

Home Secretary attends Sikh Council UK General Assembly

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The Home Secretary Rt Hon Amber Rudd visited the General Assembly of Sikh Council UK which was held at Gurdwara Baba Budha Ji In Nottingham on Saturday 6th May 2017.

During the visit she addressed Sikh Council UK members and welcomed the launch of Sikh Aware UK, the first hate crime monitoring platform for the Sikh community in the UK established by Sikh Council UK in partnership with several supporting partner organisations. As part of her visit the Home Secretary was given a tour of Gurdwara Baba Budha Ji and also unveiled a plaque commemorating the 350 years anniversary of the birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Guru of the Sikhs.

Sikh Council UK Secretary General Gurmel Singh "We welcomed the Home Secretary attending the General Assembly of Sikh Council UK notwithstanding her other commitments ahead of the forthcoming general election. It was the second visit to our General Assembly by the Home Secretary in recent years and we hope to arrange further such visits in the future to provide a useful platform for engagement between community representatives and the Government".

Sikh Council UK Secretary General Elect Jagtar Singh added "We took the opportunity of the ministerial visit to touch upon a number of issues and community concerns to which the Home Secretary responded positively. She agreed the importance and the need for representatives of the community and the Government to continue working closely together and engaging in dialogue".

Sikh Council UK Executive Committee Member and Executive Member of Gurdwara Baba Budha Ji Serbjit Singh Landa said "We were delighted to host the General Assembly of Sikh Council UK and the visit of the Home Secretary on behalf of the congregation of Gurdwara Baba Budha Ji. This was the first such programme we have had the privilege of hosting in Nottingham and we hope to do so again in the future".

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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.