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## **Meetings/Events**

- 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 representatives of Sikh Council UK attended the launch of the Genocide 1984 disclosure Report by Sikh Federation UK at the Houses of Parliament.
- 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 Secretary General of Sikh Council UK attended a meeting with the Deputy National Statistician -Office of National Statistics in relation to discussions about the forthcoming census 2021 stakeholder meeting in December in which emphasis remains that the united voice of Sikhs is for a separate tick ethnic Sikh box.
- 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 Secretary General supported the efforts of Sikh Ladies Coalition in submitting a letter to Downing Street urging rehabilitation of November 1984 Genocide victims. This consisted of a silent march of 33 ladies from 10 Downing St to Parliament and ending at India House.
- 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Secretary General and members of Sikh Council UK attended the Parliamentary launch and special presentation of the ground-breaking film "Saragarhi: The True Story."
- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Secretary General of Sikh Council UK met with Lord Bourne the Minister of Faith and Integration at the Department for Communities and Local Government. The meeting allowed for better understanding of Sikh issues while also an opportunity to formalise a working relationship going forward.
- 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Head of Policy, Strategy and Legal Affairs joined members of the Sikh Community from across UK in a protest at the Foreign and Commonwealth Offices for the Free Jaggi campaign. Sikh Council UK continues to support the 'Free Jaggi' campaign through a number of streams including making representation to FCO, Indian Embassy in writing and media campaign in raising awareness of the plight.
- 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Board of Jathedar Meeting took place at Ramgahria Sikh Temple, Birmingham with Midlands and North Members of Jathedars, items of agenda included: 'The Framework for Panthic Ekta across Europe and progression towards Panthic Aspirations' and The investigative magistrates' model in dealing with disputes/ mediation and conflict resolution.
- 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Representatives of Sikh Council UK attended a meeting with Prabandakhs of Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Highgate, Birmingham to formally introduce Sikh Council UK and discuss current panthic issues. In doing so it was a delight to also welcome the Gurdwara Sahib as new members of Sikh Council UK
- 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 London based female representatives of Sikh Council UK attended an Interfaith Seminar topic of dialogue included 'The Status and Role of Women' in society creating harmonious communities.
- 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Representatives of Sikh Council UK attended the funeral of Jathedar Bhai Manmohan Singh founder member of Dal Khalsa and Dal Khalsa UK.

25<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Board of Jathedars Meeting took place in Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara London East, with South members of Board of Jathedars.

27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 representatives of Sikh Council UK attended Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant Ken Olisa of Greater London's Council on Faith and his Deputy Lieutenant in celebrating the unsung heroes of London's faith and belief communities. Bringing together organisations and individuals across London who work tirelessly in their local communities for harmony and inclusion.

30<sup>th</sup> November Representatives of Sikh Council UK attended a Meeting with Department of Communities and Local Government roundtable to discuss key issues affecting the Sikh community. Lord Bourne, the Minister for Faith and Integration was also present along with other government officials.

## Casework/Campaigns

Sikh Council UK have been made aware of difficulties experienced by some Gurdwaras when applying for visas of Granthis from India, SCUK are in process of establishing the scale of the persistent problem while also progressing this with officials within the Home Office.