Sikh Disinformation Lab

FALSE

YouTube video alleging children used as "fidayeen bombers" at Nagar Kirtan assessed as false

A video published on YouTube on 28 February 2026 frames a Sikh Nagar Kirtan procession as a propaganda display in which children were used as fidayeen bombers. The Lab's review assessed the claim as disinformation and factually false.

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SOURCE POSTED
28 February 2026

NARRATIVES
Portraying Advocacy for Khalistan as Terrorism

THE CLAIM

Frames a Nagar Kirtan procession by alleging children were used as fidayeen bombers in a propaganda display.

THE ANALYSIS

What was published

On 28 February 2026, a video was published on YouTube (youtube.com/watch?v=YKp1JN3Sk84) that frames a Nagar Kirtan procession — a Sikh religious street procession — as a propaganda display. The item alleges that children were used as *fidayeen* bombers, a term denoting suicide attackers.

The item was published in English and was traced to India by origin.

What it claimed

The video asserts that a Nagar Kirtan procession functioned as a propaganda display and that children taking part in it were used as fidayeen bombers. The Lab attributes this claim to the video and its publisher; it is not a description of what occurred.

What the review found

A the Lab's analyst reviewed the item and recorded a verdict of **disinformation**, with the factual accuracy of the core claim assessed as **false**. The item was rated severity 3 on the Lab's five-point scale.

No evidentiary basis was identified for the assertion that children at the procession were used as fidayeen bombers. On the review record, the framing of the procession as a militant propaganda display is not supported.

The Lab publishes this finding on the narrow basis of the review conducted: the specific claim carried in the video is false. This finding addresses the content of the video and makes no assertion about the intent of its publisher.

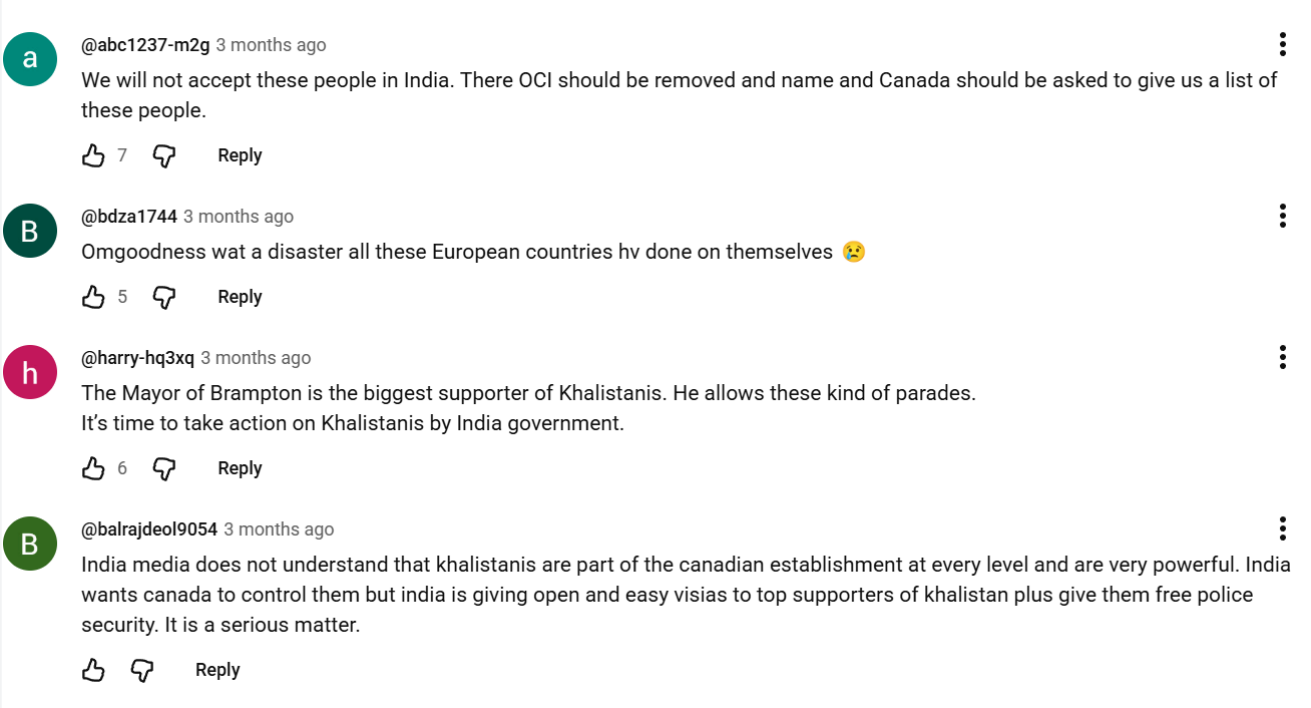
Context

Nagar Kirtan is a public Sikh religious procession, typically involving hymn singing, the ceremonial carriage of the Guru Granth Sahib, and participation by families and community members of all ages, including children. Processions of this kind are held in Punjab, in the diaspora, and in Canadian cities, and are ordinarily open, publicly visible religious events.

The Lab has catalogued this item under the Portraying Advocacy for Khalistan as Terrorism narrative, a grouping used internally to track recurring narrative patterns across flagged material. Clustering indicates thematic similarity in the claims monitored; it is not, on its own, a finding about coordination between publishers, and the Lab makes no such finding here.

The recasting of ordinary Sikh religious observance as militant activity is a pattern the Lab monitors because of its downstream effects. Where a routine religious procession is presented to an English-language audience as a

staging ground for suicide attacks, the effect is to render a devotional practice — and by extension its participants, including children — as inherently suspect. Claims of that character carry reputational and safety consequences for communities that hold such processions, including in Canada.



The comments under this You tube video — Source: You Tube

Status of this finding

The Lab's assessment is limited to the claim as captured: that children at a Nagar Kirtan procession were used as fidayeen bombers. That claim is assessed as false. Readers encountering the video, or reposted excerpts of it, should treat the allegation as unsubstantiated.

The Lab will update this finding if further material bearing on the item becomes available.

SOURCES

01 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKp1JN3Sk84

02 The Lab's analyst review record, flagged item published 2026-02-28 (verdict: Disinformation; factual accuracy: false; severity 3; the Portraying Advocacy for Khalistan as Terrorism narrative)

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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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