

## Acquit

“After a 15-year investigation... two British Columbia Sikh separatists were charged with murder and conspiracy in both attacks. They were acquitted in 2005.”

To declare innocent of a crime or wrongdoing.

## Air India Flight 182

“At the same time, Air India Flight 182 had almost completed its six-hour transatlantic crossing after picking up passengers in Toronto and Montréal.”

On June 23, 1985, this Boeing 747 aircraft operating on the Montreal–London–Delhi–Bombay route had a suitcase bomb explode in a rear cargo hold, killing all 329 people aboard, most of them Canadians.

## Babbar Khalsa

“Among those advocating militancy were two leaders of the Babbar Khalsa extremist group, its founder Talwinder Singh Parmar and his lieutenant Ajaib Singh Bagri.”

A Sikh terrorist organization that aims to establish a fundamentalist independent Sikh state called Khalistan in what is presently the Indian state of Punjab. Its activities include armed attacks, assassinations, and bombings.

## Canadian Security Intelligence Service

“The fledgling Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) was paying attention to Parmar and his associates.”

Canada’s spy agency whose role it is to investigate activities suspected of constituting threats to the security of Canada (such as terrorism and espionage) and to report these to the Government of Canada.

## Commemorate

“Today, a plaque commemorating the victims hangs in the main entrance of the École Polytechnique.”

To be a memorial of.

## École Polytechnique

“On 6 December 1989, a man burst into a mechanical engineering class at Université de Montréal’s École Polytechnique brandishing a semi-automatic weapon.”

Founded in 1873, this engineering university in Montreal, Quebec, is one of the largest engineering teaching and research institutions in Canada and remains the first in Quebec in terms of the scope of its research activity.

## Extradition

“Reyat moved his family to England in 1986. He would eventually be charged, extradited back to Canada and convicted of manslaughter in the Narita bombing.”

The delivery of an accused criminal from one place (as a U.S. state) to another where the trial will be held.

## Feminist

“A suicide note was found on Lépine’s body. It included a list of well-known women, whom he had identified as feminists to slaughter.”

A person who supports women's rights on the basis of the equality of the sexes.

## First-Degree Murder

“But in June 2001, Reyat was charged at a BC prison with first-degree murder in the deaths of the 329 Air India victims.”

A murder that is both planned and deliberate. Anyone convicted of this charge receives an automatic sentence of life imprisonment with no possibility of parole for 25 years.

## Fuselage

“It blew a hole in the fuselage, forcing the aircraft to split from front to back as the 307 passengers and 22 crew were thrown out.”

The central body portion of an airplane that holds the crew, passengers, and cargo.

## Golden Temple

“In 1983, armed Sikh separatists took over Sikhism’s holiest shrine — the Golden Temple complex— in Amritsar, India.”

Also known as Sri Harmandir Sahib, this is one of the holiest sites in Sikhism. It is located in Amritsar, Punjab, India.

## Khalistan

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A proposed sovereign state intended to be a homeland for Sikhs demanded by a Sikh separatist movement. The proposed state would consist of land that currently forms Punjab, India and Punjab, Pakistan.

## Manslaughter

“A third accused, Inderjit Singh Reyat, was convicted of manslaughter for his role in building the two bombs.”

A murder committed without intent to kill, although there may have been an intention to cause harm. This charge carries no minimum sentence, except if it is committed with a firearm, in which case the minimum is four years.

## Massacre

“On 6 December, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, the women who lost their lives in the massacre are remembered.”

The violent and cruel killing of a number of persons.

## Misogynist

“The gender of Lépine’s victims as well as his words during the killings and in his suicide note point to the political and profoundly misogynistic nature of his crimes”

One who hates or distrusts women.

## Operation Bluestar

“In early June 1984, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi ordered Operation Bluestar, an attack by the Indian army on the temple, aimed at expelling Bhindranwale...”

A military action ordered by Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and carried out between June 1 and June 10, 1984. It was aimed at killing Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and taking the Golden Temple from his armed supporters

## Parole Board

“Reyat was released to a halfway house in January 2016. A year later, the parole board said he could now move back home.”

A panel of people who decide whether to free a prisoner before his or her sentence has expired, on the condition that he or she has demonstrated good behaviour.

## Perjury

“On Sept. 19, 2010, a jury convicted Inderjit Singh Reyat of perjury for lying at the Air India trial.”

The crime of telling lies in court when you have promised to tell the truth.

## Punjab

“Separatist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale was agitating for a Sikh homeland, called Khalistan, to be carved from the northern Indian state of Punjab.”

A region in South Asia, specifically in the northern part of the Indian subcontinent, comprising areas of eastern Pakistan and northwestern India.

## Search Warrant

“It appeared that police were making good progress, especially when search warrants were executed at the homes of several suspects in November 1985.”

A legal document issued by a judge that allows police to enter a particular area to search for evidence of a crime.

## Separatist

“Indian police in Punjab falsely claimed he was caught in an ‘encounter,’ but in fact he was arrested, tortured and killed in custody during a crackdown on separatists there”

Someone who supports an effort to become independent of the country or group to which the person belongs.

## Sikh

“Separatist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale was agitating for a Sikh homeland, called Khalistan, to be carved from the northern Indian state of Punjab.”

A believer in Sikhism, a religion of India that was founded about 1500 by Guru Nānak and that believes in one God and rejects idols and caste.

## Terrorist

“The bombing of an Air India flight from Toronto to Bombay on 23 June 1985 — killing all 329 people on board — remains Canada’s deadliest terrorist attack.”

Unlawfully using violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims.

## Wiretap

“Bass was highly critical of CSIS’s earlier decision to erase its wiretap recordings of the Air India suspects.”

To secretly listen to people by connecting a listening device to their telephone, or to attach a listening device to a telephone for this purpose.