

3rd March 2026:

Letter sent to West Midlands Police Force to asking for the investigating officer to take account of the severity of offence whereby a Gursikhs Dastar was knocked off in an assault.

10th March 2026



1. A meeting of Council and Gurdwara Sahib representatives met with Jathedar Sri Akaal Takhat Sahib Ji to discuss issues relating to governance in United Kingdom. It was a productive meeting with a follow up expected in due courses.
2. The Jathedar Sri Akal Takhat Sahib was invited to visit UK at some point so that British Sikh can directly discuss any issue of concern.

12th March 2026:

The Council submitted a report to the Home Office in relation to issues of concern pertaining to rise in hate crimes against the British Sikhs. A member of the BOJ took part in the Round Table discussions though he was invited as a representative of a different organisation.

The Community Safety Team will be having further discussions with a view to progressing on the Community Safety Strategy and a deliver plan.

17th March 2026:

Convenors of the Board of Jathedars met with the Secretary General and the Administrative Secretary to discuss internal communication arrangements as part of the ongoing infrastructure improvements. The key point is to maintain strict internal discipline on all external communications which must have central overview.

24 March 2026:

Cllr Gurdial Singh Athwal who is a member of the Board of Jathedars and coordinator for West Midlands raised a question with the Leader of the Birmingham City Council in relation to Sikh genocide in 1984. Cllr Atwal has also served as the Chair of the Indian Subcontinent Affairs Committee of the Supreme Sikh Council UK for a number of years.



A link of the proceeding is as below:



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https://youtu.be/6fZKDJ_E5m8?si=EILZ14-ujHW3aNk3

Cllr Gurdial Singh Athwal asked the question to the Leader of the Council:

Leader, will you confirm whether Birmingham City Council will consider formally recognising the atrocities committed against the Sikh community in India, particularly in Delhi in November 1984, which have been widely described by many as a Sikh genocide?

There is credible and widely documented evidence that Sikh homes, businesses, and places of worship were systematically targeted, resulting in significant loss of life, displacement, and long-term trauma.

Official figures record over 3,000 deaths, while other estimates suggest higher numbers. Decades later, many survivors continue to seek justice and accountability.

In light of the scale and enduring impact of these events, will the Council consider:

First, formally condemning the violence and atrocities of 1984;

Second, recognising the profound and lasting impact on the Sikh community; and Third, affirming its support for justice, human rights, and accountability in line with international law?

Special Message:

Sardar Baldev Singh Bains who has been actively involved with the Sikh Council since 2010 in various roles is taking part in the London Marathon on 26th April 2026.

We are very much inspired by his effort and commitment to training. We wish him every success and ask everyone to cheer him on 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

