

# JOIN THE STRUGGLE

## TO FREE SIKH POLITICAL PRISONERS IN INDIA

Since the Sikh struggle for independence from India began in the 1980's, many Sikh political prisoners have been languishing in Indian prisons even after having completed their sentences with some spanning more than three decades. To illegally and forcefully keep political prisoners behind bars even after they have long served their sentences is in violation of India's own constitution and internationally recognized human rights norms.



### Jathedar Bhai Jagtar Singh Ji Hawara

Charged for assassinating Beanta 'Butcher,' the then Chief Minister of Punjab, after which Indian state terrorism was halted. In the Sarbat Khalsa of 2015, 500,000+ Sikhs unanimously elected Bhai Sahib as the Jathedar of Sikhi's highest seat of political authority, Sri Akal Takht Sahib. In jail since 1995.



### Bhai Gurdeep Singh Ji Kherha

Since his arrest in 1990, Bhai Sahib has spent the past 33 years in solitary confinement. To date, Bhai Sahib has served eleven years in Bidar Jail, nine in Tihar Jail and from 2010 onwards he has been Gulbarga Jail. Imprisoned under TADA, Bhai Sahib is still behind bars despite having finished his sentence.



### Prof. Bhai Davinderpal Singh Ji Bhullar

While a Professor of Engineering in Punjab's GNE College in Ludhiana, many of Prof. Bhullar's students were disappeared by Indian state authorities. He was impelled towards a path of justice. To arrest Bhai Sahib, his father and uncle were tortured to death. Although innocent, has been in jail since 1995.



### Bhai Parmjit Singh Ji Bheora

Bhai Sahib was charged for assassinating Beanta 'Butcher,' the then Chief Minister of Punjab, under whom repressive genocidal policies and draconian laws were unleashed to systematically kill Sikh youth with state-sponsored impunity. He has been in Chandigarh's Burail Jail since 1995.



### Bhai Shamsheer Singh Ji Khalsa

Bhai Sahib was charged for assassinating Beanta 'Butcher,' the then Chief Minister of Punjab, under whose watch mass disappearances began of Sikh youth to quell the Sikh movement for independence. Has been in Chandigarh's Burail Jail since 1995.



### Bhai Gurmeet Singh Ji 'Engineer'

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### Bhai Balwant Singh Ji Rajoana

Bhai Rajoana was also charged for assassinating Beanta 'Butcher,' the then Chief Minister of Punjab, under whom repressive genocidal policies were unleashed on the Sikh populace of Punjab. After global protests by the Sikhs, his unjustified hanging was stopped in 2012. Has been in jail since 1995.



### Bhai Jagtar Singh Ji Tara

Bhai Tara was also a co-accused in the assassination of Beanta 'Butcher,' under whom repressive genocidal policies and draconian laws were unleashed to kill Sikh youth with impunity. He has been in Chandigarh's Burail Jail since 1995.



### Bhai Lakhwinder Singh Ji

Bhai Sahib was co-accused in the assassination of Beanta 'Butcher,' the then Chief Minister of Punjab, who was directed by the Indian state to provide impunity to police authorities for thousands of extrajudicial murders of Sikh youth. Has been in Chandigarh's Burail Jail since 1995.



### Bhai Jagtar Singh Ji Johal (Jaggi)

Since November of 2017, despite being a British national, Bhai Johal has been illegally detained without charge by Indian authorities. He was arrested because of his trailblazing documentation, in the form of websites like neverforget1984.com, of human rights violations that Sikhs endured in India.



### Bhai Arwinder Singh Ji Nawanshehar

In February of 2019, Bhai Sahib was sentenced to life imprisonment under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA). Bhai Sahib alongside other Sikhs were booked under Section 121 (waging war against India), even though all that was recovered from them were books on the Khalistan struggle.



### Bhai Surjit Singh Ji Gurdaspur

In February 2019, Bhai Sahib, alongside Arwinder and Ranjit Singh were sentenced to life imprisonment under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA). In an unprecedented case, the three Sikhs were arrested because of the 'crime' of the mere possession of books on the Khalistan struggle and Sikh history.



### Bhai Ranjit Singh Ji Kaithal

Bhai Sahib, alongside Arwinder and Surjit Singh were sentenced to life imprisonment under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA). They were also booked under Section 121 (waging war with the Indian government), even though all that was recovered from them were Sikh history books.



### Bhai Gurmukh Singh Ji Rode

Bhai Gurmukh Singh hails from the family of 20th century's greatest Sikh, Sant Giani Jarnail Singh Ji Bhindranwale. Being Sant Ji's grand-nephew was deemed enough by state authorities to have him implicated in fabricated cases. Despite being innocent, he has been in jail since 2021.



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## Bhai Gurdeep Singh Ji Jallapur Kherha

Since his arrest in 1990, Bhai Sahib has spent the past thirty three years in solitary confinement.

To date, Bhai Sahib has served eleven years in Bidar Jail, nine in Tihar Jail and from 2010 onwards he has been Gulbarga Jail. Due to being imprisoned for the entirety of his youth, Bhai Sahib only recently married in 2017 when he finally started getting parole. Imprisoned under draconian TADA laws, Bhai Sahib is still behind bars despite having finished his sentence.

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## Professor Bhai Davinderpal Singh Ji Bhullar

While a Professor of Engineering in Punjab's GNE College in Ludhiana, many of Prof. Bhullar's students were disappeared in draconian counter-insurgency operations led by Indian state authorities. He was impelled towards a path of justice and investigating the deaths. To force Bhai Sahib to surrender, many of his family members were arrested and harassed while his father, uncle and friend were tortured to death. Although innocent, Bhai Sahib has been in jail since 1995.

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## Bhai Parmjit Singh Ji Bheora

Alongside Bhai Hawara, Bhai Sahib was also charged for assassinating Beanta 'Butcher,' the then Chief Minister of Punjab, under whose watch mass disappearances began of Sikh youth to quell the Sikh movement for independence. In a letter addressed to the Panth in 2018, Bhai Sahib had said "The government is keen on taking benefit of the Panth's disunity. Their only aim has been to marginalize and eliminate the Sikhs." Has been in Chandigarh's Burail Jail since 1995.

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## Bhai Balwant Singh Ji Rajoana

Alongside Bhai Hawara and Bheora, Bhai Rajoana was also charged for assassinating Beanta 'Butcher,' the then Chief Minister of Punjab (1992-95), under whom repressive genocidal policies were unleashed in Punjab to quell dissent for the Sikh independence movement. In 2012, Bhai Sahib was unjustly sentenced to capital punishment which was met with massive uproar from Sikhs across the globe. After worldwide protests, his unjustified hanging was stopped in 2012.

He has been in jail since 1995.

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## Bhai Jagtar Singh Ji Johal (Jaggi)

Since November of 2017, despite being a British national, Bhai Johal has been illegally detained and tortured without charge by Indian authorities. He was arrested because of his trailblazing documentation, in the form of websites like [neverforget1984.com](http://neverforget1984.com), which rose awareness of the human rights violations that Sikhs endured during state-orchestrated genocidal violence in India. Jaggi's imprisonment has been used as an attempt to create fear within the diaspora and to silence Sikh voices. However, the Panth unapologetically remains strong in the remembrance of atrocities and its quest for self-determination.

**Unlawfully detained since 2017**





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**FREE PUNJAB**

