

PRE 1984



Sikhs have their own distinct and divinely revealed religion and scripture. They aim for a Sainly soldier ideal and history has shown them to be brave and freedom loving.

Pre-1947 British Indian Raj

• 1849 British Raj annexes huge Sikh Kingdom. • 1900s Sikhs fight bravely for Indian independence • Sikhs (2% Indian population) give 80% of sacrifices in freedom struggle • M. Gandhi and Nehru promise Sikh state within Federal India • Punjab split 1/2 India 1/2 Pak • 60% of Sikhs become refugees • 14m people displaced • 1m Sikhs died

1947-50 Independent India's New Constitution

• Sikhs are classed as Hindus • Punjabi is not Punjab's first language • 75% of water & 70% of revenue sent to other states • Sikhs seen as Hindu sect that needs suppression and re-assimilation • PM Nehru says Sikhs 'missed the boat' • Sikhs feel betrayed and refuse to sign constitution.

1950-66 Punjabi Suba Movement

• Masses of Sikhs agitate peacefully for socio-political rights • 26,000 Sikhs arrested in 1960 • Govt respond with violence • 1966 Govt create Punjabi-language State, but 1/3 of Punjab's original size • Govt deny Punjab its own capital or control over economic policies.

1966-84 Anandpur Resolution - Dharam Yudh Morcha

• 1971 250k+ Sikhs demonstrate for reasonable socio-economic demands of Anandpur Resolution • Govt and Politicians more violent and hostile • Propaganda defames Sikhs as extremists and separatists • 1975 Sikhs hailed as 'saving democracy' through massive demonstrations against Indira Gandhi's dissolving of parliament • Indira develops grudge against Sikhs • 1978 Anti-Sikh group kills 13 Sikhs whilst Police stand by • Police brutality escalates • 1982 Sikhs launch Dharam Yudh Morcha to implement Anandpur Resolution • This mass movement with several leaders is portrayed by Govt as solely led by St. Bhindranwale, who is also demonised as an extremist separatist

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JUNE 1984



The Indian Govt launches the largest military operation against its own citizens killing over 5000+ innocent Sikhs.

THEY SAY: A Sikh country was about to be declared.

TRUTH: A strike on grain shipments out of Punjab was planned for 3rd June to protest for the Anandpur resolution.

THEY SAY: It was last minute and unplanned.

TRUTH: Attack was pre-planned in 1982 when Army made model of Golden Temple. Feb 1984 UK armed forces involved in advising on attack. Emergency declared. Foreign press kicked out. Media blackout imposed.

THEY SAY: Terrorist occupation meant Army was needed.

TRUTH: Attack planned in 1982. St. Bhindranwale (preacher) was invited into temple complex in 1983. No police arrest warrant issued for him despite open access to him. Army besieged the complex. No one was allowed out. Army attacked without warning or negotiation (illegal by Indian law).

THEY SAY: It was about freeing Harimandar Sahib.

TRUTH: 125 Gurdwaras across Punjab attacked simultaneously. 100s were killed. Villagers and Sikh soldiers coming to help shot without warning from helicopter gunships.

THEY SAY: There were minimal casualties.

TRUTH: 5000+ killed. They attacked on a Sikh holy day when 1000s were visiting the complex. Train loads of pilgrims were allowed in but not allowed out. This caused maximum death.

THEY SAY: Army soldiers treated prisoners with care.

TRUTH: Soldiers were told Sikhs inside were separatists. They went berserk and gruesomely executed 1000s of men, women and children. 100s more died as locked up in scorching heat without any water. All bodies cremated without account.

THEY SAY: Sikhi was not the target.

TRUTH: Army burnt down central Sikh Ref Library and priceless historical artefacts 3 days after the attack.

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NOV 1984



After Indira Gandhi's assassination, her son and the ruling congress party organised 3 days of killings of Sikhs

THEY SAY: It was a Hindu vs Sikh riot - not genocide.

TRUTH: It was not a religious riot but a one-sided killing of Sikhs. In Punjab no Hindus were killed in retaliation. Most Hindus didn't participate. Govt organised buses of criminals to kill and rape. Many Hindus saved Sikh neighbours. Govt and media spread rumours encouraging hatred of Sikhs - allowing mobs to kill and rape.

THEY SAY: It was spontaneous.

TRUTH: Govt organised the killings, armed the gangs with machetes, tyres and addresses of Sikhs. Politicians, civil service, media, Police and Army all complicit. Media continually played hateful logs and encouraged revenge.

THEY SAY: The police were unable to stop it.

TRUTH: Police disarmed and dispersed Sikhs so couldn't unite and defend themselves. Police ignored or even participated in killings. Where some policemen bothered, it did stop killings

THEY SAY: The Army couldn't be used.

