

A critical Tribute to a ^{Controversial} Martyr

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A great life has ended; perhaps also an era has passed. A ~~mighty oak has fallen;~~ ~~defenceless woman was shot down by~~ ~~dozens~~ ~~Assassins~~ from her own security guard pumped dozens of bullets into a defenceless woman. An adequate analysis of the demonic forces behind this dastardly act ~~is~~ will have to wait. The facts are not yet fully known.

No doubt the terrorist group of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwalle ^{and the Khalistan Movement were} ~~were~~ ~~were~~ directly involved.

In two ways Mrs Gandhi herself paved the way ^{her own} ~~to~~ path to ~~this~~ assassination. First ~~by creating Bhindranwalle as a phenomenon.~~ The two ways reflect the double personality of Indira Gandhi, the astute politician, and the ^{compassionate} ~~redde~~ human person capable of ^{the} highest nobility and fairness.

Bhindranwalle was a Sanjay Gandhi creation no doubt, ^{and surely} ~~but~~ ~~indirectly~~ ~~also~~ with Mrs Gandhi's full approval. He is perhaps a hero for some ^{by the Congress (?)} Siches. But the fact remains that he was created to divide the Sitch community and

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to weaken the political clout of the Akali Dal.
Bhindranwale was probably responsible for the murder
of Baba Gurbachan Singh, the leader of the Nirankari
Sikhs. In any case he approved it, did not disapprove
the murder. He was also no doubt responsible for
the murder of Lala Jagat Narain on 9th August
1981. The government arrested Bhindranwale,
which led to the killing of another 20 people.
The arrest itself was a staged drama, for the
culprit was given the choice of the setting of his
arrest. And after the staged protest riot, ~~for~~ which
he himself organized before his arrest, he
was unconditionally released.

only after he got ~~an~~ engineered
the murder of Deputy Inspector General Ahluwalia, the
government began to get nervous. Some ~~people~~ ^{Sikhs} say
that even this murder was staged - to provide
an excuse for entering the Paritarama of the
Golden Temple, and to dispel the belief that
Bhindranwale was a Congress (D) creation. That
may not be true.

Ballew Singh Sandhu, the Khalistan
Secretary General was living in Room 32 of the
Guru Nanak Niwas, since 1980. The government
had taken no action to dislodge him or arrest
him, despite the fact that from the Guru Nanak
Niwas he had issued the first blue and gold
Khalistan passport on 13th April 1981. Why was

act of high treason immediately dealt with?

Sandhu was allied with Bhindranwale. The government knew this. Why then did operation Blue Star come only more than 3 years later? There are many things to be explained, and Mrs Gandhi, a strong person, was certainly not a coward. But her own political tricks backfired. in a volley of two dozen bullets which killed her and damaged the nation's unity

And the murderers who shot an unarmed woman at point blank range were in her ^{own} security guard. It was her nobility which allowed these ~~people~~ ^{felons} a free hand, against the advice of her ^{own} security staff. She reinstated the security guards when they had been quietly removed. She said that the fact of someone being a Sikh was no adequate ground for his ~~dis~~ removal from the security guard. That was her ^{sense of fairness} ~~nobility~~ and compassion - misplaced of course, but still noble.

The murders of Mrs Gandhi led to the brutal and inhuman murder of thousand or more Sikhs - most of them innocent and defenceless. Again who was

responsible? The enquiry will, if the evidence is not suppressed, certainly not be able to exculpate the Congress (I) leadership and ranks. The arson and murders in Delhi and other cities were clearly well planned and organized. They were not a spontaneous public reaction in reprisal for the inhuman murder of India Gandhi. There is no evidence to show that Hindu Communalism was responsible. That Communalism is anti-Muslim and anti-Christian, but not anti-Sikh. Besides all the reports say that the R.S.S. workers behaved in an exemplary manner during the arson and killings in Delhi during the first days of November. They were the ones who sought police help, in many cases without avail, to stop the killing of Sikhs and to prevent the burning down of Sikh homes, cars, and business houses.

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Despite the three facts - (a) that Congress (I) built up Bhindranwale, (b) that the government did not take effective action in time against Sikh ~~extremism~~^{terrorism} and the Khalistan movement's leaders, and (c) that the Congress (I) was partly or mainly responsible for the killings of many innocent Sikhs, Indira Gandhi remains a martyr - a controversial martyr of course, unlike her namesake, the Mahatma, the Father of the Nation.