

Govt blocks 40 websites of banned pro-Khalistan group SFJ

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The Centre on Sunday blocked 40 websites linked to pro-Khalistan group Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) for 'a campaign for registering supporters for its cause'.

"Sikhs For Justice (SFJ), an unlawful organization under the UAPA, 1967, launched a campaign for registering supporters for its cause. On recommendations of MHA, MeitY, has issued orders under sec 69A of the I.T. Act, 2000, for blocking 40 websites of SFJ", an home ministry order said.

Key Highlights

- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) is the nodal authority for monitoring the cyber space in India.
- Last year, the home ministry had banned the SFJ for its alleged anti-national activities
- The SFJ pushed for Sikh Referendum 2020 as part of its separatist agenda. The US-based organisation had declared July 4 as the inaugural day for registration of referendum on Khalistan.
- It openly espouses the cause of Khalistan and in that process challenges the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India, another official said.

About SFJ

Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) is a US-based human rights advocacy group that supports freedom of Punjab from India through purposed referendum, founded and primarily headed by lawyer Gurpatwant Singh Pannu. This organisation was established in 2007. It had fought long battle to serve justice for 1984 Sikh Genocide.

SFJ had launched campaign to establish Punjab as sovereign country by conducting a referendum

according to Charter of United Nations. This Campaign also known as 'Referendum 2020' campaign. Referendum 202 has taken center stage in Punjab Politics. Sukhpal Singh Khaira MLA of Punjab Assembly said "Sikh Referendum 2020 was a result of "consistent policy of bias, discrimination and persecution towards the Sikhs by successive governments in India". He also had support of Simranjeet Singh Bains another member of Punjab assembly. Indian Government started to wrongly prosecute political activist in Punjab to suppress peaceful and democratic campaign of Referendum 2020, SFJ wrote to US Secretary of State in a report.

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