Sikh Disinformation Lab

FALSE

No: Canada did not list Sikhs for Justice as a terrorist entity, contrary to X post

A post by @DesiMonarch_ asserted that Canada had designated Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) as a terrorist organization. The Lab's review finds the claim false: the December 2025 update to Canada's list of terrorist entities added the Terrorgram Collective and other unrelated groups, not SFJ.

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16 June 2026

NARRATIVES
Labelling Sikh Individuals as Terrorists Without Evidence

THE CLAIM

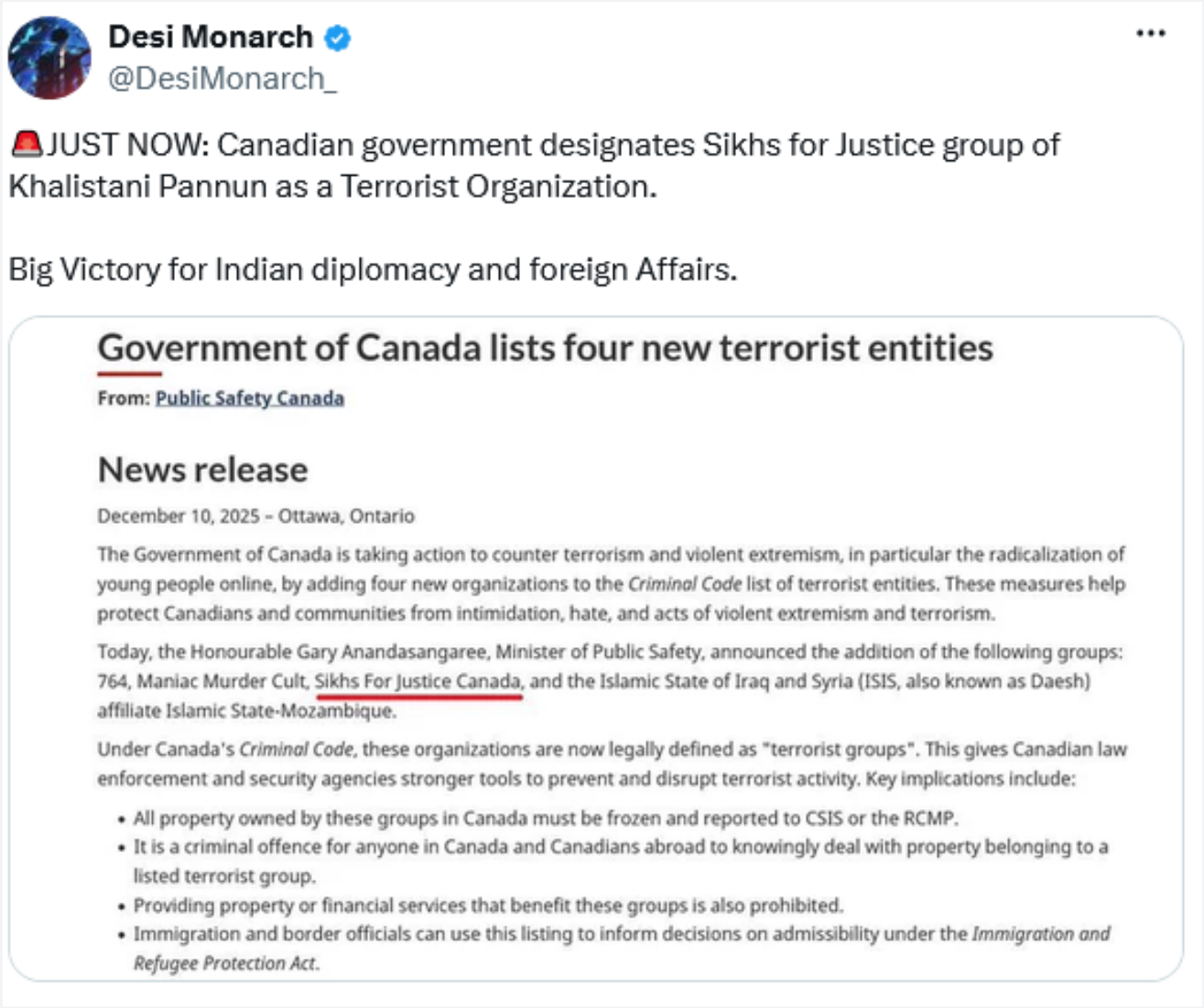
Falsely claimed Canada designated Sikhs for Justice as a terrorist organization, misrepresenting a real Dec 2025 Canadian terror-list update that actually added Terrorgram Collective and other unrelate…

