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Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

Re: i) Global Sikh Council is a respectable International Sikh Organisation

ii) False Allegation of Panth Dokhi

The Global Sikh Council (GSC) was registered in America in 2014 and had its first meeting in March 2015. It is just over two years old but has made rapid progress and now has about 20 countries as its members. Only National Sikh organisations can become GSC members. Amongst its leading figures are Lord Inderjit Singh, Professors, Academicians, intellectuals, Sikh Scholars etc.

Amongst the aims and objectives of the G.S.C. are the following:

- 1. To accept Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji (the shabad contained in it) as the only living Guru of the Sikhs.
- 2. To accept and abide by the Sikh Rehet Maryada.
- 3. To represent Sikh interests globally.
- 4. To make representations to the United Nations relating to Sikh interests and religion, when necessary.
- 5. To issue policy statements relating to global Sikh issues.

# FALSE accusations against the GSC:

(i) The "Gur Vichar" website had earlier mischievously written that G.S.C. is Panth Dokhi, because according to them "Those who dispute or question the position of Sri Dasam Granth and its role in the Sikh ethos are Panth Virodhi".

### Answer:

The GSC constitution says it accepts the teachings of the Gurus as exemplified in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. It further states that it follows and abides by the SIKH REHET MARYADA as passed by the Panth in 1945. There is no mention at all about Dasam Granth in the GSC constitution.

For the record, SGPC resolution No.36672 passed on 3-08-1973, says that "Chritro Pakhyan" that is inscribed in DG (Bachittar Natak) is not Dashmesh Bani. It is ancient Hindu Mythology and it covers 581 pages, which is more than 1/3 of Bachittar Natak.

ii) That there is "Hukamnama" that GSC is Panth Dokhi.

#### Answer:

This is completely false.

There is not a single Hukamnama to that effect. Only Akal Takht can issue a Hukamnama and none has been so issued.

There were two "video clips" which were recorded by Academy at Gurdwara Lakhi Jungle, which showed only Giani Iqbal Singh Ji speaking. Giani Ji had claimed, amongst others, that Global Sikh Council in not accepting DG was Panth Dokhi.

Thus, what Giani Iqbal Singh said in video clip is his personal opinion.

A Hukamnama must be in writing and under Akal Takht seal.

At a MEETING of MGC, KDM, SNSM, Tatt Khalsa Diwan Selangor, Sant Sohan Singh Ji Melaka Memorial Society Malaysia and Sikh religious scholars on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016, amongst others, the following resolution was passed:

"4. The 2 video clips are to be completely rejected as they did not comply with the protocol and procedure stated in the SRM. Further, the opinion expressed in the video clips does not constitute a Hukamnama, Gurmatta or Matta."

The meeting also noted further:

- i) That Takht Patna Sahib was in transgression of SRM by installing Bachitter Natak on par with Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji.
- ii) That Jathedar of Patna Sahib was earlier removed, as was involved in a scandal. A Jathedar must be of a impeccable character.

iii) That at a Sarbat Khalsa gathering in November, 2015, the 5 Jathedars were removed (including from Patna Sahib) by the Sarbat Khalsa.

# Ragi Darshan Singh

Niketan President in the same facebook posting falsely states that "there is news that Raagi Darshan Singh will be attending this conference. Are we the Malaysian Sanggat going to allow this to happen."

The MGC categorically states that no Raagi Darshan Singh is attending this conference.

The conference is only being attended by Leaders of National Sikh Organizations from various countries, most of whom are professionals, professors or Academicians.

Why is Niketan mentioning falsely the name of Raagi Darshan Singh. This is to mislead Sanggat at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour (i.e. 1 or 2 days before programme to say that a ragi banned by Akal Takht etc. is attending conference (although they know he is not attending). This false deception is to try and get support of innocent people to their treacherous plans.

Sanggat Ji, how many lies have we exposed of this divisive forces over the last few months. Please be vary and avoid this divisive forces.

# Conclusion:

Therefore, the allegations levelled against GSC are completely mischievous and false. They are possibly made because the GSC subscribes to "Ek Granth Ek Panth", as a unifying concept and which is rooted in Gurbani:

"Ika Bani Ikh Gur Ikho Shabad Vichar" [Ang 646].

The SGPC (Highest Sikh Religious Authority), has now issued a statement confirming that concept of "Ek Granth Ek Panth" is rooted in Sikhi and those who question it, such as Dr. Anurag Singh, their statements questioning it are anti-religious and against the Sikh sentiments."

Thus, going by SGPC statement, these divisive elements who have no respect of Darbar Sahib and make false allegations as above, are actually "anti religious" and Panth Dokhi themselves.

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