

‘United Sikhs’ help to Haiti Quake Survivors

Port-au-Prince, Haiti - UNITED SIKHS’ volunteers arrived at Port-au-Prince for beginning major humanitarian relief work in the capital city of Haiti. Retired Lt. Col. Gurbachan Singh, along with other volunteers, reached Santo Domingo airport and drove into Haiti, crossing Jamini border.

The Sikh Aid team’s first hand assessment of the situation shows an urgent need for Medical supplies, food, water, and shelter for the survivors. The Sikh Aid team is working to overcome serious obstacles due to lack of infrastructure and logistic challenges.

Countless survivors with serious injuries, crushed limbs, broken legs need immediate medical treatment. More doctors are joining the Sikh Aid team this week to further aid in the humanitarian relief.

“Every building on the road side that we are driving by is severely damaged. Concrete roofs have fallen, crushing people, household goods, and vehicles. There are dead bodies lying on the ground,” said Retd. Lt Col Gurbachan Singh, UNITED SIKHS Humanitarian Director.

A UNITED SIKHS shipment carrying imperishable food, water, clothes and medicines will be arriving in Haiti next week by sea from Miami. UNITED SIKHS is requesting donors to contact us for more details about shipping food, water and supplies.

We urgently need doctors who can afford time and travel to volunteer for the relief effort.

At the United Nations Disaster Assessment & Coordination (UNDAC) Emergency Response Team briefing today, it was said that the places that have been badly affected are Carrefour, Gressier, Leogane, Jazmel and Petit Grove where 60 to 90 percent of homes have been destroyed. These places have mass burials and in some parts the search and the rescue operations are still in progress.

Your donation of any amount could help save lives by providing food, water, temporary shelter, medical services and emotional support to people in need.

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Gurbani emerges Champion

Miss Gurbani Singh of Delhi won the 48th East India Ladies Golf Tournament played at the Tollygunge Golf Course. She has been in the lead from day one and has won comfortably by a 17-shot margin. Neha Tripathy came second while Meghana Bal was third. In the Silver Division Open Scratch trophy, Tvesa Malik triumphed with a total of 249 gross followed by Vidushi Sinha who ended at 258.

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Remembering Mr Jyoti Basu - The Patriarch (1914-2010)

The senior Marxist leader and close associate of the late Sr. Harkishan Singh Surjit passed away at Calcutta on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at age of 95. He was chief minister of West Bengal from 1977 to 2000, respected as the most durable Marxist leader in free India.

In June 1984 when the Sikhs of Calcutta held a massive protest meeting to condemn the army assault on the Golden Temple Complex at the behest of then prime minister Indira

Gandhi, he was at hand to address the mass meeting at Chowringhee Square. Speaking in his native Bengali, he empathized with the huge gathering and deplored the precipitate action of the Centre: “historically called ‘Operation Bluestar’: “If the Centre had been keen and serious about a political settlement to the Punjab problem, then this operation could have been avoided.” [Excerpted from *Memoirs: A Political Autobiography: Jyoti Basu*]

Capt. Bhag Singh Ji, then Editor, and the present editor shared the platform with Mr. Basu.

