

# Sikhs to avenge temple attack

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ISLAMABAD — A group of Canadian Sikhs visiting Pakistan say Sikhs in Canada will avenge the "desecration" of the Golden Temple by Indian Army troops and the killing of Sikh separatist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale in the holy city of Amritsar last month.

Four leaders of the Federation of Sikh Societies in Canada, who arrived Friday in Lahore to visit shrines in Pakistan, issued the warning in an interview published on Saturday in Jang, a mass-circulation Urdu-language daily.

"Every Sikh in Canada has vowed to take revenge and Bhindranwale's supreme sacrifice will not go in vain," said Gian Singh, spokesman for the party.

"The Indian Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, . . . is out to crush the separate identity of the Sikhs and we will not let her."

The Press Trust of India, reported that Sikh saboteurs are presumed to be responsible for a 200-metre breach opened yesterday in a major canal in Punjab. On Saturday,

an outlawed organization of militant Sikh students issued a statement declaring a "war of liberation."