

## **Human Rights - The Flip Side**

Sir, - Re the USA-based Sardar S.S. Kapur's zeal to pursue 'Human Rights' against the Punjab Police (SR Nov. 01 issue), let us not forget that the Punjab Police, made up essentially of Sikh officers and constabulary, fought against the evil design of creating a taliban type 'Khalistan' by the likes of Bhindranwala, encouraged and financed by anti-India elements, such as the grossly evil ISI, often through Sikhs abroad.

'Human Rights' is a recent phenomenon perpetuated by the erstwhile imperialist Caucasians as their vengeance against those who are not their lackeys. These protagonist saw little to cry about while Talibans were their favourite, or in much of the Sheikh dominated autocracies of the mid-east, or the madness of Israel, or of Idi Amin!

Government of India is quite right in protecting the up-holders of the law to preserve national integrity, which might unwittingly tread on some innocent toes as may currently be the case in Northeast India, or in Kashmir. If there is an agenda to pursue here for the Sikhs, it is to restore the dignity and give solace to the truly innocent victims of the 1984 riots.

The 'Gills and Sandhus' of Punjab Police should be honoured by the Punjab and the Nation from saving the state from 'talibanisation'. KPS Gill is an outstanding person, learned, sensitive and committed to the unity of India. Spare a thought also for the gallant Sandhu who, having fought the terrorists in Gurdaspur area, was so mercilessly pursued by the so-called Human Rights activists that he committed suicide by throwing himself on the rail track of an on-coming train.

It is ironic that Kapur in the USA is not agitated by the recent American dragnet that has overnight indefinitely locked up thousands of minority racial and ethnic people post- Sept. 11. Nor the panic stricken US and British's despicable anti-terrorism legislation of recent days, which when criticised drew the sneer of the UK home secretary that human rightists live in "airy-fairy libertarian" world! So much for the terrorism and human rights!

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