to discredit the Sikh right to self-determination. It has also demanded an immediate end to unnecessary border questioning under Schedule 7.

In light of warnings issued by the United Nations, the campaign has called for the following actions:

- The immediate release of Jagtar Singh Johal, who has been held in detention, and whose case has raised concerns about arbitrary detention.
- A judge-led, high-level inquiry into the death of Avtar Singh Khanda, who died in mysterious circumstances.
- The removal of the restrictions imposed on Gurpreet Singh.
- A high-level inquiry to ensure full public disclosure of the UK Government's role in the military attacks on Darbar Sahib in 1984.
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Protecting religious freedoms

In defence of fundamental religious freedoms, the campaign will also strongly advocate for the full recognition and clear legal protection of the Kirpan and all the Sikh articles of faith (the Five Ks) under UK law, without compromise.

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Launch of the Voice of the Sikh survey

To put pressure on the Government to take these issues seriously, the campaign has also launched the Voice of the Sikh survey.

By gathering the experiences of the Sikh community, the survey aims to build an evidence-based body of information that Governments will be unable to dismiss. Rather than relying on emotional arguments, politicians will be confronted with concrete evidence and statistics and held accountable for their actions.

The Sikh Vote organisation and campaign will share this data with other Sikh organisations and Gurdwaras. However, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the identities of survey respondents will remain confidential.

A call to the British Sikh community

Organisers are distributing leaflets in Gurdwaras across the country to inform the Sangat about the campaign's agenda and political issues.

All British Sikhs are being urged to recognise this as an important opportunity to ensure that they have a say in decisions affecting their lives and their community.

By bringing together the collective voice of the Sangat, the campaign invites everyone to contribute by visiting: voice.sikhvote.co.uk

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