THE ANALYSIS

What was published

On 16 June 2026, the account **@DesiMonarch_** published a post on X (formerly Twitter) asserting that Canada had designated the advocacy group Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) as a terrorist organization.

The post ties that assertion to a real event: an update to Canada's list of terrorist entities announced in December 2025.



screenshot from X Account @DesiMonarch_

Verdict: false

The Lab's review records the item as **disinformation**, with the factual claim assessed as **false**, at a severity of 3 on the programme's five-point scale.

The review finds that the December 2025 listing update did occur, but that it did not include Sikhs for Justice. The entities added in that update — including the Terrorgram Collective — are unrelated to SFJ or to Sikh advocacy organizations of any kind.

The post therefore does not fabricate an event outright. It takes a genuine, verifiable government action and substitutes a different subject into it. That is a recognizable pattern in the material the Lab monitors: a real document, announcement or news cycle is cited accurately as to date and existence, while the substance is altered. The citation of a real event lends the false element an appearance of verifiability that it does not possess.

Why the distinction matters

Designation under Canada's terrorist-entity listing regime is a formal legal act with specific consequences, including asset freezing and criminal exposure for those who deal in an entity's property. Whether an organization appears on that list is a matter of public record, not interpretation. A claim that a named group has been listed is either accurate or it is not.

Misstating a listing also carries reputational and practical consequences for the organization named and, more broadly, for members of the community associated with it. Assertions that a Sikh advocacy organization has been declared a terrorist entity by the Government of Canada can circulate well beyond the original post and are frequently reproduced without the underlying list being checked.

The Lab takes no position in this finding on Sikhs for Justice, its activities or its advocacy. The finding is narrow: the specific factual assertion that Canada designated SFJ as a terrorist organization in the December 2025 update is not supported, because that update added other, unrelated entities.

Verification

Canada's list of terrorist entities is published and maintained by Public Safety Canada. Any claim that a particular organization has been listed can be checked directly against that published list, which names each listed entity and the date of its listing. Readers encountering claims of this kind are advised to consult the list itself rather than a secondary characterization of it.

Classification

The item has been logged by the Lab under the Labelling Sikh Individuals as Terrorists Without Evidence narrative. Clustering indicates that the claim shares a recurring structure or subject matter with other items tracked by the programme. It is not, on its own, a finding about coordination between accounts, and the Lab makes no such assertion here.

At the time of review the post remained available at the URL below.

SOURCES

01 https://x.com/DesiMonarch_/status/2021216763568955635

02 The Lab's analyst review record (verdict: Disinformation / False; severity 3; the Labelling Sikh Individuals as Terrorists Without Evidence narrative)

03 Public Safety Canada, Currently listed entities (Canada's list of terrorist entities): https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/ntnl-scrt/cntr-trrrsm/lstd-ntts/crrnt-lstd-ntts-en.aspx

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About Sikh Disinformation Lab

Sikh Disinformation Lab is an independent, evidence-based programme founded and hosted by the World Sikh Organization of Canada. It monitors, analyses and publicly documents disinformation affecting Sikhs.

The Lab examines claims against evidence, publishes assessments with that evidence attached, and tracks coordinated campaigns over time. Every published assessment names what was claimed, where it appeared, what the review found, and what that assessment rests on. Where an item makes several distinct claims, each is assessed separately.

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