TRUTH: Army units based near Delhi could have restored order in 12 hours but killings continued for 3 days. They were kept in base until 8000 Sikhs had been killed.

THEY SAY: We tried to help survivors.

TRUTH: Refugee camps were abysmal. Insurance claims not upheld. Compensation minimal. Survivors were abandoned

THEY SAY: Sikhs should forget and move on.

TRUTH: After 10 commissions the killers still roam free; some are influential politicians. Widows and orphans are still alive and suffering. Every year India remembers Indira Gandhi.

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1984-NOW



VISIBLE WAR ON SIKHS

Govt told police to arrest, torture and/or kill Sikh males especially ones observant and involved in human rights. Special law (TADA) made for Sikhs so 'guilty till proven innocent'. 100k+Sikhs disappeared, presumed dead. Many more brutally tortured causing disability/impotence. Police often raped Sikh women, usually in front of family members; many committed suicide.'

INVISIBLE WAR ON SIKHS

Crippling policies include low investment, high taxes, low education, limiting Sikhs in armed forces and setting low prices for crops. Farmers were pushed into unaffordable loans and 1000s are committing suicide. Pollution unchecked so cancer rates sky-high. Punjab flooded with drugs and alcohol shops. 75% youth now addicted. Abortion clinics unrestricted so female foeticide highest in world. All this kills without bullets.

PROPAGANDA WAR ON SIKHS

1985-95 Sikh freedom movement discredited by govt infiltrators committing crimes, creating rifts between Hindus and Sikhs. Peaceful human rights protests dealt with violently and Sikhs called terrorists. Any aspect of martial Sikhi discouraged. Punjabi language made out to be uncultured and Hindi encouraged for progression. Sikh himalined in text books. Anti-Sikh groups sponsored. Sikh politics controlled by govt and preaching severely limited. Culturally Bollywood portrays Sikhs as clowns. Sikh youth alienated from Sikhi.

WHY ARE THEY KILLING SIKHS?

In India's history, the common person was socially and spiritually oppressed. Sikh aims for the Khalsa, a Saintly Soldier who serves and defends others from injustice and oppression. The ruling classes of India want to suppress this revolution. The target was never Sikhs but Sikhi itself.

WHY IS 1984 NOT JUST ABOUT ST. BHINDRANWALE?

He was one of many leaders and focused on preaching. He was made a focal point and demonised in order to split Sikhs and remove Indian support for the popular Punjab human rights movement. He was not the real target.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?



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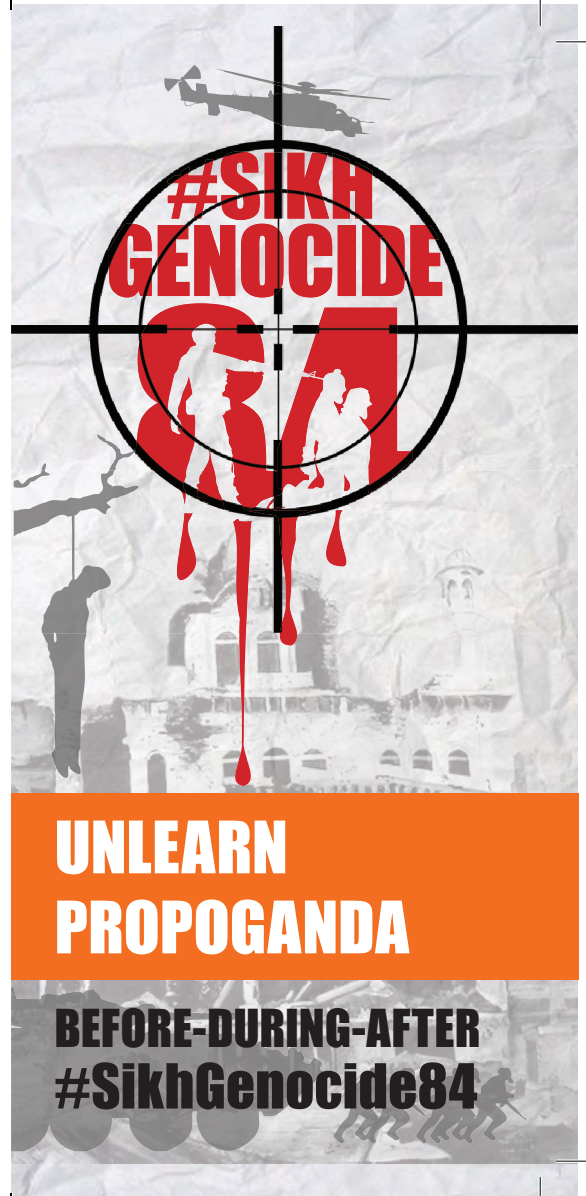
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