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Incident of alleged desecration in Woolwich

Sikh Council UK was informed of an incident yesterday morning of attempted desecration of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji at Gurdwara Sahib, Woolwich.

Secretary General Gurmel Singh is in contact with representatives of the Gurdwara committee since yesterday as soon as he was informed of the incident whereby the individual attempted to remove the ramalla sahib from Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, the individual was apprehended by a member of the Sangat. The individual escaped but a chase was given by the Sangat and he was caught outside of the Gurdwara.

The individual was subsequently arrested by the Metropolitan Police who have taken the CCTV footage from the Gurdwara. Sikh Council UK is aware of speculation about the incident within social media including concerning the mental fitness of the individual in question. Secretary General Gurmel Singh is attending the Gurdwara this morning and has asked for calm whilst the full facts are established.

Sikh Council UK will be liaising with the Gurdwara management committee and the Metropolitan Police Sikh Association to ensure all necessary representations are made to the Metropolitan Police. In the meantime, we ask all Gurdwara managements to be vigilant and make provisions to prevent any incidents of this nature.

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