

## **Sikh Council UK submits letter of concern to Italian Embassy**

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Sikh Council UK has written to the Italian Embassy in London concerning the reported decision of the Italian Supreme Court to uphold a criminal fine levied on a Sikh for wearing a kirpan in a public place.

Sikh Council UK European Affairs Committee Chair Surinder Singh Jandu said "We have expressed our strong concerns following the decision of the Supreme Court and have called upon the Italian Government to address this matter with the Italian and international Sikh community as a matter of urgency".

Sikh Council UK Secretary General Gurmel Singh said "This is a very worrying development which potentially impacts not just Italian Sikhs but also Sikhs from the UK and other places who wish to travel, study or visit Italy. We will be raising our concerns with the UK Government and others to make representations to the Italian Government too".

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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.