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1,000,000 Chaupai Sahibs by June 2009

Dear Sir/Madame

Vaheguru ji ka khalsa Vaheguru ji ki fateh

As you will be aware this year we are observing the 25th anniversary of the 1984 attack on Sri Darbar Sahib and the November 1984 Delhi massacres. Following these tragic events we have witnessed 25 years of anti Sikh genocide with little or no justice against those who have committed crimes against humanity.

In order to remember these events and those that have given their lives to uphold the Sikh faith, the youth of the Khalsa Panth have started a program that is designed to both remember the past and to create unity for the future.

On 1st February 2009 we started a program to complete 1 million Chaupai Sahib's by June 2009. Sikhs all over the world were asked to take part and do as many Chaupai Sahib paaths as they could to contribute towards this target.

There are 3 things which we asked for from Guru Sahib in the ardas at the start of the program. These were;

- For the protection of those victims and their families who have suffered from 1984 to now
- For justice against those the tyrants who committed genocide against the Sikhs
- For the chardikala of the Panth.

Our slogan for this program has been, "Play your Part, Pray for the Panth". The idea behind this is that the Panth belongs to all of us and we are all a part of this mighty Panth created by Guru Sahib. It is our duty to do seva for the panth, and therefore everyone should play their part. The program is being run by children of the Panth, and has no political or jathebandi links. This is a program by the Panth for the Panth.

By the end of January we have reached a collective goal of 50,000 paath's. The majority of these paath have been done by young Sikhs from all across the globe, from 25 different countries including the UK, Canada, Malaysia, India, France, USA, Japan, Holland etc.

So far the sangat have been doing their paath and updating our website www.chaupaisahib.org with the number of paath that they have done on a weekly basis.

As you will appreciate, we still have a long way to go and we humbly request your assistance in completing this seva as we cannot do this without the sangat.

What we ask, is that you inform the sangat of the Gurdwara Sahib of this program and of its aims and get as many of the sangat involved as possible in doing the Chaupai Sahib's. A number of Gurdwara Sahib's have already started helping us and they have allocated one person (for example a granthi singh) to collect all the sangat's paath on a weekly basis, i.e. everyone does as many paath as they can and they then let the granthi singh/person know how many they have done. This person can then either update our website themselves or ask somebody to do so on their behalf.

Alternatively you may wish to take a certain number of paaths as seva for the Gurdwara Sahib sangat. For example, you may wish to say that our sangat will do 20,000 paath and then allocate these paath amongst the sangat. If you wish to do this please contact us on our mobile number +44 7799 220 834 and let us know how many paath you wish to be given as seva.

We are producing a number of carbon copy receipt books which can be used to record the number of paath done by the sangat. Please let us know if you would a copy and we will try and send one out to you.

As Sikhs of the Guru it is our duty to join other Sikhs with Gurbani, as well as read it ourselves, and this is one of the best opportunities in our lives to remember Guru Sahib and to pray at their feet for the chardi kala of the Panth. Also this letter and request is being sent to as many Gurdwara Sahibs as possible around the world, as we are all children of One Guru and we are part of the One Khalsa Panth.

With all humility and faith we trust that you will support the Panth in this mahan seva and will help us reach the target of 1 Million Chaupai Sahib's.

Please display the posters we have enclosed and allocate somebody to collect the Chaupai Sahib's from the sangat on a weekly basis and then update us. We have also attached a document outlining our mission statement with the details of why we are doing this etc.

Yours faithfully

Sevadars of the Khalsa Panth

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25 YEARS

June 1984 saw the armies of India launch a full scale attack on Sri Darbar Sahib, Amritsar. This was one of the first of a series of brutal and calculated attacks on the Sikh community designed to ridicule and break the backbone of the faith. In the following 25 years we have seen hundreds and thousands of people lose their lives in what is nothing short of genocide. There has been no justice delivered as those guilty of crimes including murder, rape and torture walk freely and often hold ministerial positions. From the walkways of Darbar Sahib to the streets of Delhi, Sikhs have undergone unspeakable horrors.

WHATS THE PLAN?

The Khalsa is the army of Vaheguru himself, and the Khalsa Saint-Soldiers were created to defend the innocent and weak against tyranny and oppression. The Khalsa was formed to be a force which could always be relied upon for help, people that would never turn anybody away, a house that was always open to the homeless and the wounded

However, today it seems we have lost our way and rather than helping others, we find ourselves knocking at different doors asking for justice and protection. This is a small attempt to remind us that the only door we need to knock at, is that of the Guru.

I have abandoned all doors (shelters) and I have come to your door, My Lord. O God (Gobind), kindly protect my honour and grasp my arm, I am Your humble servant.

The aim is to collectively complete 1,000,000 Chaupai Sahib paath's in memory of the victims of the 1984 genocide, to pray for justice, and for the chardi khala of the Panth. This is our chance to unite across the globe, pray together and demonstrate our unity on this issue.

We cannot do this alone, we need our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers from around the world, to join in with us and complete this task. As individuals we can only achieve so much, but with the support of Gurbani and the Sangat, we can attain everything.

So let's show our conviction and faith in Vaheguru and complete 1,000,000 Chaupai Sahib's by 4 June 2009.

WHY?

Many of us will say that we have a passion for justice for the victims of 1984 and that we care about the Panth. However, in practical terms we often feel frustrated at not being able to do much to help. This paath will allow each one of us to make a daily contribution to the betterment of the Panth. We are at a stage where simply attending one day events is not enough, we need to be working daily

towards justice and living as true Khalsa's. If we truly care, then taking out just a few minutes each day is a small contribution to make.

WHO CAN AND SHOULD GET INVOLVED?

The answer to this question is:

- Anyone who feels hurt by the atrocities we have suffered over the last 25 years.
- Anyone who wishes to pray for the victims of the 1984 to present, Sikh genocide.
- Anyone who feels that the innocents who suffered at the hands of tyrants deserve justice.
- Anyone who feels that they are part of the Sikh Nation and wish for the Nation to flourish.
- Anyone who actually wants to make a difference.

So in essence, this should include each and every one of us. It doesn't matter if you are a Sikh or a non-Sikh, whether you have taken Amrit or not, whether you keep your kesh or not, whether you belong to certain groups or not. This is our chance to gather as a community of human beings and do something together for the betterment of our mothers and fathers who have suffered beyond our worst nightmares.

SO WHAT SHOULD I DO?

What we ask is that each of us reads/listens to as many Chaupai Sahib's as possible with a collective aim to reach the target of 1,000,000. So read/listen to the bani and record how many you have done. Then on a weekly or fortnightly basis update the website so that we can keep a record of how we are doing.

If you cannot read Gurbani then please try and listen to the bani being read. You can download the audio, watch videos with the audio playing and obtain English translations for you to read. We just want as many people contributing as much as they can for the Panth, OUR Panth. If this means that you can manage one Chaupai Sahib a day, then we thank you, as that is one more prayer that had been done for the betterment of OUR Panth.

Each Chaupai Sahib will take no more than **5 minutes**. So please, take out this time and do as much as you can.

RECORDING THE PAATH

The primary method of recording the number of paath done will be via the www.chaupaisahib.org website. There is a submit section where you enter the number of paath that you (friends/family) have completed. The information we receive will be treated with full confidentiality.

In the meantime if you have any questions, please send an email to info@chaupaisahib.org or ring us on +44 7799 220 834.