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## Lord Bourne conveys a message of appreciation to Sikh community

Secretary General of Sikh Council UK Gurmel Singh has received a message of appreciation from Lord Bourne, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Faith and Integration. He thanked members of the Sikh community for all the work being done following the horrific terrorist attack in London yesterday.

The message came when Lord Bourne called the Secretary General following attendance to a meeting at New Scotland Yard where the Home Secretary was present. Gurmel Singh took the opportunity to brief Lord Bourne about a possible hate crime incident from this morning, which has been reported to the police authorities and we were alerted to. Lord Bourne was assured that Sikh Council UK will continue to play its part in urging vigilance whilst also encouraging the maintenance of unity amongst the diverse communities of our country.

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Note for Editors: Sikh Council UK is the largest representative body of Sikhs in the UK. We are recognised as the national advocate for British Sikhs in the United Kingdom and in the European Union.